



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A large crowd gathered Wednesday evening for a good meal and a celebration of the talents and abilities that God has given to our congregation. The artwork on display included paintings, sculpture, pottery, quilts, photography, and woodworking! The children and youth entertained us on stage, and we enjoyed funny skits about the ministry opportunities coming our way this summer. Interspersed throughout were delightful videos of our youth riding horses, catching fish, and just growing up in the love of the church. We especially thank our amazing hosts for the evening Emma Hidalgo and Warner Jackson, who made us all feel right at home. These two young people will be our preachers on Sunday, April 29, for Youth Sunday worship.

I would like to say a word of appreciation this week for Jeannine Torbert, our church administrator, and Caroline Kittle, our communications coordinator, and Walter Lynn, our building coordinator. These talented people work very hard every week tracking our finances, monitoring our expenses, updating our website, publishing our bulletins, scheduling the use of our buildings, and maintaining our facilities. Sometimes we call them our "support" staff, but really they are our "sustaining" staff, and we could not be the church we are without them. Please pray for them and find ways to thank and encourage them.

One last note. The Rev. Dave Hanson, a retired Methodist minister and friend of our church, has noticed how much pain and suffering have come to our island and to our congregations through divorces and separations in our families. He wants to help through a Divorce Care ministry. He is looking for small group facilitators and other volunteers to offer this program of listening and caring to our community. An informational meeting will be held Saturday, April 7, at 9:30 am at the Arthur Moore museum at Epworth by the Sea. You may contact Dave at jdavehanson@bellsouth.net or (912) 634-6384.

Please enjoy your church as we walk together toward Easter.

Love,



Day of Service // Mar 24

The Day of Service is an intergenerational event that brings together people of all ages and abilities to go out in teams and volunteer at local organizations around Glynn County. Worksites for the 2018 spring Day of Service include Habit for Humanity RESTORE & site build, America's Second Harvest, Keep Golden Isles Beautiful, Pound for Pound, and the Children's Advocacy Center. There will also be a large team staying at the church for this Day of Service to help with indoor/outdoor projects around our campus. *Nursery available.*

***Ages 16+ and all abilities are welcome
and encouraged to participate!***

Click Here to Sign Up!



Join us for a fun day of touring the beautiful Isle of Hope in Savannah!

We hope you will mark your calendars and spend the day with us in Savannah touring the beautiful Isle of Hope area! Offered through "Try Something New", we will travel down to the Isle of Hope together in

We will be guided on four private tours through the following museums:

- **Wormsloe Plantation**
- **Cohen's Retreat**
- **Bethesda Academy** (*founded in 1700's for orphaned boys*)

the church van with additional carpools as needed to explore God's creation and learn about the history within its land. All are invited and welcome to attend!

● **Pin Point Heritage Museum** (Geellah-Geechee owned blue crab and oyster factory)

Cost is \$65 per person. Lunch will be included at Cohen's Retreat and we will be provided golf carts for the places with a lot of ground to cover.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SUN, APRIL 8 // **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

Please contact Nat Scott if you have any questions, nat@sspres.org or call the church office at (912) 638-2220.

Easter Flowers

Purchase an Easter hydrangea during worship this Sunday! Envelopes can be found in pews and on tabletops.

\$20 per hydrangea



The Week Ahead

calendar

2018

Sunday, March 11

- 8:30 am - Chapel Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am - Coffee Hour - Social Hall
- 9:30 am - Sunday School - Various Locations
- 11:00 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm - Marsh's Edge Worship - Marsh's Edge
- 5:00 pm - Youth Ensemble - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm - Youth Dinner & Fellowship - Youth Suite

Monday, March 12

- 10:00 am - Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm - Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room

- 7:15 pm - Ladies of the Night Circle - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Tuesday, March 13

If you are attending the Callaway Gardens Trip, please arrive in the kitchen parking lot at 8:30 AM to load the van. We will be departing at 9 AM sharp!

- 7:00 am - Youth Breakfast Devotion - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 10:00 am - One-derful Morning Glories - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm - Lunch Bunch Circle - Upper Room
- 2:00 pm - Circle of Esther - Ida Walker's Home

Wednesday, March 14

- 4:00 pm - KidZ Programs & Choir - Playground Veranda
- 4:30 pm - Lenten Book Study w/ Jann Briscoe - Parlor
- 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Chapel
- 6:00 pm - WOW Supper - Social Hall // [RSVP Here](#)
- 6:30 pm - Chancel Ringers - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 15

- 7:15 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
- 10:00 am - Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm - 'Traveling Light' Book Study - John Law Room
- 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry - Parlor
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, March 16

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

Upcoming Dates:

- Sat, March 24 | Day of Service - [Sign up here!](#)
- Sun, April 1 | Easter
- Tues, April 17 | Day Trip to Isle of Hope - [Sign up here!](#)
- Sun, April 29 | Youth Sunday

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[Prayers and Thanksgivings](#)

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



[Christian Sympathy](#)

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of our former church organist, Greg Hollis who entered into rest on March 2.

[Thank you to our Manna House volunteers!](#)

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came out on Monday, March 5 to help serve those in need within our community. Together we prepared and served meals to over 150 people in the downtown Brunswick area. Our generous volunteers this month were: Chris Pippart, Linda & Phil Massie, Kathy Cathey, Gail Wolflick, Lynn Johnson, Sally Miles, Gail Ledbetter, Nancy and Mike Fixx, Elyn Butler, Martha Martin, Nora Sue Spencer, Jack Hartman, Ginny Connors, Mike Aspinwall, Matt Hodgdon, Bill Lueckel, Frances McCrary, Jann Briscoe, Mike and Nardis Kellar, and Bob Brearley.



Worship This Sunday

4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture:

[John 3:14-21](#)

[Numbers 21:4-9](#)

Hymn:

667 - When Morning Gilds the Skies

634 - To God Be the Glory



CLICK HERE TO GIVE ONLINE

Giving online is easy! Just follow the link above to tithe and donate online. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (912) 638-2220.

Musical Notes

In 1984, John David Eaton built a small Italian harpsichord. Soon after, SSPC purchased the instrument. To my knowledge, it was used for an opera and for many musical offerings until it fell into disrepair. No longer on the "to do" list, the instrument has been fully restored and was used again for the first time in the performance of Handel's Messiah held at Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica in December of last year. Faith Hamilton-Trent was very happy with its touch and response during the performance. An air of authenticity was added to this year's performance, thanks to a generous gift from David and Audrey Stewart. This Sunday, we will use the fully restored instrument for the first time in our sanctuary to accompany the Prelude sung by the Chancel Choir, which will be "Praise, Praise" from the Oratorio "Solomon" by George Frederic Handel. Soli Deo Gloria! (To God Be the Glory!)

Restoring this instrument and making sure others are in excellent condition is in keeping with my responsibilities as Director of Music. There are three uprights in our building (Music Attic, Chapel, Preschool); two Clavinovas (Choir Room, Upper Room); and four grands - Kawai, Baldwin, Yamaha, and Steinway. The Steinway will eventually become our sanctuary piano after the renovation. One of the other pianos will be for use in the Social Hall/Britt Room; one may be in the new Gathering room; and one in the new Choir Room for rehearsal. Also in our possession is a Rogers Organ, which is currently in the Chapel. It will be our interim organ during the renovation of the sanctuary and will be in the new choir room after that. Our new organ console is set up for the future with room for more stops. It will be the first item to be stored during renovation and the last item to be put back into the sanctuary. The harpsichord will eventually be in the new choir loft with the piano and organ. All of these instruments with the exception of the harpsichord were given to the church. Now, the harpsichord is reborn through a generous gift. We are set to provide beautiful music for worship for some time to come. Thank you always for your generous support of this important ministry of the church.

The Chancel Choir will sing John Stainer's "God So Loved the World" based on John 3:16 for the anthem. Hymns for Sunday: 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies; 634 To God Be the Glory.

Members of the choir, Amy Bishop, and myself participated in a Celebration of Life Service for our former organist, Greg Hollis on Tuesday morning, March 6. He was our organist through the latter half of the 1980's with Roger Born as Director of Music at the

time. Those of us who knew him have many fond memories of this kind gentleman.
Amy Bishop attended college with him, and he had many friends in our choir.

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda