

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 21– Father's Day!

- 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, June 22

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

Tuesday, June 23

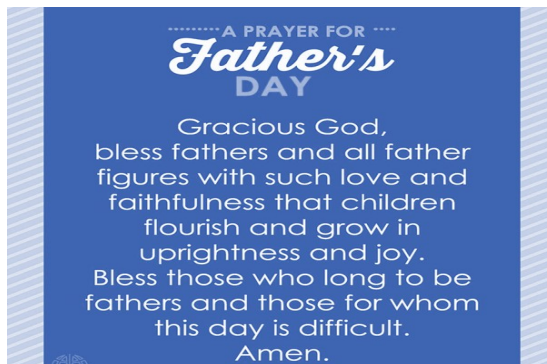
- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**

Wednesday, June 24

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers AI-Anon, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Friday, June 26

- 8:15 AM Youth go to TOPGOLF, **Jacksonville, FL**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**



WELCOME



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

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WORSHIP

June 21, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

CENTERING

NATALIE AND SAVANNAH SMITH, ACOLOYTES

Guide Us With Your Grace

1997 Universal Music

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Let It Rise

CCLI # 2240585
1997 Universal Music

FELLOWSHIP TIME

My Jesus

CCLI # 7174531
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Is He Worthy?

CCLI # 7108951
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Make Us One

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PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

The Good Samaritan:

Close to the Kingdom

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Tab Miller

INVITATION

Go Light Your World

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BENEDICTION

WORSHIP

June 21, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

CALL TO WORSHIP *Guide Us With Your Grace*

Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah*

RENEWAL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

MISSION MOMENT

EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM

Toby Eisentraeger

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

The Bond of Love

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #389

Freely, Freely

FREELY, FREELY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist
Kevin Lamb

RESPONSE #94

The Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*Down to the
River to Pray*

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Benjy Varnell

Back to Basics

John 1:1-5, 9-18 (RSV)

* INVITATION #378

Amazing Grace
Verses 1, 4 & 6

AMAZING GRACE

* BENEDICTION

Benjy Varnell

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Staying Connected

Last Sunday I preached a sermon entitled GLU, which was an acronym for God Loves You. I said I used U instead of Y for the last letter because I thought it looked cute and it reminded me of the many words you read on Facebook posts and text messages. I also said it looked like and rhymed with GLUE. I then pointed out that it is the love of God that holds us together. The fact that God continues to love us and forgive us in the face of our sins and shortcomings is what makes his love, mercy and grace so amazing. God's love is our connecting point.

Paul reminds us in his letter to the Colossians, that Jesus is the very embodiment of God. He is God in the flesh and has come to earth to reconcile us all to Him. In Chapter 1:15, he says that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God." That means that, in Jesus we see God and understand His nature. As the kids learned this week in Bible School, God's nature is love and grace. Sadly, our nature as humans is anything but that. Our nature is self-centeredness and unforgiveness. That is why we so desperately need Jesus, because in him we are able to become who God intended us to be.

Jesus, as we recall, told the unruly and egotistical Simon Peter he would be building the church on people just like him. Simon, who understood his true nature, must have thought Jesus had lost his mind when he said that. However, that is how God works. He is counting on us, weak as we are, to be and build his church! We think, as we look at our lives, there's no way we could do that; and on our own power, we'd be right. Of course, what is impossible with us, is possible with God!

Paul says in verse 17, that in Jesus, "all things hold together." Therefore, Jesus is truly the glue of the church. Without Jesus we quickly splinter into disconnected individuals all trying to be in charge, but with Jesus as "the head of the body," we become one unit working together to accomplish his will. In other words, we STAY CONNECTED. So that should always be our goal, to stay plugged in to Christ, our power source. It's a great privilege to be a part of the church, but we must always remember, it's never about us. It's always about Him!

Make the Connection at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00!

Benjy

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to our newest members **Laura Pate** and **Peter Mallory** who joined on Sunday, June 14, 2026. They both joined our church by transfer from other denominations. Please join us in welcoming them both to our church family!

Explore our New Website!

www.stsimonsumc.com

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly refreshed church website! With a fresh new look, improved navigation, and updated information, it has been designed to better serve our church family and community.

We invite you to take a few minutes to visit the site, explore its features, and enjoy the new look and feel. Whether you're looking for upcoming events, ministry information, sermons, or ways to connect, you'll find it all in one convenient place.

Check it out today and let us know what you think!

Financial Report

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

June 14, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,126.00

Received YTD | \$581,417.72

Expenses YTD | \$553,449.24

Difference YTD | \$27,968.48

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$609,317.02

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$23,895.00

thank you

Attendance

June 14, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **81**

Worship Views Online: **262**

9:45AM Worship Service: **84**

Sunday School/Small Group: **185**

11:00AM Worship Service: **170**

Total In Person Worship: **335**

Members in Ministry~ June 21, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Mike Presley, Elden Carmichael, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Dona Colglazier, Zdenek Kuja, Steve Smith, John Rentz, Buddy Brand

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Robbie Clark, Cheryl Murphy

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

9:45 Savannah & Natalie Smith

11:00 Julia Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Bill Hansen

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Mr. & Mrs. James Hruska, **Steve Koozer**, **Matthew Laager**, Gloria Ostrowski, Family & friends of Mary Summer

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, Butch Frye, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, **Ed Hamilton**, 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, 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 –Sunday, 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.

Please sign up on Realm to let us know if you plan to attend this celebration and we requesting members to bring a sandwich tray to share if you would like to bring something.

Feel free to call the Church office or email

anne@stsimonsumc.com to help or with questions.

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 3: Relational Unity & Church Culture

- **Focus:** Pray that the congregation and the pastor build mutual trust, respect, and a strong, unified bond early on.

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-3

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, help us to receive our new pastor and their family with deep love. Banish any lingering anxiety about change, and help us work together in unity to build Your kingdom." Amen!

Scheduling and Announcements

To help keep everyone safe and ensure our space is shared without overlap, please remember to contact **Anne Frazier** in the office (anne@stsimonumc.com) **before** scheduling **ALL** committee, group meetings, or events and to check space availability. This also lets us know when you will be on campus for your safety and helps prevent any scheduling conflicts and keeps our church calendar accurate!

We also ask that any articles, information, or announcements be submitted by **Tuesdays** to be included in the weekly worship guide if space permits and on the announcement slides. Thank you in advance for your care, cooperation, and all you do for our church activities and community!

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!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RANNY BLOUNT BY:

Adrienne & Charles Wiggins

Susan & Lee Watkins

Anonymous

Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you for helping support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign. If you missed getting a baby bottle you may scan the QR Code at the basket or you may write a check to Skylark Directly. Baby Bottles are due back to us **TODAY on 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!



Youth this Week

We will not go to the Gathering Place this Sunday 6/21 because of Father's Day. Enjoy time with your family today!

TOPGOLF– Friday, June 26

The Youth are headed to TOPGOLF in Jacksonville this Friday! We will pull out from the church at 8:15



AM in order to make it to our 10:00 AM tee off. The cost will be covered by the church, but a \$10 donation will be welcome to help offset the expense. Students will need money for lunch afterwards. We expect to be back to the church around 2:30 PM. Due to space available, we can only take the first 20 students who RSVP with Bill.



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