



*Wilmington
Island
Presbyterian
Church*

I recently ran across a story of a Rabbi who, years and years ago, lived in a small village in Russia. Every Friday morning, the Rabbi would disappear for several hours. When folks in the village asked about this, members of his congregation would tell them that their Rabbi spent those hours going up to heaven to talk with God.

One day, a stranger moved into the village who heard about the Rabbi's ritual. He was skeptical about the congregation's explanation, so, one Friday morning, he decided to investigate for himself.

He hid near the Rabbi's house early one Friday morning, and he watched the Rabbi rise, say his prayers, and then change into peasant clothes. The disguised Rabbi picked up an ax and walked into the woods where the stranger watched him cut firewood for several hours; he then hauled the wood to a small shack on the outskirts of the village, where an elderly woman and her son lived. There, he left enough wood to last the week before quietly walking home.

The stranger stayed in the village, and he joined the congregation. And from that day on, whenever he heard someone talk about their Rabbi ascending to heaven on Friday mornings, he would quietly add: yes, to heaven, if not higher.

Jesus once told a parable in which he said, "*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me.*" (Matthew 25:40). The point Jesus was making was that his presence is bound up in acts of showing up for someone in need: in the wood hauled through the snow; in a meal brought to a shut-in; in the offer to babysit your neighbors' kids so that the couple can enjoy an evening out; in the phone call to a friend you haven't seen in a while - Christ is truly present in all these actions.

In the coming week, I invite you to do something kind or thoughtful or generous for someone you know to be in need. You might even consider doing it quietly or discreetly so that they don't know it was you.

When you do, I trust you will find what the Rabbi found on those Friday mornings, what Jesus was getting at in the parable he told – not just the satisfaction of a doing a good deed, but something more; a presence, a joy that defies explanation.

A foretaste, maybe, of heaven...if not higher.

Peace,
Andy



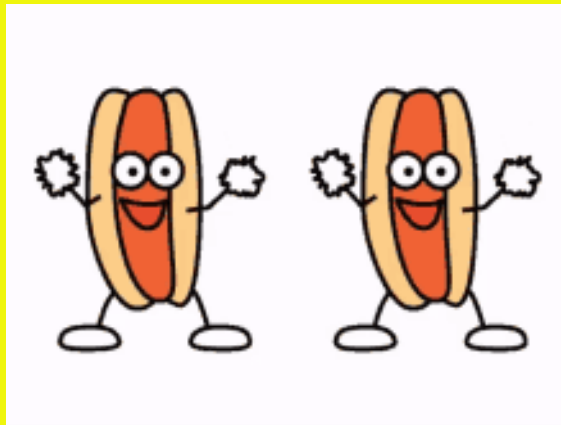
Deacons' BBQ Sale

Saturday, May 2nd
Ace Hardware Parking Lot
10:00 - 2:00
(or until we sell out)

Plates - \$15 or 2 for \$25
(BBQ, slaw & baked beans)

By the Pound -
\$15 for 1#, \$25 for 2#

Pre-orders with payment are being accepted in the church office or from any of our Deacons...and help us get the word out by telling your friends and neighbors!



Congregational Lunch

next **Sunday, April 26th**

following worship
grilled hotdogs, chips,
coleslaw & dessert.

Please RSVP by replying to this email or

VBS Registration Is Open!!

June 1st - June 5th

9:00 AM - Noon

\$35 per child



Click on the tab below that will take you to the registration & photo release forms that you can download, fill out, and return to the church office (drop off or email) along with your payment.

Checks are to be made out to WIPC earmarked VBS. You can also pay online by using the online giving button at the bottom of the page (please use the "Other Payments" option... noting "For VBS").

[VBS Registration Forms](#)

Calling all Volunteers...



We are now actively recruiting volunteers for this summer's VBS, June 1-5; click the link below or contact the church office if you would like to help out.

[VBS Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Faith Formation Offerings at WIPC



- Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6:30 at the home of Doug & Missy Nilsen (125 Sweet Bailey Cove).

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study is going to take a break from now until June 9 when they will begin a study, "*The Grace of God*" by Andy Stanley.
- Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study meets at 7:15 AM.

For more information about any of these groups, speak with Austin or Andy.



Wednesday Night Supper

April 22 - sloppy joes, cole slaw, baked beans, and au gratin potatoes, prepared by Rhoda Voth

April 29 - BBQ smoked chicken, mac 'n cheese, green beans, and salad, prepared by Ken & Ken Utter

May 6 - Brunswick Stew, potato salad & rolls, prepared by Sarah Vohringer

Use the button below to sign up for any of these Wednesday Night Suppers.

Supper Sign Up



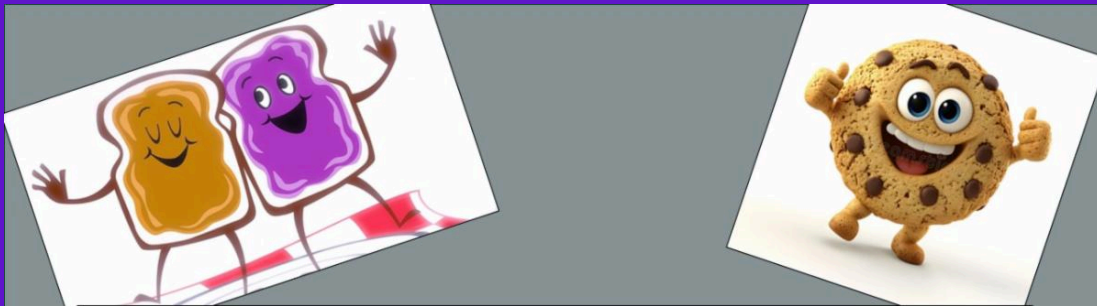
The WIPC Ladies Interest Circle invites all women to a Brunch to be held on Wednesday, May 13th at 10:00 AM at the home of Judy Walker (6 Sandy Point Rd. 31404).

Please RSVP to Judy at 912-547-3166.



We still need nursery volunteers so that our staff can get an occasional break. Please click on the link below to volunteer. Thanks!!

[Nursery Sign Up](#)

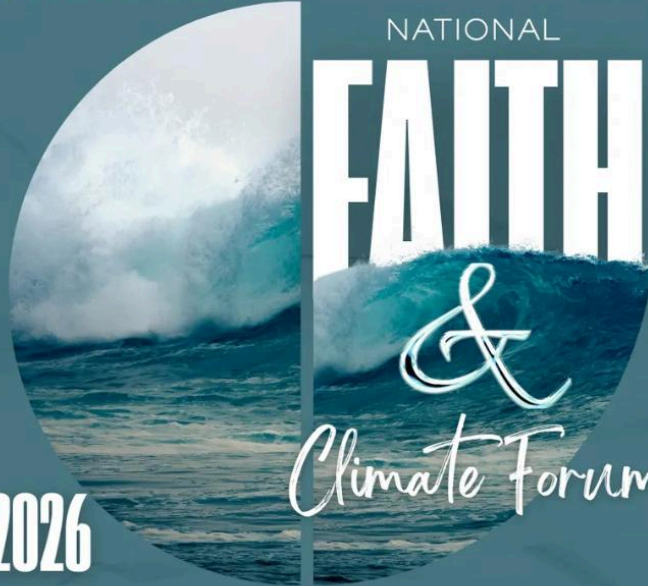


Besides sandwiches, we are now receiving desserts for the **Inner City Night Shelter**. Sandwiches (PB&J or Ham & Cheese) and desserts (cookies or other hand-held treats) should all be individually wrapped in sandwich bags and dropped off in the Fellowship Hall refrigerator. Thank you for supporting the unhoused members of our community!

**OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
FROM MISSION PARTNERS**



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CHURCH, USA



APRIL 25, 2026

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BUTLER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS PROUD TO SERVE AS A
HOST SITE FOR THIS POWERFUL NATIONAL GATHERING UNITING PEOPLE
OF FAITH TO LEAD ON CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ROOTED IN JUSTICE, HOPE,
AND SPIRITUAL COURAGE.

LAST YEAR, 2,000+ PARTICIPANTS FROM 565+ CONGREGATIONS
JOINED ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS YEAR, IT STARTS RIGHT HERE.

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

- ✓ THE LIVE NATIONAL FORUM
- ✓ MEANINGFUL LOCAL CONVERSATION
- ✓ PRACTICAL WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION
- ✓ A COMMUNITY GROUNDED IN FAITH AND ACTION

THIS IS MORE THAN A LIVESTREAM. IT'S A CHANCE TO LEARN, CONNECT,
AND LEAD — TOGETHER.

BE PART OF IT!

NATIONALFAITHANDCLIMATEFORUM.ORG



JUST PRESENTS

An afternoon conversation with the
elders who made history.



**LIVING HISTORY PANEL: OUR CIVIL
RIGHTS HERITAGE**

INTRODUCTION BY DR. OTIS JOHNSON

MODERATED BY REV. DIANE WILLIAMS

FEATURING: REP. EDNA JACKSON, ELDER JESSIE DELOACH,
AND SPECIAL GUESTS

MAY 3, 2026, 3:30-5:00 PM

ST. PHILIP AME CHURCH

613 MLK JR. BLVD, SAVANNAH,

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE



PUBLIC FORUM
SCHOOL BOARD
PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

VISION

QUALIFICATIONS

MONDAY,
MAY 4, 2026
7-8 PM

CONNEXION CHURCH
5411 SKIDAWAY ROAD
SAVANNAH

FEATURING
DR. DIONNE
HOSKINS-BROWN
AND
MR. ROGER MOSS

PRESENTED BY JUSTICE UNITES
SAVANNAH TOGETHER (JUST)

J.U.S.T Website

Get your
Savannah Presbytery
Summer Camp
REGISTRATIONS IN!!

There is a New camp partnership this year with
Dogwood Acres (PCUSA) in Chipley, FL.

Camp Registration closes on May 15th

**All final payments are due to
Camp Dogwood by June 1st**



**SAVANNAH
PRESBYTERY**

Summer Camp 2026

Get ready for a week of faith,
fun, and friendship at Dogwood
Acres, a PC(USA) camp nestled
in the heart of nature!

June 14–19, 2026
DOGWOOD ACRES
RETREAT CENTER AND CAMP
Chipley, FL

Who?
Rising 2nd graders – 12th graders

Cost?
\$550 per camper *Sibling discounts available!*

- Bible Study & Worship
- Daily Energizers
- Swimming Pool Fun
- Canoeing & Archery
- Sling-shot & Low-Ropes Courses
- Gaga Pit & Crafts
- Stargazing
- Ecological Education and more!

Registration Opens January 3, 2026

Savannah Presbytery Summer Camp Registration

**Check out what else is going on with Savannah
Presbytery!**

April Newsletter



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

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church
450 N Cromwell Rd.
Savannah, Georgia 31410
www.wipcsav.org
912-897-1840

Rev. Andy Meeker – Pastor
Austin Freeman – Director of Christian Education
Maggie McManus – Youth Director
Amy Estes – Music Director
Erica Gillette – Organist
Lucille Schaffner – Secretary
Barb Evans Becker – Church Accountant
Ashley Cetti – Preschool Director
Rev. Tom Dunlap – Pastor Emeritus

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