

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 8

- 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**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner, **Youth Room**

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

- 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 Outreach Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, February 11

- 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 12

- 10:30 AM Life Lessons from Bernie & Ernest T., **Chapel**
- 4:00 PM Esther Circle Meeting, **Parlor**
- 6:00 PM An Evening with Annie Aikens, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, February 13

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

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

Contemporary Worship

February 8, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Beautiful Life

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Fellowship Time

Lead On Good Shepherd

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What a God

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Spirit Song

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Prayer

Today's Message

Nic-at-Night

John 3:14-17

Rev. Tab Miller

Invitation

How Can I Keep From Singing

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Benediction

Traditional Worship

February 8, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

PRELUDE *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* Cindy Taylor
Guest Pianist

* HYMN OF PRAISE #127 *Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDA

SCOUT REPORT (11:00 AM) Steve Hall
Scout Master Troop 248

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG *His Name is Wonderful*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell (8:30)
Charlie Damico (11:00)

* HYMN #368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY *Worthy of Worship* Cindy Taylor
Kevin Lamb

* RESPONSE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Come Thou Fount
Of Every Blessing* Chancel Choir
Mack Wilberg

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 37:3-8;
45:1-4 Benjy Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Benjy Varnell

Growing Along Life's Way

* INVITATION #128 *He Leadeth Me* HE LEADETH ME
Verses 1, 2 & 4

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Cindy Taylor

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

A New Plan

Are you a planner? Some people try to plan out everything in their lives, while others just take life as it comes. I'm kind of in between. I try to plan certain things but also realize that life is often unpredictable and events are sometimes unplanned. Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote in a poem "The best laid plans of mice and men, often go astray." That line reminds us that no matter the careful structure of our plans, they sometimes don't pan out.

Think about how often we get up in the morning with definite plans about what we're going to do or get done today, only to find that those plans have changed considerably by noon or earlier. The question then becomes what will we do when things don't go as planned. Will we get upset and become distraught that our plans didn't work or will we go to a new plan to deal with the unexpected? Some call this plan B, and sometimes we find ourselves going all the way through the alphabet to plan Z, depending on how many things have changed during the day. Such is life. It is never cut and dried, which can be very frustrating.

You often hear football coaches give interviews after games, and when asked how they were able to win, they all seem to go to one word. That word is "resilient." We were resilient! That word means being strong while also being flexible. The idea of resiliency is that we won't quit or panic when things don't go the way we planned. We will not be defeated by the ups and downs of life.

As we try each day to follow Jesus both in word and deed, we are often met with obstacles, trials, temptations and hard decisions. We ask ourselves am I doing the right thing; am I being who Jesus would want me to be; am I following Jesus or the world? These are good questions to ask and the way we answer them will shape our lives each day. We need to be flexible, but not stubborn. We also need to remain Christ centered and dedicated to following His teachings. We need to see that no matter how life might change, we are called to be faithful followers. To use the Bible word, we are to persevere. We are to trust and obey, realizing that God's will and way are better than any plan the world might create or promote. That may sound like an old plan, but in reality it is a plan that is always new, as God moves us ever onward and upward to His future!

See you Sunday at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00!

Benjy

Lenten Bible Study- Thursdays in March

Join us for a 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 room 201 from 10:30 to 11:30 each of the four Thursdays in March. All you will need is your Bible and a pen and paper. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us! See you then! This class is led by Benjy Varnell. Sign up in Realm or by calling the church office.

Scheduling and Announcements

To help keep everyone safe and ensure our space is shared without overlap, please remember to contact **Anne Frazier** in the office (anne@stsimonumc.com) **before** scheduling **ALL** committee, group meetings, or events and to check space availability. This also lets us know when you will be on campus for your safety and helps prevent any scheduling conflicts and keeps our church calendar accurate!

We also ask that any articles, information, or announcements be submitted by **Tuesdays** to be included in the weekly worship guide if space permits and on the announcement slides. Thank you in advance for your care, cooperation, and all you do for our church activities and community!

Financial Report

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

February 1, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$29,575.00

Received YTD | \$116,255.62

Expenses YTD | \$99,734.63

Difference YTD | \$16,520.99

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$115,441.25

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$2,780.00

thank you

Attendance

February 1, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **N/A**

Online Worship Views: **438**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **69**

Sunday School/Small Group: **112**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **165**

Total In Person Worship: **234**

Members in Ministry~ February 8, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham, Gary Krabill

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

Greeters:

8:30 Nancy Krabill, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Kari Cooper, Christiana Weisberg

Projection:

8:30 Kim Howe

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Savannah & Natalie Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Linda Denman, Connie Kersh, Shari Luken, Norma Mock

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: John Brower, Anna Erlandson, Dot Fryer, Renee Giedl, Bruce Harvey, Sarah Heath and family, Family & friends of Bob Meier, Christy Meier, Delaney Showalter, Tiffany Smith, Marty Soenksen

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! 2/11/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Baked Potato & Chili with all the toppings 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!**

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.

Hospitality & Wednesday Night Dinner Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for volunteers to help with Sunday morning coffee & donuts (one Sunday per month) and Wednesday Night Dinners. These ministries are a great way to serve, connect, and make a difference. For more info or details email **Mike Martin** at mgmartin21@comcast.net.



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.

Sign Up for Serve Saturday

Join us on for our 4th Annual Serve Saturday on **Saturday, March 7** at 8:00am for breakfast and a devotional in the Thorpe Building. **PLEASE** wear your Serve Saturday T-shirt from last year or order one by submitting your size needed when you register. Volunteers will depart at 8:45am wearing our matching Serve Saturday T-shirts and ready to Serve our community!

A Sign-Up Genius link will be emailed to you **this week with a list of organizations for you to sign up and serve! Be on the look out!**



Communion Pray-ers for 8:30 Service

We are in need of Pray-ers on Communion Sundays at the 8:30 AM Service. If you are interested in this important and meaningful prayer ministry please contact Anne Frazier at the church office by email anne@stsimonsumc.com

Confirmation 2026- Info and Retreat!

All **5th–8th grade students who have not yet been confirmed** are invited to join us for this year's **Confirmation Classes and Retreat**, a meaningful journey exploring the foundations of Methodism, the core tenets of Christianity, and the opportunity for each student to profess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Classes will meet in the **Youth Room from 3:45–4:45 PM on February 15, February 22, and March 1**, culminating in an **exciting retreat at Epworth by the Sea, March 6–8 (\$190 per student; payment and forms due Wednesday, February 18)**. A **confirmation practice** will be held **Wednesday, March 11 at 5:45 PM**, and **Confirmation Sunday** will take place **March 15 during the 11:00 AM worship service**. To register for the retreat and for more information please contact Victoria at victoria@stsimonsumc.com

Join us for Youth on Sundays

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 am. 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 at bill@stsimonsumc.com**

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MABLE PROCTOR

Carole Barton	Beacon Sunday School Class
Adelaide Beall	Mary Dobbs & Kim Adams
Lawrence & Becky Bridges	Mark & Jean Stafford

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MABLE PROCTOR TO MUSIC MINISTRY

Debbie & Clif Pease	Dr. Emri & Jana Comer
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A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MEADOWS

Carole Barton	Sylvia Thompson
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A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MEADOWS TO MUSIC MINISTRY

Marsha & Boomer Hendrix	Ann Rewis
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A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF LYNN NEIL MULLIS

Jim & Diane Bailey

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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:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Benjy Varnell at benjyv@stsimonsumc.com | 912.393.4566