

Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, March 2

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

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

Wednesday, March 4

- 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, March 5

- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**
- 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, March 6

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:30 PM Confirmation Retreat, **Epworth By the Sea**

Saturday, March 7

- 8:00 AM Confirmation Retreat, **Epworth By the Sea**
- 8:00 AM Serve Saturday Breakfast and Fellowship, **Thorpe Building**
- 8:45 AM Serve Saturday Depart for Service – **Various Locations**

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Contemporary Worship

March 1, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Build Your Kingdom Here

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Fellowship Time

The Father's House

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Prayer

Today's Message

Communion Speaks to Us

Romans 5:6-8 RSV
Rev. Benjy Varnell, Interim Senior Pastor

Holy Communion

The Table

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Invitation

Heart of Worship

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Benediction

Traditional Worship

March 1, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE #158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor:

Lent calls us to return to the Lord with all our hearts.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

People:

**Merciful God,
we confess that we do not always follow you faithfully.
We cling to comfort instead of taking up the cross.
We trust ourselves more than we trust your promises.
Forgive us. Renew our hearts, strengthen our faith,
and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.**

Pastor:

Hear the good news:
God is gracious and full of compassion.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG #177 *He Is Lord*

KID'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

* HYMN #359 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*
Verses 1, 2 & 5

HUDSON

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

When I Survey

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:6-8 RSV

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

Communion Speaks to Us

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

* INVITATION #382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Verses 1 & 4

DENNIS

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

True Greatness

One of the things that attracts us to sports is the thrill of watching someone do something we can't do. We somehow wish that we could hit a 100 mile an hour fastball or throw one. We dream that we made the last second game winning basket or dropped the long eagle putt to win the tournament or threw the 50 yard pass to win the game or caught it to win the game. The other night we were watching some of the Winter Olympics and marveled at the precision and skill of the ice skaters. The woman who won the gold performed a near perfect routine to win it. As did the skier who was practically flawless in his execution of amazing jumps and flips always making a perfect landing! We love watching great athletes do amazing things because we know we have no chance of ever doing what they do. They have not only put in hours of practice, but they have gifts we can never have! We always feel, no matter what age we are, that somehow we could do that, but we all know better. It's not happening! They are great! We're not!

It's interesting that Jesus sees greatness differently. After the Last Supper, the Gospel of Luke records that a dispute arose among the disciples about which one of them would be considered the greatest. Jesus must have been both bemused and amused by this argument, especially since He was the greatest! However, he tells them greatness comes not in lording power or influence over others. Greatness, he says, comes in being willing to serve others, not having them serve you. Imagine their shock, when he says " I am among you as one who serves!"

The truth is we reach our highest and best when we decide to serve God and those around us! We should each be finding ways to serve, instead of being served. That is a lesson we need to learn and relearn on our Lenten journey! When we take the focus off of ourselves and focus on service to God and others, we start to find true greatness!

There are still slots open for Serve Saturday on March 7. Why not sign up for greatness?

In His Service,

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 22, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,791.34

Received YTD | \$177,239.96

Expenses YTD | \$173,958.65

Difference YTD | \$3,281.31

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$199,036.54

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$3,940.00

thank you

Attendance

February 22, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **78**

Online Worship Views: **420**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **83**

Sunday School/Small Group: **129**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **222**

Total In Person Worship: **383**

Members in Ministry~ March 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 Helen Baker, Susan Watkins **9:45** Judy & JR Wright

11:00 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee **9:45** Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson

Communion Servers:

8:30 Betty Sharp, B.J. Whitaker

Communion Prayers:

Becky Bridges, Chuck Buhman

Mary Varnell

9:45 Marsha Hendrix, Jim Weldy

Toni Metz, JR Wright

Mary Varnell

11:00 Diane & Rich Varner,

Betty Sharp, B.J. Whitaker

Mary Varnell

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Roland Daniel, Connie Kersh, Jimmy Maupin, **Family & friends of Dick Pipe**

New Prayer Concerns Non- Members: Austin Beeman, **Deborah Blackman, Phillis Bunge, Vicki Cartwright, Emily Curiani,** Butch Frye, Family & friends of Dot Fryer, **Ralph Lundstedt,** Camille Mraz, **Bettye Russell, Family & friends of A.J. Swann, Betsy Wall**

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, 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 MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinner! 3/4/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Pepper Steak, Rice, Egg Rolls, & 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. **Register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon Monday, to guarantee your reservation!**

Called Charge Conference 3/11/26

Please join us for a called Charge Conference meeting on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:45 PM in the Thorpe building.** This called Charge Conference meeting is to approve the appointed Senior Pastor's salary. All church members are welcome to attend this quick but important meeting.

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 moving together. Come enjoy good food, good music, and even better company. Please bring a dish to share. Entrée Provided

Baby Shower



We invite you to join us for a baby shower honoring Hope and Chandler Giedl as they prepare to welcome their sweet baby boy! Please join us on **Sunday, March 15**, immediately following the **11:00 AM service** in the **Thorpe Building**. Hosted by the Music Ministry and Church Staff. It will be a special time of celebration, encouragement, and sharing in the excitement of this precious new life. We hope you'll come help us surround them with love and support! For registry information <https://my.babylist.com/hope-giedl>

Senior Adult Ministry Activities



The Thorne

When: March 29 | Depart 12:30 PM
Where: Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater
Cost: \$100



Lynx—Tall Ship

When: April 16 | 11:30AM—2:30 PM
Where: Morningstar Marina
Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity)

Sign up on realm or by calling the church office with payment.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" PIPE
Debbie & Clif Pease

Confirmation 2026

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 are meeting in the **Youth Room from 3:45–4:45 PM** on **February 15, February 22, and March 1**. A **confirmation practice** will be held **Wednesday, March 11 at 5:45 PM**, and **Confirmation Sunday** will take place **March 15**. To register for the retreat and for information 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 praise and worship each week.

Sunday Nights every week! (5:00-6:30)

Volunteers needed Weekly! Contact Bill at bill@stsimonsumc.com



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.

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