

Gathering



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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 13, 2019

This Sunday, November 17 is **Dedication Sunday**. It is a day when we are invited to make a commitment of our time, talents, and money. Thank you to all who give and to all who have or will make a pledge for the coming year of ministry here at SSPC. Pledging encourages the generosity of others and helps the church plan its upcoming ministry more responsibly. It also signifies our individual and collective commitment to strengthening the Gospel ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian in this community and to the world. You can find more information about the 2020 stewardship campaign as well as make your pledge online by [clicking here](#).

This week's newsletter also includes information about a number of upcoming events. Be sure to mark your calendars for the **Advent Festival** happening on Wednesday, November 20, and the **47th Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast** happening on Thanksgiving morning. Details about both can be found below. And last but not least, we are overjoyed to welcome **Kate Buckley** to the church staff this week. Kate started her new role as Parish Associate for Visitation yesterday. Welcome Kate!

See you Sunday. Come as you are. Invite a friend. Casual is fine.

Peace,
Alan



BUILDING

Stewardship 2020

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

To Serve
To Worship
To Connect

Events & Happenings

TGIF

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

NOV 15 | 6 PM

PORCH SSI

...A movie night at SSSPC for the kids

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP



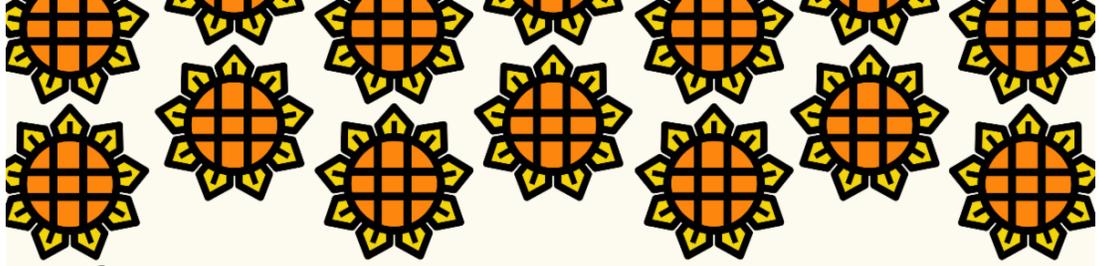
SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Advent Festival

& Wednesday Night Supper

November 20 • 5-7 PM
• Social Hall •

**CLICK HERE
TO RSVP**



Community
Thanksgiving Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 • 4 PM
•ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH•

All Are Welcome!

Worship leaders throughout the community have come together in planning a special joint Thanksgiving Worship Service, hosted by St. Simons United Methodist Church. Please join us for this community event on November 24 at 4 pm. All are welcome!



IT'S THE HOLIDAYS, LET'S CELEBRATE!

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 4 • 11:30 AM • Social Hall

\$20 per person • Guests are Welcome!

PAYMENT MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25TH

payment is reservation



All women of the church are invited to join us for our annual Christmas luncheon! Be sure not to miss this special time of fellowship with each other as we celebrate being together and remember that "Christmas begins with Christ".



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast



Thursday, November 28th

7:30 - 9:30 AM

Social Hall

All are Welcome!

If you are staying in town for the holiday, be sure to mark your calendar for the 47th Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast! Started in 1972, this wonderful tradition is led by men of the church who rise early each Thanksgiving morning to cook a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, grits, bacon, and other fixings that is free for all to enjoy. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-9:30AM. Bring yourself, your family, your neighbors, and anyone else you run into along the way - all are welcome!

Renovation Update

A quick glance at all the activity happening behind the fences around the front of the church tell the story: the renovation has begun. This month's renovation update provides an overview in word and image of the work that has been completed so far and what is ahead in the coming few months. It is because of YOUR generosity and commitment that this work is possible. Anyone driving by on Kings Way cannot mistake the fact that we are a congregation that is not only dreaming for the future but committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond for many years to come. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers.

In Christ,

Renovation Update

November 8, 2019

A quick glance at all the activity happening behind the fences around the front of the church tell the story: the renovation has begun. Our final Sunday worshipping in the sanctuary was on September 29, 2019 when we celebrated our 73rd church anniversary. After taking a week to move existing furniture, materials, etc. out of the sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing, our renovation officially began demolition on Monday, October 7th. Construction is well underway and we expect to have the new sanctuary in the immediate future. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers. Together, we are building for an exciting new chapter in the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian!

Renovation Transition Team & Building Committee

Annual Hours: The Construction Site

As of November 8, 2019

Ashantilly Transept

Delegal Transept

November 5, 2019

November 6, 2019

November 8, 2019

Welcoming New Parish Associate

Kate Buckley Officially Begins as Parish Associate this Week



This week, we welcome Kate Buckley to the church staff as Parish Associate for Visitation, a part-time position (16 hours/week) designed to support and enhance the church's ministry of care and compassion through visitation and pastoral care. Working alongside Revs.

Alan Dyer and Annie Franklin Arvin as well as the lay-led congregational care team, Kate will be a regular presence visiting and praying with church members in the hospital, in homes, and at church. She will also serve to support and equip our deacons and congregational care ministry teams as well as provide occasional support in the areas of worship leadership, preaching, and teaching. Kate is a graduate of both the University of Georgia and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has completed all the steps necessary for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and will be working with the Savannah Presbytery to complete that process in the coming months.

Kate's regular office and visitation hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday's 9AM-1PM.

Worship This Sunday

MUSICAL NOTES

During one of our Montreat rehearsals in Anderson Auditorium, we heard sirens going up the mountain. Our director stopped rehearsal, assumed an attitude of prayer, and encouraged us to do the same until the sirens were out of earshot. It was a beautiful moment of response. That moment was not unlike Sunday morning's response to an emergency in our midst. When planning with the Renovation Transition Team, chair Leslie McCracken stressed the need for an emergency response plan for worship in our new location. That plan was put into action and worked very well. Thank you, Leslie, for thinking ahead! Each week, we experience something new in our "sanctuary". Thank you all for your flexibility and patience as we make this journey toward renewal.

This coming Sunday, the Chancel Choir is going to sing Pepper Choplin's *Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven*, an upbeat message that says - "the

treasures in this world will fade away, but the things of the Lord will last forevermore." Hymns for Sunday: 71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me and 720 Jesus Calls Us. By the way, I heard you singing on Sunday. Let's turn up the volume a little more. You would be surprised how good you feel just letting it go.....

The Sunday before Thanksgiving will be celebrated with lots of music. The Chancel Ensemble (wind ensemble) will be playing for our service. They were warmly received at Magnolia Manor this past week, playing for a very special Veterans' Day Celebration. This group is sad to say goodbye to Beth Evans, who will be moving north soon. She has been a very strong Baritone player in the group and we will miss her. If anyone would like to join this group, we meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 am. It's lots of fun for you "band" types and brings back lots of memories and keeps us young at heart. Later on in the day (November 24), the Community Thanksgiving Service will feature a community chorus. The service will be held at 4:00 pm at St. Simons United Methodist Church. Give thanks!

In the next couple of weeks, Island Concert Association brochures will be sent in the mail. This February series has become very popular and is funded by memberships. I hope that you will be able to respond and give generously. The board of directors is very excited about this year's offerings.

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Hymns:

8:30 am Service Hymns:

- Jesus Calls Us - 720

11 am Service Hymns:

- Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me - 71
- Jesus Calls Us - 720

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 17th

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Social Hall
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Britt Room
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Social Hall
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group Friendsgiving** - 15 Tanglewood Rd, SSI

Monday, November 18th

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

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

Tuesday, November 19th

7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A
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 **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, November 20th

10:00 pm **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
5:00 pm **Advent Festival** - Social Hall
6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Youth Suite
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Music Attic

Thursday, November 21st

7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
3:00 pm **Women's Video Bible Study** - Chapel
4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00 pm **AI-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, November 22nd

No Activities Scheduled for This Day



SIGN UP FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS 2020



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ON A SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP DURING 2020, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC WEEK ON THE FLOWER BOARD IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN HALLWAY. PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL ADA OWENS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN A WEEK PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY YOU SIGN UP FOR! (ADA@SSPRES.ORG)

Get Involved

The Season of Giving is Upon Us

HOPE WALL

GIFTS FOR THE GREATER GOOD
BEGINNING DECEMBER 1st IN BRITT ROOM

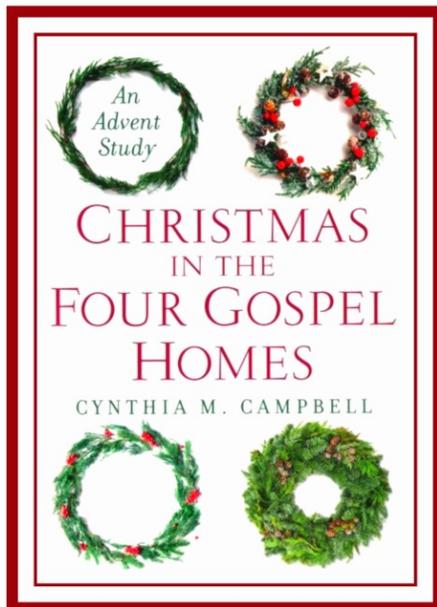
Giving opportunities will include Serrv Shop, Heifer Project,
Reverse Advent Food Drive, Fleece Blanket Drive, Coastal
Coalition Angel Tree, Santa Express and more!

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.

Christian Education



Combined Sunday School Advent Study

Beginning December 1
SUNDAYS | 9:30AM
UPPER ROOM

**How do you decorate your home for Christmas?
You're invited to "visit the homes" of the Four
Gospels to experience what Christmas means from
each Gospel perspective. Experience and
discuss Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes based
on a Presbyterian pastor's sermon series and an
architect's reflective illustrations.**

Looking Back





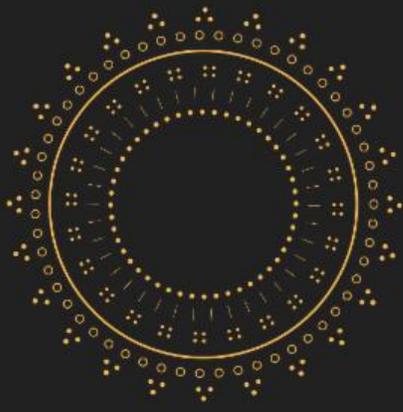
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FALL FESTIVAL
PICTURES

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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TO: 555888**

We will provide occasional updates on church activities, event/meal RSVP reminders, and other timely information.

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