

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, February 1

- 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**
- 12:30 PM UWF Board Meeting, **Room 201**
- 1:30 PM Visitation and Reception for Mable Proctor, **Thorpe Building**
- 2:30 PM Funeral Service for Mable Proctor, **Sanctuary**
- 5:00 PM Youth "Sundae" Kickoff, **Frosty's and Mallory Park**

## Monday, February 2

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

## Tuesday, February 3

- 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, February 4

- 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**

## Thursday, February 5

- 10:30 AM Life Lessons from Barnie & Ernest T., **Chapel**
- 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, February 6

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

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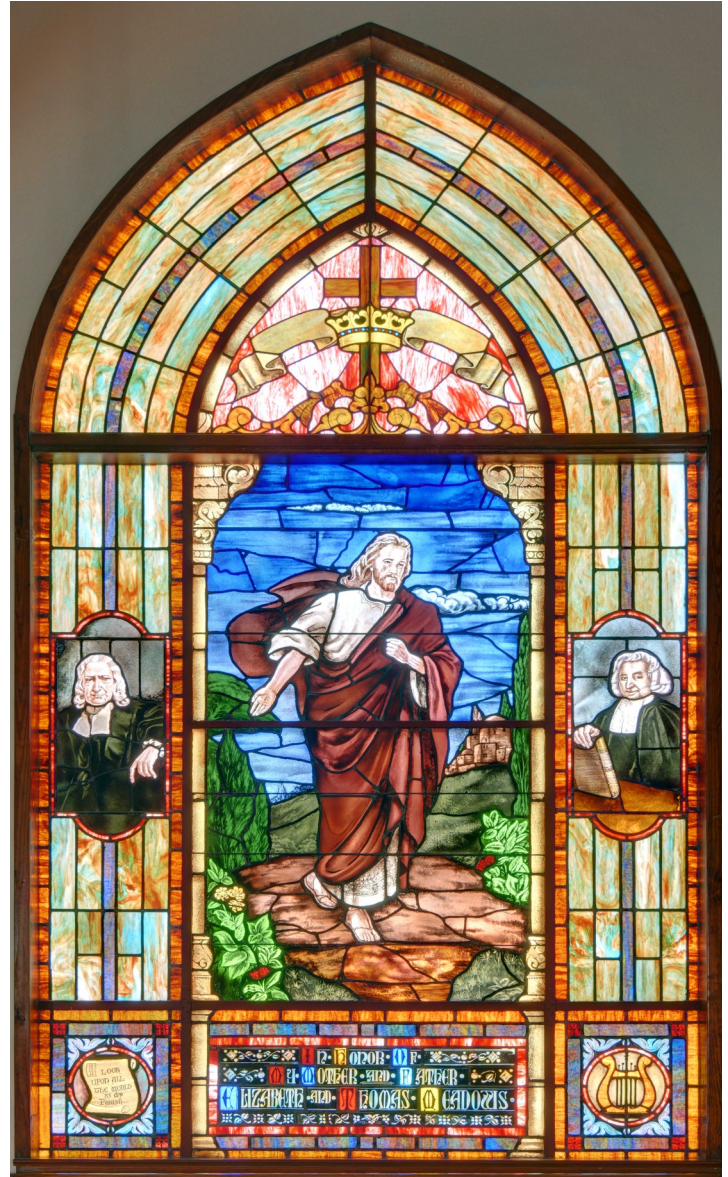
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# WELCOME



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# Contemporary Worship

February 1, 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  
© 2021 BrentHood Music

## Same God

CCLI #7183537  
© Brandon Lake Music

## Change My Heart, O God

CCLI #1565  
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## Prayer

## Today's Message

*Life Ain't Fair*

Matthew 5:1-12  
Rev. Tab Miller

## Invitation

## The Blessing

CCLI #7147007  
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## Benediction

# Traditional Worship

February 1, 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 #89

*Joyful, Joyful  
We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

## \* FELLOWSHIP TIME

## \* FELLOWSHIP SONG

*How Majestic  
Is Your Name*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer  
Director of Children's Ministry

## MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell

## \* HYMN #152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

FOREST GREEN

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

*The Majesty & Glory  
Of Your Name*

Chancel Choir  
Tom Fettke

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 8:1-5

## MORNING MESSAGE

*Joyful, Joyful!*

Rev. Benjy Varnell

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Cup and Bread

## \* INVITATION #62

*All Creatures of Our  
God and King*

LAST UNSERFRUEN

Verses 1 & 7

## \* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*\* Stand As Able*

*The flowers on the altar are given today in loving memory of  
Mable Lois Proctor by the Tuesday- Women's Life Group.*



## The Solid Rock

Edward Mote was born in London in 1797. His parents owned and operated a pub, and young Edward was often left to his own devices as he roamed the streets of London. He wrote of his early years, "So ignorant was I that I did not even know there was a God." In his teens, he started attending a church and made the commitment of his life to Christ. He worked as a cabinet maker for years and then at age 50 he answered God's call to preach the Gospel. He became a pastor of a church and became known as a powerful preacher and a gifted hymn writer.

One of his hymns is one of my best loved hymns, "My Hope is Built." It was based on the story Jesus told at the end of His sermon on the mount. The story was about two men who built houses. One built on a foundation of rock, the other on a foundation of sand. When the storms came, as they always do, the house built on rock stood firm, while the one built on sand collapsed. Jesus says if you follow me and obey my teachings you will stand firm like the first house, but if you do not, you will fall.

What kind of foundation are we building our lives on today? What are the things we trust? Money, possessions, politics, social media, or a host of other things? The chorus of "My Hope is Built" makes this great statement of faith, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." As we continue to move toward the time of self-examination known as Lent, may we all be able to say with the Psalmist, "I love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my Rock!"

In His Strength,

**Benjy**

## 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 the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend to laugh and learn, led by Rev. Benjy Varnell. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.

## Honorariums & Memorials

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MABLE PROCTOR

June Smith  
Barbara & Chuck Milliken  
Bill Hansen

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

Debbie & Cliff Pease

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

Barbara & Chuck Milliken	Pam Lewis
Diane & Jim Bailey	Patty & Billy Gibson
Elizabeth & John Bird Daniel	MS Tiller, LLC
Teresa & Gary Robinette	Janet Cart
Joyce & Buzzy Pickren	Robert Manor

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIM FULLER

Barbara & Chuck Milliken

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

Brenda & Andrew Bacon

## Financial Report

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

January 25, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$28,542.28

Received YTD | \$86,680.62

Expenses YTD | \$55,818.20

Difference YTD | \$30,862.42

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$89,887.45

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1600.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

January 25, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **81**

Online Worship Views: **442**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **64**

Sunday School/Small Group: **120**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **195**

Total In Person Worship: **340**

## Members in Ministry~ February 1, 2026

### 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** Carla Brandon, June Smith

### Projection:

**8:30** Robin Parmelee

**9:45** Jessica Zettler

**11:00** Richard Hart

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Addy Thompson, Smith Graffis

### Communion Servers:

**8:30** Nancy & Gary Krabill, Mary Varnell

**9:45** Laura & Jim Weldy, Jenna Kennedy

**11:00** Peyton & Dane Gilje, Wright Culpepper

### Communion Prayers:

Thornton Willingham, Sharon Blount

Paul Gallogly, Stan Robinson

Edie Payne, Betty Sharp

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Traci Carmichael, Glenna Humphries, Shari Luken, Family & friends of Mable Proctor

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Family & friends of Flo Anderson, Alexis Cooper, Joy Cowart, **Dot Fryer**, **Delaney Showalter**, Marie Signan, Virginia Tripp

**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 Draughton, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, **Barbara & Bob Golding**, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, 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! 2/4/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Taco bar with all the toppings, Rice, Beans, Chips, Cheese Dip & Salsa, 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!**

**♪ 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 & Wednesday Night Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Hospitality is a wonderful way to serve and connect with others, and we'd love for you to be part of it! We are looking for volunteers to help with **Sunday morning coffee and donuts**, with a rotation of **one Sunday per month**, if possible.

We are also seeking additional helping hands for our **Wednesday Night Dinners**, a meaningful ministry that blesses many each week.

If you're looking for a way to serve, build community, and make a difference, we would be grateful for your help.

Please email Mike Martin at [mgmartin21@comcast.net](mailto:mgmartin21@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping or would like more information.



### 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. 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!



### 2025 Annual Report

Our church has grown and been blessed by your generous giving and faith! St. Simons UMC received **\$1,270,431.19** in contributions in 2025. Our expenses for 2025 were **\$1,287,706.89** and all apportionments and ministry commitments were met. We ended the year with a difference of **-\$17,275.70**.

We added **32** new members in 2025, and ended the year with **1191** members. The church has **151** pledges for 2026 totaling **\$813,320.00**.

Thank you for continuing your faith journey with St. Simons UMC, and for your generous giving in 2025! Your generosity continues to enable us to share Christ and support the ministries and missions of St. Simons United Methodist Church.

**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**

**Youth Schedule**

**Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45.** We will start in the Contemporary service and then head to the Youth Room after the music each week.

**Sunday Nights every week! (5:00-6:30)**  
Volunteers needed Weekly!  
**Contact Bill—**  
[bill@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:bill@stsimonsumc.com)

### 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.

### 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.

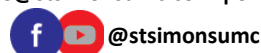
### Join the Church

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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