



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 20th, 2019

It is no accident that we spend a lot of time eating, serving, and fellowshiping together at St. Simons Presbyterian. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote that, "The church is not a religious community of worshippers of Christ but is Christ himself who has taken form among people." When we gather for a shared meal or to serve in our community we are embodying the life and love of the risen Christ.

By that measure, we have been doing a good bit of "embodying" lately. Two weeks ago, the Social Hall was filled with all of our neighbors from points north at the Snowbird Luncheon. And then this past Sunday, about sixty members, friends, and visitors gathered for our annual "Love One Another Luncheon." Delicious food, good conversation, and an opportunity to get to know our friends in Christ better was enjoyed by all. Lastly, Annie and our youth gathered on President's Day this week for a Day of Service helping to fold (a lot of) sheets at Operation Bedspread and then giving a deep clean to Manna House.

You will find many more opportunities in this week's newsletter to be together with your church family. Bible studies and Sunday school classes are in full swing. We will Bingo together this Sunday evening. Our older adult Try Something New ministry is planning a trip to Macon next month - be sure to RSVP by this Saturday if you plan to participate. Know that every opportunity is open and available to any and all.

Enjoy your church. See you Sunday. Casual is fine.

Peace,
Alan

Upcoming Events

A FUN FAMILY EVENT

Bingo Night

& Potluck Supper

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

6 PM | SOCIAL HALL

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

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BINGO Night & Potluck Supper

This Sunday, February 24th

Join us for BINGO night! We are excited to gather everyone together for an evening of fun and fellowship as we play and dine with old and new friends. All are invited to attend this event! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. We will be providing fried chicken and we ask for you to bring a covered side dish to share if you are able. We can't wait and hope to see you there!

- **When:** Sunday, February 24
- **Time & Place:** 6 PM | Social Hall
- **Who:** All are welcome!

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

With Drs. Genie & Preston Dyer



February 22nd • 6 - 9 pm

February 23rd • 9 am - 4 pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

LENT EVENT

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6TH

KIDZ PROGRAMS | 4 PM

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES | 5 PM

SOUP SUPPER | 6 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | 6:45 PM

We encourage you to either bring a crockpot of soup or offer a donation at the door to support SSPC Youth Missions.

"Create in me a pure heart, oh God." Psalm 51:10

Join Try Something New for

WHITE COLUMNS & CHERRY BLOSSOMS

March 26-27

Overnight Trip to Macon, GA

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



White Columns & Cherry Blossoms

Join the Try Something New group this March on a trip to Macon, GA for a tour of the Macon Historic District (with a step-on guide), Cherry Blossom Trail Tour (with step-on guide), and Ocmulgee National Monument, Museum & Earth Lodge. Click on the image above for more details and to RSVP today!

Deadline to sign up is *this Sunday*, February 24th.

- **When:** March 25-27
- **Where:** Macon, GA
- **Who:** All are welcome!



SSPC Variety Showcase

Wednesday, March 20th

Share your gifts at the SSPC Variety Showcase! All are encouraged to bring your talents into light on stage, screen, or display! Whether you are a performer, artist, or gifted craftsman, we invite all avenues of creative expression to be showcased. All donations collected at this event will go to support SSPC Youth Ministry!

- **When: March 20**
- **Where: Social Hall**

Schedule

- **5PM - Doors Open**
- **6PM - WOW Supper**
- **6:45PM - Stage Talent**

[Sign Up Here!](#)

TRY SOMETHING NEW

BICYCLING AT HARRIS NECK

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

JOIN THE TSN GROUP FOR A BIKE RIDE AT HARRIS NECK, FOLLOWED BY A GROUP LUNCH

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

A stylized illustration of a bicycle in a light brown color, positioned on the right side of the advertisement. The bicycle has a classic design with a rear rack, a front fender, and a rear fender. The background of the advertisement is a light beige color with a subtle pattern of small, dark brown dots.

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5th
Formosa Quartet



19th
Aimee Toner, Flute



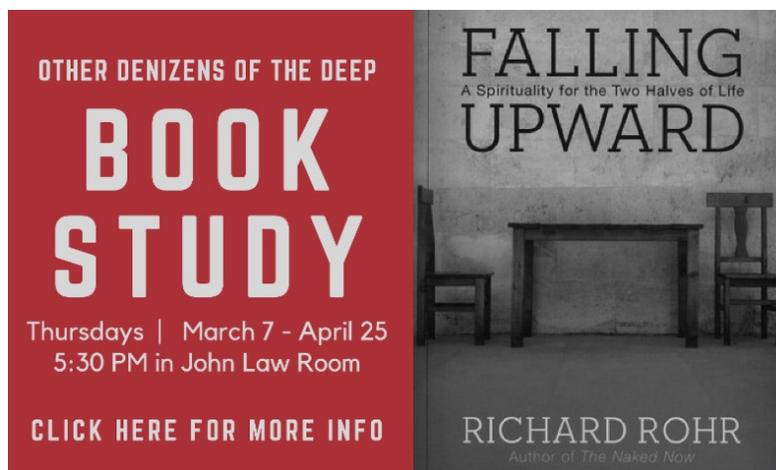
12th
Davin-Levin Duo
Harp and Guitar



26th
Rhonda Hambright, Soprano
Laetitia Ruccolo, Piano

EVERY TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY AT 7:30 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY *FREE ADMISSION*

Christian Education



OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP
**BOOK
STUDY**
Thursdays | March 7 - April 25
5:30 PM in John Law Room
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

FALLING
UPWARD
A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life
RICHARD ROHR
Author of *The Naked Now*

Other Denizens of the Deep Spiritual Book Study

"Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" by Richard Rohr

Today is the second half of your life. Father Richard Rohr offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth. The author explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed or gone 'down' are the only ones who understand 'up'. We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right. Rohr takes us on a journey to give us an understanding of how challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and suffering are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us.

Book will be available to purchase in church office for \$13.

Come Join Us! All Are Welcome!

- **Dates:** Thursdays, March 7 through April 25, skipping Holy Week. (April 18)
- **Time:** 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with dinner afterwards (optional)
- **Location:** John Law Conference Room
- **Co-Leaders:** Brenda Haughney and Reverend Laurie Bentley

Sunday School Classes

ALL CLASSES WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 AM

Britt Class (Traditional)
The Present Word
Ashantilly Room

20s/30s/40s (Conversational)
God's Messy Family
by Jacob Armstrong
Chapel

Rejoice (Sharing)
God in Pain
by Barbara Brown Taylor
John Law Room

Trinity (Reflective)
Geography of God
by Michael Lindvall
Parlor

Come & See (Discussion)
Nooma series
by Rob Bell
Social Hall

Youth
Lectionary
Youth Suite

Children
Lectionary
Children's Hall

You are welcome to attend any class you are interested in!
Contact [Frieda](#) with any questions

Worship This Sunday

MUSICAL NOTES

The Island Concert Association's February Festival is almost over – one more week – and it has been a great experience meeting the artists, greeting the crowds, and hearing beautiful music. I am excited to be singing on the last offering. Our agent, Reggie Bahl, invited me to be a part of his stable of performers. This is a first for me, as I have always managed my performing. I am happy to welcome back Laetitia Ruccolo, pianist and opera director, as my accompanist. She and I will collaborate on Italian, French, German, English, and Scots repertoire. The theme is **Songs of Love: Sun, Moon, and Stars**. Not to worry, translations will be provided in the program. I have also invited Peter Wright, clarinetist with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Our feature piece will be Der hirt auf dem Felsen, (The Shepherd on the Rock) Op. 129, Franz Schubert for Soprano, Clarinet, and Piano. This will be our Annual Endowment Concert and will be dedicated to the memory of Roger Born, our founder and former music director during the 1980's.

Come early for a good seat!

The Chancel Choir is running out of room in the loft! It's a good problem to have. We have 39 on roll that includes seasonal members and snowbirds. If you want to be a part of choir, it's still okay to join – we will make room for you!

This Sunday, we will sing Richard Farrant's *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*. The Chancel Choir has always been good at unaccompanied singing (a cappella) due to 1. Good singers with good ears, 2. The training of the former music director, Glenn Pride. This is a beautiful a cappella piece with these words:

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our
sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore. Amen.*

Hymns for Sunday: 373 O Day of Peace; 372 O For a World. O Day of Peace is fairly new to us as a congregation – the tune is JERUSALEM, which is well known in Great Britain and is used in many ceremonial events, such as coronations and weddings. The choir will lead us in singing this new (to us), strong, meaningful hymn. Here are the words:

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May
swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by
God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace. Then
shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as
beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies
shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall
be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1982)

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Scripture Readings for Sunday: [Luke 6:27-38](#), [Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

Hymns:

8:30

- O For a World - 372

11 am Service Hymns:

- O Day of Peace -373
- O For a World - 372

Preacher: Rev. Alan Dyer

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 24th

8:30 am - **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
9:00 am - **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
9:30 am - **Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall
11:00 am - **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
12:15 pm - **CE Team Meeting** - Children's Hall
5:00 pm - **Youth Ensemble** - Children's Hall
6:00pm - **Bingo Night** - Social Hall

Monday, February 25th

10:00 am - **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
4:30 pm - **Kid's Book Club** - Palm Coast
7:00 pm - **Women's Book Club** - Palm Coast
8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, February 26th

7:00 am - **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil- A
9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - John Law
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
7:30pm - **Island Concert Series** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 27th

10:30 am - **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite
12:00 pm - **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
4:00 pm - **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
6:00 pm - **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
6:30 pm - **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 28th

7:00 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
10:00 am - **Ladies Bible Study "Theology of the Cross"** - Upper Room
4:00 pm - **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00 pm - **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, March 1st

10:00 am - **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office





Joys & Concerns



Christian Sympathy:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Russell, husband of Dorothy Russell, who passed away on Saturday, February 16th. A celebration of life will take place at St. Simons Presbyterian on Saturday, May 18th.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Morgan & Drew Shealy upon the birth of their son, Andrew Kent Shealy III, who was born on Friday, February 15th. Welcome to the world, Andrew!

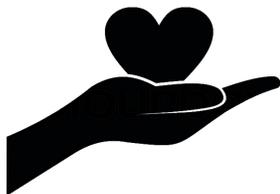
Youth Day of Service: Thank you to all of the youth that volunteered their time this past Monday to help give Manna House & Operation Bedspread a good, deep-clean! It even looks like they had some fun while doing it!



PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

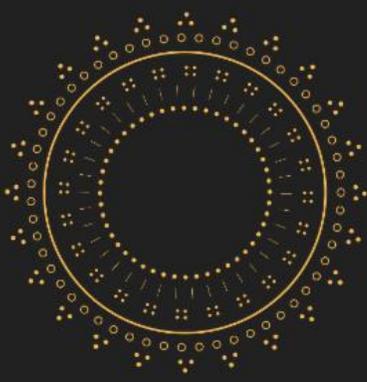
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Giving Opportunities



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.



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