

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 9

- 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**

Monday, November 10

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Trustee's Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, November 11

Church Office Closed for Veteran's Day



- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
11:00 AM Cranberry Queen's November Birthday Lunch, **Sweet Mama's**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, November 12

- 9:30 AM MOMS- Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
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 Last 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, November 13

- 10:00 AM Faithful Women's Bible Study, **Room 203**
4:00 PM Esther UWF Circle, **Parlor**

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

- 1:00 PM Ocean Walk HOA, **Thorpe Building**

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

Contemporary Worship

November 9, 2025

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Hope 1312

Good God Almighty

CCLI # 716860
© 2021 9t One Songs

Fellowship Time

Good Good Father

CCLI # 6304702
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Word of God Speak

CCLI #3912788
© 2002 Songs from the Indigo Room

Morning Prayer

Miracle Power

CCLI #7198506
© 2022 Angie Feel Good Songs

Today's Message

Unwritten Rules

Acts 2:42-47
Rev. Tom Jones

Invitation

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

CCLI #1043199
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Blessing

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
There's just something about that name!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
but there's something about that name!

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

MISSION MOMENT

Hope 1312

* HYMN OF PRAISE #577

***God of Grace
And God of Glory***

CWM RHONDDA

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Maxwell Joseph Griffin

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

***There's Something
About That Name***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

* Hymn #138

***The King of Love
My Shepherd Is***
Verses 1, 2 & 6

ST. COLUMBIA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

* RESPONSE

The Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Come Away

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Unwritten Rules

* INVITATION #557

***Blessed Be The
Tie That Binds***
Verses 1, 2 & 4

DENNIS

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

* *Stand As Able*

Thank a Veteran

On November 11, 1918, World War I came to and with the signing of the Armistice by the Allies and Germany. The agreement was intended to bring fighting to an immediate stop to pave the way for peace talks.

In the first Armistice Day proclamation in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson called for the nation to remember those who had died in their country's service and to make the day an opportunity for America to "show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Armistice Day became Veteran's Day by an act of Congress in 1954. President Dwight Eisenhower called on the nation to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in all our nation's wars, to celebrate the contributions of all veterans of military service, and to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace.

We are reminded almost daily of the high cost of freedom and the constant threat to the ideologies we value. A vast chasm of hatred separates people and nations from the hope of enduring peace.

While enduring peace may never be a reality in our world the question becomes, "Is enduring peace possible in us?" Yes, from the moment we accept the grace of God offered to us through Jesus Christ. A vital step towards the possibility of peace in our world is to find the peace within ourselves that only God can provide.

As we celebrate Veteran's Day this week, take the opportunity to contact at least one veteran and say, "Thank you." As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, one of the many things we should be grateful for is the service our veterans have given and for the sacrifices they and their families have made to help promote justice and maintain our freedom - with the hope that one day peace - enduring peace - will prevail.

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible November 2-8? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:

Mark 15:37-39 - Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

John 20:14-16 - Mary turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher").

John 20:30-31 - The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2:1-4 - On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Financial Report

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

November 2, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$29,973.00

Received YTD | \$1,015,269.35

Expenses YTD | \$1,063,838.22

Difference YTD | -\$48,568.87

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,121,290.84

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$18,243.00

thank you

Contribution Statements- Important!

Please note that statements through October are being mailed out this week. Please check your statements closely and contact Carolyn in the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Attendance ~ November 2, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **94** Online Worship Views: **368**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **82** Sunday School/Small Group: **134**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **188**

Total In Person Attendance: **364**

Members in Ministry ~ November 9, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Chuck Buhman, Gary Krabill

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, PJ Hamilton, Cindy Simpson, Jordan Graffis, Nancy Jenkins

Greeters:

8:30 Nancy Krabill, Cathy Wilton

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Jordi Graffis, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Julia Humphries, Ellington Graffis

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jody McCollum, Jesse Roberson, Linda Victory

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Betsy Albright, Staci Bennett, Marjorie Coleman, Darlene Cramer, Paul Gulgus, Gail Harris, Vicki Harper, Family & friends of Sid Hodges, **Marianna Jackson, Taylor Keagy, Mike McKinney, Nancy Hortman Mead**, Marily Schwenk, **Family & friends of Nancy Snyder**, Marty Soenksen, John David Strickland, **Family & friends of Madge Watson, Benjamin W. Wiggins**, Jessica Rivard Williamson

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 Draughton, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Eloise Harvey, 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, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

The Island of Jamaica

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.



LAST Wednesday Night Dinner of 2025

11/12 from 5:00-6:00pm

Lasagna, Caesar Salad Garlic Bread and 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!



New Altar Table Cross

The new Altar Table Cross has been donated in honor of **Betty Sharp** on her 80th birthday. Betty is affectionally known as "The Amen Lady". We are grateful for her and her ministry among us and the new beautiful Cross.

Cookies, Candles & Christmas Cheer!

Join us for a joyful afternoon as we prepare our hearts and homes for Advent! Families are invited to **create their own Advent wreaths** together, enjoy a **family Christmas movie**, and let the kids have fun with **cookie decorating** and sweet treats. Come and create memories on **Sunday, November 16 from 2:00-3:30pm** in the Thorpe Building. Cost is **\$15.00** per wreath paid at the event.



Register on Realm or through the church office. It's the perfect way to begin the season of hope, peace, joy, and love!

All supplies provided — just bring your holiday spirit!



SPARROW'S NEST HOLIDAY NEEDS

HOLIDAY ITEMS: TURKEYS OR HAMS FRESH OR FROZEN), Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy (Jars or Packets) or Chicken Broth, Cranberry & Pumpkin, Pies or Holiday Snacks

All Canned Goods are welcome!



Thanksgiving Lunch

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch! This meal will be held on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 27, at noon in the Thorpe Building. The church will provide turkey, dressing, gravy and tea. We will ask that those who are attending bring your favorite side dish/casserole or dessert. Please RSVP by calling the church office or registering on Realm, by Monday, November 24.

Advent Mission: Giving Trees

Hope 1312 | FaithWorks | Salvation Army



The Advent Missions Challenge is brought to you by our SSUMC Missions Committee. This Season we will support 3 Ministries, each by an individual Christmas Giving Tree. Each tree in the Gholson Room will have either gift ornaments or gift tags representing a need. Please feel free to take as many gift ornaments or gift tags as you would like. Visit the Gholson Room Sunday mornings to find out more and select gift ornaments or gift tags. You can bring your gifts back to the appropriate tree or to the church office.

Packing Instructions for each Ministry:

FaithWorks - No packaging needed.

Hope 1312 - A gift bag or wrapping with the tag attached.

Salvation Army - Instructions should be on the tag but if not should be unwrapped but can be put in a gift bag that would show the contents and the tag attached.

All Items should be returned by: **Sunday, December 14**

Thank you all in advance for your generosity to these local ministries during the Christmas season!

Pumpkin Patch ~ Thank you!

A huge thank you to all in our church and community that supported our Youth fundraiser by volunteering and purchasing pumpkins this October! We sold over \$22,000 worth of pumpkins this year and are so very grateful for your support of the Pumpkin Patch!

Justis & the SSUMC Youth

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE PRESCHOOL BY:

Margot Howard

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JAMES "BUBBA" PARMELEE

Becky and Lawrence Bridges

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JOEL WEST

Becky and Lawrence Bridges

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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