

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, July 12

- 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**
- 5:30 PM Youth Dinner and Gathering Place

## Monday, July 13

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, July 14

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

## Wednesday, July 15

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

## Friday, July 17

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

# WELCOME



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## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

### WELCOME

### CENTERING

ATLAS ZETTLER

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

### *Lead On Good Shepherd*

CCLI # 7209206  
©2023 Centricity Music Publishing

### *What A God*

CCLI # 7236901  
© Be Essential Songs

## FELLOWSHIP TIME

### *Child of Love*

CCLI # 7153977  
© 2020 Angie Feel Good Songs

### *Who Else*

CCLI # 7223119  
© 2023 Gateway Music Global Publishing

## PRAYER TIME

## TODAYS MESSAGE

*Where Service is Celebrated*

Psalm 100:2 NRSV  
Rev. David Blackwood

## INVITATION

### *Step By Step*

CCLI # 696994  
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## BENEDICTION

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sanctuary • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministries

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood  
Senior Pastor

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #98

***To God Be  
the Glory***

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG

***His Name Is Wonderful***

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KID'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer  
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Assistant Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #593

***Here  
I Am, Lord***

HERE I AM, LORD  
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

***How Great Thou Art***

Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate—Pianist

\* RESPONSE #95

***Doxology***

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

***Give Me A Song***

Chancel Choir  
Arr. Heather Sorrenson  
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MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. David Blackwood

*Where Service is Celebrated*

***Psalm 100:2 NRSV***

\* INVITATION #419

***I Am Thine, O Lord***  
Verses 1 & 2

I AM THINE

\* BENEDICTION

David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

Sondra Anderson



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who made our first Sunday at St. Simons UMC such a wonderful day! From the prayer before worship, to the beautiful music and choir, and to the hundreds of hands we shook after the service, we felt your love for God and your warm welcome to our family. The Blackwoods are excited to begin this new journey with all of you who make St. Simons UMC such a wonderful community of faith.

Thank you, too, for continuing to wear your name tags! They have already been incredibly helpful, and we will keep working to put names with faces over the next several weeks.

This Sunday we'll continue the sermon series we began last week. While I knew our first message would focus on love, I intentionally left the following weeks open. I knew we would still be getting to know one another, and I wanted to learn more about the ministries and heart of this church before deciding where God was leading us next.

Then, during my first week in the office, I noticed our church's mission statement:

*"Where Love is Unconditional, Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically, and the Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently."*

It immediately struck me that this mission statement provides a wonderful roadmap for these first weeks together. Last Sunday we reflected on God's unconditional love. This week we'll turn our attention to service—what it means to serve, why service is an essential part of following Jesus, and why a culture of joyful service is vital to a healthy church.

I hope you'll join us this Sunday at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 a.m., or worship with us online, as we continue discovering together what God is calling us to be as a church.

~ David

## Financial Report

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

### July 5, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$35,200.00

Received YTD | \$649,684.34

Expenses YTD | \$668,054.91

Difference YTD | -\$18,370.57

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$686,739.92

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$25,705.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

### July 5, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service: **306**

Worship Views Online: **377**

## Members in Ministry~ July 12, 2026

### Ushers:

**8:30** Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham, Gary Krabill, John Vann, Joanie Meeks

**11:00** Cindy Simpson, Mike Fitzgerald, PJ Hamilton, Marcus Griffin, Jim Peterson, Nancy Jenkins

### Greeters:

**8:30** Nancy Krabill, Helene Magee

**9:45** Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

**11:00** Barbara Raines, Franny Robinson

### Projection:

**8:30** TBD

**9:45** Jim Weldy

**11:00** Elizabeth Daniel

### Acolytes:

**9:45** Atlas Zettler

**11:00** Magnolia Culpepper

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Kevin Brandon, Jay Hodges, Arthur Pittman, Ashley Sitz, **Caryn Riggs**

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Linda Allen, **Bootsie & Julie Bell and Family, Family & friends of Rev. Gene Cochran**, Jim Davis, Chris Lorence, Dwight Plyler, Virginia Ramsey

**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

### 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!

## Sunday Ushers and Greeters Needed

We're looking for friendly, welcoming faces to serve as ushers and greeters on Sundays. This is a once-a-month commitment and a simple but meaningful way to help others feel at home when they arrive for worship. If you enjoy connecting with people and want to be part of this vital ministry, we'd love to have you join us. To sign up as a greeter or usher, or to learn more about serving, email [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com).

## Attention 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!

## Honorariums & Memorials

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RANNY BLOUNT BY:

Carolyn Brown  
Rosemary & Jim Longmire  
Becky & Lawrence Bridges

### A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RAY THRIFT BY:

Marcia Maguire

## Name Tags & Photos and Info on Realm

If you don't already have a name tag, please order one and be sure to wear it when you're here! With new members joining and a new pastor coming, we want to make sure everyone can easily recognize one another and greet each other by name. Place \$10.00 in the offering plate with your name and or call or come by the church office to order your name tag!

## 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)

## 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](mailto:david@stsimonsumc.com) | 912.638.3317