

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, January 18

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**  
5:00 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

## Monday, January 19—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Church Office is Closed in Observance of MLK Day  
9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**

## Tuesday, January 20

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**  
6:30 PM UWF "SIS" Circle Meeting, **Parlor**

## Wednesday, January 21

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 & Learn- Children's Choir, **Choir Room**  
5:00 PM Children's Bible Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**  
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**  
5:45 PM The Chosen Season 5, **The Chapel**  
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

## Friday, January 23

7:00 AM Youth Leave for Rock the Universe, **Orlando, FL**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

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# WELCOME



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# Contemporary Worship

January 18, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome

## The Lord's Prayer

CCLI # 7200544

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Fellowship Time

## Thrive

CCLI # 7006228

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## I Love You, Lord

CCLI #1234567

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Mission Moment

Second Harvest

Prayer

## Todays Message

*Check This Out!*

John 1:29-42

Rev. Tab Miller

## Rescue Story

CCLI #1234567

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Invitation

## O Come to the Altar

CCLI #7051511

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Blessing

# Traditional Worship

January 18, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Interim Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministry

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #96 *Praise the Lord  
Who Reigns Above*

AMSTERDAM

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

Rev. Benjy Varnell

MISSION MOMENT

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Holy Ground*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer  
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #377 *It Is Well With My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate—Pianist

RESPONSE #95 THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Behold Our God*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

MORNING MESSAGE

*Tempted in the  
Wilderness of Life*

Rev. Benjy Varnell

\* INVITATION #337 *Only Trust Him*  
Verses 1, 3 & 4

STOCKTON

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* *Stand As Able*

## Life Lessons

Through the course of our lives, from childhood through the teen years and adulthood and even our senior years, we are forever changing. Along the way, hopefully we learn a few lessons. Lessons that inform us and inspire us; lessons that challenge us, lessons that change us! Sometimes these life lessons are joyous, but sometimes they are painful. However, they are necessary for our growth and cause us to take a close look at ourselves.

We are moving ever closer now to the season known as Lent. Lent is a time of introspection and sacrifice. It's a time when we should learn some life lessons. We find in the pages of our Bibles people learning life lessons, and we learn lessons by looking at and reading about their experiences of living. From Joseph who learned the lessons of humility and forgiveness, to David who learned of the consequences of sin, to Jeremiah who learned the difficulty of speaking a word no one wanted to hear, to a wasteful son who learned the meaning of love, to a young ruler who learned the cost of loving possessions, to the man named Thomas who learned the courage of faith in the One he doubted.

I plan to teach a couple of studies as we move to and through Lent. The first will be a fun one in February as you are invited to learn life lessons from two of the crazy characters from Mayberry, N.C., Barney Fife and Ernest T. Bass. We will watch an episode of the Andy Griffith Show and then look at some lessons we can learn from the show. The class will meet on Thursdays for four weeks, beginning February 5th from 10:30 to 11:30. The location will be announced later. Everyone is invited to attend to laugh and learn.

The second course will be at the same time beginning March 5th and will be four weekly sessions of Bible study as we learn some lessons on the road to the Cross. I'll be writing more about that one next week. Hope you can join me for one or both!

Pressing On!

**Benjy** (The Interim)

## UWF Pecan Sale Thank You

Thank you for your generous support of the UWF pecan sale. We profited \$7,500 and that has been distributed to the local charities and programs we support. We do still have a few glazed and cinnamon pecans left—if you would like any please let me know! Pat 912-270-5739

## Footprints Widows Support Lunch

Footprints Widow Support Group will meet for lunch on Tuesday, January 20 at 11:45 am at Fiddlers. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Please RSVP to Susan Hoshall at (912) 399-5454.

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY ROGERS  
TO MUSIC MINISTRY**

Jana and Emri Comer

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY ROGERS  
Toni Metz**

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stsimonsumc.com](http://www.stsimonsumc.com)

**January 11, 2026**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$19,741.00

Received YTD | \$34,625.00

Expenses YTD | \$11,531.16

Difference YTD | \$23,093.84

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$39,550.44

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$45.00

thank you

## Attendance

**January 11, 2026**

8:30AM Worship Service: 65

Online Worship Views: 535

9:45 AM Worship Service: 86

Sunday School/Small Group: 122

11:00 AM Worship Service: 200

Total In Person Worship: 351

## Members in Ministry~ January 11, 2026

### Ushers:

**8:30** Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael,  
Mike Presley

**11:00** Dona Colglazier, Cyndy Franklin, Zdenek Kuja, Steve Smith,  
John Rentz, Buddy Brand

### Greeters:

**8:30** Pat Carmichael, Barbara Foster

**9:45** Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

**11:00** Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

### Projection:

**8:30** Robin Parmelee

**9:45** Jessica Zettler

**11:00** Elizabeth Daniel

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Jay Hodges, Connie Kersh, **Family & friends of Barbara Meadows**

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Dick Arildsen, Major Kathleen Applin, Barb Dosemagen, Butch Frye, Martine Haynes, **Shea & Aubrey Lambert**, Family & friends of Whitney McCarthy, **Mike McKinney**, Family & friends of **Joan Harris Nelson**, Family & friends of Jimmy Rogers, **Alden Smith**, **Charlie Williams**

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, 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, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdon, Elwanda Hopkins, **JoDee Ellington**

**Hubbert**, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, **Nathan Meadows**, Kristen Merrill, **Mary Alice Mills**, Megan & Blake Moore, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, **Mark Stevens**, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

### Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

**Heritage Oaks:** Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock

**Marsh's Edge:** Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift

**Sears Manor:** Joan Harris

**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 MEALS



### Wednesday Night Dinner! 1/21/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Mississippi Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans 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!**



### Chili Cook-Off

Get Ready for Some Spice & Friendly Competition! Join us for a **Chili Cook-Off** on **January 25** in the **Thorpe** Building from 4:30–6:00 PM, hosted by the Special Events Committee.

Come sample a variety of chilis, vote for your favorites, and enjoy a fun evening with friends. We'll also play a few lively rounds of Music Bingo throughout the night! Everyone is welcome!

- ♦ Sign up as a **contestant** and bring your best chili!
- ♦ **Standard registration** to attend, taste, and vote!

Register in **Realm** or email [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com).

We'll provide the fixin's and beverages—just bring your appetite! Don't miss this chili showdown... it's sure to be a spicy good time!

### The Thorn

The Thorn is an extraordinary theatrical performance that combines powerful storytelling with incredible music. The unique experience explores profound themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption through an engaging blend of drama, dance and live music. Expect a spectacular show that resonates emotionally and artistically. We will depart on Sunday, March 29 from the church at 12:30pm to Savannah and the cost is \$100. Space is limited to 24 tickets, so please sign up and pay promptly on Realm or by calling the church office.



### Save the Date for Serve Saturday

**Saturday, March 7, 2026—is our 4th annual Serve Saturday!**

Join us on Saturday, March 7, volunteers will meet at the church at 8:00am for breakfast, and a devotional. At 8:45am we will depart to local organizations to lend a hand and serve. We hope you will join us and save the date on your calendar for this meaningful day of service in our community! More information on the organizations and how to sign up and serve will be sent out soon!



### LIFT & LEARN—WEDNESDAYS!

Kids K-5, join us for an afternoon of music, Bible fun, and dinner!

**4:30 PM**

Lift your voice in **CHOIR**



**5:00 PM – Learn God's Word in BIBLE STUDY**

Dinner follows – Reservations required

All Children join us starting back on Wednesday, January 21 at 4:30 PM in the Choir Room. Come join the Fun! Friends are welcome too!



### Dinner & Entertainment with Annie Akins

**Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 PM**

Join us for an evening of dinner & entertainment featuring the fabulous Annie Akins! We will gather in the Thorpe Building for a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu, rice, green beans, salad, and dessert. Following dinner, Annie will delight us with her signature vocal stylings, Shinan- Akins, for an evening of memorable music and fun. The cost is \$15. Registration is available on Realm or by calling the church office.

### The Chosen- Season 5

Announcing the showing of *The Chosen*, *The Last Supper*! Join us as we explore how God worked in the lives of the first disciples through *The Chosen*, Season 5. Each week we'll watch an episode followed by casual discussion. No prior participation required.

**Wednesdays, beginning January 21, 2026**

**5:45–7:15 PM | The Chapel**

(Register via Realm if possible, but drop-ins are welcome.)

Questions? Contact Jeff Zoul at [jeffzoul@gmail.com](mailto:jeffzoul@gmail.com).

### 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. Benjy Varnell at [benjyv@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:benjyv@stsimonsumc.com) | 912.393.4566

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