

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 30

8:30 am The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
8:30 am Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:30 am Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **9:30-12:00**
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 Hangout & Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, August 31

9:00 am Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 pm Staff Parish Meeting, **Parlor**

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 am Men's Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
10:00 am Men's Life, **Room 203**
1:00 pm Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
6:00 pm Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, September 2

9:30 am MOMS Walking Group, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 pm Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 pm Half Truths Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 pm Seamless- Women's Study, **Room 201**
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, September 3

10:00 am Half Truths Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
12:45 pm Parkinson's Support Group. **Thorpe Building**
4:00 pm UWF Esther Circle Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, September 4

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

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WELCOME

Sunday, August 30, 2026



*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
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

David Blackwood, Senior Pastor

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

House Of The Lord

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Andrew Elam, Savannah Smith & Mae Tippet

Way Maker

CCLI # 7115744
© 2016 Integrity Music

Step By Step

CCLI # 696994
© 1991 Kid Brothers of St. Frank Pub.

What A Beautiful Name

CCLI # 7068424
© 2016 Hillsong Music Pub.

PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

Get On Board

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Tab Miller

A House United

CCLI #7059005
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BENEDICTION



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

*Savior,
Like a Shepherd*

Chancel Bells

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise Him! Praise Him!*
VERSES 1, 2 & 3

BIBLE PRESENTATION (11:00 AM)
Magnolia Culpepper, Claire Kase

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Do Lord*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)
Victoria Fryer
Director of Children Ministry

MORNING PRAYER
Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

* SONGS OF PRAISE *Sweet By And By*
VERSES 1 & 3
Soon and Very Soon
VERSES 1, 2 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY *Count Your Blessings*

* RESPONSE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Wadin' in The Waters of Grace*
Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE
Keep the Fire Burning
2 Timothy 1:6-7/Leviticus 6:12-13
Rev. David Blackwood

* INVITATION *Dwelling In Beulah Land*
VERSES 1 & 4

* BENEDICTION
David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

* *Stand As Able*



For Hearing Assist- Please see an usher.

Wednesday Night Is Back!

We're excited to gather together for a Wednesday night of fellowship, food, and opportunities to grow in faith!

Join us **Wednesday, September 2**, for dinner catered by **Grandy's**. The cost is **\$12 per person**, and dinner will be served from **5:00–6:00 p.m.**

Then, at **6:00 p.m.**, we'll have several opportunities to grow together:

- **Two new Bible studies** will begin.

Our **seasonal Christmas Choir** will continue rehearsing.

Wednesday nights are a wonderful opportunity to slow down in the middle of a busy week, share a meal with friends, deepen our faith, and build community together.

Please sign up for the meal by Monday, August 31 at noon, so we can plan accordingly. We hope you'll make Wednesday nights a regular part of your week at church. There's a place for you at the table—and a place for you to grow!

We'll see you Wednesday!

~David

Rise Against Hunger — Save the Date!

Save the date for our annual
Rise Against Hunger packing day
on Sunday, October 18, 2026!

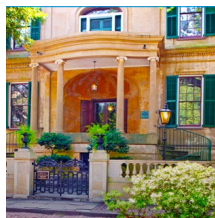
This is a church wide event and all are welcome to attend. More information and a sign up will be sent out in September.



Telfair Museum Trip

The Telfair Museums are comprised of several distinct divisions, two of which we will tour with museum docents.

Register to join us on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**, the cost is **\$25/person**. Space is limited! Register on Realm or by contacting the church office.



Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ADELAIDE BEALL BY:

Cissy & Ryal Gammons
Yvonne & Ron Flowers
Carole Barton
Kathleen Schindler Greno
Susan & Lee Watkins

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARGARET BULLINGTON BY:

Carole Barton

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RON BATEMAN BY:

Susan & Lee Watkins

Financial Report

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

August 23, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$16,298.62

Received YTD | \$812,004.76

Expenses YTD | \$833,965.26

Difference YTD | -\$21,960.50

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$862,919.46

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$28,305.00

thank you

Attendance

August 23, 2026

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

Worship Views Online: **467**

9:45AM Worship Service: **65**

Sunday School/Small Group: **138**

11:00AM Worship Service: **234**

Total In Person Worship: **389**

Members in Ministry~ August 30, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael, Mike Presley, Martha Dixon

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

Greeters:

8:30 Faye George, Cathie Wilton

9:45 Judy & JR Wright

11:00 Nancy Jenkins, Sydonna & Lou Harden

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Lore Eisentrager, Vaughn Carroll

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Sondra Anderson

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Susie Beeman, Kate Griffin, Dolores Harvey, Sara, Jeff & Juniper Heath, Betty Lou & Jim Hruskas, Family & friends of Jimmy Long, Camal Santabay Mehanna, Rita Noel, Audrey Pire, Don Ray, Mark Stevens, Sarah & Hannah Ward, Jimmy Waters

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, 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, 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

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

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

Marsh's Edge: Linda May, Ann Pickard, 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.

College Football– Kick Off & Can Drive!

Sunday, September 6

Wear your favorite football team's jersey, colors, or gear to church! **Bring canned or other food pantry items** and help your team win! Tables will be setup in the Gholson Room! All donations will go to **First Sunday Sparrows Nest** to help stock their shelves. **Come show your team spirit, have some fun, and help make a difference!**



Fellowship & Food!

Take a mid-week break and enjoy friends, fellowship and a delicious meal together!

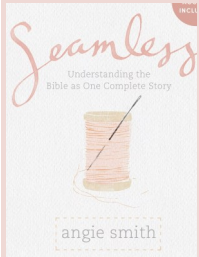
Join us for GRANDY's on **Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 pm** in the Thorpe Building!



The menu is: Grandy's Chicken tenders, green beans, mac and cheese, rolls, and dessert! The cost is \$12.00 per person children 3 and under eat for free! Sign up on Realm, call the church, or scan the QR-code! We need your reservation by **Monday, August 31!**



Wednesday Women's Bible Study



In 7 sessions, *Seamless - Bible Study Book* covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You'll gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

Each week of study features key info that ties all of Scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is

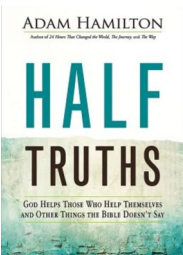
accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.

Wednesday Nights 6:00 pm starting September 2.

Register on Realm or by contacting the church office. Books available on Amazon. Childcare is available.

Preschool Wheel-A- Thon

Church Volunteers needed! Contact Tanja at tanja@stsimonsumc.com or Scan the QR code to help on Sat, September 12!

Half Truths Bible Studies!

Pastor David will be leading a discussion based on Adam Hamilton's book *Half-Truths*. There will be **TWO** options for classes: **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Starting 9/2 & 9/3.** This is the same study just offered at two different times! Sign up on Realm or contact the church office to

register for either time slot. Books are available in the church office for \$11.00.

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 **678.787.0331**