

Gathering



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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 10, 2019

Summer always seems to send and pull all of us in so many different directions. Between holidays, vacation, house guests, camps, mission trips, and work, it is sometimes easy to lose track of which way is up. If this is how you are feeling during these hot July days, might I make a suggestion? Come to church. Let the worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship happening here be and/or become a grounding place for you – a calm in the midst of the chaos, a center in the midst of all life's push and pull.

We continue our summer sermon series on "God's Vocabulary" this Sunday – our word this week is, appropriately enough, sabbath. Also, be sure to continue praying for our youth and adults who are serving in Charlotte, North Carolina as part of the CROSS Mission Program (pictures below). Our summer BRIDGE Mission Program wraps up on Friday after hosting a wonderful group from Shandon Presbyterian in Columbia, SC – thank you to Madelynne Risi, Paige Watson, and Emma Hidalgo for doing a spectacular job leading BRIDGE this summer.

Finally, please be sure to read the note below from Rev. Jann Briscoe. Jann has spent the past 13-years faithfully serving St. Simons Presbyterian as parish associate and leader of our Stephen Ministry program. Her ministry has brought comfort to us in times of sickness and grief as well as invited us all to places of deeper faith and contemplation in our own spiritual journeys. A time to formally say thank you to Jann and celebrate her ministry is currently being planned for later this month – details will be shared as soon as they are finalized. In the meantime, you are invited to contribute to a love offering that will be presented to Jann at that gathering. We give thanks to God for Jann Briscoe and send her with our love and prayers.

See you at church. Invite a friend. Casual is fine.

Peace,
Alan

A Note from Rev. Jann Briscoe

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After 13 years as Parish Associate, God is doing a new and exciting thing in my life of faith. It is a bittersweet time, because new beginnings come as a package deal with endings. The gift and blessing of my time as Parish Associate will come to an end on July 31st. God is calling me to devote time and energy to a ministry of Spiritual Direction, having completed The Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation's two-year Spiritual Guidance Program a couple years ago.



My heart is full as I remember a grand diversity of visits in a variety of settings with so many of you - times of shared joy and laughter and great grief and tears, and everything in between. How scripture has come alive as we have studied it together and marveled at how the Spirit keeps guiding the journey from "head" to "heart", engaging both in our daily living as disciples. Introducing Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina to some of you, and dispelling the myth that the contemplative life is devoid of action and presence in this earthy life. Exploring the labyrinth, our souls being fed by intimate Advent Communion services, serving at Manna House. Recruiting and training classes of Stephen Ministers, sending them out to be companions for many on journeys through life's transitions and challenges accompanied by peer support group time.

At the heart of it all are relationships deepening over time as we come to know that we have all been created by God out of love, for love, being transformed by the Spirit until we become ever more fully Christ's love in the world, seeing God everywhere, in everyone,, and recognizing every space as sacred. This time with you has been sacred time, saturated in hope, peace, joy and love. I am humbled and filled with gratitude.

Jann

Events & Happenings

TGIF

A social night for 20s/30s/40s...

JULY 12 | 6 PM
VILLAGE INN & PUB

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

**TGIF-Young
Adult Social
Night**

This Friday
July 12 | 6 PM
Village Inn & Pub

Join friends and family
at SSPC on the 2nd

for dinner, drinks, and fellowship! The church will provide childcare & a fun movie night for any kids that need to be dropped off. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old friends!

Baby Shower!

We're so excited for Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin & her husband, Thomas, to bless this world and our congregation with a sweet new addition this Fall! Please join us for a shower & celebration for baby girl Arvin, following our traditional service on Sunday, August 4th, in the Social Hall.



- **When: Sunday, August 4**
- **Time: 11:15 am (after worship)**
- **Where: SSPC Social Hall**

Annie is registered at Amazon. Contributions can also be made to a love offering found below or sent through Venmo @sspres

[CLICK HERE FOR ANNIE'S AMAZON REGISTRY](#)
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VENMO: @SSPRES



To live at Godspeed means to be present to where we are, and present to who surrounds us. This Summer Series begins the hard work of unearthing holiness right where we are, with the people in our midst. We will consider the ordinary ingredients of

our everyday lives--- the ingredients we often overlook for our spiritual growth. Hear from the experiences of Matt and Julie Canlis in Methlick, Scotland, and from the interviews with Eugene Peterson, N.T. Wright and Father Giles. Together, we will explore the Pace of Being Known.

We will begin with the film, GODSPEED, followed by seven shorter videos on every other Sunday. The second Sunday following the video, we will explore the theme in Scripture.

July 14 ~ Identity: Loved by God
July 21 ~ Identity: Romans 8:19

- When: Sundays, May 26 – September 1
- Time: 9am
- Where: Social Hall
- Who: All are Welcome!

Family Fun Nights

Join Us FAMILY
FUN
NIGHTS!
Every Wednesday in July
6 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL
Click Banners Below For More Info and to RSVP

JULY FAMILY FUN NIGHT #1

Bingo Night

& Potluck Supper

JULY 10 | 6 PM

SOCIAL HALL

THE CHURCH WILL

PROVIDE CHICKEN.

BRING A YUMMY SIDE!

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July

10



JULY FAMILY FUN NIGHT #2

PIZZA AND A MOVIE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE!

JULY 17 | 6 PM

SOCIAL HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



July Family Fun Night #3

Tacos & Art

July 24 | 6 PM
Social Hall

Bring a Yummy Side Dish!

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Kids Camps

KidZ Worship & Art Camp

Children will Worship and Create using the theme Be Thou My Vision. This hymn is a prayer based on an old Irish poem... a prayer where Christ is our vision, our best thought and our light all day



KidZ

WORSHIP & ART CAMP

CREATED TO BE CREATIVE

July 15-19 from 9am-1pm

Rising 1st – 6th graders

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

and night. Worship & Art Camp provides your child with a spiritual atmosphere to deepen their relationship with God through forms of creative art. The daily schedule will include Play/Recreation, Worship, Art, Snack & Lunch (please bring a lunch).



KidZ Care Camp

KidZ Care Camp provides children with opportunities to care for others and care for creation! Our days will include a boat excursion and field trips where we will explore our unique

coastal environment as well as serve others in our community. This is a great way to prepare your child for future mission trips!

Worship This Sunday

MUSICAL NOTES

There are those people in churches and in your life that are around to help and to share their talents. They are easy-going, prepared, and willing to do what it takes to get a project accomplished. Beverly Fetter has been that person in the music ministry at our church and many other churches. Her service to the community is legendary and she is known as "Ms. Bev." Patrick and Beverly Fetter are moving to Athens, Georgia this summer. We will all miss her, but know that she will occasionally come back to see us or make music with us. Thank you, Ms. Bev, for all you have meant to our church and community. Amy Bishop and Beverly will be playing a few piano duets this Sunday for our worship and meditation. Hymns for July 14: 396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship and 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me. On July 21, Beverly's good friend and usual piano partner Ann Nermoe will be singing for us. God of the Sparrow is one of our beautiful hymns that Ann has crafted for guitar and voice in her own creative spirit. We will introduce a new opening hymn that we learned at Montreat this summer. 76 Do Not Be Afraid. Ann and I will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain. Closing the service will be an old favorite, 838 Standing on the Promises.

As the summer heats up, I'd like to share part of the Litany of Sending on the last day of Worship and Music Conference at Montreat. Each ending of each sentence was the title of each days' sermon. Worship was held on Sunday Evening, then every day at 11:00 am.

Peace is not the absence of chaos; it is **the presence of hope.**
Peace is not the absence of evil; it is **the boldness of righteousness.**
Peace is not the absence of pain; it is **the presence of compassion.**

Peace is not the maintenance of the status quo; it is **the courage to seek justice.**

Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is **the embodiment of love.**

Peace is not the absence of darkness; it is **the presence of light.**

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Hymns:

11 am Service Hymns:

- Brethren, We Have Met to Worship - 396
- God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me - 543

Preacher: Rev. Alan Dyer



The Weeks Ahead

Sunday, July 14th

- 8:30 am - **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am - **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 9:00 am - **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:00 am - **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm - **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge

Monday, July 15th

- 9:00 am - **KidZ Worship & Art Camp** - Veranda
- 8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, July 16th

- 9:00 am - **KidZ Worship & Art Camp** - Veranda

9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel
2:00 pm - **Marsh's Edge Coffee** - Marsh's Edge
4:30 pm - **GIYO Meeting** - John Law

Wednesday, July 17th

9:00 am - **KidZ Worship & Art Camp** - Veranda
6:00 pm - **Family Fun Night: Pizza/Movie** - Youth Suite

Thursday, July 18th

9:00 am - **KidZ Worship & Art Camp** - Veranda
7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
4:00 pm - **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
6:30 pm - **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor
8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00 pm - **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, July 19th

9:00 am - **KidZ Worship & Art Camp** - Veranda
10:00 am - **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office

Sunday, July 21st

8:30 am - **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
9:00 am - **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
9:00 am - **Sunday School** - Various Locations
10:00 am - **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
3:30 pm - **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor

Monday, June 22nd

9:00 am - **KidZ Care Camp** - Veranda
8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, July 23rd

9:00 am - **KidZ Care Camp** - Veranda
9:00 am - **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel
5:30 pm - **GIYO** - Britt Room

Wednesday, July 24th

9:00 am - **KidZ Care Camp** - Veranda
6:00 pm - **Family Fun Night: Art/Tacos** - Social Hall

Thursday, July 25th

9:00 am - **KidZ Care Camp** - Veranda
7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt 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, July 26th

9:00 am - **KidZ Care Camp** - Veranda
10:00 am - **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office



Get Involved

Hygiene Product Drive

The Community Missions Ministry team invites you to help us keep Glynn County teens confident in school by ensuring access to essential hygiene products.

Items Needed:

Feminine hygiene protection, soap/bodywash, shampoo + conditioner, deodorant, oral hygiene products, shaving products, personal care wipes, laundry sink packs, and stain sticks.

Donations may be dropped off in the community missions box in the back hallway from now through July 31.

hygiene
product
drive



SHARE GOD'S LOVE AT MAGNOLIA MANOR

3RD SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
3:30 PM

LOOKING FOR A
WAY TO GIVE BACK?
VOLUNTEER YOUR
TIME & VISIT WITH
US AT MAGNOLIA
MANOR AS WE
WORSHIP
TOGETHER AND
SHARE GOD'S LOVE
IN THIS
COMMUNITY.

Join a PW Circle!

All women are invited and welcome to join a Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle! Circles are small groups who meet for Bible study, devotions, prayer, and fellowship once a month. The purpose of PW Circles are to create and enjoy bond of close friendship centered in Christian love that leads to the arms of the larger church family. Please note that Circles meet monthly from September through June.

[More Info Here!](#)



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



Manna House Volunteers

Thank you to the following volunteers who gave of their time and service helping those in need within our community: Chris Pippart, Gail Wolflich, Nora Sue & Jerry Spencer, Joe Wills, Kathy Cathey, Nancy Thrun, Martha Martin, Sally Baldwin, Anna Franklin Arvin, Jack Hartman, Tate & Terri Simpson, Kaitlyn & Zachary Klincko, Mike Aspinwall, Charlotte & Bill Lueckel,

Kate Head, Ava Von Kutzleben, Deborah Von Kutzleben, Emmeline Griffith, Bain & Brady Head, Nardis & Mike Kellar, Matt Hodgdon, and Fred Griffith.

Joy & Concerns



Christian Sympathy

We extend Christian sympathy to Laurie Williams Bentley and family upon the death of Jim Luther Bentley on Monday, July 1. A service of thanksgiving and witness to the resurrection for Jim's life will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 28, at 1 PM.



Thank You To Our Awesome BRIDGE Interns

BRIDGE has been in full swing this Summer and our wonderful interns have done a fantastic job. A big THANK YOU to Emma Hidalgo & Paige Watson for joining our BRIDGE staff & sharing your excitement and love for serving Glynn county with others as they participate in our BRIDGE mission program!

CROSS Missions

We lift up our youth in prayer, who are currently participating in the CROSS Missions Program in Charlotte, NC. Have a great trip, ladies!!



Looking Back

Notes from 2019 Savannah Presbytery Camp Directors

Report on Montreat Youth Conference 2019:

We had just over 100 campers and counselors for Youth, Elementary, and Family Camps. They came from Wilmington Island, Richmond Hill, Savannah, Pooler, Midway, Dublin, Brunswick, St. Simons Island, Guyton, Skidaway Island, Wilmington Island, Rincon, Cartersville, and Kingsport, TN. We learned about the power of the Holy Spirit and put what we learned into action at the Talent Show, canoeing, serving at Savannah's Second Harvest and on a Tybee Beach trash patrol, and simply enjoying our common life together. It was one of our best sessions ever and all of the counselors and directors expressed their willingness to return next summer!

New Month for Camp Ebenezer in 2020

We wanted to go ahead and announce that Ebenezer 2020 will move from June to July. **CAMP EBENEZER WILL BE HELD JULY 20-24, 2020.**

Nat Scott will be the Program Director. Nat is the Congregational Life Director at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. He was the Youth Camp Director for many years and is excited to be coming back.

Marty Susie will be the Registration Director. Marty is the Christian Educator at Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church. She is also going to support all the Presbytery's educational offerings as the Interim Program Support for Education & Training.

Enjoy the rest of your summer with your families and congregations!

In Christ,
Rev. Deanie Strength
Rev. Proctor Chambless
2019 Camp Directors



MONTREAT

WORSHIP & MUSIC 2019



VBS PICTURES
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AT [SSPRES.ORG!](http://SSPRES.ORG)



Giving Opportunities

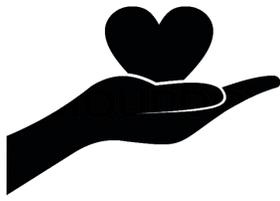
SSPC FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

AS OF MARCH 31, 2019

OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD	\$501,197.83
EXPENDITURES PAID YTD	\$537,008.93
NET OFFERINGS/EXPENDITURES	(\$35,811.10)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING AND FAITHFULNESS AS ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CARRIES OUT GOD'S WORK.

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