



Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

Friends,

Geoffrey Chaucer once said, “All good things must come to an end...”

...No, I’m not stepping down, but Marty Susie is.

Last week, Marty, who has served Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church as our Christian Educator for almost 17 years, shared with me that she feels led to step down from her work with our church. This news was shared with the Session earlier this week.



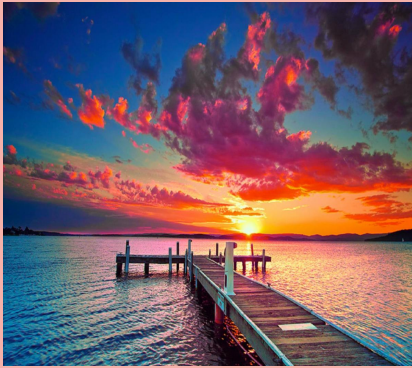
In her letter to the Session, Marty reflected that she has sensed for a while that she is being pulled in too many directions, that instead of being energized by her work, it was now causing her stress and anxiety, even more so since Jack’s cancer diagnosis last year. Freeing up some time in her schedule will allow Marty to focus more on her own spiritual, mental and physical well-being.

While we might be losing Marty’s services as our Christian Educator, we won’t be losing Marty...she will continue to be an active member of WIPC! She will also continue to serve as the Director of Mission and Program Advancement for Savannah Presbytery, where her gifts and skills are being used to help and serve many churches, especially those who don’t have the resources to have their Christian Educators.

Later this summer we will find a Sunday to more formally recognize and thank Marty; stay tuned for the announcement when this will take place. But until then, please join me in thanking Marty – and God! – for her years of service to our church and community; for the hearts and lives – young and old – that have been enriched by Marty and the education programs of our church that she helped nurture and foster; and for her organizational skills and detailed files that will allow our next Christian Educator to hit the road running!

Speaking of our next Christian Educator...the Christian Education Committee, chaired by Missy Nilsen, and the Personnel Committee, chaired by Margie Chambless, will be putting their heads together in the coming weeks to update a job description and come up with a plan to begin a search for our next educator. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who might be interested in this part-time position, please have them reach out to me.

For her many gifts and years of service, we give thanks to God for Marty, trusting that (using words from the Apostle Paul) *“the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”*



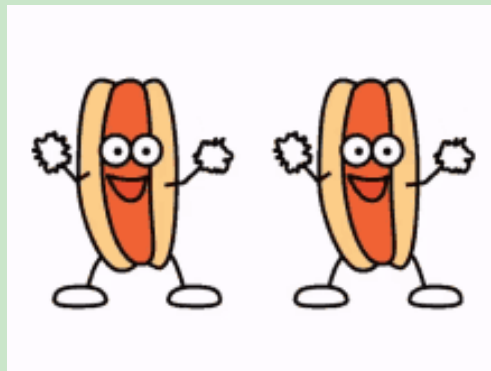
Bella Sera

Join your church family and friends this evening, 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!

Road Trip to Swainsboro, GA

Iglesia Latina, our sister-Presbyterian church in Swainsboro serving the Hispanic population there, will be celebrating their 15th anniversary next weekend...and we have been invited to join them! Barbara Kaneiwa has graciously offered her van to drive up for their Saturday evening celebration. We will leave from our church parking lot at 5:00 PM and return around 10:30. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining the trip.



The "Wurst" Church Lunch Ever!

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for lunch following worship next Sunday, **June 29th** that will feature a variety of grilled sausages, brats, hotdogs and other tubular meats. Also on the

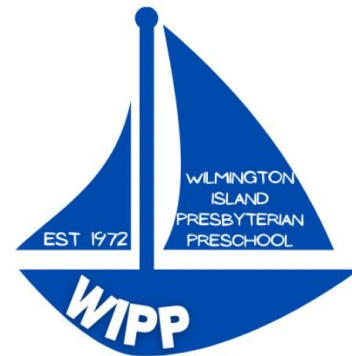
menu will be chips, coleslaw, watermelon and ice cream sandwiches. Please reply to this message or fill out the *One Stop* on Sunday to let us know you will be joining us.



In a recent church cleanup effort (no, it wasn't Andy's office!), a stack of car magnets was found. If you would like one to adorn your car, truck or RV, they are available for purchase in the office for \$10. Get one and show the world you are a proud member (or friend) of WIPC!

WIPP Is Hiring!

Our very own Wilmington Island Presbyterian Preschool has openings for two 5-day teachers (3-year-old & 4-year-old classes) and an office secretary to work weekday mornings during the school year beginning in August...and they are always looking for folks to add to the substitutes list. If you know of anyone who has a heart for children who wants to work in an awesome, supportive environment, please have them reach out to Director Ashley Cetti (912-414-9153; wipp450@gmail.com).



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



PACK is a non-profit committed to meeting the basic needs of children in our local community.

Through the month of June, the Mission Committee is 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.

Needed supplies include:

- Packs of pens (black or blue)
- Packs of #2 Pencils
- 24-pack crayon boxes
- Packs of magic markers
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks

The Mission Committee is also financially supporting **Mary's Place** in ***Packing for a Purpose***. Learn more about their mission below, and consider registering (before June 16th) to help pack the Survivor Bags on Saturday, June 21st.

PACKING FOR A PURPOSE

Survivor Bag Packing Event for Mary's Place: Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire

CARE FOR SURVIVORS

POWERED BY COMMUNITY

What's a Survivor Bag?

A survivor bag is a thoughtfully assembled care package given to individuals who have experienced sexual assault. These bags typically include necessary resources and comfort items—such as toiletries, cozy clothing—offering dignity, warmth, and support during a deeply vulnerable time.

Why It Matters

After trauma, small acts of dignity matter. Survivor bags provide immediate, tangible care and remind survivors they are not alone. Each item reflects necessary support, healing, and compassion.

How To Participate

Your presence packing survivor bags with us is a powerful act at this free event. To further support the survivors we work with, we ask attendees upon filling out the required registration, to make a small donation to Mary's Place.

Click here to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/wp367bkv>

Or Scan the QR Code Above!
Registration closes June 16

Saturday, June 21



11AM-1PM

Savannah Coffee



Roasters (upstairs)

Address included in
registration

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Space is limited.



MARY'S PLACE
SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER OF THE
COASTAL EMPIRE INC



www.marysplacega.org



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.

[Sign up HERE](#)

Do you know where to find when church events are happening - such as lunches, learning activities or events?

Visit our Events Calendar on our web page by clicking below:



Church Calendar

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY

Mid-June Newsletter

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