

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 19

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**
12:00 AM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Youth Dinner & Gathering Place, **Larry's Giant Subs on Island**

Monday, July 20

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**

Wednesday, July 22

11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

Friday, July 24

11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

Birthday Calendar

Printed monthly birthday calendars are now located on the Member Desk in the Gholson room and not published on our website.



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WELCOME



ST. SIMONS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church



St. Simons
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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT

Morningstar
Children & Family Services

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

I'm So Blessed

CCLI #716700
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FELLOWSHIP TIME

I Thank God

CCLI # 7169680
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I Will Follow

CCLI # 5806878
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Build My Life

CCLI # 7070345

PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

The Mission of Christ-Grow

Matthew 28:19
Rev. David Blackwood

INVITATION

Shout To The North

CCLI # 1562261

BENEDICTION

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sanctuary • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood
Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE #73 ***O Worship the King***
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

LYONS

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

***I Have Decided
To Follow Jesus***

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KID'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

Mission Moment

Morningstar
Children & Family Services

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Be Strong in the Lord

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

* RESPONSE #95

Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

I Stand Redeemed

Chancel Choir
Arr. James Koerts
© 2000 Centergy

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. David Blackwood

The Mission of Christ-Grow
Matthew 28:19

* INVITATION

The Summons
Verses 1, 2 & 5

KELVIN GROVE

* BENEDICTION

David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Follow Him

When Jesus called His first disciples, He didn't simply ask them to believe in Him—He invited them to follow Him. "Follow me," He said, "and I will make you fish for people" (Matthew 4:19). From the very beginning, discipleship was never meant to be a destination; it was a lifelong journey of becoming more like Christ and helping others do the same.

At St. Simons UMC, one of our guiding commitments is that **the Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently**. That mission is not reserved for pastors, staff, or church leaders. It belongs to every follower of Jesus.

Discipleship happens in ordinary moments. It happens when we gather for worship and open our hearts to God. It happens in Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and small groups as we learn together. It happens when we pray with a friend, serve a neighbor, encourage someone who is struggling, or share the hope we have found in Christ. Every act of faithfulness helps move Christ's mission forward.

The world does not need more people who simply attend church. It needs disciples whose lives reflect the love, grace, truth, and compassion of Jesus. As we grow in our own faith, we become people through whom God can touch the lives of others.

As a church, I hope we will continually ask ourselves a simple question: **How is Jesus inviting me to take one more step in following Him?** For some, that step may be joining a Bible study. For others, it may be serving on a ministry team, mentoring someone younger in the faith, or inviting a friend to worship. No matter where we are on the journey, there is always another step to take.

When each of us commits to growing as a disciple, our church becomes more than a place we attend—it becomes a community that is transforming lives. Together, we become the hands and feet of Christ, bringing His hope to our island and beyond.

May we continue to grow deeper in our faith, wider in our love, and bolder in our witness as we faithfully advance the mission of Christ.

~ David

Financial Report

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

July 12, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$29,363.00

Received YTD | \$679,047.34

Expenses YTD | \$677,710.83

Difference YTD | \$1,336.51

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$711,908.43

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$25,725.00

thank you

Attendance

July 12, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **94**

Worship Views Online: **572**

9:45AM Worship Service: **61**

Sunday School/Small Group: **125**

11:00AM Worship Service: **238**

Total In Person Worship: **393**

Members in Ministry~ July 19, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael

11:00 Dona Colglazier, Zdenek Kuja, Steve Smith, John Rentz, Buddy Brand

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Nancy Krabill

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

9:45 Savannah & Natalie Smith

11:00 Julia Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Adelaide Beall, Claire Kase, Linda May, Caryn Riggs

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Cheryl Adams, Linda Allen, Bootsie & Julie Bell and Family, Family & friends of Rev. Gene Cochran, Joe Dixon, Lois Grinstead, Maxwell Penn, **Alice Smith, Maxwell Smith**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Dianne Beisel, Jim Bennett III, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Butch Frye, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Randy Little, Chris Lorence, 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, Betty Tomlin, 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

Royal Family Kids Camp

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

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.

CHRISTMAS

Choir Kickoff

DINNER & CANTATA PREVIEW

Let's come together to celebrate the season,
preview our cantata, and kick off
a joyful Christmas journey!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

**DINNER**
5:30 PM

**SINGING BEGINS**
6:15 PM

**THORPE BUILDING**

REGISTER FOR ATTENDANCE

Your voice makes Christmas come alive!

THIS IS FOR SINGERS ONLY!

End of Summer POOL Party!

Join us for a Church Wide Pool Party at Neptune pool to celebrate the end of summer! **Saturday,**

August 8 from 6:00-8:00PM. Drinks and Pizza will be provided! Bring your family, neighbors and friends!!



End of Summer Church Wide Family Pool Party!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
6-8 AT NEPTUNE POOL



Join us July Jewels ❁

We are organizing our annual Dutch Treat lunch and birthday celebration at Sweet Mama's on Wednesday, July 29 at 11:00 am.

Please RSVP to Cyndy Franklin 404-388-7137 no later than 7/27!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your backpack on Sunday, August 9 to our morning worship services at 9:45 & 11:00 as we pray for our students & teachers returning to school this year!



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!

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined **Sunday, July 12, 2026.**

- **Jessica, Samuel, Emma and Sophia Blackwood**
- **Jane and Bill Pierce**

The Blackwoods and Jane and Bill Pierce all joined by UMC transfer. Please join us in welcoming them all to our SSUMC church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RANNY BLOUNT BY:

Carolyn and Joe Brown

YOUTH KICK-OFF

AUG. 2ND

WHERE AND WHEN?

**5:00-6:30
IN THE
THORPE BUILDING**

WHO SHOULD COME?

**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS,
HIGH SCHOOLERS,
AND PARENTS**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- **SUPPER**
- **HEAR FROM BILL ABOUT THIS YEAR'S VISION AND PLANS**
- **SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE MINISTRY**

PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE TO COOK FOR.
YOUNGER SIBLINGS ALSO WELCOME.

Join us August 2, youth, parents and anyone else interested in the youth ministry are invited to the Thorpe Building at 5:00PM to Kick Off the SSUMC Youth Ministry for the school year. We will share a meal together and then hear about the plans and vision of what the ministry will entail for the 2026-2027 school year! There will also be a time for attendees to share what they would like to see happen in the lives of our teenagers. If you would like to attend, please contact Bill so that we know how many people plan to attend and for dinner preparation. Email bill@stsimonsumc.com or text Bill at 803-673-7860 for more info!

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. David Blackwood at david@stsimonsumc.com | **912.638.3317**