

*Gathering*



*Sharing*



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## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We announced Sunday morning during worship that our friend and church member Lillian Clarke had been admitted to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta and would be having major surgery on Tuesday. Many people rushed to write "love letters" of encouragement to Lillian during the next 18 hours. When I saw Lillian Monday afternoon in the hospital, I gave her two bags full of love from our congregation. I was happy that Lillian could feel the care of her church on the evening before surgery, and I was so pleased with our congregation for such an outpouring of love for our sister in Christ.

Her surgery is now complete, and Lillian is doing well after a very good report from her doctors. She will recuperate and have follow up visits for a time in Atlanta before returning to us. We are thankful for her successful surgery, and we will keep Lillian in our prayers as she strengthens and continues treatment.

Meanwhile back at SSPC, we are enjoying a delightful Vacation Bible School attended by nearly 90 children and 40 adult and youth volunteers. Eliza Warner is doing a great job directing this year's VBS, and we thank all who have supported her this week. Yesterday evening we had a well-attended supper, and many got to enjoy the good food and creative decorations in the Social Hall. I love it when we blend together veteran church members and many new faces to enjoy such a happy time with our children.

This coming Sunday we will bring some of the VBS songs to worship during a Vacation Bible School Encore at the 10:00 am worship service. We thank God for all who touch this experience by leading music, preparing food and snacks, playing games, presenting skits on stage, teaching Bible stories, making crafts, or accompanying the children throughout the activities of each day at Bible School. A good time was had by all!

We are now fully into our summer Sunday schedule of morning prayer at 8:30 am in the sanctuary, breakfast and Sunday School in the Social Hall at

9:00, and morning worship at 10:00. Please know that you are welcome at any or all of it, and we rejoice in the good attendance we are having in summer worship.

God bless us all in the comings and goings of the summertime.

Love,

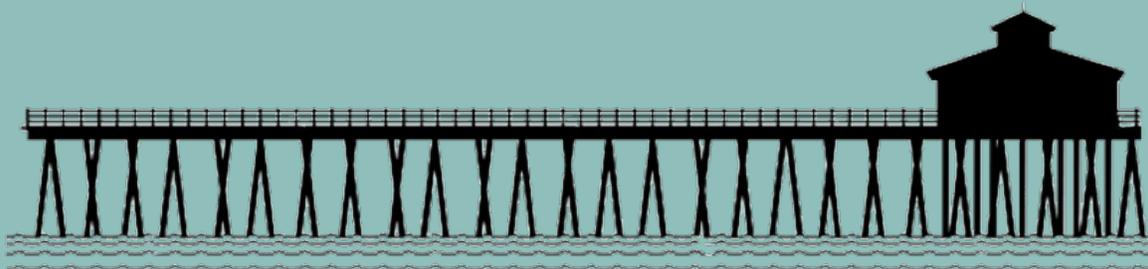
Bob

# YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

## *BEACH NIGHT!*

Tomorrow, June 16 | 7 PM | Coast Guard Station

All of our youth are invited to join us for a night on the beach! We will be meeting at the coast guard station to walk and find a spot to play beach games! Come to enjoy each other and the summertime!





## Wish List for Honduras Mission Trip

As our mission trip approaches, we are asking for donations of supplies and toiletries that we will be taking to Honduras with us. This "wish list" of items has been provided to us by Montaña de Luz and are described as urgent needs for the children in this program. For any questions about this list or items you would like to donate, please contact Nat Scott at [nat@sspres.org](mailto:nat@sspres.org).

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Hair gel
- Toothpaste
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant for girls & boys
- Body cream for men & women
- Feminine pads
- Razors for girls & boys
- Body Soap
- Shower gel
- Hand sanitizer
- Bug repellent
- Saucepans of all sizes
- Round tablecloths (red, green, orange, and yellow)
- Dishes in beige
- Glasses in beige

We will be collecting these items in the large **RED** buckets in the Back Hallway!

*Thank you for your consistent and significant support of our global and local missions at St. Simons Presbyterian Church!*



Wednesday  
nights in July are  
reserved for  
**FUN.**

During the month of July on Wednesday nights we will enjoy food, fun, and fellowship together as a church family. Each week the church will provide the

main course for the meal while participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. With all the fun we have planned, you will not want to miss a

night! EVERYONE is invited and welcome to attend!

*July 5 - Fried Chicken & Movie Night*

*July 12 - Subs & Game Night*

*July 19 - Tacos & Human Bingo*

*July 26 - Salad & Art Night*

**Social Hall | 6 PM**

Questions? Contact Nat Scott, (nat@sspres.org).

## The Week Ahead

**calendar**

**2017**

### **Sunday, June 18**

- 8:30 am - **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am - Breakfast/ Joint Sunday School - Social Hall
- 10:00 am - **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm - Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor

### **Monday, June 19**

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

### **Wednesday, June 21**

- 6:00 pm - Chancel Choir - Choir Room

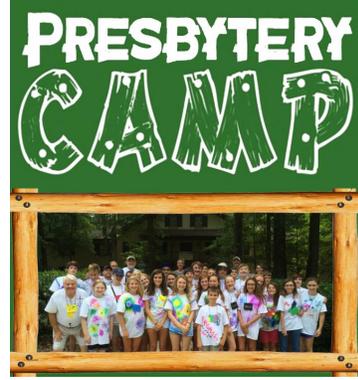
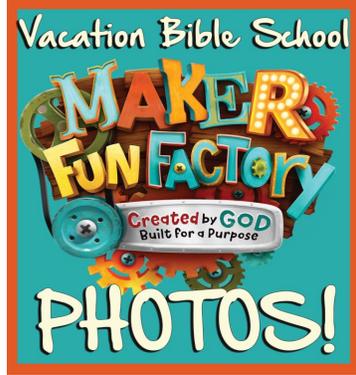
### **Thursday, June 22**

- 7:15 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
- 4:00 pm - Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

### **Friday, June 23**

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

**Click for More Information About Upcoming Events**



## Prayers and Thanksgivings

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

# Vacation Bible School 2017

We have had a blast with the kids at VBS this year! Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to help us put it all together. Follow the link below to look at more photos!





[Click Here for more PHOTOS!](#)

## **Worship This Sunday**

*Scripture:* Exodus 3:1-14

| Luke 16:19-31

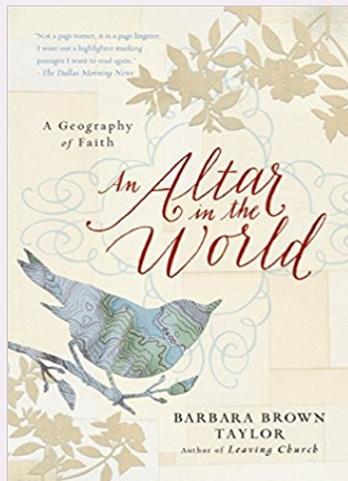
*Hymns:* 370 - This is My Father's World

14 - For the Beauty of the Earth

*Preacher:* Rev. Bob Brearley

## Summer Sermon Series:

*"An Altar In The World"*



Throughout the summer, our pastors are leading a summer sermon series called, "An Altar In The World." Barbara Brown Taylor's book by the same title - An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith - is our guide as we explore how and where God is at work far beyond the four walls of the church. This book will also guide our joint summer Sunday School classes. If you would like to read the book along with us please feel free to buy a copy online ([click here](#)) or pick up one of the copies that are available to purchase in the church office.

This Sunday: Reverence - "The Practice of Paying Attention"

## Financial Performance as of May 31, 2017

Offerings Received YTD \$540,508.91

Expenditures Paid YTD \$468,120.67

Thank you for your faithful giving to support the ministries at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. Summer months bring many and varied activities, as the Church continues to carry out God's work. Your continued giving and faithfulness is greatly appreciated!

## Musical Notes

MONTREAT! Off we go (right after the 10:00 am service) for some inspiration in the mountains of North Carolina. Some of the ideas for Worship and Music come from examples presented in services and classes. The creativity that flows as a result is both restoring and uplifting during our time up there and back home. For the first week, Suzanne, Hal, and Ann Marie Morrison; Helen Castrillo; Ginger Sifford; and I will be staying in Gateview, our go-to accommodations at Montreat - owned by Rev. John Roark. The second week is a big reunion of the Strength, Hauser-Brydon, and Jolley families. I look forward to staying with all of those preacher families! Mary Ann Brearley will also be up there - her generous gifts of fresh-baked rolls, a special creekside picnic, pie, and breakfast pancakes are reason enough to be up at Montreat. Consider going next year. It's a great time to get to know one another in Christ.

Vacation Bible School wrapped up on Thursday. As audio/visual tech, I was able to be observant all week - which was lots of fun. This year's music was very well done by Jay and Ramey Shirah and Mary Ann Brearley. All the music was Vintage Bible School, so many of you will know the songs. There will be a short presentation during worship this Sunday that will include Bible verses and songs. I hope that there will be a special visit from Rodney the Robot!

Sunday is Father's Day, and is the start of Ordinary Time in liturgy. The music for this Sunday touches upon the theme of Paying Attention: Reverence. One of the most important things that my Dad taught me was how to see the details and their importance in the "big picture." Reverence and observation was a huge part of "seeing." The Chancel Choir will sing People Need the Lord, an arrangement by Tom Fettke and written by Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh. It's a choir favorite that basically is about noticing the needs of others through the eyes of Jesus. Hymns for this Sunday: 370 This is My Father's World and 14 For the Beauty of the Earth. After the benediction, please join us in singing and clapping "The Trees of the Field."

Love, Joy, and Gratitude,

Rhonda