

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 2

- 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**

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
6:00 PM Men's Ministry Low Country Boil, **Thorpe Building**

Ash Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00 AM MAP Packing, **MAP International**
12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, **Sanctuary**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
4:30 PM The Chosen Season 4, **Chapel**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, **Sanctuary**
6:30 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, March 6

- 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 8

- 8:00 AM Serve Saturday Breakfast & Devotional, **Thorpe Building**
8:45 AM Depart to Mission Opportunities

Sparrows Nest-Collection

Thank you for those who are bringing Sparrows Nest food for our first Sunday collection this Sunday! Hearty canned goods and shelf stable items are greatly appreciated.



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 2, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Benjy Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE

Leviticus—Why?!

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 NLT
Rev. Tom Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

The Table

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INVITATION

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

MARCH 2, 2025
SANCTUARY 8:30 AM • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist
Arr. Hayes

GREETING Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

Call to Worship *David Speaks* Chancel Choir

* HYMN #96 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS (11:00 AM)
Lead Me, Lord

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

* HYMN *Open Our Eyes* OPEN OUR EYES

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

* Response #95 *Doxology*

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

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Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 NLT

HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION #382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* ADELAIDE

* BENECTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

Holy Living

It became one of the most lucrative used-car deals in history. It happened in 2005. A 21-year-old German man sold his 1999 Volkswagen Golf with 47,000 miles on it. He had paid just over \$10,000 for the car. He sold it on eBay for a quarter of a million — to an American, who traveled all the way to Germany to claim it.

Why would anybody pay a quarter of a million dollars for a used Volkswagen Golf, parked halfway around the world? The car itself was nothing special. It had everything to do with the papers that went along with it. The young man who decided to sell the car realized, as he did a title search, that the former owner had just left Germany to take a new job: in the Vatican. That humble Volkswagen Golf had belonged to one Josef Kardinal Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI.

Was it celebrity status that drove the price up so high? People will pay all kinds of crazy prices for Elvis' rhinestone belt or Marilyn Monroe's dress. Or was it something different - something to do, perhaps, with a perception that this car was somehow holy by association?

There are places, people, and things we value based on our perception of their being holy. Most of us have considered the question, "I wonder how I am perceived by other people?" I know from firsthand experience that much of what teenage girls have on their minds is what others think about them. But have you ever gone as far as to think if others, when they see you or your name comes to mind, perceive you as a holy person?

Our living a holy life may not lead to a profitable sale of merchandise. But what it does lead us into is a deeper relationship with God so that others will see his glory in us. Hebrews 12:14 challenges us with these words: "Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life."

Some of you have said to me in recent days how difficult it has been to read Leviticus. I am right there with you; to the point that I have often wondered, "Why Leviticus?!" As we gather this Sunday my prayer is that we will be able to learn how even Leviticus can guide us to a better understanding of what it means for us to be holy.

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – Feb. 17-23

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

Leviticus 8:34 – Everything we have done today was commanded by the Lord in order to purify you, making you right with God.

Leviticus 15:34 – Moses followed all these instructions exactly as the Lord had commanded him.

Leviticus 17:11 – It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible. (1 John 1:7 ...and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.)

Leviticus 19:18 – Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself.

Leviticus 27:31-32 – You must faithfully keep all my commands by putting them into practice, for I am the Lord. I am the Lord who makes you holy.

Keep reading!

Financial Report

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

February 23, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,111.56

Received YTD | \$169,911.37

Expenses YTD | \$147,579.43

Difference YTD | \$22,331.94

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$202,654.46

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$786.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,765.35

Thank you

Attendance ~ February 23, 2025

8:30AM Worship Service: **85**

Online Worship Views: **626**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **67**

Sunday School/Small Group: **137**

11:00PM Worship Service: **259**

Total In Person Worship: **411**

Members in Ministry ~ March 2, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Tom Smith, Caryn Riggs, Pat Carmichael

11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett 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 Neva Kaye

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 TBD

Communion Servers:

8:30 Barbara Whitney, Judy Smith

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Betty Sharp, Cindy Simpson

Communion Prayers:

Chuck Buhman, Chuck Milliken

Paul Gallogly, Stan Robinson

Becky Bridges, Judy Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: John Dobrenic, Mable Proctor, Dee West

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Lauren Bailey, David Blount, Ken Brown, Tom Christie, Elizabeth Frost, Steve Horowitz, Family and friends of Pom Johnson, Kristen Merrill, Michelle Moore, Bill Perry, Donnie Revels, Smith Cole Stanley, Bill Wagner

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 & Mike 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 Higdum, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Laura Johnson, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, 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, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Betsy Worthy, Bobbé 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 Dinner - March 5, 2025

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The menu is:

Chicken Divan, Field Peas, House Salad 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!

Men's Ministry Low Country Boil!

Calling all SSUMC Men! Join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00pm in the Thorpe Bldg. for our second annual **Fat Tuesday Low Country Boil for only \$10!** Please register early by signing up on Realm or by calling the church office.

Serve Saturday- STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

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 Bldg. PLEASE wear your Serve Saturday T-shirt from last year. 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 or you may scan the QR Code:

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

Please contact the church office for assistance signing up or with questions at 912-638-3317.



Gainesville Brass Quintet



Join us for an afternoon of outstanding music! The **Gainesville Brass Quintet** will perform on **Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 PM** in the **Sanctuary of St. Simons United Methodist Church.**

Location: 624 Ocean Boulevard, St. Simons Island, GA

Experience the rich and vibrant sounds of brass in an inspiring setting. This concert is free and open to the public. Invite your friends and family for a beautiful musical experience!

Small Group Survey

The Education and Small Group Committee at SSUMC is interested in expanding our small group offerings and activities. As part of our process, we are asking worshippers to share their interests, talents, and ideas for enriching our current offerings and creating new opportunities for fellowship, study, spiritual growth, and any other small group activities. Access the survey by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/surveySSUMC> or by scanning the QR Code. We have a limited number of hard copies at the desk in the Gholson Room for those unable to complete the survey electronically. Please complete the survey by **Mon, March 10.**



Ash Wednesday Services

Join us on Wednesday, March 5 for two meaningful Ash Wednesday services in the Sanctuary one at 12:00 noon and one at 6:00pm. A nursery will be provided for the 6:00pm service.



Happy 15th Anniversary!

We are happy to announce that **Anne Frazier** our Church Administrator is observing her 15th year anniversary here at St. Simons UMC on March 30. If you would like to express your love and appreciation, please mail or bring your gift by the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays between now and March 30! Thank you for being a part of this special celebration in gratitude for Anne's dedication and service at St. Simons UMC!

Birth Announcement- Congratulations!

Congratulations to new parents Nina and Rob Jenkins on the birth of their son **Leander Owen Jenkins**. He was born February 20, 2025 and he weighs 6lbs 14oz. Proud grandmothers are Nancy Jenkins and PJ Hamilton.

Congratulations to Ron and Connie Kersh on the birth of their grandson, **Smith Cole Stanley**, on February 24, 2025.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Join us in welcoming our newest members:

- ◆ **Tanja Oliver**
- ◆ **Franny Robinson**

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 TO THE PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP BY: Diane Barry

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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