

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 5

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations**
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel**
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
4:00 PM Church Kickball & Cookout, **Mallery Park**— (Cancel if Raining)

Monday, October 6

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, October 7

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:30 AM MOMS— Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
4:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**
5:00 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Bible Fun, **Kid's Club House Upstairs**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Dinner & Pickup, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, October 9

- 9:00 AM SAM Trip to the Okefenokee Swamp
10:00 AM Faithful Women's Bible Study, **Room 203**

Friday, October 10

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

WELCOME



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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

Contemporary Worship

October 5, 2025

Chapel • 9:45

Welcome and Announcements

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministries

Prayer

Jesus

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Famous For/I Believe

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Today's Message

Taste and See

Matthew 5:13-16
Rev. Tab Miller, Assistant Pastor

Celebration of Holy Communion

Remembrance

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Invitation

Touching Heaven, Changing Earth

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Blessing

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 5, 2025 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

The People of God's World are not defined by riches or applause, but by hunger for righteousness, by mercy freely given, and by peace pursued. Jesus dares us to imagine—and embody—a world made new by God's surprising grace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

CONFESSION & PARDON

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

Merciful God, though you call us blessed when we are poor in spirit, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers, we confess that too often we seek power, ignore brokenness, cling to grudges, and live with divided hearts. Forgive us, renew us, and shape us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the way of Christ.

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, the promises of the Kingdom are fulfilled. In Him we are forgiven and made new.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #547

***O Church
of God, United***

ELLACOMBE

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

Open Our Eyes

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

* HYMN #707

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

THE DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

SPECIAL MUSIC

By Our Love

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

The People of God's World

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing of the Bread & Cup

* INVITATION #431 ***Let There Be Peace On Earth***

PEACE

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

Sondra Anderson

* Stand As Able

Don't Forget

Some of us have better memories than others. I admire those who can recall names, events, and facts with ease. For the rest of us, remembering what we had for breakfast can be a challenge. It seems easier to forget than it does to remember.

Several years ago, I attended a conference where one of the speakers was a memory expert. In front of an audience of thousands, he called out random people by name and even recalled personal details about their lives. It was absolutely amazing!

He went on to share some of his memory tricks. One was to connect a person's name with a unique quality about them. That sounded doable, so I tried it out after a worship service one Sunday.

I met a woman with stylish, distinctive glasses. Her last name was Glass! Mrs. Linda Glass! I rejoiced! This memory system could actually work! But the next Sunday she showed up without her glasses – apparently she also wore contacts. The “brilliant” memory trick fell flat. I forgot her name. I had to admit once again that I was better at forgetting than remembering.

This Sunday we turn to the most important kind of remembering – remembering not so much based on our own efforts but tied to Jesus command to not forget; to always remember his sacrifice for us when we gather for Holy Communion. Whenever we gather around the Lord's Table it is a special experience. This week will be all the more special as we join with Christians around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Once again we will be invited to remember the broken body of Jesus; his blood that was shed; and the forgiveness poured out for us all.

Communion also serves to remind us that we are in community together; that God has given us one another to walk together in faith, to serve with generosity, and to live as one body in Christ. At this holy meal, Christ, the Bread of Life, binds us together in fellowship, in mission, and in the promise of God's eternal presence.

I look forward to sharing in Holy Communion with you this Sunday as we give thanks and remember the amazing, unforgettable love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Tom

Thank You for Your Faithfulness!

As of October 2, 2025:

Number of Cards Received to date | **111**

Number of New Cards this year | **15**

Total Amount | **\$677,820.00**

Please remember, you may continue to return your Estimate of Giving cards.

Cards can be returned via **mail**, brought to the **church office**, placed in the **offering plates** on Sundays or submitted on our **website** at <https://onrealm.org/SSUMC/AddPledge/stewardshippledge26>

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to our church!



Clergy Appreciation

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! Join us as we honor **Rev. Tom Jones, Rev. Benjy Varnell, & Rev. Tab Miller** at our 11:00 worship service on Sunday, October 12 and throughout the month of October! Please bring or send a card to the church and/or email them throughout the month to show them how much we appreciate their ministry! Thank you for helping us celebrate our amazing Pastors!



Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com

September 28, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,736.00

Received YTD | \$897,383.73

Expenses YTD | \$9,23,084.23

Difference YTD | -\$25,700.50

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$995,522.54

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$17,748.00

thank you

Attendance ~ September 28, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **74**

Online Worship Views: **527**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **66**

Sunday School/Small Group: **123**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **219**

Total In Person Attendance: **359**

Members in Ministry ~October 5, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Caryn Riggs, Pat Carmichael

11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Helen Baker

9:45 Judy & JR Wright

11:00 Barbara Smith, Robbie Clark

Projection:

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson, Smith Graffis

Communion Servers:

8:30 Jeff Zoul, Mary Varnell

9:45 Marsha Hendrix,
Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Diane & Rich Varner

Communion Prayers:

Chuck Milliken, Chuck Buhman

Paul Gallogly, JR Wright

Betty Sharp, Edie Payne

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Susan Hoshall, Nan Manson, Family & friends of Bubba Parmelee, Betty Sharp

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Clint Carter, Donna Dawson, Ginny Dawson, Kim Dunn, Eloise Harvey, Family & friends of Gary Larkins, Mike McKinney, Jimmy Mock, Barbara Smith, Dawn Spruiel

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Betsy Draughon, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Pete Irby, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Jimmy Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Joel West, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift

Vitality: Judy Clifton

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.



Wednesday Night Dinner

10/8 from 5:00-6:00pm

Taco Bar, Ramped Up Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, & Dessert

This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free.

PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!



Volunteers Needed!

This year, we're teaming up with **First Baptist** to host our **Rise Against Hunger** event, and we need your help to reach our goal of packing **20,000 meals!** Every box we fill will go toward

feeding families in need around the world.

Come join us on **Sunday, October 19!** We'll start the day with **set up at 11:30, share lunch together at 12:00, and then roll up our sleeves for meal packing at 12:30.** It's a great way to serve, fellowship, and make a real difference. Register in Realm or by contacting the church office.



Saints and Sinners Luncheon 10/23

Senior Adult Ministries invites all members to join us on Thursday, **October 23**, for great food and an engaging program! Bring along your favorite dish to share, and enjoy a special presentation from **Rear Admiral Lee Watkins USN Retired!**

He will be sharing about his experience aboard nuclear submarines and the beginnings of this incredible technology. You won't want to miss this! Register on Realm or the office.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY LANGFORD, JR. BY:

Connie & Ron Williams

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JAMES BUBBA PARMELEE BY:

Debbie & Clif Pease, Jennifer & Zdenek Kuja

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible September 28-October 4? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:

John 3:16-17 - "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

John 4:13-14 - Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Matthew 7:12 - "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."

Matthew 11:28-30 - Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

HELP WANTED- PUMPKIN UNLOADING!

The pumpkins will arrive at the church on **Sunday, October 12 at 12:00 pm.** Bring a change of clothes! WE NEED HELP UNLOADING!!!

Contact Justis for more info at justis@stsimonsumc.com



PUMPKIN PATCH HOURS!

Mon.- Fri.—2:30pm-7:30pm

Sat. & Sun.—10:00am-7:30pm

Come support our Youth Ministry, purchase your pumpkins and enjoy the Pumpkin Patch!



TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 5:00-6:30
SET UP AT 4:30

WAYS TO HELP:

- CANDY DONATIONS
- SIGN UP TO HAVE A TRUNK

SIGN UPS IN GHOLSON ROOM & KIDS ROOM

Sparrow's Nest Food Collection

Thank you to all who contribute every First Sunday to the Ministry and Food pantry ministry at Sparrow's Nest. They are grateful for our canned goods and toiletries. Please bring what you can for those in need this Sunday.

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 (adult only) & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones. **678.343.3767 | tom@stsimonsumc.com**

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