

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, April 5-Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:00-12:00**  
8:00 AM Easter Worship Service, **Sanctuary**  
9:30 AM Easter Worship Service, **Sanctuary**  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**

## Monday, April 6

**Church Office Closed/ Preschool Closed**

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

## Tuesday, April 7

**Preschool Closed– Spring Break**

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**  
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**

## Wednesday, April 8

**Preschool Closed– Spring Break**

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

## Thursday, April 9

**Preschool Closed– Spring Break**

4:00 PM Esther Circle Meeting, **Thorpe**

## Friday, April 10

**Preschool Closed– Spring Break**

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
4:30 PM Holmes/Berlin Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**

## Saturday, April 11

5:00 PM Holmes/Berlin Wedding, **Sanctuary**

## Men's Low Country Boil!

SSUMC MEN: join us on Thursday, April 23 for a **Low Country Boil** at 6:00PM in the Thorpe building and yard! Mark your calendars for an evening of camaraderie, connection, and flavor for only \$10. Please register early and bring friends! Register on Realm, scanning the code or calling the office.



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# Worship

April 5, 2026  
Sanctuary ● 9:30

CALL TO WORSHIP **We Shall Behold Him** Chancel Choir  
Soloist: Chloe Brill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Interim Senior Pastor

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #302 **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today** EASTER HYMN

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG **Because He Lives**

DRAMA Voices of Easter: Salome Pam Taylor  
Salome is the wife of Zebedee—the mother of the “sons of thunder,” who asked Jesus if her two sons could be at his right and left hand. She was faithful and never seemed to question the fact Jesus was the Messiah. She was among the women who stood afar off watching Jesus die on the cross and she was with Mary of Magdalene and Mary, Jesus’s mother, on the way to the tomb to anoint his body with spices.

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Tab Miller

**\*Praise and Worship**

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## TODAYS MESSAGE

*The Gardener*

John 20:1-18  
Rev. Tab Miller

\* INVITATION

**What A Beautiful Name**  
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\* BENEDICTION Rev. Tab Miller

OFFERING

Today’s offering will be received at the doors.  
There will be offering plates on the altar rail  
and the front entry table.

POSTLUDE Kevin Lamb

*\* Stand As Able*

# Worship

April 5, 2026  
Sanctuary ● 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE Dr. Emri Comer

CALL TO WORSHIP **Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!** Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Interim Senior Pastor

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #302 **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today** EASTER HYMN

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Benjy Varnell  
**The Apostles Creed**

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG **Because He Lives**

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell

THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN #327 **Crown Him with Many Crowns** DIADEMATA

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC Chancel Choir  
**We Shall Behold Him**  
Soloist: Chloe Brill

MORNING MESSAGE

*Fear and Joy!*

Matthew 28:1-10 (RSV)  
Rev. Benjy Varnell

\* INVITATION #322 **Up from the Grave He Arose** I AM THINE

\* BENEDICTION **Hallelujah** Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

*\* Stand As Able*

Kiara Faulkner, trumpet  
Holden Schott, trumpet  
Kizzie Graves, trombone  
Julius Deacon, bass trombone

## A Brand New Life

A phrase we've all heard and used is the phrase "Brand New." It means we have something that is fresh from the manufacturer. Something that is right off the production line and has never been used. We all love new things. New clothes, new phones, new TV's, new computers, new shoes, new houses, new cars. We used to kid my Dad that if he ever got in a new car and smelled that new car smell, he would buy it. I think someone has even tried to manufacture that new car smell. It's so exciting, to get something brand new!

Of course, we know that sooner than later the newness wears off. The clothes get ragged, the phones become outdated (usually in a year or less), the TV picture is not as bright, the computers get slower, the new shoes get scuffed up, the new houses get leaky roofs, and the new cars begin to rattle. Nothing stays new very long. That includes people! The things that came so easy to us when we were young, now get more difficult as we get older. Oh, if only our bodies could be new again! Wouldn't it be great!

This Sunday we will celebrate another Easter. The great day of Resurrection when Jesus was raised in glory to new life! That is a miracle that only God could perform. You can't resurrect yourself. Only an all powerful God could make that happen. The amazing thing is that God can give us new life and give it now. No matter how old we are or how worn out we feel, God can give us newness of life! Through His son Jesus we can become someone brand new!

In the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul puts it like this, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (5:17). That means that all the things we've done or left undone; all the sins and shortcomings, all the trials and tribulations, all the weaknesses and mistakes can be put behind us. We may still have regrets, but they will not control our lives. How can that be?

Paul tells us how when he writes a few verses earlier, "For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that One has died for all. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (5:14-15)

That is what Easter is all about! Come to think of it, that's even better than being brand new! May the love of Christ control us!!

See you on the Day of Days! Easter at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00!

*Benjy*

## Honorariums & Memorials

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF GERRY EGGER

Janie Alexander

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF GERRY EGGER TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Emri & Jana Comer

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF GERRY EGGER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jennifer & Zdenek Kuja

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DICK PIPE

Tammy Langford	Rhonda & John Howton
Cathy & Hal Wilson	Susan & Bob Darby
Sarah & Anthony Kreimborg	Timmie & Peter Feininger
Jerilynn & Gordon Ommen	Martha & Billy Parker
Drew Straker	

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DICK PIPE TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Judy & JR Wright

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RALPH LUNDSTEDT TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Emri & Jana Comer

## Financial Report

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

March 29, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$10,866.00

Received YTD | \$310,300.98

Expenses YTD | \$299,711.78

Difference YTD | \$10,589.20

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$327,190.16

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$6,680.00

*Thank you*

## Attendance

March 29, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **90**

Online Worship Views: **463**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **74**

Sunday School/Small Group: **135**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **279**

Total In Person Worship: **443**

## Members in Ministry~ April 5, 2026

### Ushers:

**8:00** Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Caryn Riggs, Pat Carmichael

**11:00** Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

### Greeters:

**8:00** Carole Barton, Helen Baker

**9:30** Judy & JR Wright

**11:00** Carla Brandon, June Smith

### Projection:

**8:00** Robin Parmelee

**9:30** Jessica Zettler

**11:00** Richard Hart

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Adelaide Beall, Kim Belt, Family & friends of Sonny Doehring, Faye George, Jimmy Long

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Family & friends of James Caldwell, Emily Childs, Abbie Gilmore, Family & friends of Kevin Josey, Family & friends of Preston Lawrence, Donna McCollough, Family & friends of Mike McMillan, Boden Sciarra

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Dianne Beisel, 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 Draughon, 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 Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Randy Little, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, 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

### Missionaries & Christians in Middle East and abroad

### 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.*

# Easter Hydrangeas

## Given By:

Camille & Claude Adams  
Janie Alexadner and Family  
Edward Armstrong

Helen & Billy Baker  
Susan Blakely  
Becky & Lawrence Bridges  
Joy Coleman  
Jana & Emri Comer

Ann & Wright Culpepper

Betty & Chris Daher  
Gail Disque & children  
Howell Jennings Fleetwood  
Thomas, Jennings & Hunter Fleetwood

PJ Hamilton  
Margot Howard  
Glenna Humphries  
His Family  
Tammy Langford  
Pam Lewis  
Betty Lunsford

Kim & Jimmy Maupin

Barbara & Charles Milliken

Lynn Moses  
Carol & Lee Norton  
Donna Proctor  
Gail Rivard

Anne & Larry Rogers

BJ Whitaker & Betty Sharp

Judy & Tom Smith  
Karen & Gret Smith  
Anna & Freddy Stroud Family

Cindy & Dwight Sweat  
Libby & Ward Sweat  
Mary & Benjy Varnell

The Vinson Family  
Susan & Lee Watkins

C. Kendrick Watts, Jr.  
Luara & Jim Weldy  
Connie & Ron Williams

## In Memory of:

Our Parents  
Fred Alexander  
Barbara Meadows  
Dick Pipe  
Dick Pipe  
Tilman Blakely  
Our parents  
Gil Erbisch  
Madge & Emri Comer, Robert McAlum  
Cathy Comer Dowdy  
Judge & Mrs. George B. Culpepper  
Dr. & Mrs. William E. Gause

Jim Daher  
Dr. Bill Disque  
Mrs. H.F. Laramore, by her godson  
Dr. & Mrs. Wood W. Lovell,  
by their grandsons  
Kevin Dean

JoDee Ellington Hubbert  
Joan Lorence  
Rev. Jim Jensen  
Jimmy Langford  
Tom Lewis  
Elizabeth & H. C. Lunsford  
John V. Lunsford

Our parents Susta & Jim Maupin  
Jane & Charles Jones  
Our parents, Charles & Helen Milliken  
Robert & Katherine Tressler  
Our brother-in-law, Leonard W. Riley, Sr.  
Our nephew, Robert J. Tressler

Bebe & Edward Moses  
Col. Frank Norton  
My brothers Jeff & Alan  
My parents, Laura & Ralph Lundstedt  
My grandparents  
Ralph Lundstedt, Jr.

Rebekah Rogers  
Wes Rogers  
With love & gratitude Rev. Don Proctor  
With love & gratitude Mable Proctor

Our parents  
Bubba Parmelee  
Betty Ann & Tom Stroud  
Bil Downey  
Our parents  
Our parents  
Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Varnell, Jr.  
Dr. & Mrs. C. M. Massey  
Tim Vinson

Our parents, Mary & Lee Watkins  
Eva & Dan Lott  
Charles Kendrick Watts  
Gerry Egger  
Our parents

## Given By:

Edward Armstrong  
The Beacon Sunday School Class  
Laura, Faulkner and Jackson Bell  
Pam & Buddy Brand  
Mary Jo Davis  
Friends in Faith Sunday School Class  
Kim & David Howe  
Janet & Chip Higginbotham

Pam Lewis  
Marilyn Pearson  
Christina & Bob Pinkerton  
Barbara & Mike Raines

Caryn Riggs  
Anne & Larry Rogers  
Anna & Freddy Stroud Family  
Cindy & Dwight Sweat  
Mary & Benjy Varnell  
C. Kendrick Watts, Jr.  
Anne Webb  
Connie & Ron Williams

## In Honor of:

Elizabeth Pipe  
Ann Pickard  
Lois Lashlee  
Jackie Brand's 95th Birthday  
United Women in Faith  
Becky Blalock & Teresa Norwood  
Addie Church & Olivia Howe  
Rev. Benjy & Mary Varnell  
SSUMC Music Ministry  
My family  
SSUMC Music Ministry  
Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Raines Tippett for her confirmation  
Our children & grandchildren  
Clarijane Bush, my mother  
Laura Rogers Kirkland  
Beth Downey  
Bryan, Hayley & Jonathan Sweat  
The SSUMC Staff  
Paula E. Watts  
My Family  
Benjy & Mary Varnell

## Welcome to our Newest Members

We welcome **Grayson Clark** as a new member of the church. He accepted Christ as his Savior and was confirmed as a full member of the Church on Palm Sunday, as he was unable to attend on Confirmation Sunday. We are proud of Grayson and all the other new members who were confirmed and we welcome them to the church! We pray God's guidance and blessing upon them all!

We also welcome the following new members who joined on Palm Sunday:

**Carla Melvin** who joined by transfer of membership.

**Dona Livingston Hoh** who joined by transfer of membership.

**Sarah Thompson** who joined by transfer of membership.

Please join us in welcoming all our new members to our SSUMC church family!

## 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](mailto:benjyv@stsimonsumc.com) | 912.393.4566