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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 8th, 2019

This past week has been both a joyous and sad one.

Last Wednesday, we were blessed by a night of Children's Musical Theatre as our youngest members shared with us many of the stories of the Old and New Testaments. The title of their program was *Every Story Whispers His Name*, and with their humor and joy they did much more than whisper the good news of our loving and generous God.

And then on Sunday, our youth led us in worship on Youth Sunday. Their theme this year – “Coming Together With God” – seemed especially appropriate given that we *all* came together in worship that day around the Table for communion and in making promises upon the baptism of little Della Katherine Turner. A special thank you to our senior preachers Alastair Campbell, Ami Bishop, Curry Hartman, and Tripp Goeldner who did an outstanding job proclaiming the Word.

Both these and other events this past week have, of course, been framed against the sadness many in our church and community are feeling upon the sudden death of our friend, Ellen Fleming. Ellen was known, loved, and respected by countless people as a life-long educator, compassionate Christian, and caring friend. In addition to serving on the search committees that called both Annie and me to be your pastors, Ellen was also an active elder and leader at the heart of St. Simons Presbyterian for many, many years.

And so, with both joy and sadness, we will *come together* again this Sunday at 2PM in the sanctuary to give thanks for Ellen's life and to *whisper* the Good News that in life and in death we belong always to our loving and generous God.

Peace,
Alan

Renovation Update

St. Simons Presbyterian will soon be

embarking on a major renovation of our sanctuary and existing Ashantilly Wing. In preparation for the beginning of that project, session has formed a **Renovation Transition Team** to help ensure a smooth transition out of our existing spaces, into temporary spaces, and finally back into a newly renovated sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing. In addition to planning for how to make sure the day-to-day ministry of the church continues to happen throughout the duration of the project, a big part of their job is also to keep all of us – i.e., the congregation – informed along the way. One way they will do that is by publishing regular *Renovation Updates*. These updates will be published and shared online as well as on table tops around the church.

Please click the image at right to read the first **Renovation Update**. This initial update outlines all the different groups working on the project, the currently anticipated timeline, and several FAQ's. You can also read in this update about two projects scheduled to happen this summer ahead of the actual renovation. The first is the removal and storage of the organ later this month. And the second is creating a small hallway to connect the existing Music Attic space to the Youth Suite.

While the Renovation Transition Team is keeping busy with logistical planning, the **Building Committee** continues to be at work finalizing plans for the project itself. You will recall that the three-member building committee – Tom Baltzell, Karen Schmidt, and Matt Hodgdon – was elected by session to serve as the congregation's chief liaison with the architectural team, contractor, and various consultants. This group handles all details pertaining to the construction and renovation itself. Members of the building committee as well as pastors and staff remain ready to receive suggestions and answer questions. That said, please remember that while all suggestions and ideas are welcome and encouraged, your session is the elected body ultimately responsible for final decisions regarding all aspects of the renovation.

Lastly, the **Capital Campaign Committee** is in the process of saying "thank you" to all 125+ families and individuals who have contributed to the Heart and Soul Campaign. To date, we have raised just shy of \$3.6 million. The capital campaign has set a goal of raising \$4.5 million, which will fully fund the renovation project. If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider joining us in making this campaign a success. Members of the capital campaign committee remain ready to answer any questions you may have.

Renovation Update

May 8, 2019

St. Simons Presbyterian is preparing to embark on a year-long renovation of our sanctuary and existing Ashantilly Wing. While the Building Committee and Session finalize plans for the project itself, a separate team called the **Renovation Transition Team** has been formed to help ensure a smooth transition out of existing spaces, into temporary spaces, and finally back into a newly renovated sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing. Part of our job is keeping YOU – the congregation – informed along the way. We will do that by publishing regular *Renovation Updates* such as this one. Please find us at any time to ask questions or share ideas. But most importantly, join us in praying for our church as we prepare to enter an exciting new chapter in our ministry together.

Renovation Transition Team

Who's Who?

Renovation Transition Team: The Renovation Transition Team (RTT) is responsible for planning the smooth transition of all the ministry functions of the church out of existing spaces, into temporary spaces, and finally back into a newly renovated sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing. The primary focus of the RTT is the congregation. This group will serve as the chief liaison with staff, ministry teams, and congregants to plan all the logistical aspects of moving ministry and materials out of existing spaces (i.e., sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing), setting up a temporary worship space, updating signage and procedures, and troubleshooting logistical issues that may arise over the course of the renovation.

Members: Leslie McCracken (chair), Rev. Annie Arvin, Anne Aspinwall, Ben Bryson, Leslie Carlton, Rev. Alan Dyer, Rhonda Hambricht, Tom Houghney, Walter Lynn, Suzanne Morrison, and David Stewart.

Building Committee: The Building Committee was elected by session to represent the congregation during regular meetings with the architectural team, contractor, and various consultants. This group handles all details pertaining to the construction and renovation itself.

Members: Tom Baltzell, Matt Hodgdon and Karen Schmidt.

Music Attic: The Music Attic is a small space located in the Music Attic area of the church. It is currently being used as a storage space for musical instruments and other items.

RH Tyson Construction: RH Tyson Construction has been working in southeast Georgia and Florida since 1976. On St. Simons they have completed work on the Southwestern Bank and St. Williams Church. RH Tyson Construction is a family-owned and operated contractor project this summer. The building and materials are being delivered to the church for the full renovation.

Click Here to Read

Upcoming Events

Join friends and family

at SSPC on the 2nd Friday of every month 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! Dinner will be ordered & delivered from Cj's Italian Restaurant across the street.

TGIF

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

MAY 10 | 6 PM
VILLAGE INN & PUB

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

Friday, May 10 | 6-8PM | Village Inn & Pub

Graduate Sunday
May 19, 2019 | 11am Service

[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT GRADUATE INFO](#)

Keep Golden Isles Beautiful Electronics Recycling

Keep Golden Isles Beautiful's annual Electronics & More Recycling event is coming up. This is an opportunity for community members to purge their households of many items difficult to recycle locally. To make it easier for church members and friends to participate, you can drop off some of your old electronics at the church between now and May 17 and we will deliver them to the recycling event.

**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING
DRIVE**



**DROP OFF YOUR ELECTRONICS IN THE
BACK HALLWAY BY MAY 17!
ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS LISTED BELOW**

Acceptable donations to drop off at the church include:

- Old phones, computers, and small TVs.
- Used batteries.
- Light bulbs (fluorescent and CFL only; no bulbs over 4 feet)

Please DO NOT drop off: Large TV's or computer screens, vacuum cleaners, sheet metal, or appliances.

Donations may be dropped off in the back hallway by May 17!

Vacation Bible School



Space Limited - Sign Up Today!

When: June 11-13 | Time: 9-1 PM | Who: 4 Years old - 4th Grade

VBS is just 4 weeks away! Our theme this year is Submerged and based on Psalm 139. We will be diving deep into the Bible and under the sea! The community is rapidly signing up for VBS so we encourage our church members and regular visitors to sign your children/grandchildren up now because there is a limit to the number of children we can safely let participate. Also, our church is blessed with many (usually over 60!) wonderful volunteers each year at VBS ... so please take a minute to register so we can begin planning. Click on the image above to register :)

Summer Activities

Church Family Picnic & Kickball

Let's get into the summer spirit together at our annual Church Family Picnic! This year we will gather at Mallery Park at 4PM and enjoy a few games

of kickball together before having our picnic dinner at 6PM. All are invited to attend! We are asking guests to bring one covered side dish. The church will provide BBQ & buns. Be sure not to miss this evening full of fellowship, fun, and food!

**Sunday, May 26 | 4PM Kickball & 6PM Dinner | Mallery Park
(601 Mallery Street.)**



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 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

Whenever I'm at my mother's house, she's always interested in whether I'll be around on a Sunday. I have a standing invitation to sing with the choir and/or do a solo. This is not a unique situation to parents of musicians or musicians and brings to our church and others guest musicians from all over the world. It's a wonderful gift to family and the church.

A few months ago, Faye Foster emailed me about her grandson's singing group, Chi Rho. Since then, I've been in touch with Ben Gilbert about his group singing for worship. This Sunday will be a special Mother's Day treat as the 17 member male a cappella singing group provides music throughout our 11:00 am service. All of their selections are very familiar hymns with some arranged specifically for this group. They've been in existence at Wake Forest University in North Carolina (located just north of Raleigh) for 27 years, singing at local churches during the school year. On holidays and breaks, they travel around to churches that they have a family or alum connection. While they will be singing at various spots around this area on other days (St. Ignatius, Marsh's Edge, and Christ Church Episcopal), we are happy to host the group for our Sunday 11:00 am service. Members of our Chancel Choir will be in the loft as well for support of other service music. Selections for worship: Nearer My God to Thee; Sweet, Sweet Spirit; O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go; Hallelujah, What a Savior; Riverside; It is Well; and Now to Him. Hymns for Sunday: 14 For the Beauty of the Earth; 720 Jesus Calls Us.

Many of you have questions about the upcoming renovation to our

sanctuary and Ashantilly hallway. There will be a leaflet – “Renovation News” that will be available on tables around the church. Check the website for news, as well. It answers some of your questions but maybe not all. If you’ve been keeping up in the newsletter, you know whom to ask from the Renovation Transition Team or the Building Committee. As I write, I’m preparing to go to another meeting of this team. I’m very impressed with the work done so far in planning for our congregation to navigate this time period mentally and physically. Know that we all have YOU in mind while making decisions about parking, entrances, worship and study space, and storage. After all, as the song goes – “I am the church, You are the church, We are the church together – All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes, we’re the church together!” Anyone that has moved or renovated knows the particular challenges of that kind of project and knows that it is sometimes frustrating and bothersome. RX for these upcoming changes: A face of Grace and An attitude of Gratitude!

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Scripture Readings for Sunday: *Psalm 23, Acts 9:36-43*

Hymns:

8:30

- Jesus Calls Us - 720

11 am Service Hymns:

- For the Beauty of the Earth - 14
- Jesus Calls Us - 720

Preacher: Rev. Alan Dyer

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 12th

8:30 am - **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
9:00 am - **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
9:30 am - **Sunday School** - Various Locations
11:00 am - **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
2:00 pm - **Memorial Service for Ellen Fleming** - Sanctuary
4:30 pm - **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
5:00 pm - **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
6:00 pm - **Youth Group** - Social Hall

Monday, May 13th

10:00 am - **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
6:30 pm - **Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room
8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, May 14th

7:00 am - **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - John Law
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel
10:00 am - **Onederful Morning Glories** - Upper Room
12:00 pm - **Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
2:00 pm - **Circle of Esther** - Frances McCrary's Home
5:00 pm - **Welcoming Task Force** - Upper Room

Wednesday, May 15th

12:00 pm - **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
6:30 pm - **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 16th

7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
10:00 am - **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper 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, May 17th

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30AM EARLY SERVICE | 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



Get Involved

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 the Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Team serves others by:

- Cooking and delivering meals
- Making visits and phone calls to check-in with those in need
- Providing transportation to appointments
- Delivering flowers from Sunday worship to the homebound
- Writing hand-written notes to those facing major life events

The Congregational Care Team consists of over 20 church members and friends who seek to show care and concern for others. Please click the image above to get in touch with the team to indicate your willingness to serve.

Joys & Concerns

Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ellen Fleming, who passed away on

Friday, May 3rd. We lift up Ellen's family and friends, as well as her many students during this difficult time.

A memorial service for Ellen will be held in the Sanctuary this Sunday, May 12, at 2PM.



Baptism

Together, we celebrate the baptism of Della Katherine Turner. Daughter of John and Bonnie Turner and younger sister to Renick & India Pearl.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

This Past Week at SSPC



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL



BINGO NIGHT



KINGSLEY PLANTATION



YOUTH SUNDAY

Congregational Care

LIFE IS FULL OF CHALLENGING TRANSITIONS AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP AS YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ANYWAY WE CAN. PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY NEEDS YOU CURRENTLY HAVE AND A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU SHORTLY.

CLICK HERE TO CONTACT US TODAY

PH: 638-2220

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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