

Gathering



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## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2, 2019

It was a church anniversary to remember this past weekend. After enjoying fellowship and learning with Brennan Breed on Friday night, 77 SSPC members and friends gathered on Saturday morning to be the hands and feet of Christ while serving at eight different worksites across Glynn County. And on Sunday we welcomed eleven new members during worship, enjoyed music led by our children, brass musicians, and adult choir, gave thanks to God for our beautiful sanctuary, and filled the social hall for another equally filling anniversary luncheon. 73-years of faith and ministry. God is good. Amen?

As you know, this anniversary marks a particularly significant moment in our church's history as the renovation of the sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing is officially set to begin. The Renovation Transition Team is spending this week getting us ready for the start of the project. The contractor for this project, RH Tyson, will then begin work next Monday, October 7. Please be sure to read the renovation update section below and check the renovation page on the Web site to get information about what to expect, where to park, and other relevant details. Also, please note that Wednesday Night Dinners and other regularly scheduled weekly activities in the Social Hall will continue as normal. Chairs and liturgical furniture will be setup and put away each week to allow for the social hall to continue being a multi-use space for the duration of the renovation.

Lastly, I want to say a special thank you to all those who have been working so hard on behalf of our church lately. Thank you first to the entire church staff, the Membership Ministry Team, the Community Mission Ministry Team, the Presbyterian Women, and the many others who helped to coordinate and lead all the activities for our church anniversary weekend. And a BIG thank you too to the Renovation Transition Team and the quiet cadre of volunteers who are inventorying closets, moving furniture, and prepping the Social Hall for worship this week. To one and all: thank you.

This Sunday is World Communion. Hope to see you at church. Come as you are and invite a friend. Casual is fine.

Peace,  
Alan

# Events & Happenings

## Live Streaming Worship



WATCH SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
ONLINE AT  
SSPRES.ORG

BEGINNING SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 6 | 11AM

## REGIONAL MISSION TRIP

OCTOBER 20-26

ALL AGES & SKILL SETS WELCOME!

### Mission Trip Opportunity

We will be going to Savannah, GA to work on reconstruction related to damage done by Hurricane Irma and subsequent tornadoes and flooding.

- **When:** October 20-26
- **Where:** Port Wentworth UMC in Savannah
- **Deadline:** September 8

[Click Here for Details & Signup](#)

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! Pizza will be provided for the kiddos.

# TGIF

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*...A movie night at SSPC for the kids*

- **When:** Friday, October 18
- **Time:** 6-8 PM
- **Where:** Porch SSI (549 Ocean Blvd)

[Click Here to RSVP Today!](#)



## **Air & Sea Try Something New**

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!

- **When:** Tuesday, November 5th
- **Time:** Meet in Kitchen Parking lot at 7:15 am & home by 5:30 pm
- **Cost:** \$20 per person plus cost of lunch.

[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!**

## 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.

[Click Here to Volunteer!](#)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER  
*Cashier  
Volunteer*  
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30PM  
SIGN UP HERE



SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

# KITCHEN CLEAN UP CREW

WE NEED HELP!

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!**



## Renovation Updates



*worship begins in the social hall this sunday!*

**Read This Month's Renovation Update and  
Construction Zone Map**

## Renovation Update

September 18, 2019

On September 17, the session approved signing a contract for R.H. Tyson Construction to serve as the contractor for the upcoming renovation of our sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing. R.H. Tyson is headquartered in Blackshear, Georgia and was selected after careful vetting by the Building Committee and Ussery Rule Architects. R.H. Tyson also successfully completed the Music Attic Connector Project on our campus this summer (see back). Our final Sunday worshipping in the sanctuary will be later this month on our 73<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary Sunday—September 29. This month's "Renovation Update" is the first wave of much more information to follow in the coming days and weeks—be on the lookout!

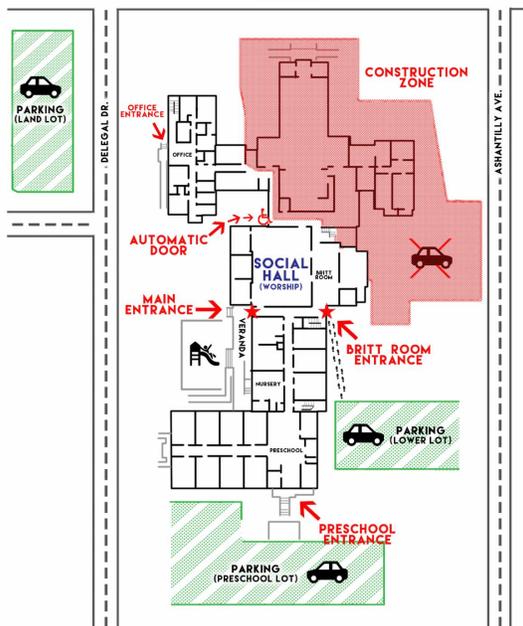
- Renovation Transition Team

### Sanctuary & Ashantilly Renovation Beginning in October Worship in Social Hall Will Begin on Sunday, October 6

On Sunday, September 29, 2019 we will gather to celebrate 73-years of faith and ministry at St. Simons Presbyterian. Our worship will focus on remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and looking ahead to the future. As part of our worship we will also thank God for our beautiful sanctuary and dedicate it as it prepares to undergo renovation.

The renovation of the sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing is anticipated to last at least 12-months. During that time we will be worshipping in the Social Hall. Members of the Renovation Transition Team have carefully planned everything from room setup for worship to parking to traffic flow to signage to handicap accessibility. In the coming weeks, many details about our transition to this temporary worship space will be communicated to the congregation.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Transition Team with any questions.



[Click Here For Renovation Web Site](#)

# Worship This Sunday

## MUSICAL NOTES

As of this writing, moving out is still happening at the church. Many of you are taking pews from the sanctuary and repurposing them in your homes and businesses. It's not too late. Email me or call the church office to find out how to get a pew or other items to be discarded in the renovation process.

Much has been done to prepare for this coming Sunday. From parking signs to seating to new hearing devices, we will be ready to worship in the social hall. See an usher to obtain a hearing device. As we transition, grace is the word. Things may go wrong, so give us some practice time to get it right. In fact, we are having a rehearsal for worship on Saturday morning before church on Sunday!

Thanks to all that played and sang last week. You glorified God and inspired many. We will sing "We Are the Church" for the introit again this week as we enter our new worship space. Join us in singing this welcoming hymn.

The Chancel Choir will be singing an arrangement of a hymn in our hymnal, *For Everyone Born*. Tom Trenney beautifully arranged this hymn by Shirley Erena Murray and Brian Mann. Tom has visited our area a few times to play organ concerts. You may remember his concerts that featured silent films.

Hymns for Sunday will be 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing; and 307 God of Grace and God of Glory. The communion hymn will be 533 In the

Singing. Join us in filling the hall with beautiful sound.

At Montreat Conference Center in the Anderson Auditorium, whenever we worship we have a choice between reading the music in the hymnal or on a screen. To my knowledge, the Presbyterian Church (USA) hymnal Glory to God is the only hymnal that is not only online, but provides slides with music as well as words. When we purchased our new hymnal, we also got a thumb drive with the entire hymnal in digital form. Since we will be in the Social Hall where there are screens, we are going to try this out. There have been many discussions through the years about screens versus books, but the availability of both seems to be the going trend of compromise. Come and try something new this Sunday. Most of all, pray for this transition and consider it an opportunity to be extra helpful to each other. The beginning is here!

Love & Gratitude,  
Rhonda

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### **Hymns:**

#### **8:30 am Service Hymns:**

- God of Grace and God of Glory - 307

#### **10 am Service Hymns:**

- O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - 610
- God of Grace and God of Glory - 307

**Preacher:** Rev. Alan Dyer

## The Week Ahead

### **Sunday, October 6th**

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  
12:15 pm - **Worship & Music Team Meeting** - Upper Room  
5:00 pm - **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic  
6:00 pm - **Youth Group** - Youth Suite

### **Monday, October 7th**

9:00 am - **Manna House** - 1408 G Street  
8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

### **Tuesday, October 8th**

7:00 am - **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A, SSI  
9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room  
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel  
10:00 am - **One-derful Morning Glories** - Upper Room  
12:00 pm - **Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room

2:00 pm - **Circle of Esther** - 28 Caroline St, SSI

### **Wednesday, October 9th**

10:00 pm - **Men's Bible Study** - 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 10th**

7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room

10:00 am - **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room

1:00 pm - **Grief Counseling** - John Law

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 11th**

**No Activities Scheduled for This Day**



## Get Involved



### **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](#)

We're getting close to that special time of year and the Angel Tree Committee is looking for volunteers to help prepare for our angels!

How you can help:

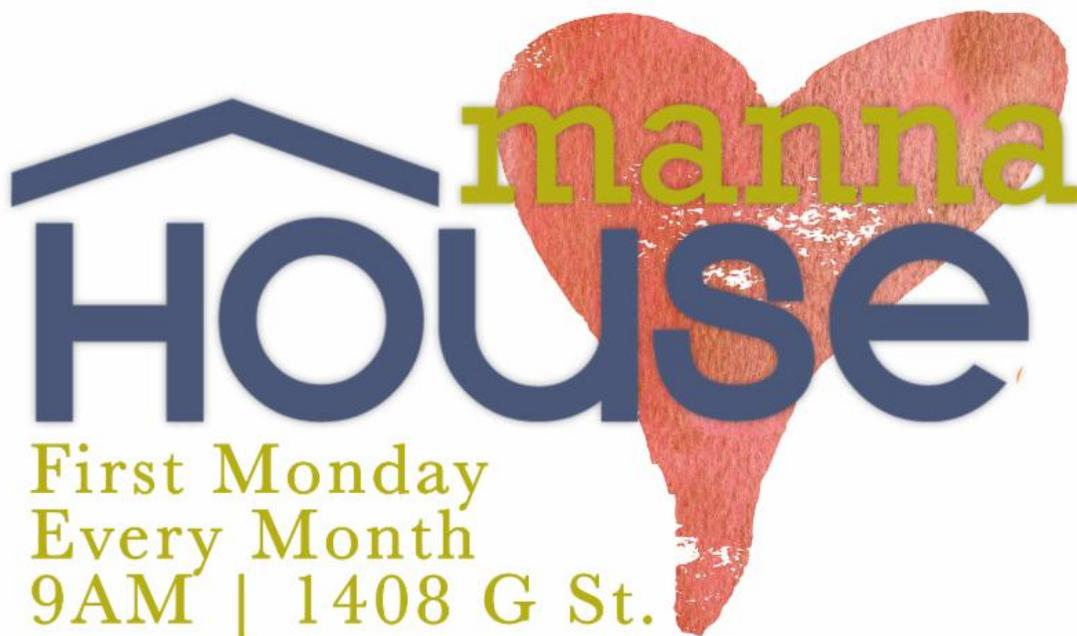
- **Decorating our angel trees**
- **Putting out pew angels**
- **Buying & wrapping presents!**

## ANGEL TREE *Volunteers Needed*

The Season of Giving is near!



[Click Here to Volunteer!](#)



## **Presbyterian Women 2019 Gathering Explorations**

The 2019 Gathering Explorations put on by the PW Synod of the South Atlantic will be held on October 25-27, 2019, at Epworth. They have a full schedule of activities, discussions and additional

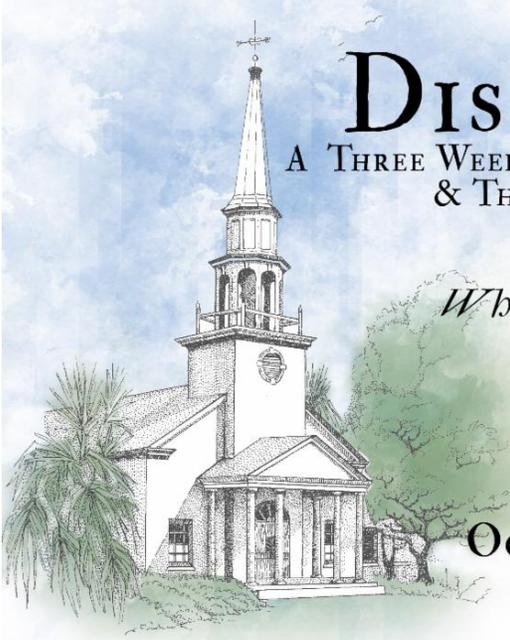
sightseeing on our beautiful Island. You do not have to be a member of a circle to attend this gathering! If you are interested, please click on the link for the registration form and information about the gathering.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

[Click Here for Details & Registration Form](#)

## Christian Education



# DISCOVER SSPC

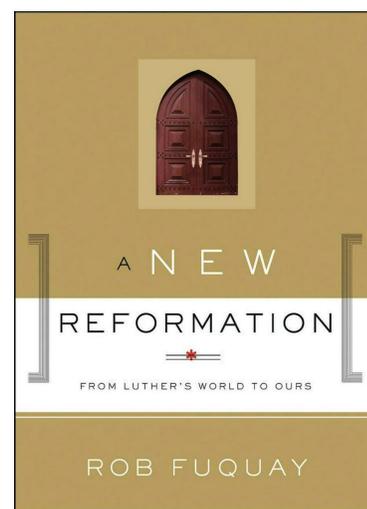
A THREE WEEK CLASS FOR VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS  
& THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE.  
LED BY REV. ALAN DYER

*What does it mean to be Presbyterian?  
How do I join the Church?  
Where can I get involved?*

OCTOBER 13, 17, 24 | 9:45 AM  
LOCATION TBD

### Come & See Sunday School Class

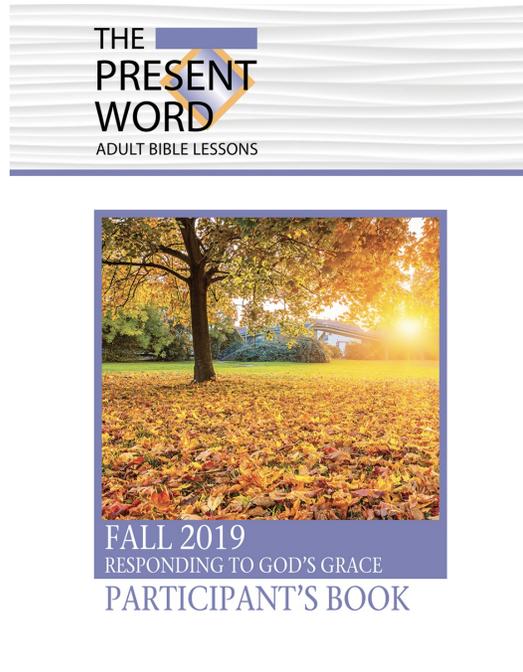
Justified by faith. This battle cry of the Protestant Reformation is just as relevant and true for Christians today as it was in Martin Luther's time. In *A New Reformation*, author Rob Fuquay introduces you to the life of Martin Luther and two important themes of the Reformation he sparked: the centrality of Scripture and the power of God's grace. Through a close look into the life of Martin Luther and the world of sixteenth-century Europe, you will discover what makes Luther's message



revolutionary today—and how we can embrace Reformation in the church and in our personal lives.

**Beginning Sunday, September 8**  
**9:30 AM | Youth Suite**

Books available in the office for \$10.



## **Britt Class**

### **Sunday School Class**

"Responding to God's Grace"

Focus on God's gift of faith and how we respond to it both personally and communally. The Bible shows us how God's grace affects the lives of all believers, as demonstrated in obedience, gratitude, and holy living.

**Beginning Sunday, September 8**  
**9:30 AM | Chapel**

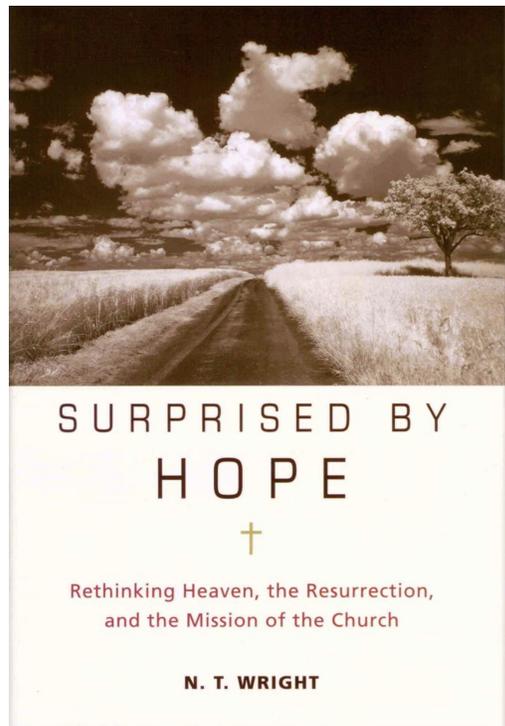
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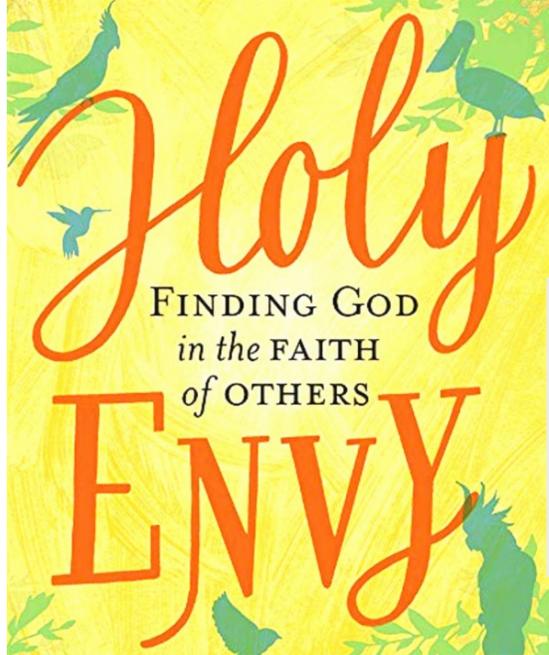
### **Sunday School Class**

Many Christians believe our future in heaven is all that really matters. But that's not what the Bible teaches. In this six-session small group Bible study, *Surprised by Hope*, premier Bible scholar N. T. Wright brings you inside the Scriptures to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world, and its impact on your life today.

Gain an exciting new vision for your life on earth in light of your future in heaven. Wonderful as is the promise of heaven, a glorious hereafter is just part of what salvation is about.

**Beginning Sunday, September 8**  
**9:30 AM | Upper Room**





# Rejoice Sunday School

A BOOK BY  
BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

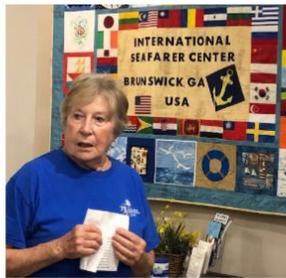
BEGINNING OCTOBER 6  
SUNDAYS | 9:30AM | JOHN LAW

## Looking Back



*day of service*





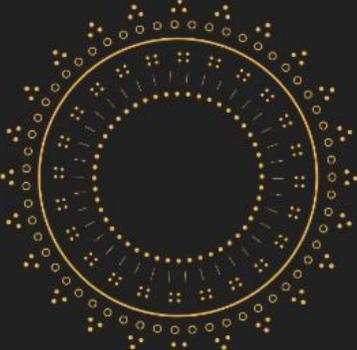


# Giving Opportunities



## ***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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**TEXT: SSPRES**  
**TO: 555888**

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

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