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## News & Happenings: Week of January 5th

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Dear Church Family,

Printed on the back of the Christmas Eve bulletin this year was a quote that I have shared with you before by theologian Howard Thurman titled *The Work of Christmas*. It read:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,*

*To rebuild the nations,*

*To bring peace among brothers,*

*To make music from the heart.*

I find myself pulled towards these words each year around this time. With the hubbub of the season now waning and the prospect of new tasks and routines and challenges to be faced in a new year in front of us, we find ourselves feeling a little sluggish at times. But Thurman (who, as a side note, is someone we should all know – [click here](#) to learn a little more about him) challenges us as Christians to recognize that these are the days when the work of living out our faith truly begins.

And so here at the start of January, I invite you to join me in noticing and involving yourself in the work of Christmas: cook a meal at Manna House, write a note to someone we prayed for in church on Sunday, come to worship, signup for a Day of Service, get involved in a Sunday school class, join a PW Circle. No matter what or where it is you do the work of Christmas though, may we *all* seek this year to “make music in the heart” by bearing out the joy, love, and wonder of God incarnate.

Peace,

Alan



*Church family*  
MOVIE NIGHT

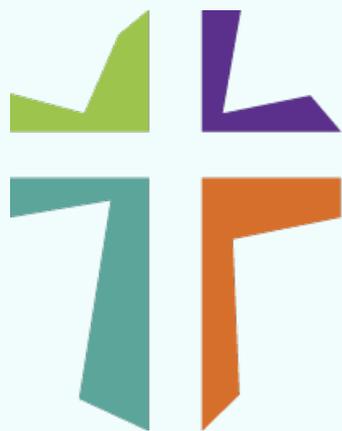
Everyone is invited to this free intergenerational event! Come and join your church family for pizza and movie night! The movie we will be watching is BABE (rated G). No registration necessary. All are welcome so feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors!

*Sunday, January 8th*

*Movie to start promptly at 6:00 PM*

*Youth Suite*

**Pizza will be served at intermission, donations gladly accepted!**



**CROSS**  
MISSIONS

**Summer 2017 Youth Mission Trip**

**July 23-28, 2017 | Charlotte, NC**

Students in grades 6-12 are invited for a fun week of service and growth with CROSS Missions. We are so excited to be returning to Charlotte, NC this summer to work with this ministry. Many youth and adults in our congregation have experienced God's love in mighty ways through CROSS Missions, and we hope to share that experience with you! Space is limited, so mark your calendars and register ASAP by following the link below.

**Registration and Payment Deadlines:**

\$100 deposit and registration by February 1, 2017

\$100 by March 1, 2017

\$95 (paid in full) by May 1, 2017

Payments may be mailed or brought to the church office.

For more information, please contact Meg Johnson at [meg@sspres.org](mailto:meg@sspres.org).

**Register Here for this Trip!**



# Montaña de Luz

## **A Very Important Meeting!**

If you are planning to be a part the Honduras Mission Trip this July 12-19th, please make sure that you attend this meeting! We will be discussing important details about this mission trip. Also, please be aware that your first payment of \$100.00 will be due at this time.

***Sunday, January 15th following the 11am worship service.***

***Youth Suite***

If you have any questions, please contact Nat Scott at [nat@sspres.org](mailto:nat@sspres.org).

## **Upcoming Concerts!**



**SSPC & January Adventure 2017 present:  
Owen & Moley o Súilleabháin in Concert**

**Sacred Celtic Chants, Original Songs,  
Stories-filled with humor and authenticity.**

**Friday, January 13th, 2017 at 7:30 pm**

**Here at St. Simons Presbyterian Church**

**Free & Open to the Public!**



# Millikin University Choir

featuring Glynn Academy Concert Choir

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 at 7:30 pm

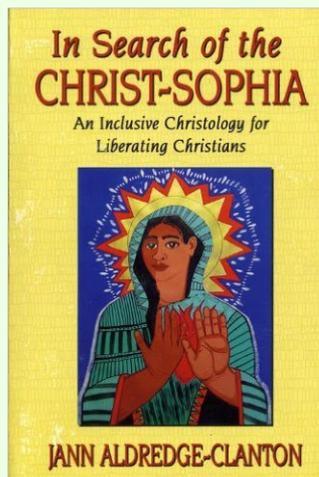
Here at St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Free & Open to the Public!

We need volunteers to host choir members overnight  
and to help serve dinner the night of the event!

Contact Rhonda Hambright at [rhonda@sspres.org](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org)

## New Friday Book Discussion Group



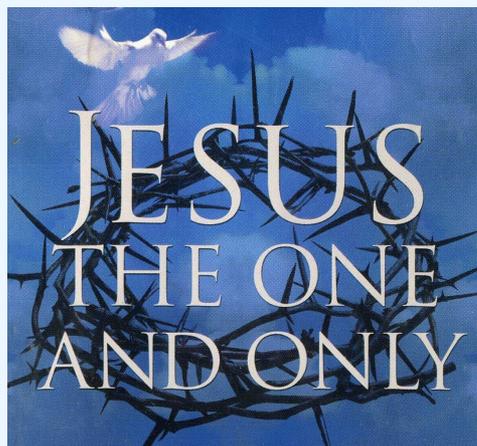
You are invited to participate in a new book study beginning on **Friday, January 6th at 10 am in Jann's office**. This first meeting will be mostly introduction, with a chance to preview the book for ordering. The book is **In Search of the Christ-Sophia: An Inclusive Christology for Liberating Christians** by **Jann Aldredge-Clanton**. The author "presents powerful biblical and theological support for a Divine Feminine image buried in Christianity", combining "theological scholarship with pastoral sensitivity" ... "in a clear and concise style accessible to general readers..."

If you are interested in studying the book, but need to meet on a different day and/or

time, let Jann know and she will do her best to schedule a second group.

## Ladies Video Bible Study

**NEW SERIES: Beth Moore's "Jesus the One & Only"**



Come along with Beth Moore on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the CROSS with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately ... as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. The more you learn about Jesus and His character the more you will be able to discern if something is His will or not!

**WHEN: Wednesdays (Starting January 11th) at 10:30**

**AM.**

**WHERE: Youth Suite**

For more information about this series, please contact Nat Scott at [nat@sspres.org](mailto:nat@sspres.org)

### The Week Ahead

**calendar**

**2017**

#### Sunday, January 8

8:45 am - **Early Worship** - Sanctuary

9:30 am - **Breakfast** - Social Hall

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - **Worship** - Sanctuary

12:00 pm - Membership Ministry Team Meeting - Upper Room

12:00 pm - Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting - Britt Room

12:00 pm - CE Ministry Team Meeting - Children's Hall

5:00 pm - Marsh's Edge Worship

#### Monday, January 9

12:00 pm - Men's Noon Day Bible Study - Britt Room

7:15 pm - Ladies of the Night Circle - Upper Room

8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

## Tuesday, January 10

10:00 am - Morning Glory/One-der-ful Circle - Upper Room

12:00 pm - Lunch Bunch Circle - Upper Room

2:00 pm - Circle of Esther - Gail Ledbetter's Home

5:00 pm - Officer Training & Supper - Chapel

## Wednesday, January 11

10:30 am - Ladies Video Bible Study - Youth Suite

6:00 pm - Chancel Ringers - Bell Room

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday, January 12

7:15 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room

9:00 am - Cassina Garden Club Meeting - Youth Suite

10:00 am - Ladies Bible Study & Prayer Group- Upper Room

4:00 pm - Yoga - Youth Suite

8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

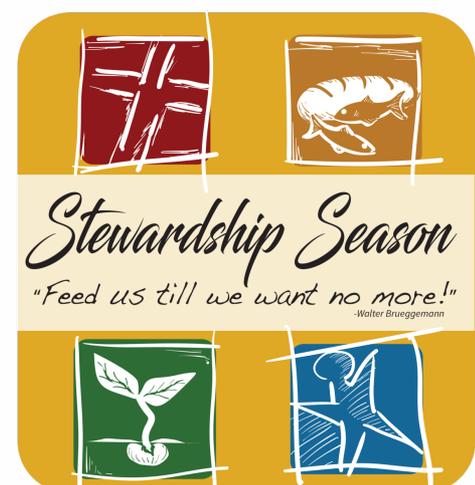
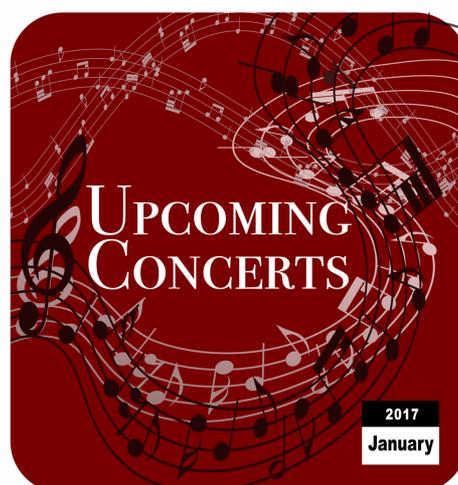
8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

## Friday, January 13

10:00 am - Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

7:30 pm - Owen & Moley Súilleabháin Concert - Sanctuary

## More Information About Upcoming Events



# Prayers & Thanksgivings

[\*Click here for the Weekly Prayer & Meditation\*](#)

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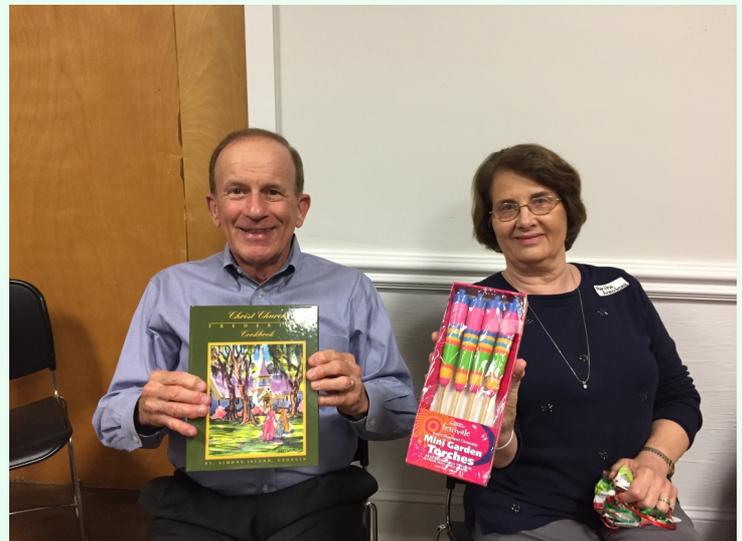
## Gratitude for our Manna House Volunteers:

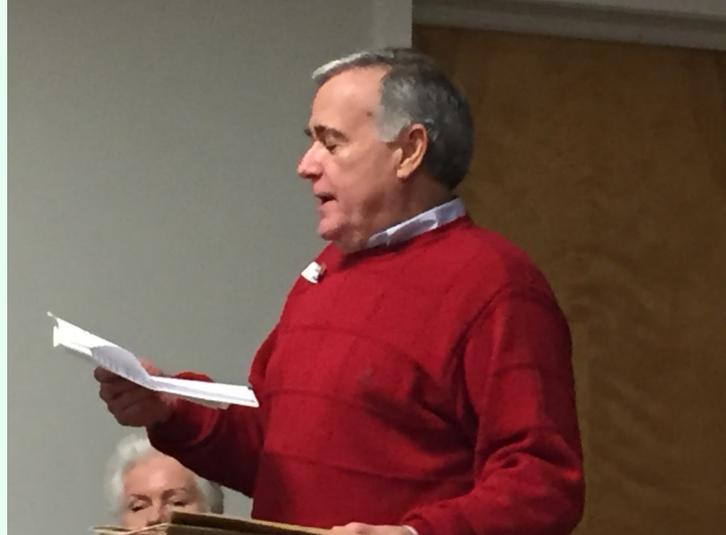
Thank you to all of our Manna House volunteers for your dedicated time, service, and support of this outreach program that is so close to our hearts. All are invited to come serve our community with us! Join us on the first Monday of each month!

Joe Wills, Gail & Scott Ledbetter, Nora Sue & Jerry Spencer, Martha Martin, Wendy Baker, Kathy Cathey, Martha Collette, Martha Champagne, Karen Hollen, Mary Bowie, Mike Aspinwall, Jack Hartman, Rodger Schoneker, Laura O'Callahan, Bob & Mary Ann Brearley, & Dan Pentecost.

## Photos of the Third Day of Christmas Party:

With over thirty church members and friends attending, the first annual Third Day of Christmas Party on Dec. 27 was a great success! Be sure to not miss the fun next year.





### **BE AWARE: “Phishing” Emails From Bob and Alan**

It came to the attention of church staff on Wednesday that at least two church members have received “phishing” emails from an email sender claiming to be Bob or Alan. Both emails asked the recipient to “process a payment to a vendor as soon as possible” in the hopes of attaining financial information. We do not believe this was more widespread but want the congregation to be aware in the event any others have received similar messages. The pastors/staff will never email you asking you to share financial information.

## **Worship This Sunday**

*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

### **Scripture**

**Isaiah 42:1-9 | Matthew 3:13-17**

### **Preacher**

Rev. Alan Dyer

### **Hymns**

**475: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**69: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

## **A Couple Reminders:**

- **Sign up for Chancel flowers!** - The sign up sheet for Chancel flowers for 2017 is located on the Memorial Garden Hallway. Sign up for the Sunday you would like to provide the flowers for the Chancel. Please be sure that you provide the information you would like printed in the bulletin to Caroline Kittle at [caroline@sspres.org](mailto:caroline@sspres.org) at least one week prior to your date.
- **Pick up your offering envelopes!** - If you ordered a box of offering envelopes for 2017, they are available for pick up in the Back Hallway. Please look for the box

with your name on it!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## **Musical Notes**

In 2017, we will still be enjoying the fruits of our new organ console, a new choir loft configuration, the soon to be delivered refurbished Steinway Grand, some additional bells to begin a fifth octave, our new drop down choir mikes, new choir members, dedicated music staff members and helpers, the newly formed worship planning team, and a coming season of concerts and hosting!

**An Irish Duo, Owen and Moley**, will provide a free concert as a part of the annual January Adventure. Our church is providing the venue on January 13 at 7:30 pm. Come and bring friends!

On January 17th, our church will be full of singers! **Millikin University Choir** will be performing at 7:30 that Tuesday evening. Our church will need to provide dinner and hosting for 55 people. Please sign up with me as soon as possible to be a host. I've hosted college students numerous times and it is always a blessing. You would pick them up after the concert and return them the next morning by at least 9:00 am. (more details as we get closer) As a special treat, the Glynn Academy Chorus will open the concert.

**The Kirkin' of the Tartan** is comin' on January 29th! Margaret Morrison has already been making calls to standard bearers to help with this very festive day. Please come and help. Rev. Alexander Brown, pastor of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, will preach again and bring along his congregation! Our pipers and drummers are the same dedicated folks but they have changed their names from Clay County Sheriff's Pipes and Drums to First Coast Highlanders. Both 8:45 and 11:00 services feature the festival worship.

**The February Festival of the Island Concert Association** starts on February 7th. Thank you for all of your support of this organization. We are almost to our fund-raising goal for this event – if you haven't joined, this is a great time to contribute. Go to <http://www.islandconcertassociation.org> to get all the details about the concerts and the artists.

Thank you for all the help and blessings that happened in 2016! Yes, there were some! I've counted over 100 so far, beginning with my church family!

Love & Gratitude,

Rhonda



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