

# SIPC News

## Savannah Country Day School Holiday Concert

SIPC will once again host the SCDS Holiday Concert this Sunday, December 8 at 4 PM. The performance will feature the talented Middle and Upper School choruses, the Upper School Orchestra, and a special Lower School Chorus. The concert is free and open to the public. Come early! Doors to the sanctuary will open at 3:45 PM.

**The concert will be live streamed.**

## Susan's Muffin Ministry

Some of you may wonder why 'Muffin Ministry' is now called Susan's Muffin Ministry. In 2016 Susan related to Elizabeth's PW Circle the inspiration that came to her of making muffins for Emmaus House. Several Elizabeth Circle members, under Susan's leadership, met every other Monday and made dozens upon dozens of muffins. Since its inception several thousand muffins have been made, all by volunteers and not just Elizabeth Circle members. So it has become a "Women of the Church" activity from the Spirit giving inspiration to one of God's chosen, Susan Usher. Let's continue in her name.

We will be making muffins this Monday, 1:00 PM, in the church kitchen.

If possible, please bring muffin mix. Hope you can join us.

Thank you for your support!

## Music Notes

It's not too late to sing and help fill the choir loft with joyous Christmas music for a few weeks in December. The new music arrangements will be much more festive with more singers. Will you consider lending your voice for a few weeks? Please join us on Thursdays at 7 PM and for warm up on Sundays at 9 am before the service. No prior experience is necessary. We would love to have you! Please let Mary know if you will help.



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### Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

**Rev. Dr. Jeff Garrison**

"Loving Joy"

## Christmas Joy Special Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



## December Circle Meetings

Sarah Ruth Circle	Monday, December 9	10:00 AM	SIPC Johnson Parlor
Hannah Circle	Monday, December 9	1:00 PM	SIPC Library
Esther Circle	Tuesday, December 11	9:30 AM	Marshes



## IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions [QCD]

Using one's IRA for charitable giving is a highly tax efficient move. IRA owners over age 70 ½ can make donations directly from IRA assets of up to \$100,000 as part of their required annual withdrawals. This has the effect of making the charitable contribution fully deductible *in addition to* using the new, higher Standard Deduction.

The further advantage is that, since the QCD is not included in one's Adjusted Gross Income, lower AGI may reduce break points for: income tax on Social Security benefits and increased Medicare premiums. For example, a drop of \$1.00 of AGI into a lower Medicare bracket might save a married couple as much as \$1000+ in Part B and D Medicare premiums in 2020.

This method is used by a number of us for meeting part or all of our pledge to SIPC. The technique is even more efficient now that property tax deductions are limited to \$10,000 and the new Standard Deduction for married seniors is \$26,600. This, of course, is not tax advice.

Instruct your IRA trustee or custodian to make the transfer directly to SIPC. We will issue you the appropriate contribution acknowledgement.

## Reflecting the Face of Jesus

Dean Smith saw a need the first time he joined the Communion preparers. The Communion bread plate, juice trays, their covers and bases are stored in the very bottom of a wall cabinet. That means bending down 28 times to remove and store the utensils. Dean Smith saw how difficult this was and he bought a garden kneeler so we could sit or kneel.

Thank you Dean for your gift of unexpected blessings.

Ruth Knutson  
Communion Chair

## Head Ushers Needed

We are organizing the 2020 season for ushering and have openings for 1-2 Head Ushers. Head ushers coordinate weekly ushering for the 3-4 months that they Captain, each year. If you would like to learn more about this important role in our community, please contact Thom Greenlaw via email: [thomgreenlaw@gmail.com](mailto:thomgreenlaw@gmail.com) or phone 508-314-8796.

## SKIDAWAY ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADVENT CALENDAR

*The Advent wreath will be lighted weekly in the Sunday services leading to Christmas Day.  
Services will be held at 10:00 am with coffee and fellowship afterwards in Liston Hall.*

<b>Sunday, Dec 8</b>	<b>Savannah Country Day School Holiday Concert</b> Featuring singers from the LS, MS and US and the US orchestra. <i>SIPC Sanctuary – Concert is free and open to the public.</i> Live-streamed at <a href="http://sipres.org/scdshc">sipres.org/scdshc</a> at 4:00 PM (Doors open at 3:45 PM)	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 15</b>	<b>The SIPC Handbell Choir</b> SIPC Handbell Choir will be playing Bell Peal on “How Great Our Joy” by Linda R. Lamb.	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 15</b>	Christmas Piano Recital by students of Mary McKee.	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 20</b>	<b>Preschool Christmas Program</b> SIPC Sanctuary <i>The children will sing and joyfully present the story of the Nativity.</i>	<b>11:30 AM</b>
<b>Monday, Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b> <i>Prelude music featuring choir members begins at 5:15 PM.</i>	<b>5:30 PM</b>



### POINSETTIAS—2019

As we celebrate the love God showed us by sending His Son, we want to give you an opportunity to show your love for someone whose memory or presence you cherish.

It is tradition to decorate our church sanctuary each year with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to honor someone with a plant, order forms are available on the tables in the Sanctuary or in the church office. Return the form and your money in the offering plate or to Betty in the church office.

**The last date for orders is December 9th.**

You may pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

**The cost per plant is \$12.00.**

## This Week at SIPC

### Sunday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
- 4:00 PM Savannah Country Day Holiday Concert

### Monday, December 9

- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Committee Meeting
- 9:30 AM Esther Circle Meeting
- 10:00 AM Sarah Ruth Circle Meeting
- 1:00 PM Hannah Circle Meeting
- 1:00 PM Susan's Muffin Ministry
- 4:00 PM Missions and Benevolence Meeting

### Tuesday, December 10

- 4:00 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting
- 4:00 PM Property Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

### Wednesday, December 11

- 4:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
- 6:30 PM Daisy Scout Meeting

### Thursday, December 12

- 2:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
- 4:20 PM Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 14

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

### 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

106 people attended,  
Sunday, December 19

### Communication Card

When filling out your communication card on Sunday, please provide your **NAME ONLY** unless your contact information has changed.

**Clerk of Session** Tom Inglesby

### Elders

#### **Class of 2020**

Eleanor Graham  
Ray Krstolic  
Laurel McKeith  
Joe Young

#### **Class of 2021**

Austin Eskew  
Marcia Dodd  
John Evans  
Lynne Kaley

#### **Class of 2022**

Vic Bell  
Howard Gandelot  
Thom Greenlaw  
Sue Jones

## Birthday Wishes

December 12

Karen Utzinger

December 13

Carolyn Ernest  
Cathie Inglesby



## Prayer Requests

### For Members

Ann Ash  
Mary Alice Cavitt  
Harry Heck  
Dick Higgins  
Marie Kemp  
Sarah Lanier  
Fenton Ludtke  
Margaret Reagan  
Jack Richardson  
June Richardson  
Diane Schwind  
George Schwind  
Curt Shambaugh  
Kelli Usher

### For Friends and Family

Gwen Moore Alba, *Sister of Milo Moore*  
Susan and Kyle Bartlett, *Friends of Sam and Kay Eskew*  
Ellen Brassard, *Aunt of Drew and Melissa Behnke*  
Brian Beebe, *Friend of Austin Eskew*  
Janet Beerman, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*  
Jackie Cashwell, *Sister of Nancy Gloege*  
Cliff Boggs, *Son of Patty Boggs*  
Rowan Collier ("Row Boat"), *9 month old son of Brigitte and Rev. Dr. Todd Collier, former Associate Minister at SIPC*  
Kelly Congleton, *Daughter of Michael and Sherry Congleton*  
Ryker Cook, *Friend of Caroline Garrison*  
Mickey Creel, *Friend of Ed and Shirley Bullinger*  
Denny, *Friend of Carolyn and Bob Ernest*  
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*  
Sam Gates, *Grandson of Don and Sandy Mayer*  
Hollie Godbee, *Daughter of Paula Godbee, Former Administrator of SIPC*  
Peggy Hedeman, *Friend of Anne Welsh*  
Joe and Hilde Gibson, *Friends of Vic and Jean Bell*  
Ehoch Gonzales, *Friend of Austin Eskew and Fellow Marine*  
Kerry Goode, *Friend of Ann Fendig*  
Benji Hall, *Friend of Richard and Karen Fisher*  
Josh Hancock and family, *Nephew of Carri Stoltz*  
Jim and Judy Hannah, *Friends of Mary Yeomans*  
Emily Horton and her family, *Neighbors of Kelli and Matt Usher*  
Larry Hutcheson, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*  
Michael Just, *Friend of Bob and Jane Reinhard*  
Kaleigh, *Friend of Karen Fisher*  
Peter Liney, *Father-in-law of Sherry Liney*  
Jeff Magee, *Brother-in-law of Diane Schwind*  
Nancy Miller, *Friend of Joe and Carol Young*  
Jim Mossholder, *Friend of Laurel McKeith*  
Larry Nelson, *Friend of Sherry Liney*  
Lee Pierce, *Friend of Bob and Carolyn Ernest*  
Lanny Rhodes, *Friend of Sam and Kay Eskew*  
The family of Maria Rogers, *Staff Member*  
Mary Romanos, *Friend of Carol and Joe Young*  
Nicki Sands, *Friend of Diane Tracy*  
Jessica Silverman, *cousin of Ann Higbee*  
Lynn Sorrentino and daughter, Hannah, *Friends of Paul and Grace Walter*  
Gary Strength, *Father of Joey Strength*  
Larry Sullivan, *Brother-in-law of Howard and Judy Gandelot*  
Molly & Bob Titus, *Brother and Sister-in law of Mary Alice Cavitt*  
Sue Welsh, *Sister of Anne Welsh*  
Wayne O. Wilcox, *Friend of Bob & Carolyn Ernest*  
Shirley Wilson, *Sister of Nancy Gloege*  
Nancy Zarich, *Sister of Bill Foster*  
Alex Young, *Husband of Marge Young*

### For Those Serving In the Military

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

## **The 157<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Proclamation Celebration**

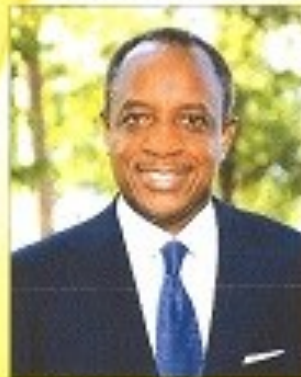
**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Saint Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church**

613 Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Jai S. Haithco, Sr., Ed.D., Pastor

# **-SPEAKER-**



## **Michael L. Thurmond, Esq.**

**Chief Executive Officer Dekalb County**

Rev. Chester A. Ellis, President, Emancipation Association  
Presiding Elder J.E. Taylor, Director of Association Activities

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