

Gathering



Sharing



Growing



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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 1st, 2019

The church is buzzing with activity this week as we prepare for Youth Sunday! This week, our youth will be leading us in worship. Together, we talked about some of our favorite parts about church, our favorite bible stories, and what God might be calling us to talk about as we lead worship on Youth Sunday before deciding on a theme of "Coming Together with God." This theme came about based on how church feels like a family. When we're at church, it feels like a moment when God comes together with us, as we feel loved and included. Church is a moment when we come together with God that we imagine is similar to the moment when Jesus washed the disciples feet. Over the past few weeks, they've learned about different parts of worship and even written some of the liturgy that we'll say aloud together. They even dyed their own stoles and paraments! I hope you'll join us in worship this Sunday as we are led by our youth!

Annie

This Weekend



**Kingsley
Plantation Trip**
Try Something New

"Kingsley Plantation is a little known park in an out-of-the-way location. It is physically beautiful and

TRY SOMETHING NEW

KINGSLEY PLANTATION

& LUNCH AT SINGLETON'S

Saturday, May 4 | 9:00 AM

[MORE INFO & SIGN UP HERE!](#)

[click here for full article](#)

Join our Try Something New group for a fun trip to this historic site just outside of Jacksonville this Saturday, May 4. We will meet at the church at 9AM and head to Kingsley Plantation for a morning tour and then have lunch together at Singleton's. Don't miss out on the fun!

Contact Nat Scott for more info: nat@sspres.org

- **When: THIS SATURDAY**
- **Time: Meet in the church parking lot at 9AM**
- **Cost: \$10 plus lunch**

Bingo Night & Potluck Dinner

Join us this Sunday for BINGO night! We are excited to gather everyone together for an evening of fun and fellowship as we play and dine with

old and new friends. All are invited to attend this event! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. We will be providing tacos and we ask for you to bring a covered side dish to share if you are able. We can't wait and hope to see you there!

This Sunday, May 5 | 6PM | Social Hall



emotionally evocative; in short, well worth a detour to visit. It's part of the [Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve](#), which probably wins the prize as Florida's most obscure national park."

-Bonnie Gross in Florida Rambler

Upcoming Events

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

Graduate Sunday
May 19, 2019 | 11am Service

CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT GRADUATE INFO

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 5 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

This past Sunday afternoon, our Youth Ensemble brought joy to the residents of Thrive. It was a great experience for everyone, as the room was very resonant and carried voices very well. Our message was



one of light and joy in Christ. It is a wonderful thing to be the director of these kind-hearted, lovely girls. Ami Bishop, Kerrigan Baxter, Margaret Ernst, Kate Head, Kate McMinn, Margaret Spiers, Brooke Zell, and Jane Drake (Mentor) have all been coming to practice week after week. After singing at Thrive, we all came back to practice for Youth Sunday.

Our Youth will lead worship on Sunday at the 11:00 am service. Preachers will be at both 8:30 and 11:00 am. Brooke Zell will play viola during the prelude and the Youth Ensemble will sing I Will Joyfully Sing by Mary McDonald, Let There Be Love by E. J. Hinojosa, and The Light in Me by Joanne Brown LeDoux. We hope that all will join in on our closing response – My Friends May You Grow in Grace. Hymns for 8:30- 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ; and 11:00 – 726 Will You Come and Follow Me and 192 Shine, Jesus, Shine.

Here's some news about the organ. The first step in starting a renovation project begins with removal of the pipe organ. This will happen on May 20 through about May 24. Why so early? There needs to be enough lead time for the designer to adequately measure the space and create a design with our current set of pipes, build the organ case which will hold the exposed pipes (yes, we will be able to see the pipes!), and reconfigure the existing pipes so that they are a little higher in the chamber and up off the ground. Arthur Schleuter, our organ builder, has been commissioned to rebuild "Mighty Mo" at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta and he is also to rebuild the organ at the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado. I'm so glad that he could fit us in! When the current organ leaves and is taken to Atlanta for rebuilding, we thankfully have an electronic organ that will take its place during the summer in the sanctuary and later in the Social Hall. (It is currently stored in the Chapel.) Fred Stradtman, who generously donated his Steinway piano, also donated his Rodgers Organ. Brian Stout, an organ technician from Jacksonville, examined it last week and pronounced it fit for

use. We are saving money by not having to rent an instrument. The Schleuter Pipe Organ Company will help to move the electronic organ into the sanctuary after the pipe organ has been removed. Thank you, Fred, your gifts keep on giving! This is only the first step in moving toward a new sanctuary. Our Renovation Transition Team led by Leslie McCracken hopes to be able to communicate effectively to all of the congregation and community about what to expect during this time. If you would like to be in the know, watch for next week's newsletter in Alan's column for information about the Transition Team and the Building Committee. In the meantime, please pray for these groups and for our church. It's always a good idea!

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Scripture Readings for Sunday: *Psalm 139: 1-7, John 13:1-16*

Hymns:

8:30

- Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining - 192

11 am Service Hymns:

- Will You Come and Follow Me - 726
- Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining - 192

Preacher: Tripp Goeldner, Ami Bishop, Alastair Campbell, Curry Hartman

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 5th

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** - Britt Room
6:00 pm - **Bingo** - Social Hall

Monday, May 6th

9:00 am - **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
10:00 am - **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, May 7th

7:00 am - **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - John Law
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel
5:00 pm - **Welcoming Task Force** - Upper Room

Wednesday, May 8th

- 12:00 pm - **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 12:00 pm - **Renovation Transition Team** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm - **KidZ Crew Party** - Veranda
- 6:30 pm - **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 9th

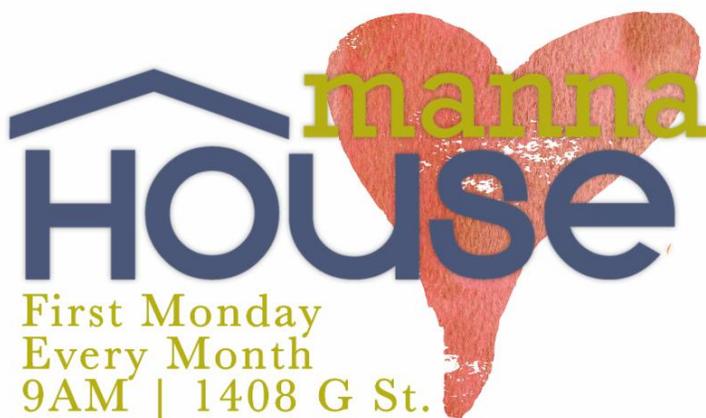
- 7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am - **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm - **Grief Counseling** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm - **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm - **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, May 10th

- 10:00 am - **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 6:00 pm - **20s/30s/40s TGIF** - Village Inn & Pub



Get Involved



Serve The Hungry

Manna House is a soup kitchen located in Brunswick that is supported by volunteers, who serve thousands of free meals per month. St. Simons Presbyterian

members have committed themselves to serving at Manna House on the first Monday of every month, and everyone is invited to join us in this fun and

meaningful area of service.

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.

Joys & Concerns



Christian Celebration

We share in celebration with Ben and Mary Bryson as they welcome their first daughter, Augusta Bryson, into the world. Augusta was born this morning on May 1, 2019. Welcome to the world, sweet Augusta!

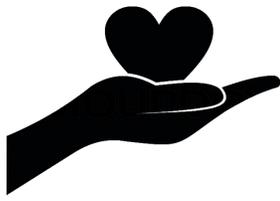
PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

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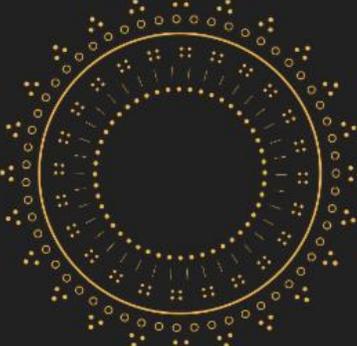
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