

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 16

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
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***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
***All Services Streamed Live**
5:00 PM Youth Galentine's Party, **Youth Room**

Monday, February 17

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephens Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, February 18

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:00 AM UWF Book Club, **Parlor**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
6:30 PM UWF- SIS Circle 1 Meeting, **Parlor**

Wednesday, February 19

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
5:45 PM "The Chosen", **Chapel**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, February 20

- 12:00 PM UWF- Sunshine Circle, **TBD**
5:30 PM Education & Small Groups Committee, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Michael Hulett SAM Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, February 21

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

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&
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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

We Welcome You

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PRAYER TIME

MORNING MESSAGE

Face to Face

Exodus 34:29-45 NLT

Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Shine Jesus Shine

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

SANCTUARY 8:30 AM • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson

Music Associate, Pianist

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

Senior Pastor

* HYMN #185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement

Rev. Benji Varnell

of Faith of

Assistant Pastor

The United Church of Canada

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

Holy Ground

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer

Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benji Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benji Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

Director of Music Ministries

RESPONSE #95

DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Here I Am To Worship

Chancel Choir

Arr. Philip Keveren

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Pastor

Face to Face

Exodus 34:29-35 NLT

* INVITATION #453

**God the Spirit,
Guide and Guardian**

HYFRYDOL

Verses 1 & 3

* BENECTION

Benji Varnell

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Glowing

It's quite common for people to comment about a person's cheerful appearance or sunny disposition by saying that they are positively glowing! Women with child are said to have a certain glow. When actors or athletes win an important award, they appear to be glowing with understandable pride. Parents glow with pride as they watch their children perform in the church musical.

There are many things we can experience that cause us to recognizably glow. But did you know that spending time in the presence of God gets a glow going? It has been said that a Christian without a glow is a Christian without God - or without much time with God. This clearly suggests that when we spend with God some divine qualities are transferred to a person's inner being that will cause them to positively glow with beams of joy.

Moses encountered God on Mt. Sinai. After one of those occasions, he came down the mountain to speak to the people; to tell them what God had said. Before he could speak a word, the people were stunned by his appearance. His face was absolutely glowing. He had been in the presence of God. His being with God had changed the very countenance of Moses.

A father asked a child why she liked her Sunday school teacher so much. She answered, "Because her eyes twinkle like she's laughing inside all the time."

Have people seen the beauty of Jesus glowing in your face? Knowing Jesus means knowing joy. If we are truly filled with this joy, it should bubble out of us each day; it should help to keep the corners of our mouths turning up.

Show love! Display grace! Keep smiling! People might just say to you, "You're glowing." When they do, what a tremendous opportunity it presents for you to tell others about the joy of Jesus in your heart.

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – February 3-8

What did you highlight in your Bible last week? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom were:

- Exodus 6:1 – Then the Lord told Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. When he feels the force of my strong hand, he will let the people go."
- Exodus 12: 21 – For the Lord will pass through the land to strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and side of the doorframe, the Lord will pass over your home.
- Exodus 12:31 – Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron during the night, "Get out!" he ordered. "Leave my people and take the rest of the Israelites with you. Go and worship the Lord as you have requested."
- Exodus 13:21 – The Lord went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire.
- Exodus 20:3 – "You must not have any other god but me."
- Exodus 24:12 – Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Stay there, and I will give you the tablets of stone on which I have inscribed the instructions and commands so you can teach the people."

Keep reading!

Financial Report

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

February 9, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,466.93

Received YTD | \$132,021.81

Expenses YTD | \$94,217.88

Difference YTD | \$37,803.93

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$146,999.90

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$766.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,740.35

Thank you

Attendance ~ February 9, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **76**

Online Worship Views:

9:45 AM Worship Service: **72**

Sunday School/Small Group: **129**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **229**

Total In Person Worship: **377**

Members in Ministry ~ February 16, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Martha Dixon, Elden Carmichael

11:00 John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja, Dona Colglazier, Steve Smith, Cyndy Franklin

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Eva White

11:00 Robbie Clark, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Claire Kase, Ketch Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Susan Bagwell, Family and friends of Marcia Boney, **John Dobrenic**, Family & friends of Jean Johnson, Betty Lunsford, **Mable Proctor, Dee West**

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Alice Branton, Tom Christie, Family of Jerrod Foster, **Family & friends of Alanis Gomez**, Ken Graffis, Sharon Hawes, **Katherine Hazlett**, Mark Jenkins, **Pom Johnson, Mary Mittlestaedt, Joan Mobley**, Family & Friends of Amy O'Connor, **Family & friends of Darrel Roepka, Anna Ruberti**, Jan Smith, Linda Wooten

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett, III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, **Jennifer & Tom Higdom**, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, **Laura Johnson**, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Wayne Land, Jimmy Langford, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Mega & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Betsy Worthy, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford, 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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinner - February 19

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The menu is: **Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert.** This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!** We hope to see you there!

Confirmation 2025!

Join the Journey!

Calling all 5-8th Graders who haven't been Confirmed!



March 7-9 – Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea and the cost is \$190 a student. The deadline for payment is Sunday, February 17! This retreat will serve as the kick off for this year's confirmation class. For more information please email: victoria@stsimonsumc.com Sign up now!

Confirmation Schedule:

Friday– Sunday, March 7-9– Retreat—Join the Journey

Sunday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm - UM History & Beliefs

Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-7:00pm – Worship & Membership

Saturday, March 22, 10:00-11:00am – Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, March 23, 11:00am – **Confirmation Sunday**—followed by a lunch for Confirmands and their families!



Men's Ministry

Low Country Boil!

Calling all SSUMC Men! Join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00pm at the Thorpe Building for our second annual **Fat Tuesday Low Country Boil!!** Mark your calendars for an

evening of camaraderie, connection, and flavor for only \$10. Please register early by signing up on Realm or by calling the church office.

Serve Saturday- SIGN UP ASAP!

Saturday, March 8, 2025— our 3rd Annual Serve Saturday!

Join us on **Saturday, March 8** at 8:00am for breakfast and a devotional in the Thorpe Building. PLEASE wear your Serve Saturday T-shirt from last year or order one by submitting your size needed when you register. Volunteers will depart at 8:45am wearing our matching Serve Saturday T-shirts and ready to Serve our community!

A Sign-Up Genius link has been emailed out and the link is in the Friday emails. The link is listed here also:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-ssumc#/

Please contact the church office for assistance signing up or with questions at 912-638-3317 or email Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com for more info.



2024 Annual Report

Our church has grown and been blessed by your generous giving and faith! St. Simons UMC received **\$1,314,158.60** in contributions in 2024. Our expenses for 2024 were **\$1,280,485.34** and all apportionments and ministry commitments were met. Expenses were under budget by **\$17,842.66**. Contributions exceeded the budget by **\$15,830.60**

We added **39** new members in 2024, and ended the year with **1184** members. The church has **165** pledges for 2025 totaling **\$777,228.00**.

Thank you for continuing your faith journey with St. Simons UMC, and for your generous giving in 2024! Your generosity continues to enable us to share Christ and support the ministries and missions of St. Simons United Methodist Church.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Join us in welcoming our newest members:

◆ **Lisa Slaker and Scott Hunter**

We welcome them to our church family and are grateful for their commitment to St. Simons UMC!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TILMAN BLAKELY BY:

Susan Blakely

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT K. PEASE BY:

Stephanie & Gregory Pease

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARY ELIZABETH VOGEL FAKLER TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

Judy & JR Wright

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF NINA JOHNSON BY:

Judy & JR Wright

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 in the Stubbs Bldg.
- 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 in the Stubbs Bldg.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones. **678.343.3767** | tom@stsimonsumc.com



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