

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, January 25

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
- 8:30 AM The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
- 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**
- 12:00 PM Youth Parents Meeting, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:30 PM Chili Cookoff and Music Bingo, **Thorpe Building**

## Monday, January 26

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

## Tuesday, January 27

- 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**

## Wednesday, January 28

- 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 30

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 2:30 PM St. Simons Sacred Music Festival, **Sanctuary**

## Saturday, January 31

- 9:30 AM St. Simons Sacred Music Festival, **Sanctuary & Thorpe Building**
- 3:30 PM Sacred Music Festival Concert- All are Welcome, **Sanctuary**

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# WELCOME



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# Contemporary Worship

January 25, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

## Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

## Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

## I Thank God

CCLI # 7169680

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## Fellowship Time

## My Jesus

CCLI # 7174531

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## Same God

CCLI #7183537

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## Change My Heart, O God

CCLI #1565

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## Prayer

## Today's Message

*For Heaven's Sake*

Matthew 4:12-23

Rev. Tab Miller

## Invitation

## The Blessing

CCLI #7147007

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## Benediction

# Traditional Worship

January 25, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministry

## PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate—Pianist

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #384 *Love Divine,  
All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
The Apostles Creed

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Interim Senior Pastor

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Spirit of the Living God*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer  
Director of Children's Ministry

## MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #451 *Be Thou My Vision*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

RESPONSE #95 THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *The Matchless Name  
Of Jesus*

Chancel Choir  
arr. Michael Ware

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 7:1-5

## MORNING MESSAGE

*That's Not It!*

Rev. Benjy Varnell

\* INVITATION #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

MESSIAH

\* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\* *Stand As Able*



## Always Hoping

On Monday night the impossible happened! The Indiana Hoosiers won the National Championship in College Football. This was not supposed to happen because Indiana had for years been one of the worst teams in history for many years. Through the years they had compiled a record of 529 wins and 719 losses for a winning percentage of 42.4%! They only had one undefeated team and that was in 1945. However, under a new coach and a Heisman trophy quarterback, they put it all together and won it all going 16-0 winning season!

We love sports in America and especially stories like Indiana's championship. They were the ultimate underdogs and yet they won. I think in stories like this we find hope, and hope is a crucial part of life. We feel like no matter what we go through in life, we can endure it if we just have hope! It is the hope of a brighter future and better days ahead that keeps us going.

The wonderful thing about the Christian faith is that it is all about having hope. We find that hope in the One who has been called the Hope of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord! He is the One who came to rescue us from sin and to give us abundant life here and now as well as eternal life to come! We know we can face any trial and overcome any hardship if we continue to put our hope and trust in him. Therefore, there is no such thing as a hope-less Christian. As he reminded his disciples and us, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time."

In His Hope we glory!

**Benjy**

P.S. Remember the Lenten Bible Study beginning on Thursday, March 5. We will look at various characters we meet on the way to the Cross in the four Gospels. We'll meet in the Room 201 from 10:30 to 11:30. All you'll need is your Bible, pen and paper. See you then!

## Honorariums & Memorials

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MEADOWS TO MUSIC MINISTRY

Carol Conner  
Jana & Emri Comer  
Kim & Jimmy Maupin  
Tammy Langford  
Gail Rivard

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MEADOWS

June Smith  
Janie Alexancer  
Edwin G. Copelan, III  
The Methodist Home Team

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF LYNN NEIL MULLIS

Rhonda & Danny Turner

## Congratulations to the Brown Family!

We celebrate the birth of **Chandler Bailey Brown** who was born on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 weighing 7lbs, 12oz and 21 inches long. The overjoyed parents are Cate & Austin Brown and siblings Piper & Elliott. Congratulations also to Ann and Wright Culpepper the proud grandparents.



## Financial Report

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

**January 18, 2026**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,513.34

Received YTD | \$58,138.34

Expenses YTD | \$39,724.00

Difference YTD | \$18,414.34

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$64,718.94

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$565.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

**January 18, 2026**

8:30AM Worship Service: **66**

Online Worship Views: **501**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **95**

Sunday School/Small Group: **115**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **177**

Total In Person Worship: **338**

## Members in Ministry~ January 25, 2026

### Ushers:

**8:30** Ward Sweat, Chip Higginbotham, Jeff Zoul, Bob Swinehart

**11:00** Erik Kaufmann, Rick Denman, Clif Pease, Rabun Matthews

### Greeters:

**8:30** Susan Watkins, Leslie Gonzalez

**9:45** Randall & Pam Rehberg

**11:00** Lou & Sydonna Harden, Pam Brand

### Projection:

**8:30** TBD

**9:45** Carol Conner

**11:00** Richard Hart

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Piper Culpepper, Julia Humphries

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Family & friends of Barbara Meadows, **Family & friends of Mable Proctor**

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Family & friends of Flo Anderson, Dick Arildsen, **Alexis Cooper**, **Joy Cowart**, Martine Haynes, Shea & Aubrey Lambert, Mike McKinney, Family & friends of Joan Harris Nelson, **Marie Signan**, Alden Smith, **Virginia Tripp**, 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 Higdom, 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, 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! 1/28/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Chicken Divan with broccoli, rice, salad 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!**



### Life Lessons from Barney and Ernest T!

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 5 from 10:30 to 11:30am in Room 202. Everyone is invited to attend to laugh and learn, led by Rev. Benjy Varnell. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.

### 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, Shinar-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 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

We are back at 4:30 PM in the Choir Room!

Come join the Fun! Friends are welcome too!

### Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings with a rotation of one Sunday a month if possible. We are also in need of more volunteers or helpers for Wednesday night dinner. If you are interested in helping out in either of these important ministry areas please email Mike Martin at [mgmartin21@comcast.net](mailto:mgmartin21@comcast.net)

**Youth "Sundae" Kickoff**

Join us Sunday, February 1st  
5:00 - 6:30 pm

To welcome our new youth leader,  
**Bill Culpepper**

Drop off at **Frosty's** and pick up at **Mallery Park**

### 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. Simon's 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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