

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 22

- 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**
- 3:45 PM Confirmation Class, **Youth Room**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner, **Youth Room**

Monday, February 23

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, February 24

- 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**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, February 25

- 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**
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, February 26

- 10:30 AM Life Lessons from Bernie & Ernest T., **Chapel**

Friday, February 27

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

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Contemporary Worship

February 22, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

House of the Lord

CCLI # 7168995
© 2020 Be Essential Songs

Fellowship Time

The Lord's Prayer/It's Yours

CCLI # 1234567
© Be Essential Songs

Goodness of God

CCLI #7117726
© 2018 Capitol

Open the Eyes of My Heart

CCLI #2298355
© 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Prayer

Today's Message

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13
Rev. Tab Miller

Invitation

Lead Me To the Cross

CCLI #4785828
© 2006 Hillsong

Benediction

Traditional Worship

February 22, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

* HYMN OF PRAISE #715

DARWALL'S 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

Something Beautiful

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #389

Freely, Freely

FREELY, FREELY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Humility

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:6-10 NLT

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

A Slip of the Tongue

* INVITATION #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Verses 1, 2 & 3

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sondra Anderson

** Stand As Able*



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

The Season of Lent

On Wednesday, we began the season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday services. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads was a reminder that we are to examine our lives as followers of Jesus. As we move through the journey known as Lent, we are called to repent of our sins and once again believe the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is a time of commitment and rededication to the One who loved us enough to sacrifice his life for us. We are called to live as Jesus lived, and love as Jesus loved. Therefore, it is a time of introspection and course correction.

The Lenten season is a time of prayer and preparation as we move to the high moment of the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus known as Easter. For us as Christians every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, so the six Sundays of Lent are not counted as part of the 40 day Lenten season. The number 40 is connected to many Biblical events, but the 40 days of Lent recalls the 40 days in the wilderness Jesus spent preparing for his ministry and also facing the temptations of Satan to abandon his mission. Therefore, as the 40 days were for Jesus, we spend our 40 days of Lent making ourselves ready for the facing of the temptations that come our way. We do this by taking a serious look at our dedication to follow God's will for our lives.

A traditional goal for our Lenten observance has been to give up some particular practice that we feel hinders our loyalty to Christ. This is to represent our willingness to sacrifice, as Jesus sacrificed himself for us. Another custom has developed to take something on for Lent. It could be some task that we do for the church or the society to show our compassion to others. Certainly Jesus showed his compassion for many as he lived out his ministry on this earth.

We live in times of chaos and confusion, and we need to stay focused on our walk with Christ and his calling on our lives. As an old song puts it, "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his sweet voices soundeth, saying 'Christians, follow me.'" On the Lenten journey,

Benjy

Serve Saturday- SIGN UP ASAP!

Saturday, March 7, 2026— our 4th Annual Serve Saturday!

Join us 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 Serve Saturday T-shirts and ready to Serve our community!

A Sign-Up Genius link has been emailed out! The link is listed here and on our website:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-ssumc#/

Please contact the church office for assistance signing up or with questions at 912-638-3317 or email Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com for more info.



Financial Report

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

February 15, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,829.00

Received YTD | \$161,448.62

Expenses YTD | \$148,165.03

Difference YTD | \$13,283.59

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$167,191.03

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$3,915.00

thank you

Attendance

February 15, 2026

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

Online Worship Views: **542**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **92**

Sunday School/Small Group: **124**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **214**

Total In Person Worship: **387**

Members in Ministry~ February 22, 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 Pat Carmichael, Lesley Gonzalez

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Susan Kaufmann, Cheri Demarco

Projection:

8:30 Kim Howe

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper, Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Traci Carmichael, **Roland Daniel**, Connie Kersh, **Jimmy Maupin**, Carol Norton

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: **Austin Beeman**, **Butch Frye**, **Family & friends of Dot Fryer**, Larry Jordan, **Family of "Little Lucy"**, Hannah Marie, **Camille Mraz**, **A.J. Swann**

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, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, 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, Ray 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 Dinner! 2/25/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, & 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!**

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.

Saints & Sinners Luncheon

Join us for a great time of line dancing and lunch on Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 PM in the Thorpe Building! This Senior Adult Ministries event is all about fellowship, fun, and getting moving together. Come enjoy good food, good music, and even better company. Please bring a dish to share. We'd love to see you there!

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.



Lynx—Tall Ship Experience



When: Thursday, April 16 | 11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Where: Morningstar Marina
Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity)

Step back in time for a delightful sailing aboard the Tall Ship Lynx. Learn

about the fascinating history of the War of 1812 and America's Navy. Dress comfortably and warmly, and feel free to bring your lunch, a beverage, and your camera. This authentic sailing experience is one you won't want to miss. Space is limited. Sign up on realm or by calling the church office with payment.

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**. 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

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Welcome as our newest member **Kimberleigh & Logan Dubois** and their twin sons **Brooks & Leo**.

Join us in welcoming the **Dubois family** to our SSUMC church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF REV. DON AND MABLE PROCTOR FOR THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Donna Proctor

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MABLE PROCTOR

Joyce Dunkle

Nancy Pickren

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT K. PEASE

Stephanie & Gregory Pease

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