

SIPC News

Christmas Joy Special Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



Come Christmas Caroling With Us!

We will gather on Tuesday, December 18 at 4:30 PM to venture into The Landings and Marshes and bring the gift of Christmas carols and cheer to some of our beloved congregants. Last year we visited five homes and had a wonderful time. Please do not think you have to be a choir member to participate! If you know of someone who would enjoy a visit from the group, please contact Deanie.

Muffin Ministry

We will be making muffins this Monday, 1:00 PM, in the church kitchen. If possible, please bring muffin mix. Hope you can join us.

Thank you for your support!
Susan Usher

We Need Your Help

On June 13th 2018 we received shares of Yum Brands Inc. at our Fidelity account yet was not identified.

If you donated these stocks to SIPC, please call James Eleccko, our financial administrator, at the office.



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Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM
Rev. Dr. Jeff Garrison
"The Holiness Stream: Joseph"
Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday School

Serendipity - 9:00 AM - Library
December 9

The Serendipity Class is exploring a series of modern day Christian writers. We are using audio-visual materials to enhance our study as well. Our class has chosen the rather humorous Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis as our next study book.

We share our varied ideas and faith in many different ways during our Sunday morning explorations which begin at 9:00 AM. We close in plenty of time for fellowship in the sanctuary prior to the Sunday service.

December Circle Meetings

Hannah Circle	Monday, December 10	1:00 p.m.	Home of Mary Cassady 50 Shellwind Drive
Esther Circle	Tuesday, December 11	10:30 a.m.	Marshes
Elizabeth Circle	Tuesday, December 11	6:00 p.m.	Home of Susan Usher 9108 Ferguson Avenue



IRA - Qualified Charitable Distributions [QCD]

A very savvy method of charitable giving is the use of one's IRA. It can be even more effective than donating "low basis" stock. The new, higher Standard Deduction [\$13,300 and \$26,600] may exceed your newly restricted itemized deductions, including your charitable gifts. The new way is to use the higher standard deduction **and** to make charitable gifts from your IRA. The tax value of the gift is fully realized over and above the standard deduction.

The advantage is that the QCD is not included in one's Adjusted Gross Income. Lower AGI also reduces break points for: income tax on Social Security benefits and increased Medicare premiums.

Individuals over age 70 ½ may direct their IRA custodian to make direct transfers to SIPC, up to \$100,000 per year. The gift counts toward one's Required Minimum Distribution [RMD].

A number of us use this method. If you waited all year to take your RMD, you can use this method to prepay your 2019 pledge. If you already took your RMD for 2018, the QCD can be used in 2019.

Instruct your IRA trustee or custodian to make the check payable to SIPC. They can mail the check to you so you can make copies before delivering to the church. We will issue you the appropriate contribution acknowledgement.

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SKIDAWAY ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADVENT CALENDAR

*The Advent wreath will be lighted weekly in the Sunday services leading to Christmas Day.
Services will be held at 10:00 am with coffee and fellowship afterwards in Liston Hall.*

Sunday, Dec 9	The SIPC Handbell Choir Will play a lovely arrangement of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Michael Mazzatenta during the worship service	10:00 AM
Sunday, Dec 9	Savannah Country Day School Holiday Concert Featuring singers from the LS, MS and US and the US orchestra. <i>SIPC Sanctuary – Concert is free and open to the public.</i> Live-streamed at sipres.org/scdshc at 4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec 18	Christmas Caroling to homebound members Meet at church office.	4:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec 19	Skidaway Island Preschool Christmas Program SIPC Sanctuary	NOON
Sunday, Dec 23	Morning Worship on the 4th Sunday of Advent With a Moment for Children	10:00 AM
Monday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service <i>Prelude music featuring choir members begins at 5:15 PM.</i>	5:30 PM



The church office will be closed the following dates:

Tuesday, December 25 - Friday, December 28

Tuesday, January 1

We will not have a newsletter for December 28.

Prayer List

We will keep all the names on the prayer list for one month unless continuous prayer is needed. Please let us know the status of your family and friends on our list.

All active military members will remain on the list.

Thank you!

Holidays are for Sharing....

Members of SIPC are very talented and we like to share.... our time, talents and appreciation for one another. This past week there have been an abundance of all three as members of the Finishing Touches Committee and others have been busy decorating the church for the holidays.

This 40th Anniversary year experienced many changes within the church as we moved forward to show “the Face of Jesus” to our island and the larger community. Thus, it seemed appropriate, when asked by the Worship Committee to assume responsibility for the decorations, to create a “new look” for the Sanctuary during this holiday season.

It all started back in late October/early November with the sorting out of all the greenery that had accumulated in the attic over several years. After having reviewed the useable inventory and discarded the rest, the committee presented a plan for the Sanctuary which was approved by the Worship Committee.

And here’s where the sharing comes in. Members of the Property Committee touched up the walls of the Sanctuary and replaced light bulbs in the ceiling. Others built the manger scene and made it come to life through its prominent arrangement in the chancel. The lighted wreath and trees were placed to feature the return of our beautiful wood paneling. And last, but not least, a new 12-foot tree, purchased at the end of the season last year, was decorated with all the beautiful ornaments so lovingly created by the women of our church many years ago.

The outside walkways, the entrances to the Sanctuary, Liston Hall, the ante room to the Administrative Offices and the reception area used many of the stored greens and rolls of accumulated ribbons. However, due to having been packed tightly, all had to be painstakingly fluffed to look refreshed.

In times of transition, it is often difficult to develop an overall plan. Therefore, each of these tasks seemed to evolve as we went along. The Committee intends to review this year’s “new look” and we’d like to hear from you, too. If you have a suggestion send to Dee Angell : deeangell@bellsouth.net

As for this year, thank you to all who contributed your talents and your time toward the festive decorations. You each know who you are. Please know how much our congregation appreciates your contributions.

Nursery News

Our nursery staff will be off for our Christmas Eve service. We invite families with children or grandchildren to sit together in the sanctuary or to enjoy the service “livestreamed” into Liston Hall. We thank our nursery workers, Sherry Liney and Donna Hart, for providing nursery care throughout the year. We are looking for additional workers and would appreciate your help sharing news of our search with people in the community. See below:

We are looking for a patient, attentive and Christian childcare attendant to work Sunday mornings and occasionally other times during the year. Applicant must be at least 16 years of age, have child care experience and be willing to be CPR and First Aid certified. Up to date Immunization record required. Ability required to lift 50 pounds. A background check is required by employer. Applicant should submit a letter of interest and/or resume to careers@skidawaypres.org

SIPC To Host Country Day School Holiday Concert

SIPC will be the location for the Savannah Country Day School Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 9 at 4 p.m. This concert has been held recently in the sanctuaries of St. Peters Episcopal Church and Asbury United Methodist Church. Now we have the opportunity to welcome the students and their families to our sanctuary beautifully decorated for Christmas.

The concert will feature sacred and holiday music by sixty singers from the Lower, Middle and Upper School Choruses along with thirty students in the Upper School Orchestra. Many of the students' family members will be in attendance but the concert is free and open to the public. Come enjoy the concert and welcome our guests. James Strength will be singing and other students attended our preschool and scouting programs. Some are Landings residents.

The concert will be live streamed at sipres.org/scdshc at 4 PM.

Gratefully,
Deanie

The Sanctuary is Beautifully Decorated for Christmas



Volunteers Needed

Fellowship Hour Hosts and Hostesses— *Choose an open date from the sign-up calendar in Liston Hall.*

Audio/Video Operations—
Contact the Church office

Church Office Support -
Contact Church Office

Bulletin/Newsletter Content Deadline

Tuesday, 4:00 PM

Church Attendance

98 people attended,
Sunday, December 2

Communication Card

When filling out your communication card on Sunday, please provide your **NAME ONLY** unless your contact information has changed.

This Week at SIPC

Sunday, December 9

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
- 4:00 PM Savannah Country Day Holiday Concert

Monday, December 10

- 9:30 AM Preschool Committee Meeting
- 1:00 PM Muffin Ministry
- 1:00 PM Hannah Circle Meeting
- 4:00 PM Missions and Benevolence Meeting

Tuesday, December 11

- 10:30 AM Esther Circle Meeting
- 4:00 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting
- 4:00 PM Property Committee Meeting
- 6:00 PM Elizabeth Circle Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

- 4:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
- 6:30 PM Daisy Scout Meeting

Thursday, December 13

- 4:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 15

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study at Oakridge

Clerk of Session

Tom Inglesby

Elders

Class of 2019

Sherry Leblang
Joan Pierce
Andy Lohn
Grace Walter

Class of 2020

Eleanor Graham
Ray Krstolic
Laurel McKeith
Joe Young

Class of 2021

Austin Eskew
Marcia Dodd
John Evans
Lynne Kaley

Birthday Wishes

December 12

Karen Utzinger

December 13

Carolyn Ernest
Cathie Inglesby



Prayer Requests

For Members

Ann Ash

Vic Bell

Ed Bullinger

Mary Alice Cavitt

Harry Heck

Marie Kemp

Fenton Ludtke

Edna Roeder

Peggy Thompson

Jack Richardson

June Richardson

George Schwind

Curt Shambaugh

Kelli Usher

Bill Welsh

Mary Yeomans

For Friends and Family

Brian Beebe, *Friend of Austin Eskew*

Janet Beer man, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*

Rick Bestler, *Friend of Jim and Ann Higbee*

Cliff Boggs, *Son of Patty Boggs*

Larry Brackett, *Friend of Sonny Jones*

Kelly Congleton, *Daughter of Michael and Sherry Congleton*

Ryker Cook, *Friend of Caroline Garrison*

Kim Coombs, *Friend of Sonny and Sue Jones*

Mickey Creel, *Friend of Ed and Shirley Bullinger*

Pete Dillingham, *Son-in-law of Mary Fritz*

Iris Eskew, *Mother of Sam Eskew*

Nick Francisco, *Nephew of Lynne Kaley*

Sam Garcia, *Friend of Austin Eskew*

Barbara Garrison, *Mother of Jeff Garrison*

Sam Gates, *Grandson of Don and Sandy Mayer*

Joe and Hilde Gibson, *Friends of Vic and Jean Bell*

Ehoch Gonzales, *Friend and Fellow Marine of Austin Eskew*

Kerry Goode, *Friend of Jim and Ann Fendig*

Ann Graham, *Friend of Sue Wallace*

Benji Hall, *Friend of Richard and Karen Fisher*

Josh Hancock and family, *Nephew of Carri Stoltz*

Jim and Judy Hannah, *Friends of Mary Yeomans*

Tom Herrmann, *Friend of David and Linda Denhard*

Emily Horton and her family, *Neighbors of Kelli and Matt Usher*

Larry Hutcheson, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*

Kaleigh, *Friend of Karen Fisher*

Shari Kuhns, *Daughter of Sarah Lanier*

Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey, *Friend of Jim and Ann Higbee*

Peter Liney, *Father-in-law of Sherry Liney*

Cynthia Morelock, *Sister-in law of Diane Schwind*

Charles Opdyke, *Brother of June O'Heam*

Catherine Poleski, *Niece of Howard and Judy Gandelot*

Lanny Rhodes, *Friend of Sam and Kay Eskew*

Mary Romanos, *Friend of Carol and Joe Young*

Nicki Sands, *Friend of Diane Tracy*

David Seaton, *Son of Charlie and Nell Seaton*

Jack Schwind, *Friend of Don and Betty Holck*

Lynn Sorrentino and daughter, Hannah, *Friends of Paul and Grace Walter*

Chris Suckell, *Friend of Bill and Peggy Foster*

Molly & Bob Titus, *Brother and Sister-in law of Mary Alice Cavitt*

Caroline Welsh, *Niece of Betty Gorman*

Melissa Wolosyzn and Family, *Niece of Bill & Anne Welsh*

Nancy Zarich, *Sister of Bill Foster*

Alison Yeazel, *Sister of Laurel McKeith*

Alex Young, *Husband of Marge Young*

For Those Serving In the Military

Philip Boggs, *servicing in the Army, stationed in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, grandson of Patty Boggs*

Devin Crute, *servicing Homeland Security/Border Patrol, grandson of Lori Harris*

Zach Crute, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the San Diego, CA, Naval Base, grandson of Lori Harris*

Richard Kelly, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, grandson of Margie Kelly*

Patrick Lenihan, *servicing in U. S. Marines, Yuma, Arizona, grandson of Priscilla Beckwith*

Dolan Lewis, *servicing as a nuclear engineer aboard the USS Ohio submarine, SC, grandson of Don and Sandy Mayer*

Matt Quinn, *servicing in the U.S. Army, grandson of Gerry Baumgardner*

Taylor White, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, grandson of Bunny Ludtke*

SIPC's Mission

To nurture Christians who by their words and actions reflect the face of Jesus to the world.

SIPC's Vision

To be a family of faith in Christ serving one another in the spirit of God's love.

SIPC's Values

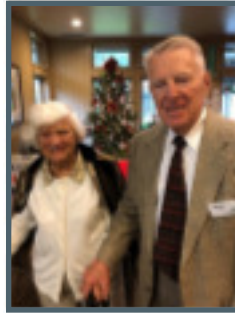
Using the Holy Scripture as our foundation of faith, we seek:

- Truth tempered by love
- Service above self
- Care for one another
- Mutual respect and accountability
- A personal relationship with Christ

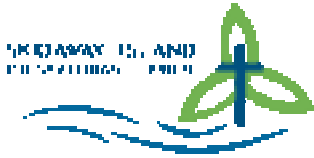
Give Thanks

Please send your church thanksgivings to Betty to include in future newsletters. Let us give thanks for people spotted "reflecting the face of Jesus" through their service, kindness, hospitality and generosity. Keep your eyes open for the fruit of the Spirit ripening around Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church!

We Wish Them Well



Walt and Carol Culin will soon begin their move to California to be near family. Walt and Carol have been members of the SIPC family for over 30 years. Over the years, they have served faithfully as elders of the church and on various committees. May God bless them in this new and exciting stage of their lives.



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