



Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

Friends,

In my mind, I've gone to Carolina...

So sang James Taylor in his classic hit, *Carolina in My Mind*, back in the 70's. This song that has been lodged in my head all week as I prepare to depart with our youth on Sunday for a week at the Montreat Youth Conference.

Montreat is a retreat center up in the mountains of North Carolina, just east on Asheville. It has been a favorite of Presbyterians for more than 125 years. I believe it is one of those "thin places" that Celtic Christians often speak about, one of those places where heaven and earth, the divine and the temporal come near, where God's presence is experienced in new and special ways, where the Spirit is alive and at work.



Maggie and I will be taking nine high school youth from our church; we'll be joining up with an additional 20 youth from six other churches across Savannah Presbytery; and together we will be joining approximately 600 youth from across the country at the Youth Conference.

I ask you to pray for our group: pray that we have safe travels; pray that no one gets food poisoning (I'll be doing the cooking for our group); pray that all 29 youth and 5 adult chaperones get along and share the love of Christ with one another; most of all, pray that our hearts will be open to what God desires to show and teach us.

Now, feel free to start singing along, "In my mind I've gone to Carolina..."

See you next week!
Peace,
Andy

Introducing...

Barb Evans Becker, our new church/preschool accountant. Barb is taking over for Christelle Giovannini, who is stepping down because, well, a full-time job, another part-time job and a busy family life are more than enough to keep her



busy! They will both be working together over the next several weeks to ensure a seamless transition.

Barb recently retired as the CFO of Benedictine Military School, and has more than 30 years of experience in the non-profit sector. She won't be completely unknown to us, as she has never missed one of our Wednesday Night Suppers where Skyline Chili has been served! (Like Pastor Andy, she was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio.) She received her undergraduate degree from Kenyon College in Ohio and her MBA from Babson College in

Massachusetts.

Speaking of Pastor Andy, he married Barb to her husband, Vince almost 14 years ago (for which he was paid in beer...but that's a story for another time).

So, welcome, Barb, to our church family! And thank you to Christelle for her faithful service to our church.



P.A.C.K. is a non-profit committed to meeting the basic needs of children in our local community.

Through the month of June, the Mission Committee will be collecting school supplies for children in our community through P.A.C.K. If you would like to donate, please drop off your items on Sunday mornings in the Narthex or in the church office on weekday mornings.

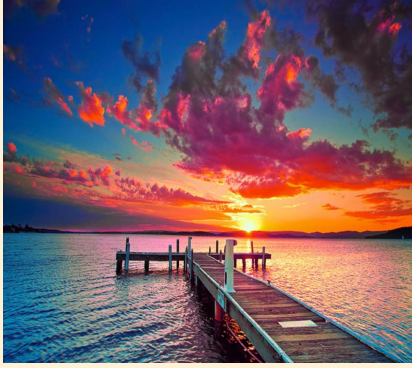
V.I.S.A.

Our VISA group (Very Important Senior Adults) will next gather on Thursday, June 19th at Coach's Corner on Victory Dr. You can sign-up this Sunday in worship or by calling/emailing Lucille in the church office.



Bella Sera

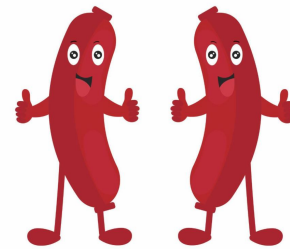
Join your church family and friends



Friday, June 20th from 5:00 'til dusk at the home of Tom Marsicano (1116 Wilmington Island Rd.) for a ***Bella Sera*** (Italian for a “*beautiful evening*”) of friends and fellowship. Please bring your own drinks, chairs and an appetizer or dessert to share. Tom's pool will be open for those who want to swim; the dock will be open for those who want to watch for

dolphins. No need to RSVP....just come!

The "Wurst" Church Lunch Ever!



Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for lunch following worship on June 29th that will feature a variety of grilled sausages, brats, dogs and other tubular meats. Also on the menu will be chips, coleslaw, watermelon and ice cream sandwiches. Be watching for sign up opportunities in the weeks ahead.



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When Storms Hit, PDA Is There!

Recently, deadly tornadoes and severe storms ripped through Kentucky and Missouri. Tim Baumgartner had friends who were impacted, and Jeri Lyn's brother and his family were less than a mile away from a hard-hit part of Kentucky. In response, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has boots on the ground and has disbursed emergency grants to churches and individuals impacted to help with immediate relief, long-term rebuilding, and emotional and spiritual care (just like they provide our church a \$5,000 grant when TS Debbie took down trees on our campus). If you would like to support PDA as they minister in folks in Kentucky and Missouri (and countless other communities across the country and around the world), please click on the link below. Thanks!

PDA Give Now



Sign up to help in our Nursery!

Volunteering is important to keeping our youngest disciples cared for and providing families time in worship to God.

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Visit our Events Calendar
on our web page by
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