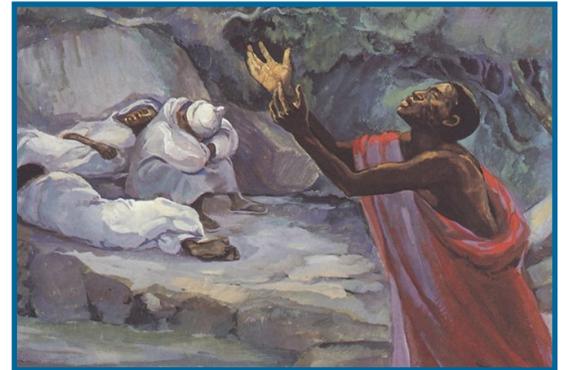


# SIPC News



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



## April Mission is: One Great Hour of Sharing

This Lenten season, please give to One Great Hour of Sharing. A gift enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing to those affected by natural disasters, giving food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

If you would like to donate please make check payable to SIPC and notate in the memo line, One Great Hour of Sharing and mail to the church office or you can donate online by going to [sipres.org](http://sipres.org), clicking the **Give** button on the top row and following instructions.

Thank you for your support.

### Inside this issue

This Week at SIPC	6
Prayer Requests	7

**Sunday Virtual Worship Service**  
10:00 AM  
**Rev. Dr. Jeff Garrison**

## Music Notes

The prelude this Sunday on April 5, Palm Sunday, will be J. B. Faure’s “The Palms.” Our staff singer, baritone Richard Cheong will be the soloist. Please log in about 9:55 am on the livestream so as not to miss the prelude.

The staff singers will be rotating each Sunday to lead the singing. Richard will also lead our hymns this Sunday.

**Clerk of Session:** Tom Inglesby

### Elders

#### Class of 2020

Eleanor Graham  
Ray Krstolic  
Laurel McKeith  
Joe Young

#### Class of 2021

Marcia Dodd  
John Evans  
Lynne Kaley

#### Class of 2022

Vic Bell  
Howard Gandelot  
Thom Greenlaw  
Sue Jones

#### Elders - Elect Class of 2023

David Denhard  
Kurt Kalwitz  
Don Mayer  
Milo Moore

## Virtual Coffee Hour

Jeff Garrison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

You are invited to join a virtual coffee hour! We will start this on Sunday, right after worship. See the link below to check in.

Topic: SIPC Coffee Hour

Time: Apr 5, 2020 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/213818106?pwd=czk5V1VwYmQwVDV2ZDh4Z2pCS0R2Zz09>

## One Way to Make a Difference...

There are so many people and organizations which have been affected by our current Coronavirus Pandemic. Each of us must grapple with how we can contribute in the best way possible toward helping one another while keeping our families, friends and neighbors safe.

One possibility of supporting our community for those of us who do not have underlying medical issues is to deliver "Meals on Wheels" to those who cannot provide for themselves.

Senior Citizens Inc. has adjusted their delivery network so that volunteers who choose to deliver no longer make direct contact with their recipients. Please remember these clients rarely, and in some cases cannot, leave their homes. Thus they pose virtually no risk to volunteers. The new system is designed so that the volunteers now pose very little risk to the clients as well.

All you need to do is to attend an orientation program in which all your questions and concerns will be answered, choose a delivery option that meets your schedule and location and agree on when you will begin. Since we all have additional time available these days, perhaps you will find this opportunity most satisfying. The Senior Citizens Inc. located on Bull Street is in need of volunteers. If you are healthy and so inclined, your help will be greatly appreciated. SCI contact number is 912-236-0363. Krystle Hillery is the delightful woman in charge.

## Checking In

The elders and pastors are contacting everyone in the congregation in the wake of COVID-19. They are happy to help you learn how to access resources online like our weekly newsletter and Sunday worship bulletin and how to Live Stream services and Pay Online. They also want to fill that need we all have for human connection. Please let them know how you are doing and share ways that your church leaders can help during this challenging time.

## Pausing In The Pandemic

Matthew 6:25-36

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>ℓ</sup>?”

After writing last week about my new bird watching past-time, these scripture verses came to mind. Yes, birds are God’s tiny messengers reminding us that God’s nature is to provide for his creatures. The gift of thinking and the abilities we human beings have been given for laboring can put us in a mind of crediting ourselves rather than God with our ability to survive. When the effects of this pandemic cause us to over-think and worry, let’s press the “pause” button. If God takes away what we have sown or reaped or stored away (what we have come to count on for our sustenance), let us also expect that God will “feed” us what we need.

God bless you,  
Deanie

## Three Cheers for Creativity!

This time at home is giving us opportunities to try new things. The elders and pastors had a Session meeting by Zoom teleconference. It was a first for many. We learned from Thom Greenlaw that he was hosting a Zoom story time with his grandchildren everyday to spend time with them and to give their parents a little break. Maureen Squires, an accomplished calligrapher and artist among us, is in her studio producing new works which you can see on [www.maureensquires.com](http://www.maureensquires.com) and on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) . Calls to members are revealing that many of us are out in our yards and in our closets and storage areas doing some spring cleaning. If God’s Spirit leads you to do something creative and out of the ordinary, we’d love to share your joy. Let Deanie or Jeff know!

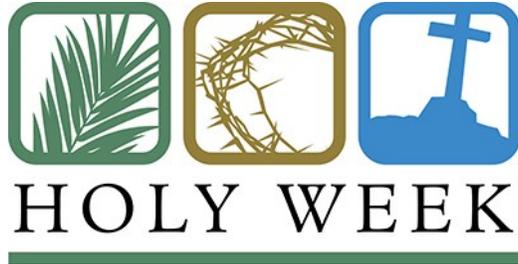
## Celebrations

If you have a celebration that you would like to share with our members please send them to me and I will include in the newsletter. A few examples but not limited to: anniversary, birth of a child, grandchild, wedding, graduation.

Thank you,  
Betty Gorman

Congratulations to Sam and Kay Eskew who celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 15.





**Our Holy Week schedule will be as follows:**

**Passion/Palm Sunday:** Worship online at 10 AM. If you join early (by 9:55 AM), you'll be able to hear choir member Richard Cheong sing "The Palms." After worship, we're going to try to have a virtual coffee hour (you'll need to supply your own coffee and cookies). We will do this via Zoom and if you'd like to come, please send Pastor Jeff Garrison an email ([jeff@sipres.org](mailto:jeff@sipres.org)) by Sunday morning at 9 AM. I'll send you a link.

**Pastor's Monday at Noon Bible Study:** This study is done via Zoom. Just send Pastor Jeff Garrison an email ([jeff@sipres.org](mailto:jeff@sipres.org)) and he will send you a link to join the study.

**Maunder Thursday Service:** We will hold a special devotional service at 6 PM. This service is designed to be just before you would eat dinner (after all, we are remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his crucifixion. It will be 20-25 minutes in length.

**Good Friday:** There will be a special program streamed online from the sanctuary at noon. The Reverend Deanie Strength will play selections on the piano while Pastor Jeff Garrison will read the gospel lesson for the day.

**Easter Sunrise Service (April 12):** This has been a favorite service of our island. We will have a special short service that you can watch on your phone or computer from your porch as you watch the sunrise. Steaming will start at 6:45 AM. Sunrise on Skidaway is just before 7 AM.

**Easter Morning Service (April 12):** Join us at 10 AM, via our stream.

In addition to streaming from our church's website, you can also watch our stream via YouTube. The YouTube stream is also saved as it is recorded and can be watched (if you missed it) soon after the original broadcast. Please go to our YouTube site at <http://skidawaypres.org/youtube> and SUBSCRIBE to our channel. This will help us receive more exposure from this platform.

## Don't Forget Our Online Giving Option

YOUR OFFERING- Replacing in-church giving during these times

Through March 22, our finances are looking good. Income is on budget and expenses are lower than expected. But where we go from here is in your hands. Sadly, we are not able to worship together during these social distancing times, which means we are not able to take up an offering.

Thankfully, many of you have switched over to on-line giving. You can easily give an offering online by going to [sipres.org](https://www.sipres.org), clicking the **Give** button on the top row and following instructions for a one-time secure gift via credit card. There is also a way to do recurring gifts. We have received nearly four thousands of online dollars from members already this month! Thank you!

There is, of course, good old US mail for checks. You can just drop a check in the mail to Skidway Island Presbyterian Church at 50 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, 31411. You can always transfer stock to the church, but given the stock market right now, that might not be recommended. However, if you are over 70 ½, giving from your IRA (which meets your qualified distribution requirements) is still an option.

Thank you for your faithfulness. We pray that everyone will stay safe during this pandemic. Wash your hands often!

Blessings abound,  
Milo Moore, Treasurer

## Time to Take Up Birdwatching!

A couple of months ago, I signed up with Cornell University's "Project FeederWatch" to become a backyard bird counter. I set up a birdfeeder outside of my office window and, while sitting at my desk, I count the number of species that show up at any one time and once a week, enter the data online. According to the program material, "Observations submitted by FeederWatchers help scientists study changes in the distribution and abundance of feeder birds over time." I am being helped, too, as my ability to identify birds has increased exponentially and my spirits are lifted every time a bird comes for a visit.

Some of the birds that have come to my feeder include:

American Robin... Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher... Carolina Chickadee... Carolina Wren... Downy Woodpecker... Eastern Bluebird... Gray Catbird... House Finch...Northern Cardinal...Nuthatch... Orange Crowned Warbler... Pine Warbler... Red-bellied Woodpecker... Tufted Titmouse... Yellow-rumped Warbler

The counting program only runs November to early April (the busy season for bird migration) but the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website - [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) – has great information about creating a bird watching space and identifying species.

Rev. Deanie Strength

House Finch



### **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*

### **Worship Service**

71 live streamed the worship service Sunday, March 29

## **No Birthdays This Week**



## **Church News**

Due to the concern of the coronavirus and the health and welfare of our church members, staff, and visitors we have closed the church office and Sanctuary through next week. The church staff will be available for essential business and pastoral care.

For assistance, please call 598-0151 and leave a general message OR direct your call to one of the following extensions.

Jeff Garrison	Pastor	1102
Deanie Strength	Parish Associate	1104
Jim Brown	Administrator	1105
James Eleczko	Finance	1103
Mary McKee	Music Director	1107
Betty Gorman	Office Coordinator	

(Leave a message in the general mailbox for Betty)

The worship service will be Streamed live. To watch please go to our website: [www.sipres.org](http://www.sipres.org) and select button that looks like this:

**STREAMING LIVE/SUNDAY 10:00 AM/CLICK HERE**

All meetings at the church next week have been cancelled.

The Preschool is closed.

Please check out our website at [sipres.org](http://sipres.org) frequently for the latest information on church activities and cancellations.

## **Grocery and Meals-to-go Service**

### **The Landings Club**

The Landings Club is offering grocery and prepared family meals-to-go. The meals serve 4 people. The service is available to **ALL** island residents.

They are offering pickup and delivery service. To order contact the catering office at 912-598-3527 or use this link.

<https://landings.org/news/2020/03/19/grocery-box-service-and-prepared-meals-go-landings-club>

### **Publix Grocery Store**

Publix offers pick-up and same day delivery grocery service. Just visit their website to place your order.

## MEMBERS

Ann Ash  
Ed Bullinger  
Shirley Bullinger  
Lee Cassidy  
Mary Alice Cavitt  
Harry Heck  
Nancy Heck  
Dick Higgins  
Richard Hunter  
Cathie Inglesby  
Marie Kemp  
Sarah Lanier  
Fenton Ludtke  
Jack Richardson  
June Richardson  
Diane Schwind  
George Schwind  
Curt Shambaugh  
Peggy Thompson  
Gerry Stoltz  
Kelli Usher

### Condolences

Ted Moore passed away on Saturday, March 28. Please keep his wife, Jackie and his family in your prayers.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### For Friends and Family

Susan and Kyle Bartlett, *Friends of Sam and Kay Eskew*  
Sylvia Baxter, *her husband, John recently passed away*  
Ellen Brassard, *Aunt of Drew and Melissa Behnke*  
Brian Beebe, *Friend of Austin Eskew*  
Janet Beerman, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*  
Cliff Boggs, *Son of Patty Boggs*  
Jackie Cashwell, *Sister of Nancy Gloege*  
Scott Cassidy, *Son of Lee and Mary Cassidy*  
Rowan Collier ("Row Boat"), *son of Brigitte & 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*  
Amy Douglas, *Friend of the Jones Family*  
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*  
Pam, Brooks and Roman Goode, *daughter and grandchildren of Ann Fendig, lost apartment in Tuscaloosa AL, due to tornado*  
Jim Hazel, *Friend of Bob and Carolyn Ernest*  
Peggy Hedeman, *Friend of Anne Welsh*  
Joe and Hilde Gibson, *Friends of Vic and Jean Bell*  
John, *Friend of Alice & Bruce LaVigne*  
Ehoch Gonzales, *Friend of Austin Eskew and Fellow Marine*  
Kerry Goode, *Friend of Ann Fendig*

### For Friends and Family

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*  
Mary McKeever, *daughter-in-law of former members, Dennis and Cathy McKeever*  
Tom Malley, *Brother of Maureen Squires*  
Larry Nelson, *Friend of Sherry Liney*  
Nick & Kathy, *Friends of Alice & Bruce LaVigne*  
Lanny Rhodes, *Friend of Sam and Kay Eskew*  
The family of Maria Rogers, *Staff Member*  
Chris Richardson, *Friend of Sam Eskew*  
Mary Romanos, *Friend of Carol and Joe Young*  
Nicki Sands, *Friend of Diane Tracy*  
Lynn Sorrentino and daughter, Hannah, *Friends of Paul and Grace Walter*  
Mitch and Martie Stovall, *uncle and aunt of Debbi Zepp*  
Gary Strength, *Father of Joey Strength*  
Larry Sullivan, *Brother-in-law of Howard and Judy Gandelot*  
Maggie Sullivan, *Grand niece of Howard and Judy Gandelot*  
Molly & Bob Titus, *Brother and Sister-in law of Mary Alice Cavitt*  
Sue Welsh, *Sister of Anne Welsh*  
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*  
Sidney Evans, *stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, granddaughter of Eric and Gerry Flicker*  
Richard Kelly, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, grandson of Margie Kelly*  
Elizabeth Evans, *servicing in the Florida National Guard, daughter of John and Karen Evans*  
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*

Please pray for Bill Fritz. His is the son of Mary Fritz and is a physician in Washington MO (50 miles west of St Louis). A colleague of his, who is a hospital physician, is on a respirator with COVID-19 and not expected to make it.

David McKeever, son of Dennis and Cathy McKeever passed away. Dennis and Cathy are former members who live in Texas. Please keep the McKeever family in your prayers.

### **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

## **Kirkin' o' The Tartans Service Sunday, April 26**

We have 50 banners for a variety of Scottish Clans. If you would like to carry one of the banners for a particular clan, please contact Mark Hornsby at 657-1123 or Betty at the church office.



## **Sock-It-To-Me Sunday Was A Big Success**

As a congregation, on March 8, we collected 190 pair of socks for Union Mission/interfaith Night Shelter!

### **Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church**

---

50 Diamond Causeway  
Savannah, GA 31411

**Phone: 912-598-0151**

**Website: [sipres.org](http://sipres.org)**

**Find us on Facebook:**

**[facebook.com/skidawaypres](https://facebook.com/skidawaypres)**

**Give online:**

**[sipres.org/give](http://sipres.org/give)**