

SIPC News

Savannah Presbytery Pastor Swap Week

This week is pastor swap week for the Savannah Presbytery. We welcome the Rev. Pete Ullmann to our pulpit. Pete is the pastor of Jesup Presbyterian Church. Pete is here with his wife, Dawn, who teaches 8th grade science for the Georgia Cyber-Academy. Pete and Dawn have one son, Nate, who is a third grader. Pastor Garrison is preaching at First Presbyterian Church in Brunswick this Sunday.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, March 10, immediately following worship service.

Muffin Ministry

From James 2:15-17

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and well fed" but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

The Muffin Ministry has relied on our partners, the congregation, to accomplish faith with deeds to feed the homeless. Thank you and we pray for your continued support to buy muffin mix, bring oil & standard muffin cups and pray for this ministry. We would welcome extra hands any Monday on our schedule at 1:00 PM in the kitchen.

Here are the dates for the next few months:

February 18

March 11, 25

April 8

Thank you,
Susan Usher

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Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Rev. Pete Ullmann

"To Be Blessed"

Sunday School

**Serendipity - 9:00 AM - Library
February 17**

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

The Serendipity Class has been enjoying the insights and humor of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis over the past several Sundays. We are working from a study guide which frequently leads us to the scripture behind his humorous musings. We share our varied ideas and faith in many different ways during our Sunday morning explorations which begin at 9:00am. We close in plenty of time for fellowship in the Sanctuary prior to the Sunday service. Coffee is always available as are open arms to any who wish to share with us. We look forward to welcoming you.

Reflecting the Face of Jesus

To the Congregation of Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church,

My name is Steven Rich and I am an active duty member of the US Coast Guard stationed here at USCG Air Station Savannah. I am a helicopter rescue swimmer and have been serving for just over 21 years. In the last month we all experienced something that I personally never thought would happen as an active duty member of the military. We did not receive a paycheck for the first time in history. This was one of the most stressful and awkward times I have experienced while being in the Coast Guard. Personally, I was thinking about how long my family could get by without a paycheck. My wife Lori, and two sons Memphis 12, and Knox 7, were my main priority. Assuring that we could afford gas, groceries, and the necessary bills became my main focus at home. These are things that come so natural until that fateful day you don't receive a paycheck. On top of this I am the Chief of the rescue swimmer shop which has 13 guys. I needed to make sure they were able to take care of themselves and their families in this troubling time. We have guys with newborn babies, toddlers, and wives with babies on the way. These guys were required to maintain the watch and assure the safety of our citizens regardless if they got paid or not. They all did it without hesitation.

There was one HUGE shining light on this whole ordeal. I was blown away by the outpouring support of the local community. At first it was hard to accept, but throughout the ordeal we managed to accept the generosity and open arms from the community. Your church provided so many gift cards that were a major lift to morale throughout the shutdown. Knowing that my guys could not worry about gas, groceries, and other necessities was such a blessing. I am a man of faith and felt the presence of God in your gifts. They lifted people up that needed a lifting and provided comfort in this troubling time. Personally, I cannot be any more grateful. My family used those cards to get groceries, gas, and even a dinner out just to take our minds off it. My kids probably felt my wife and I's stress, but they never went without due to generous gifts like yours. I can't say thank you enough, thank you. Thank you for caring, for showing grace, for taking care of people you have never met. You allowed us to do the same for the people we rescue with some sense of relief. God bless your congregation.

Steven J. Rich

Chief Aviation Survival Technician

Meet Our New Members David and Maureen Squires



Dave and Maureen Squires joined our church on November 11, 2018 along with three others. They moved here from Silver Spring, Maryland where they attended Christ Congregational Church. While there, they helped develop “Because We Care”, a lay ministry designed to provide support for individuals in times of grief and crisis. They were also both Stephen Ministry Leaders who trained while living in Branford, CT, where they attended the First Congregational Church.

Dave has broad teaching experience from high school to the college level, most recently in the Educational Leadership Department of Southern Connecticut State University. He has written several books and articles on curriculum development and alignment. In 2000, Dr. Squires took the Balanced Curriculum, which he developed, on-line and developed one of the first web-based tools to facilitate curriculum development and alignment to educational standards.

Maureen is a working painter/calligrapher. She exhibits her work widely and while in Washington, DC, she was elected as a member of the Touchstone Gallery and continues that affiliation. While in CT, she was a board member of the Guilford Art Center. She has directed three international calligraphy conferences and most recently taught at Montgomery College, Silver Spring, MD.

She and Dave have two daughters, one a professor at NYU and one a physical therapist in Maryland with their grandson, Jason. Welcome both Dave and Maureen to Skidaway Island and SIPC.

“Evita” – the Musical - Featuring James and Nell Strength

Deanie would like to invite the congregation to a theatre performance of Andrew Lloyd Weber’s musical “Evita” at Savannah Country Day School on Friday night, February 22 at 7 PM. James and Nell Strength will be performing in a variety of roles. The show will also be performed at 7 PM on Thursday (2/21) and Saturday (2/23) but she is willing to meet church members in the SIPC parking lot on Friday at 6 PM and drive the church bus over. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door. Seating is open. Please call Deanie if you would like to go.

Music Notes

The second annual Competition for Young Pianists will take place on Saturday, February 23 beginning at 3:00 PM. As part of the local chapter of the National Federation of Music Clubs, Savannah’s aspiring solo pianists and duet teams will compete for cash prizes.

The event will be held at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 3 Westridge Road across from Publix on Skidaway Island.

The public is invited to enjoy the performances. There is no admission charge.



Congratulations to Nipuna Ambanpola - Past Georgia Rotary Student and Friend of SIPC

World Trade Center Savannah (WTCSav) and [National Office Systems](#) are pleased to announce that we have selected Nipuna Ambanpola and Kynder Ganoë, the team representing IVolunteer International as our nomination for the Peace Through Trade Competition, a global student contest hosted by the World Trade Centers Association Foundation (WTCAF).

Teams were asked to present an original project, product or other innovative idea that exemplifies and promotes social innovation and sustainability through collaboration, fair trade and ethical international business practices.

IVolunteer International created a mobile app that will reshape how volunteers are connected to volunteer opportunities in their local communities and around the world. IVolunteer International is a non-profit organization with the vision of creating a volunteer in every human being around the world. IVolunteer International (www.ivint.org) connects individuals to volunteer projects globally. Founded in January 2015, their goal is to disrupt the traditional binding memberships, commitments, and immobility of resources.

Nipuna Ambanpola, a former WTCSav intern, Georgia Southern University Senior and IVolunteer International's Co-Founder & Executive Director said, "Our goal is to redefine the way people of the world respond to volunteering. We are excited and honored to have the opportunity to represent Savannah with our passion project."

In mid-2019, IVolunteer International plans to launch the revolutionary mobile app to reshape how volunteers connect to projects within their communities and across the globe – making it the first worldwide volunteer app.

The goal is to make volunteering easy, accessible, fun and cost-effective. The mobile app, when launched, will identify the user's location and connect them to volunteer opportunities around them. The users will be able to track their individual volunteer hours and share common-interest opportunities with their friends and family and even celebrate volunteerism!

Since 2015, IVolunteer has connected over 2,000 volunteers for more than 40 projects.

Scott Center, WTCSav Chairman and President of National Office Systems said, "All of the finalists presented innovative ideas that provided real solutions to some of today's challenges. We are honored to send the team at IVolunteer International to the next level in the competition and that they have the opportunity to share their ideas on the global stage."

The team representing IVolunteer will move to the next round which includes an interview with the international board of directors alongside projects submitted from all over the world. The global winner will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the upcoming World Trade Centers Association General Assembly in Querétaro, Mexico in April 2019 to present their project and receive their award on the global stage.

(Article from www.wtcsavannah.org)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAVANNAH

Presents

**WM. G. FOOTE
LECTURE SERIES**

PRESENTED BY
**MARTHA MOORE-KEISH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY
COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

***How Do We Compare?
Christian Theology and Religious Diversity***

**Saturday, February 23
Dinner and Program at 6:00 p.m.
Learning from Our History:
Reformed Protestants in a World of Many Religions**

**Sunday, February 24
Service of Worship at 11:00 a.m.**

**Sermon: "Loving Enemies?"
Texts: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 and Luke 6:27-38**

Program at 5:00 p.m.

**Loving Our Neighbors of Other Religions:
The Turn to Comparative Theology**

First Presbyterian Church of Savannah
520 Washington Avenue, Savannah Georgia

*Email Judith@savannahfpc.org for
dinner reservations. (\$10 per person)*

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

Church Attendance

105 people attended,
Sunday, February 10

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, February 17

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday, February 18

1:00 PM Muffin Ministry

Tuesday, February 19

9:00 AM Kay Arthur Precepts Bible Study

3:30 PM Communications Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

7:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 20

1:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study

Thursday, February 21

4:20 PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 22

9:30 AM Preschool Parent Meeting

Saturday February 23

7 - 11:00 AM Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study at SIPC Library

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



February 21

Sam Eskew

February 22

Sherry Leblang

February 23

Gerry Baumgardner

Prayer Requests

For Members

Ann Ash
Ed Bullinger
Shirley Bullinger
Mary Alice Cavitt
Harry Heck
Dick Higgins
Marie Kemp
Andy Lohn
Sandy Ljungdahl
Fenton Ludtke
Jack Richardson
June Richardson
Edna Roeder
George Schwind
Curt Shambaugh
Kelli Usher

Memorial Service

Carol Culin passed away on Friday, February 8 in Pleasanton, CA.

A memorial service will be held at SIPC on Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 PM. There will be a reception in Liston Hall following the service.

If you would like to send a card please send to:

Walt Culin
3345 Streamside Circle
Pleasanton, CA 94588

For Friends and Family

Ellen Brassard, *Aunt of Drew and Melissa Behnke*
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*
Kelly Congleton, *Daughter of Michael and Sherry Congleton*
Ryker Cook, *Friend of Caroline Garrison*
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 of Austin Eskew and Fellow Marine*
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*
Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey, *Friend of Jim and Ann Higbee*
Peter Liney, *Father-in-law of Sherry Liney*
Jeff Magee, *Brother-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*
Jessica Silverman, *cousin of Ann and Jim Fendig*
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*
Tim Wickstrom, *Friend of Joe and Carol Young*
Melissa Wolosyzn and Family, *Niece of Anne Welsh*
Nancy Zarich, *Sister of Bill Foster*
Alex Young, *Husband of Marge Young*

For Those Serving In the Military

Philip Boggs, *servng in the Army, stationed in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, grandson of Patty Boggs*
Devin Crute, *servng Homeland Security/Border Patrol, grandson of Lori Harris*
Zach Crute, *servng in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the San Diego, CA, Naval Base, grandson of Lori Harris*
Richard Kelly, *servng in the U.S. Navy, grandson of Margie Kelly*
Patrick Lenihan, *servng in U. S. Marines, Yuma, Arizona, grandson of Priscilla Beckwith*
Dolan Lewis, *servng as a nuclear engineer aboard the USS Ohio submarine, SC, grandson of Don and Sandy Mayer*
Matt Quinn, *servng in the U.S. Army, grandson of Gerry Baumgardner*
Taylor White, *servng 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.

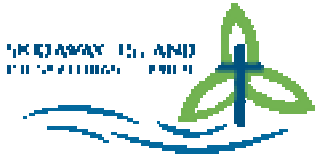
SIPC's Vision

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



Volunteers Needed for Rotary Read-On March 13

Our church financial administrator, James Eleccko, would like to invite church members to join Skidaway Island Rotarians for a morning of reading aloud to students in the Savannah Chatham County Public School system for one hour on Wednesday, March 13, 9-10:30 AM. James is looking for readers for the nearby Hesse and Isle of Hope schools.

Volunteers buy a book - a personal favorite or one from

<https://savannahrotaryreadin.com/book-suggestions>

E. Shaver Booksellers is offering a discount to Read-In participants. After reading the book aloud to the students, the book will be left with the class. Please call James at the church or at home (598-9701) to sign up.

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