

Gathering



Sharing



Growing



Serving



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 16, 2019

From Manna House to mission trips to mentoring to the Hunger Action Team to Angel Tree to hospital and homebound visits to meals and flower delivery, St. Simons Presbyterian is a church that serves. Every time we give of our time in service to others we are following the example of the One who came not to be served but to serve. This week's newsletter includes several lesser known but equally important upcoming opportunities to serve our church and community.

First, you will find below and on the Web site information about our revitalized **Usher Ministry**. Ushers are the first faces members and visitors alike see each Sunday morning, so we are looking for any and all individuals – regardless of age or how long you have been attending SSPC – who love to welcome people to church. Everyone will be trained and assigned to an usher team. If you are not able to commit to ushering one Sunday each month – no problem! The hope is to find 10-12 people to serve on each team so that there are plenty of substitutes to help fill the six ushers needed each week.

Second, Halloween is right around the corner and with it comes our annual **Fall Festival** on Wednesday, October 30. This year the Fall Festival will be held in the back parking lot and feature games, music, and food trucks! In order to make this a successful event both for our church and community, we are in need of youth and adult volunteers to help with monitoring bouncy houses, setup/cleanup, food stations, and other booths. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer at the Fall Festival.

Last but not least, we are in the middle of enjoying another season of **Wednesday night dinners**. Each week the social hall fills up with people enjoying fellowship and conversation around delicious meals. But as anyone who has ever hosted a meal in their home will know, these weekly gatherings require a lot of work to make happen. One of the places we are always looking for help is with dishwashing and cleanup in the kitchen afterwards. With enough hands, cleanup usually lasts about 45-minutes and is complete around 7:30P. You can sign up to help cleanup tonight or any of the upcoming Wednesdays by [clicking here](#).

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

New Usher Ministry



Become an Usher/Greeter at SSPC!

You are invited to be part of our church's welcoming ministry on Sunday mornings. Led by a Deacon, new usher teams are being

formed to serve on a 5-week rotating basis. Teams will consist of many members so if you're out of town, there'll be others who can serve. Ushers welcome regular and first-time worshippers with a smile and conversation, distribute bulletins, collect and count the offering, and assist with other minor worship tasks. Click on the link to participate in this exciting new ministry open to all: couples, singles, families, seniors, youth, etc.
Deacon coordinator, Tate Simpson (770-330-8542)

[Click Here for More Info & Signup](#)

Events & Happenings

TGIF

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

OCT 18 | 6 PM
PORCH SSI

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

Fall Festival!

Wed, October 30th
5-7 pm

This family fun event will take place in the back parking lot of the church. We will have food trucks, bounce houses, a cakewalk, a basketball game, face painting, cornhole, a photobooth, popcorn, cotton candy, and more!



*This year we are collecting food donations to benefit the Sparrows Nest!
Bring one or more of the following items as your ticket for admission:*

- Canned fruit
 - Canned meat products
 - Canned tuna
 - Shelf milk
 - Soup with meat
 - Pasta sauce with meat
 - Pasta
 - Rice and beans
 - Peanut butter and jelly/jam
 - Baby food
 - Also paper products - these cannot be bought with food stamps
 - Diapers
 - Toilet paper
 - Feminine products
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AIR & SEA

WITH THE TRY SOMETHING NEW GROUP

- **NOVEMBER.5.2019**
- **TIME: MEET IN KITCHEN PARKING LOT AT 7:15 AM & HOME BY 5:30 PM**
- **COST: \$20 PER PERSON PLUS COST OF LUNCH.**



Join the Try Something New group on a day trip to Savannah to visit museums of air & sea. There will be A LOT OF WALKING, so come prepared with walking shoes and energy to spare! We will begin by visiting Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum, enjoying a lunch together at Soho South Cafe, and continuing on to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. You don't want to miss this one!

INTERESTED? CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

Wednesday Nights



Wednesday Night Supper

Cost for Weekly Reservations:

Adults (13+) - \$8

Kids (5-12) - \$5

Family Max - \$20

Kids 4 & under eat free! You must pay upfront to make a standing reservation for the entire season. **Please be sure to RSVP!**

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

KITCHEN CLEAN UP CREW



HAVE AN EXTRA MINUTE?

HELP OUT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BY VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE AS CASHIER OR ON CLEANUP CREW.

We love our Wednesday Night Suppers and they wouldn't be possible without the help of our amazing congregation and volunteers! One easy way to get involved is by signing up to serve as a cashier or cleanup crew member for our dinners. There is no training necessary and this is a great opportunity to meet new people and maybe make a new friend or two along the way.

SIGN UP HERE!

Worship This Sunday

MUSICAL NOTES

You might have noticed that lately we are singing some of the very strong, well-known hymns of the church. As always, I try to match up the subject matter with the Word of the day. We are already experiencing "new" as a congregation in the social hall space. I'll wait at least until the new year to introduce new hymns to you. However, there is a chorus that the choir is singing this month for the introit that we should all learn. Here are the words: God Welcomes All, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends. The text to this South African song was written by John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland. Let's sing it together this Sunday.

Throughout the postseason playoffs, I have noticed that entire stadiums of people actually sing together - team songs, pop songs, patriotic songs - and it sounds amazing. Last night at the Cards/Nationals game, I heard a song that had a big range (high notes) and people sang right along. According to Pastor Nick Aufenkamp of St. Paul, Minnesota, "...singing uniquely engages our heads and our hearts, our intellect and our affections. That's basically what Paul says in Colossians 3:16, where he connects 'the word of Christ dwell[ing] in you richly' with 'singing psalms and hymns and spiritual

songs." The quality of your voice in congregational singing isn't a factor, however, doing your best is what is required in most circumstances for speaking as well as singing. I've been thinking about why our culture is losing the ability to sing together. Maybe there's so much that is worrying us that we don't feel like singing. Maybe our faith is small right now. That's why it is so important to sing together. It's a testament to the faithfulness of God to sing even when you are down. The choir, of course, is in place each Sunday to lead you. The stories of each of the people sitting in the "loft" would break your heart. Yet, they sing for you and with you. Let's raise the roof on Sunday.

The Chancel Ringers will be playing two pieces on Sunday - Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) arranged by John A. Behnke and Contemplation by Karen Lakey Buckwalter. Suzanne Morrison, director, will also lead the group in playing at the Presbyterian Women Synod meeting at Epworth-by-the-Sea this Friday evening.

The Chancel Choir will offer "Blessings" by Laura Story. Through the illness of her husband, they both had lots of questions about whether or not God was blessing them since he wasn't getting better. One of the lines from the song is "What if our Blessings come through raindrops, what if our blessings come through tears?" Because of the questioning we are all blessed by a beautiful song that came out of their pain. Hymns for Sunday are: 462 I Love to Tell the Story; 460 Be Thou My Vision. Sing and make a joyful noise - see you Sunday!

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Hymns:

8:30 am Service Hymns:

- Be Thou My Vision - 450

11 am Service Hymns:

- I Love to Tell the Story - 462
- Be Thou My Vision - 450

Preacher: Rev. Alan Dyer

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 20th

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

6:00 pm - **Youth Group** - Youth Suite

Monday, October 21st

5:30 pm - **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00 pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, October 22nd

7:00 am - **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A, SSI
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite

Wednesday, October 23rd

10:00 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
12:00 pm - **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
4:00 pm - **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
6:00 pm - **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
6:30 pm - **Chancel Ringers** - Youth Suite
7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 24th

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

Friday, October 25th

No Activities Scheduled for this day



People of all faiths are invited to:

C O A S T A L

Green Team

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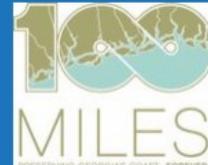
An event that shows our care for this Earth

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY
DR. MATTHEW SLEETH
"REFORESTING FAITH: WHAT TREES
TEACH US ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD"

*Plus workshops led by local experts
to inspire faithful action*



*October 19, 2019
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM*



St. Peter's Episcopal Church | Savannah, GA

More Info & Registration at www.gipl.org/events

Get Involved

FALL FESTIVAL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fall Festival is just around the corner and we're in need of volunteers to help with the event! If you would be willing to volunteer, please click the link below to sign up and Frieda will be in touch soon!

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER!

ANGEL TREE

Volunteers Needed



The Season of Giving is near!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Decorating our angel trees
- Putting out pew angels
- Buying & wrapping presents
- Unloading gifts and bringing to Youth Suite (Muscles Needed!)
- Delivering bags to the schools

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER



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.

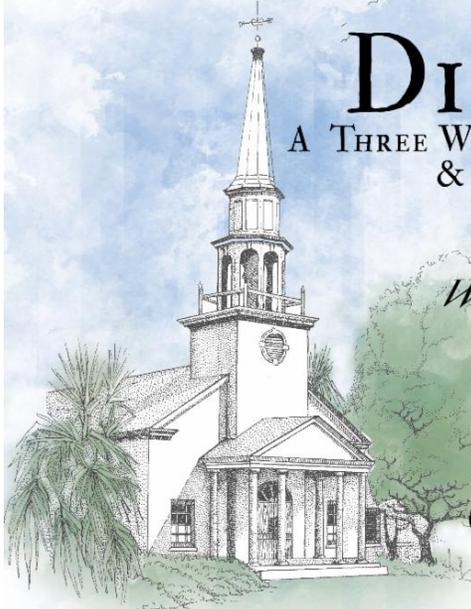


Congregational Care

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

Christian Education



DISCOVER SSPC

A THREE WEEK CLASS FOR VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS
& THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE.
LED BY REV. ALAN DYER

What does it mean to be Presbyterian?

How do I join the Church?

Where can I get involved?

OCTOBER 13, 20, 27 | 9:45 AM
LOCATED IN YOUTH SUITE

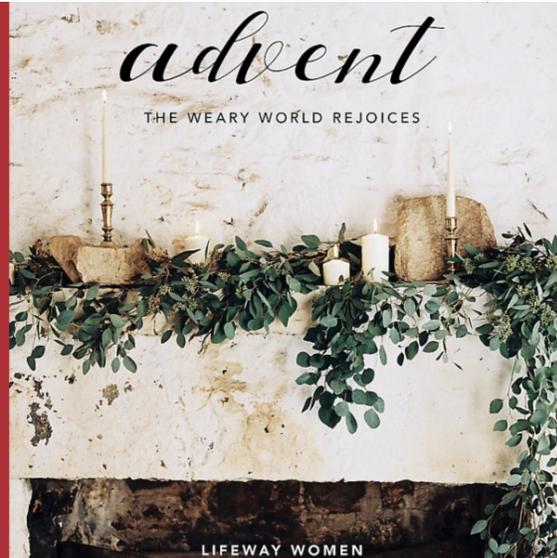
OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

BOOK STUDY

Thursdays | Nov 7 - Dec 5
5:30 PM in John Law Room

Experience the Christmas season anew this year by studying *Advent*, why we celebrate it, and how it fuels our worship of Jesus. Understand the anticipation and waiting the Old Testament world endured, the joy and new life signaled by the coming of Christ, and the way Advent points to the glory of God still to come. or "only 7 remaining!"

BOOKS AVAILABLE AT SSPRES



Looking Back



kids crew painting bread

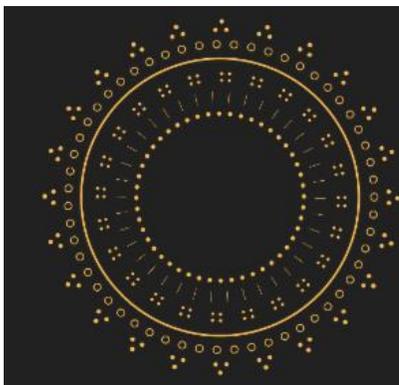


Giving Opportunities



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.



Stay connected with the Church
TEXT: SSPRES
TO: 555888

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

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