

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 9– Back to School Blessings

- 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**

Monday, August 10

- 9:00 am Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, August 11

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 10:00 am Men's Life, **Room 203**

Wednesday, August 12

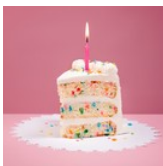
- 11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 pm Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Friday, August 14

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

August Ladies Birthday Lunch!

Let's get together to celebrate our birthdays this month! Wednesday, Aug. 19, 12:00 pm, at Sago Restaurant (Sea Palms). Dutch treat. If you can come, please respond to Janet Higginbotham by text or phone at 912-399-4105.



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WELCOME

Sunday, August 9, 2026



*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically, &
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church



St. Simons
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Thrive

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

Friend in Jesus

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Trust In God

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I Love You, Lord

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PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

Did You Hear That?

1 Kings 19:9-18

Rev. Tab Miller

I Give You My Heart

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BENEDICTION

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sanctuary • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

* HYMN OF PRAISE #127 *Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885
A MODERN AFFIRMATION

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Goodness Of God*

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS (11:00 AM)

MORNING PRAYER

David Blackwood

* HYMN #140 *Great Is Thy
Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

RESPONSE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *We Thank You, God,
for Teachers*

Chancel Choir
by Mark Patterson

MORNING MESSAGE

Making Space for Kids

Matthew 19:13-15
Rev. David Blackwood

* INVITATION #408 *The Gift of Love*

GIFT OF LOVE

* BENEDICTION

David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Back to School Blessings!

Do you remember back-to-school shopping? Even if you weren't excited about summer ending, there was always something special about picking out a new backpack, choosing a cool lunchbox, and deciding which pens and pencils would help you start the year off right. If you were especially lucky, you might have gone home with a genuine Trapper Keeper. Every year brought new designs, and everyone wanted the coolest one.

Shopping may have been the fun part, but open house often came with a mix of emotions. You might have been excited to see your friends again, nervous about a challenging teacher, or anxious about starting at a new school. While some things haven't changed, today's students, teachers, and families also face challenges that many of us never imagined when we were growing up.

That's why it's so important for us to begin the school year together in prayer.

On **Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday**, we invite students, teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, support staff, bus drivers, and everyone who helps make our schools a place of learning and growth to join us for worship at **9:45 or 11:00 am**. At these services, we'll pray over our schools, ask God's protection and guidance for the year ahead, and bless the backpacks our students will carry into a new school year.

Whether you're heading into kindergarten, your senior year, or your twentieth year of teaching, know that your church is praying for you. May this be a year filled with wisdom, growth, safety, and the assurance that God goes with you wherever you are called.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David

Birth Announcement!

"Children are a gift from God." Psalm 127:3

With joy and celebration, we announce the birth of **McAlum Lee Southall!**

He was born on Friday, July 31, 2026. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

We rejoice with the Southall and Comer family, including proud parents Haley & Taylor Southall; grandparents Jana & Emri Comer; and uncle Ryan Comer.

Please join us in congratulating the Southall & Comer family!

Back to School Blessings!

Bring your backpack on Sunday, August 9 to our morning worship services at 9:45 & 11:00 as we pray for our students & teachers and all working and returning to school this year!



Financial Report

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

August 2, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$25,270.00

Received YTD | \$742,167.14

Expenses YTD | \$768,042.14

Difference YTD | -\$25,875.00

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$787,413.96

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$26,935.00

thank you

Attendance

August 2, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **77**

Worship Views Online: **412**

9:45AM Worship Service: **73**

Sunday School/Small Group: **119**

11:00AM Worship Service: **224**

Total In Person Worship: **374**

Members in Ministry~ August 9, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Gary Krabill, Thornton Willingham, 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 Kari Cooper, Christiana Weisberg

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

9:45 Atlas Zettler

11:00 TBD

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Adelaide Beall, Rhonda Howton

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Family & friends of Ron Bateman, Greg Belcher, **Heather Benton**, Family & friends of Jay Childers, **Joe Cramer**, **Jim Lee**, Jill Lundgren, Family & friends of Mary Gert McNally, Kathy Morgan, Family of Dave Orlando, Virginia Ramsey, **Family & friends of Alyse Stevens**, **Hannah & Sarah Wood**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: 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, 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, 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: 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.

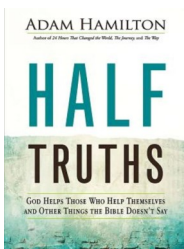
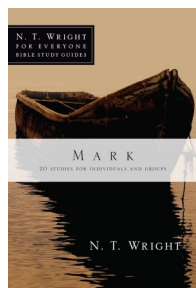
August Administrative Meetings

Save the Date

- ◆ **Trustee Meeting**, Monday, August 10, 5:30 pm, Room 203
- ◆ **Finance Meeting**, Tuesday, August 18, 5:30 pm, Room 203
- ◆ **Church Council Meeting**, Monday, August 24, 5:30 pm, Thorpe

Early Morning Men's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday Mornings starting on Tuesday, August 11, in the Thorpe Building at 6:00 am. This is a great option for those who are working or busy with kids! Each week we will be done by 6:45 am so you can get to work or help get kids to school. Order the book of Mark by N.T. Wright on Amazon. Contact the office or David Blackwood to attend or for more info. david@stsimonsumc.com



September Bible Studies!

Pastor David will be leading a discussion based on Adam Hamilton's book *Half-Truths*. There will be **TWO** options for classes:

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Starting 9/2 & 9/3. Same study just offered at two different times!

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian-like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. The clichés include: Everything happens for a reason. God helps those who help themselves. God won't give you more than you can handle. God said it, I believe it, that settles it. Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Sign up on Realm or contact the church office to register for either time slot.



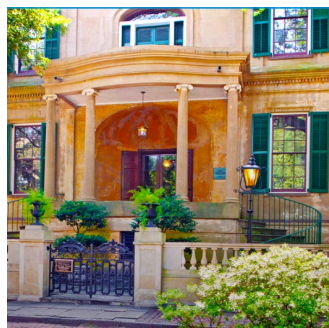
Monthly Wednesday Night Dinners!

Starting this fall we will have a monthly Wednesday Night Dinners starting **Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 pm**. These

dinners will be catered from a local restaurant and will happen the first Wednesday of each month. The dates will be 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2. We are excited for this fun time of Fellowship! Be on the look out for the Realm sign up!

Telfair Museum Trip

The Telfair Museums are comprised of several distinct divisions, two of which we will tour with museum docents. Register to join us on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, the cost is \$25/person**. Space is limited! Register on Realm or by contacting the church office.



SSUMC CHILDREN'S MUSIC & SUNDAY MINISTRY

LAUNCHING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026!

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SANCTUARY NO NURSERY NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAM	9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP CHAPEL NURSERY AVAILABLE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SANCTUARY CHILDREN WORSHIP WITH FAMILIES CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~11:20 AM: DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S MUSIC & WORSHIP
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KIDS GROW FAITH & MUSIC!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & WORSHIP INCLUDES:

- CHOIR
- WORSHIP MUSIC
- MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS
- BIBLE CONNECTION
- WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM CONCLUDES ~12:00 PM

3RD ANNUAL WHEEL-A-THON

12 SEPTEMBER 9-12

2 RACE HEATS | ACTIVITY VILLAGE | BOUNCE HOUSES | DJ | FOOD TRUCKS | MORE!

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. David Blackwood at david@stsimonsumc.com | **912.638.3317**