

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 22– United Women in Faith Sunday

- 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, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, March 25

- 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**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, March 26

- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

- 10:00 AM Egg Hunt for Hope 1312, **Thorpe Building**

WELCOME



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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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 This is a Stephen Ministry Church

Contemporary Worship

March 22, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

We Welcome You

CCLI # 134016

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Fellowship Time

Days of Elijah

CCLI # 1537904

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Reading: John 11:1-16

Trust in God

CCLI # 7206001

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Reading: John 11:17-32

Bring the Rain

CCLI # 4776486

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Reading: John 11:33-45

Today's Message

Upset With God

Rev. Tab Miller

Invitation

Offering

CCLI #3956562

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Benediction

Traditional Worship

March 22, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

* HYMN OF PRAISE #298 *When I Survey* HAMBURG
The Wondrous Cross

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Benjy Varnell (8:30 AM)
Mary Jo Davis (11:00 AM)
The Apostles Creed

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG #99 *My Tribute*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Mary Brittain

MORNING PRAYER Laura Edenfield

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #301 *Jesus, Keep Me* NEAR THE CROSS
Near the Cross
Verses 1, 3 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell (8:30 AM)
Elizabeth Daniel (11:00 AM)

OFFERTORY Sondra Anderson

* RESPONSE #95 THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Let There Be* Ladies Ensemble
Peace on Earth

MORNING MESSAGE

Mary's Lesson

John 2:1-11
Rev. Benjy Varnell (8:30 AM)

*A Legacy of Faithful Women:
called, committed, and still sent.*

Ann Packard (11:00 AM)
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING EPWORTH BY THE SEA

* INVITATION #454 *Open My Eyes,* OPEN MY EYES
That I May See
Verses 1 & 3

* BENECTION Rev. Benjy Varnell (8:30 AM)
Marsha Hendrix (11:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

* *Stand As Able*



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

United Women in Faith

Who are we?

We are women of all ages who are driven by God's love to come together to nurture each other. We do this through Christian fellowship, by sharing spiritual information, leadership development, education, creative programs, and often times sharing meals together.

Our Goal?

We strive to inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. We do this within group settings known as "circles". Our focus are women, children and youth. We began in 1869, with eight women from Boston, today there are approximately half a million members globally.

Who can join?

UWF is open to any woman, regardless of the denomination, who desires to be a part of a Christian fellowship where reaching out to others in need is the focus. SSUMC has four active circles with a combined total of approximately 100 members.

If you would like more information about the four circles and their meeting times, please take an information sheet from the magazine stand at the end of the hallway next to the Member desk.

We welcome you!

Welcome to our Confirmands

We rejoice with our Confirmation Class and their families as they have professed their faith in Christ as Savior and joined the church.

We welcome them as full members of the church!

Arden Joanna Culpepper

Elliot Edward Culpepper

Spencer Ray Hipsher

Scarlett Amelia Kirby

Harlow Elizabeth Robinson

Adeline "Addy" Clare Thompson

Raines Madison Tippett

Welcome to our Newest Member

We welcome our newest member, **Joanie Meeks**. She joins this church by transfer from another denomination.

Please join us in welcoming **Joanie** to our SSUMC church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" PIPE

Diane & Jim Bailey

Becky & Don Blalock

Joyce Pickren

Financial Report

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

March 15, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$21,048.00

Received YTD | \$265,102.36

Expenses YTD | \$252,133.08

Difference YTD | \$12,969.28

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$278,651.35

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$5,185.00

thank you

Attendance

March 15, 2026

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

Online Worship Views: **388**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **78**

Sunday School/Small Group: **132**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **239**

Total In Person Worship: **398**

Members in Ministry~ March 22, 2026

Ushers:

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

11:00 Nancy Jenkins, Cindy Sweat, Dona Colglazier, Susan Kaufmann

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Lesley Gonzalez

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Linda Hodges, Glenna Humphries, Kim Joiner, Tammy Langford

Projection:

8:30 Kim Howe

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Dianne Beisel, Kari Cooper, Randy Little, Donna Proctor Nedik, Jim Weldy

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Anna Erlandson, Donna Fetner, Family & friends of Gary Galloway, Family & friends of Barbara Gosa, Peyton Horne, Family & friends of Gayle King, Family & friends of Preston Lawrence, Family & friends of Ralph Lunstedt, Lynn Nichols, Family & friends of Palmer Rich, Jim Shortall, Glenda Summerford, Bradley & Teddy Whitehead

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, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, **Joe Gonzales**, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, Jennifer & Tom Higdum, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, 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 Vandarsall, 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, Mel Rozier

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! 3/25

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner!

The dinner will include: **Chicken Divan, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, house salad and dessert.**

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!**

Little Blessings– Wellness Kits

Sarah's UWF Circle and our Youth & Children are collecting travel size items for local agency to help those in need. Items will be collected from 3/8-3/29 in the Gholson room. Items needed include: **hand sanitizer, soap & washcloth, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush, paste and floss, wet wipes, tissues, sanitary pads, deodorant, q-tips, disposable razors, underwear, comb & brush, hand cream, band aids, chap stick, sunscreen, bug spray, gallon zip-lock bags, or a \$10.00 donation made out to SSUMC– notated.** See the display in the Gholson room for more info.

Easter Egg Hunt

It is time again for our Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch on **Sunday, March 29** after the 11:00am service in the



Thorpe Building. **Please Sign Up for lunch on Realm, by emailing Victoria, or calling the church office.** We are catering the meal from Grandy's and need a count of your family and friends!

We are collecting candy donations for the easter eggs (Please NO chocolate or lollipops). Candy can be dropped off in the Gholson room! Contact Victoria at victoria@stsimonsumc.com

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by March 30 | Cost is \$25

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 5. Order Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



Lynx—Tall Ship



When: April 16 | 11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Where: Morningstar Marina

Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity)

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

Alhambra Dinner Theater

When: Thursday, May 14- **Departure:** 10:30 AM- **Cost:** \$60

1776 is a musical chronicling the debates of the Second Continental Congress during the sweltering summer of 1776. The story follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson as they work to persuade delegates to declare independence from Britain, culminating in the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Sign up on Realm or through the Church office.

HOLY WEEK

AT SSUMC

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 – 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 am

We continue our preparation for Easter as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Children will be waving palms and singing at the 11:00 am service. Egg Hunt and Lunch to follow in the Thorpe Building.

Holy Monday

Monday, March 30 at 11:45 am

Join us for our Holy Week Service and Lunch. The Glynn Academy Choir will be here to sing at 11:45am for a beautiful beginning of the service. Get here early to hear them! Sign Up to bring salads, sandwiches or desserts to share or to help serve at the luncheon. Use our sign up genius link or call the church office.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

The Chancel Choir will lead a Tenebrae service featuring music, reflection, and Holy Communion. As the sanctuary gradually darkens throughout the service, the Tenebrae experience symbolizes the journey from the celebration of Palm Sunday toward the crucifixion remembered on Good Friday, as we wait in anticipation of the joy of Easter.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am

All Easter worship services will be held in the Sanctuary. The 8:00 and 11:00 services will be traditional services featuring choir, brass, organ, and piano, with the Easter message delivered by Rev. Benjy Varnell. The 9:30 service will be a blended service including choir, brass, organ, piano, and praise team, with the message delivered by Rev. Tab Miller.

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