

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 7

- 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**
- 5:45 PM Youth dinner at **Frosty's and Gathering Place**

Monday, June 8

- 9:00 AM **VBS, Chapel & Various Locations**
- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**

Tuesday, June 9

- 9:00 AM **VBS, Chapel & Various Locations**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**

Wednesday, June 10

- 9:00 AM **VBS, Chapel & Various Locations**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, June 11

- 9:00 AM **VBS, Chapel & Various Locations**

Friday, June 12

- 9:00 AM **VBS, Chapel & Various Locations**

Saturday, June 13

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Mary Summer, **Chapel**



WELCOME



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The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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 This is a Stephen Ministry Church

WORSHIP

June 7, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Indescribable

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Blessed Be the Name

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Who Am I

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I Love You, Lord

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PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

Moses after The Burning Bush:

The Threat of Holiness

Exodus 4:18-26

Rev. Tab Miller

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

So Will I

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BENEDICTION

WORSHIP

June 7, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, source of all life,

Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible,

not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

INTERLUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

* HYMN OF PRAISE #529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

RHODES JAMES DOUCETTE

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG #99

My Tribute

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

* HYMN #622

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood
Verses 1, 3 & 5

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Remember Me

Chancel Choir
by Aaron Adams

MORNING MESSAGE

The Firm Foundation

Isaiah 41:10 & 13 (RSV)

Rev. Benjy Varnell

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION #368

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Verses 1 & 2

THE SOLID ROCK

* BENEDICTION

Benjy Varnell

POSTLUDE

* Stand As



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Able

Start to Finish

When I was in elementary school, I was considered to be a pretty fast runner. I know that's hard to believe looking at me now. I gave up running years ago, and I'm not sure what would happen today if I tried to actually run. Somehow I think the outcome would have something to do with the initials ER! I remember when I used to run races, I always wanted to get a fast start; to get the jump on the other runners. Usually the result would be that I ran out of steam before the finish line. I never learned to pace myself, and as a result I finished back in the pack.

One of the most famous runners of all time was eight-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt. He held or holds numerous world records, and is considered the greatest sprinter in the history of racing. He was so fast he got the nickname Lightning Bolt, referring to his speed and his last name. He once was quoted as saying, "There are better starters than me, but I'm a strong finisher." Obviously that was an understatement since he won eight golds!

Bolt's statement reminds us of the old adage, "It's not how you start that counts, it's how you finish." That's true especially in living out our faith. The truth is following Jesus is not easy and it takes a life-long commitment. Often we will stumble out of the starting block and sometimes we will fall on our face, but we still have to get up and keep going to the finish line. Unlike a runner, however, we don't run the race alone. God through his Son Jesus is always there to now only cheer us on, but to pick us up, dust us off and get us on our way to the goal. Being a Christ-follower is not really a sprint to the finish line; it is a marathon of keeping going just not cut out for discipleship. We need his power and his grace to reach our highest and best, and he is always ready to supply both! We are called to trust and obey and keep on running!

Isaiah 40:31 says it best, "But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will RUN and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." (NLT) May God renew us all from START TO FINISH!

See you Sunday at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00!

Benjy

Are You Free One Sunday a Month?

Sunday Ushers and Greeters Need Your HELP!

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 would love to have you join us! To sign up as a greeter or usher, or to learn more about serving, email anne@stsimonsumc.com.

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.

Also, if you don't have an updated photo in our Realm database, please send one so we can update your profile and always let us know if your information needs to be changed or updated! Thank you so much!

Financial Report

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

May 31, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$10,639.00

Received YTD | \$520,838.72

Expenses YTD | \$529,332.91

Difference YTD | -\$8,494.19

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$557,302.06

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$23,035.00

Thank you

Attendance

May 31, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **84**

Worship Views Online: **389**

9:45AM Worship Service: **70**

Sunday School/Small Group: **123**

11:00AM Worship Service: **174**

Total In Person Worship: **328**

Members in Ministry~ June 7, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Pat Carmichael

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

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Helen Baker

9:45 Ava White, Judy Merrick

11:00 Carla Brandon, Robbie Clark

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

9:45 Savannah & Natalie Smith

11:00 Piper Culpepper

Communion Servers:

8:30 Nancy & Gary Krabill
Mary Varnell

Communion Prayers:
Mike Martin, Chuck Milliken

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy
Jenna Kennedy

Judy Merrick, Stan Robinson

11:00 Yvonne & Ron Flowers
Mary Varnell

Edie Payne, Judy Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Ranny Blount, Mel Rozier, Charlene Smith

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Marion Compton, Ethan Ferder, Family & friends of Nancy Coleman McLendon, Peggy Woods

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, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Betsy Draughon, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, James Gregory, 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

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.

Welcome Our New Pastor - July 5!

Please join us in welcoming Pastor David Blackwood and his family on Sunday, July 5.

We will have one combined worship service at 10:30 AM, followed by a reception as we warmly welcome David, Jessica, and their children to our church family. We thank God for bringing the Blackwoods to our community. Let us commit to supporting them through prayer, active participation, and love as this new chapter begins for them and for us as a church family!

We look forward to this special day of worship, fellowship, and celebration together!

5 Week Prayer Guide for our Church & New Pastor

This prayer guide offers our congregation five distinct weekly focuses to support our new pastor's fresh start, fostering unity, resilience, and vision through prayer and scripture.

Week 1: Spiritual Wisdom & Discernment

- **Focus:** Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide the new pastor as they acclimate to the congregation and the local community.

- **Scripture:** James 1:5

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, grant our pastor spiritual wisdom and deep discernment. Guide their steps, align their heart with Your will, and give them a clear vision for the future of our church."

Baby Bottle Campaign

Help support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign by picking up a bottle in the Gholson room and/or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Fill these bottles with spare change, cash, or check and return the bottle by Father's Day, June 21.



Puzzle Time!

Looking for a puzzle to do in the A/C this summer?? Our puzzles have moved to the Preschool landing area near the elevator! Take a few home and enjoy!



We Are Hiring!

Join our team as a Property Maintenance and Event Setup Assistant. This is a part-time/hourly position with flexible hours. We are looking for someone with a flexible schedule to help care for our church facilities, handle small repairs, and assist with setting up for events and special activities. If you are interested in this flexible position, please contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RANNY BLOUNT BY:

Pam Lewis

Barbara & Chuck Milliken

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF GERRY EGGER BY:

Nancy & John Rentz

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BUZZY PICKREN BY:

Pam Lewis

Judy & Tommy Lewis

Nancy & John Rentz

VBS IS HERE!

June 8-12 from
9:00AM-12:00PM

Please be in prayer for our VBS leaders and participants this week as they will be **CLIMBING** into GOD's Word and be touched by Jesus during this spirit filled week!



ALL ARE WELCOME- BRING FRIENDS SIGN UP through the QR Code or Register on Monday morning!!!

VBS LOCAL MISSION- Food Drive for Sparrows Nest!

We will be doing a can goods food drive this year as our mission project for VBS for Sparrows Nest! This will be a competition between the boys and girls at VBS! Bring your canned goods this Monday and through out the week until Friday!

Contact Victoria at

victoria@stsimonsumc.com



Gathering Place Main Event!

Calling all Youth- June 7 -July 19 6:00-8:30pm.

The Youth are headed to the Gathering Place tonight! We will meet at 5:00 at Frostys with the intention of leaving by 5:45 and ride together on the bus. The Gathering Place ends at 8:30. Please plan to pick up your students between 8:45 and 9:00 from the church parking lot. The event is free, but students will need money for dinner.



VBS also starts this Monday. If your student wants to volunteer, please fill out this form: <https://vbspro.events/p/3ac6a4>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 803-673-7860- Bill Culpepper

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 | 912.393.4566