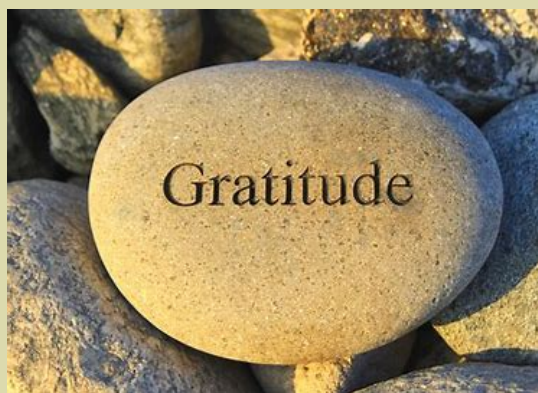




**Wilmington  
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## WEEKEND UPDATE



*When you are grateful, you are not fearful... When you are grateful, you act out of a sense of enough and not out of a sense of scarcity, and you are willing to share. If you are grateful, you are enjoying the differences between people and respectful to all people. The grateful world is a world of joyful people. Grateful people are joyful people. A grateful world is a happy world.*

Brother David Steindl-Rast

I learned that yesterday was World Gratitude Day (don't worry, I forgot to get you a card, too!).

I found a quote by theologian and author, Dianna Butler Bass (we used her book, *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* as the basis for our summer sermon series) that speaks to the power of gratitude:

*"Gratitude is resilience of sorts, the defiance of kindness in the face of anger, of connection in the face of division, and of hope in the face of fear. . . Gratitude empowers us. It makes joy and love possible. It rearranges the way we see and experience what is all around us. Gratitude makes all things new. It transforms how we understand what is broken and gives us the ability to act more joyfully and with hope. That is why gratitude is central to all the world's religions. As a practice, it embodies the wisdom of humanity's greatest spiritual teachers: the love of neighbor. Gratitude takes us from abstract belief to living compassion in the world."*

It seems to me that gratitude isn't always easy because life isn't always rainbows and unicorns; it can be difficult to find gratitude in difficult times. But, as Butler Bass reminds us, choosing to be grateful can change the

way we see the world around us. The more we can practice noticing the gifts of life all around us, the more we are able to find the strength to overcome the anxiety and fear and suspicion that not only lurk in the corners of our hearts, but are so prevalent in the world today.

So don't worry that, like me, you missed out on World Gratitude Day; it's never too late to be grateful. Look around you and count your blessings, and find things for which you are grateful. Even more, find someone who might benefit from a kind word or deed and pay your gratitude forward.

For gratitude is not a once-a-year celebration but a way of life.

Peace!  
Andy

**The Christian Education Committee and Session are in conversation about how to best serve our congregation and have recently sent a survey seeking your thoughts on *Sunday School* and *Worship times*.**

***If you have not completed it already, please take a moment to fill out the survey now by clicking on the button below. Thank you!***

**SURVEY**

**Congregational Lunch  
this Sunday,  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
following Worship**

**Join us for Hot Dogs  
and a Water Slide!  
Reply to this message or  
contact the church office  
to RSVP**



### **Wednesday Night Supper Youth Fund Raiser**

Join us this Wednesday at 5:45 for pizza & salad provided by the Youth Group. The WIPC Youth Group will be serving dinner to raise money to help offset the costs of their summer programs like Montreat and camp. To RSVP please reply to this message or call the church office. **Let's support our Youth!**

**If you did not have your/your family  
photo taken here at church we still**



would like to have a picture of you to put in the new pictorial directory. Just email your digital photo to the church or drop off a picture to the church office. Deadline for submissions is next week!



## Message from our Mission Committee

### Family Promise Week

WIPC will once again take our turn to assist the families this coming week.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

A huge **Thank You** to the following who have volunteered to provide meals for the families of Family Promise: Deanna Molnar, Barbara Kaneiwa (with J Wade), Melissa McCurry, Clare Utter, Sue Burdette, Sarah Vohringer and Sue Lentini.

Also...Through your donations we were able to donate 16 portable fans to Senior Citizens, Inc. during our drive in July-August.

**Thank you!**

WIPC's Mission Committee



### Rummage Sale

**Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**8am to Noon.**

It's time to clear out your closets and bring your donations to the church for the sale. All items must be **clean and in working order, and please, no clothes or heavy**

**furniture!** We will begin receiving donations this Sunday following worship in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds go to support the programs and ministries of WIPC.

**Volunteers are needed to help on the day of sale: 7:30 to 10:00AM and 9:30AM to 12:30PM. If you can help please contact the church office.**

The Wilmington Island Garden Club will also have items to purchase in the church parking lot.

**The Facilities Committee invites you to come and help spruce up our church**



campus next Saturday morning, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 – noon (or until we run out of work...or energy!). There will be general clean up to be done - trimming, weeding, window washing and picking up debris left by Idalia. No need to RSVP, just come! But if you have some hedge clippers, those will come in handy! **Thank You!!**

Several WIPC folks, including Pastor Andy, participated in the District I Pilgrimage Day Trip in Savannah last Saturday.

**The next Pilgrimage Day Trip opportunity will take place on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> near Statesboro at the Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center and to the Red Summer Memorial Walk.**

Once again, we will provide a carpool opportunity from our church. **Registration includes lunch and is due by September 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Marty Susie at [MartyWIPC@gmail.com](mailto:MartyWIPC@gmail.com).**

**Register [HERE](#)**

**PILGRIMAGE Day Trips**

We are offering three daytrips to learn and unpack the impact of local historical events in each of Savannah Presbytery's three districts and how they impact our current time. The trips will be led by Nobis Project which coordinated our trip to Montgomery and are open to anyone 13-years-of-age and older. Each trip will be a full day beginning around 8:30 AM and ending after 4:30 PM.

**District II - October 14th**

- Meet at Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center at 9 AM (4235 Willow Hill Rd, Portal, GA 30450)
- Red Summer Memorial Walk
- Nobis Big Ideas and Group Reflection activities
- Includes lunch

Registration Deadline: September 29th/ Cost \$135 per person

**District III - November 4th**

- Pre-trip video, reading assignments and Zoom gathering
- Meet Sapelo Island Ferry at 8 AM (1766 Landing Road Southeast, Darien, GA 31305)
- Do not be late - Ferry will NOT WAIT
- Sapelo Island Tour led by a direct descendant of enslaved Africans brought to island in early 1800s to work the plantation.
- Basket Weaving Demonstration
- Discussion with Descendants
- Nobis Big Ideas and Group Reflection activities
- Includes catered lunch on island

Registration Deadline: October 27th/Cost \$150 per person

Register online at [www.savannahpresbytery.org/pilgrimage-day-trips](http://www.savannahpresbytery.org/pilgrimage-day-trips)



# SURVEY OF WORLD RELIGIONS



**October 7-8**  
**at Epworth by the Sea**

Participants in this course will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the major faith traditions around the world, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. Together, we will explore the historical development and underpinnings of each tradition, what a life of faith looks like in the modern day, and survey significant scriptures and religious writings.



REV. JACOB DOUYLLIEZ

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S  
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## **Pre-course Assignment:**

Acquire and read ***Holy Envy*** by Barbara Brown Taylor and ***The World's Religions*** by Huston Smith. Please write down any questions that come to mind. These questions should be emailed to

MSusiel@savannahpresbytery.org  
by September 22, 2023



If a *Survey of World Religions* is not for you, take a deep-dive into a *Survey of the Old Testament* with Dr. Brennan Breed or discover what it means to be Presbyterian (USA) in our *History, Mission & Polity* course led by Rev. Jihyun Oh.

All three classes are available in person or online via Zoom.  
Register by **THIS SUNDAY, September 24th**

**Register HERE**

**For the safety and care of our youngest disciples, we require two adults in the nursery.**

**Would you join our team of volunteers and volunteer once a**

month for an hour?



[Sign Up Here](#)

## Mark your Calendar:

- **November 18<sup>th</sup>, Oyster Roast/BBQ/Auction:** it's been a few years since we have held this annual event, but it is back! This year, it will be held at the *Savannah Boathouse Marina* (to the left just before heading over the Bull River bridge to Tybee) from 4:00 - 8:00.
- **December 9<sup>th</sup>, Deacons' Winter Festival:** our annual event for the children of our church and community, 11:00 - 2:00.

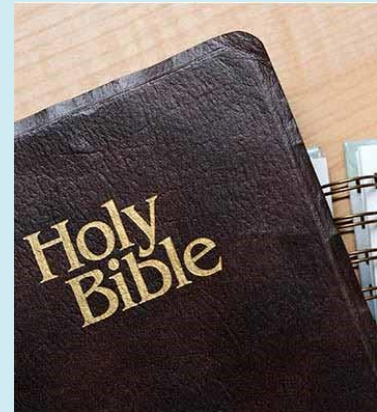
More information about these events will be shared in the coming weeks.



## **Bible Study Opportunities**

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets weekly at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.
- **Men's Bible Study** meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:15.
- **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

**All are welcome!**



## **Sunday Worship**

**September 24, 2023, 10:00 AM**

Join us in-person or online using the YouTube link below:

[Click for  
YouTube](#)

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