November 1, 2026

St. Simons
United Methodist Church



A Letter From The Pastor

REV. DAVID BLACKWOOD
SENIOR PASTOR

Remembering the Saints

This Sunday, we will gather for one of the most meaningful services of the year as we celebrate All Saints Sunday. It is a time to pause, remember, and give thanks for the faithful people who have gone before us and whose lives have helped shape our own journeys of faith.

During worship, we will remember by name those in our church family who have passed away during the past year, lighting a candle in memory of each person. We will then light one additional candle in remembrance of all the others we continue to hold in our hearts—family members, friends, teachers, and mentors whose lives and love have shaped us in countless ways.

All Saints Sunday is certainly a time of remembrance, and for many of us, it is a time of grief. But it is also a celebration of hope. As people of faith, we trust in the promise of the resurrection and the assurance that God's love is stronger than death. We give thanks that the lives of those we love are held in God's eternal care.

I hope you will make a special effort to join us for worship this Sunday. Whether you are remembering someone you have lost recently or giving thanks for those who shaped your faith many years ago, there is a place for you in this service.

Come as we remember, give thanks, and celebrate the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Together, we will be reminded that we are part of a story of faith much bigger than ourselves—a story that continues through each of us.

I look forward to worshiping with you on Sunday.

WHERE LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL,
SERVICE IS CELEBRATED
ENTHUSIASTICALLY, &
THE MISSION OF CHRIST IS ADVANCED
CONSISTENTLY.

Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary
9:45 Chapel

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Upcoming Events & Announcements!



Petpalooza!

SSUMC Preschool petting zoo! **Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9:00 am-12:00pm**. Come and enjoy the animals, games & fun with your family or volunteer to help! Contact Tanja for more info at tanja@stsimonsumc.com

Join the Card Ministry

We need your help! Any man and woman interested in sharing encouragement and kindness through SSUMC's Card Ministry are invited to participate! For more information, please contact Vickie Bandy at bandyl@bellsouth.net.

A Christmas Tradition



When: Saturday, December 19, 2026 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us for this fun trip that brings you holiday glitz and glitter with a 2-hour production. The theater is transformed into a perfect holiday picture, sharing all of your Christmas favorites. Sprinkle in a little comedy and Santa and his dancing reindeer for the greatest event of the season. Bus leaves at 1:00pm. Cost is $48 per person.



Decorate the Church for Christmas!

Join us on Sunday, November 22 at 3:00pm. Bring your family and help decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas! All ages and abilities are welcome to come and help!

Square Foot Ministry Opportunity

SQUARE FOOT MINISTRY
Rise Up & Build

A trip to Cordele, GA is being planned with Square Foot Ministry of Fayetteville, GA with the City of Cordele and the Crisp ministerial Association, will begin construction of a new home for Iesaha Moore and her daughter. The first phase of construction will take place **November 9-13.** Volunteers, community members and ministry partners will come together to build a safe and comfortable home for the family. If you are interested in going on this mission opportunity please contact David Clark from our mission team at 770-639-0346 or by email at dfclark929@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner!



November 4, 2026
Menu: Grandy's Meatloaf, Green beans, Mashed potatoes & Gravy, Rolls and dessert!
Take a midweek break and enjoy a delicious meal with us. The cost is $12.00 per person children 3 and under eat for free!
Sign up on Realm, call the church.
We need your reservation by Monday, Nov. 2!
We can't wait to see you there!

Sparrow's Nest List

Soup, Chili or Beef Stew, Canned Protein, (Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Salmon, Spam, etc.), Rice (Plain or Flavored Packets), Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups, SpaghettiOs/Ravioli (Canned Pasta), Kid's Snacks (Granola Bars, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Peanut Butter Crackers, etc.), Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans or Pork N Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta or Egg Noodles, Macaroni and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, Cereal & Oatmeal, Juice Boxes, Gatorade, Ensure, Boxed Milk, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, BBQ Sauce, Sugar, Cook-ing Oil, Coffee (regular or instant)
PERSONAL HYGIENE: Toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene, laundry pods, dish soap, baby diapers (sizes 4 and up), adult Depends, and baby wipes
** We appreciate new or gently used plastic and reusable bags to repurpose **

Thanksgiving Lunch



Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch! This meal will be held on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 26, at noon in the Thorpe Building. The church will provide turkey, dressing, gravy and tea. Please bring your favorite side dish/casserole or dessert. Please RSVP by calling the church office or registering on Realm, by Monday, November 23.

2026 Red Kettle Campaign



Salvation Army Bell Ringing | Nov. 20–Dec. 24

- Winn-Dixie: 9:00 am–7:00 pm
- St. Simons Post Office: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

We are looking for Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, Men's Bible studies, youth groups, and others to volunteer for a day of bell ringing in 30-minute or one-hour shifts. Please consider signing up for one or more time slots!
The Salvation Army retains more funds when volunteers ring the bells instead of paid workers. This campaign provides 80% of their income.
To sign up your group, contact:
Lynn Moses: 912-689-9860
Elain McNeal (Volunteer Coordinator): 772-300-5210

Traditional Order of Worship

Sanctuary 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Words of Welcome
Rev. David Blackwood, Senior Pastor

Centering
Kevin Lamb, Director of Music

* **The Opening Hymn #711**
For All the Saints
Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4

Remembering the Saints
The Reading of Names and Lighting of Candles

* **Fellowship Time**
On Eagle's Wings

Kids Message (11:00am)

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Rev. Benjy Varnell, Assistant Pastor

* **Hymn #709**
Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above
Verses 1, 2 & 4

Offertory Prayer

Offertory
Sondra Anderson, Pianist

* **Response**
The Doxology

Message in Music
Hymn of Heaven

Morning Message
Rev. David Blackwood, Senior Pastor
A Cloud of Witnesses
Hebrews 12:1-3

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* **Invitation #701**
When We All Get to Heaven
Verses
1, 3 & 4

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Stand As Able

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Joyce Parry
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Dick Pipe
Bob Golding
Gary Galloway
Gerry Egger
Sonny Doehring
Mary Evelyn Cook
Buzzy Pickren
Ranny Blount
Ray Thrift
Ron Bateman
Adelaide Beall
Jimmy Long

Holy Communion
In the United Methodist tradition, we celebrate an **open table**. This is not our table, but the Lord's Table, and all are invited to receive the gift of Holy Communion.
We receive Communion by **intinction**, which simply means "to dip." You will be given a piece of bread to dip into the cup of juice before eating. Gluten-free and prepackaged communion elements are also available.
After receiving Communion, you are welcome to spend time in prayer at the altar rail or return to your seat.
Prayer partners are available at the ends of the kneelers for anyone who would like someone to pray with them. Simply approach a prayer partner when you are ready. They will not approach you, respecting that Communion and prayer are personal and sacred moments for each individual.

Flowers on the Altar
The beautiful flowers on the altar were given in honor of the marriage of Hannah Binion and Spencer Ralston and in loving memory of her grandfather, Charles P. Manor, Jr.

Guest Information
- First time guests please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your left or right.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children 4 years old and under.
- Kid's Clubhouse (5 yrs - 5th grd), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month)— for Children's Choir, games, & lesson, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor.

Contemporary Worship

9:45 am in the Chapel

Todays Worship Flow

You Are My King

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Glorious Day

CCLI # 5638022

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Fellowship Time

Remembering the Saints

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

CCLI # 15960

Public Domain

Holy Communion

I Can Only Imagine

CCLI # 2978857

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Todays Message

Jesus, Lord of Life

John 11:17-27

Rev. Tab Miller

Closing Song

I Will Rise

CCLI # 5183450

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- Sunday School for this service meets at 8:30. Kids small group meets concurently with this service
- A nursery is available for children 4 years old and under.
- Kid's Clubhouse meets at 11 except for the first Sunday of the month for Children's music, games, & lesson.

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:
New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: **Sydonna Harden**, Laura Johnson, **Elizabeth Sudduth**
New Prayer Concerns Non– Members: **Jim Barger**, **Keri Brittain**, **Joe Cramer**, Elizabeth Eversole, Brooks Harvey, Family & friends of Eric Hickes, **Ally Jackson**, **Shea Lambert**, **Debbie Pellicano**, **Don Ray**, **Vicky Towns Sawall**, **Marta Schrieber**, **Jerri Sumrall**, **Susan West**
Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Lisa Adams, 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, Bill Hansen, Sara, Jeff & Juniper Heath, 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, Eric Orr, Randy Payne, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Maxwell Smith, Brion Trainor, Betty Tomlin, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Sarah and Hannah Wood, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack
The Methodist Children's Home
Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:
Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Jean Cardin, 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.

Members in Ministry ~ November 1, 2026

Ushers:
8:30 Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Pat Carmichael, Ronnie Warner
11:00 Kevin Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:
8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker
9:45 Judy & JR Wright
11:00 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell

Projection:
8:30 Robin Parmelee
9:45 Jessica Zettler
11:00 Richard Hart

	Communion Servers:	**Communion Prayers:**
8:30	Nancy Krabill, Mary & Benjy Varnell	Thornton Willingham, Chuck Milliken
9:45	Laura & Jim Weldy, Natalie Miller	Ava White, Toni Metz
11:00	Mary & Benjy Varnell, J.P. Thornton	Betty Sharp, Chuck Buhman

Honorariums & Memorials

A Gift was Given in Memory of Gene Cochran to Music Ministry by:
Margot Howard

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 1- All Saints Sunday
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**
11:20 am Children dismissed for Music & Worship, **Kid's Clubhouse**
5:00 pm Youth Group & Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, November 2
9:00 am Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 am Chair Yoga $5.00, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, November 3
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**
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, November 4
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**
4:00 pm Handbells, **Room 216**
5:00 pm Monthly Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, November 5
12:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 pm UWF Esther Circle, **Parlor**

Friday, November 6
11:00 am Chair Yoga $5.00, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**

Saturday, November 7
4:00 pm Wedding, **Sanctuary**

Attendance

October 25, 2026
8:30AM Worship Service: **84**
9:45AM Worship Service: **60**
11:00AM Worship Service: **208**
Total In Person Worship: **352**
Worship Views Online: **369**
Sunday School/Groups: **135**

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com
October 25, 2026
Tithes & Offerings Received | $20,957.22
Received YTD | $1,042,112.12
Expenses YTD | $1,060,174.91
Difference YTD | -$18,062.79
Budgeted Amount YTD | $1,093,031.07
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | $30,275.00

Thank You!

Thank you to the Congregation

We are grateful for the many expressions of kindness and support you have shared with us during Pastor Appreciation Month and for the staff too! Your thoughtful cards, encouraging words, and generous gifts have been a true blessing. It is a joy to serve as your clergy team in this wonderful church. Thank you for your love, prayers, and partnership in ministry!

Welcome New Members

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest members, **Kathy and Ronnie Warner**, who joined St. Simons UMC on Sunday, October 25, 2026! We are delighted to welcome the Warners into our church family and look forward to growing together in faith, friendship, and fellowship.