

THE TIDINGS

The Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Sign Up TODAY for the Annual SIPC Pig Roast

This year's Pig Roast will be Sunday, June 7th at 4:00 P.M. (Rain or shine!) Come see what happiness tastes like with this mouth-watering meal for some finger-lickin' awesomeness. This is a great event for all friends and families to come together for some great food and listen to some local musicians all while helping us raise money to support the important missions that God is calling SIPC to do! Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (ages 10 & under). There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are reserved upon receipt of payment. Call the church 749-0805 5# for tickets and additional info.

“Engaging the Text”

Don't forget to join Pastor Stephen at 9:00 A.M. on Mondays to discuss the scripture for the upcoming week's sermon!



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Upcoming Summer Bible Study

This summer, Rev. Stephen will be leading a new and exciting in-depth bible study on the Book of Genesis. Genesis is the *story* of one God and the *stories* of human experiences of that God. Join us as we explore and engage these many well-known stories and seek new ways to discover them all over again! For more information, see page 7. Space will be limited so sign up now!

From Stephen's Desk



Upcoming Basically Baroque Concert

BASICALLY BAROQUE ensemble is a chamber quartet consisting of Flute, Violin, Cello and Harpsichord. They will be performing works of Haydn, Loeillet, Quantz, and Telemann at **3:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 15th** here at SIPC. There are 2 local Shelter Island performers, Bill Packard, flute, and Linda Betjeman, harpsichord. Admission is free with donations appreciated. All proceeds benefit the SIPC Arts Series and SIPC Community Outreach Mission.



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As most of you know, I love the lectionary! Ever since you and I began worshipping together last July, we have followed the Revised Common Lectionary to select the texts for preaching every week. I prefer the lectionary for many reasons, both practical and theological.



Stephen in Assisi, Italy

However, I also recognize that there are times to go outside the lectionary, especially in the interest of spending more intimate time inside one particular book of the Bible without “jumping around” quite so much. Therefore, I’m pleased to announce that I will be preaching on two different “sermon series” this summer.

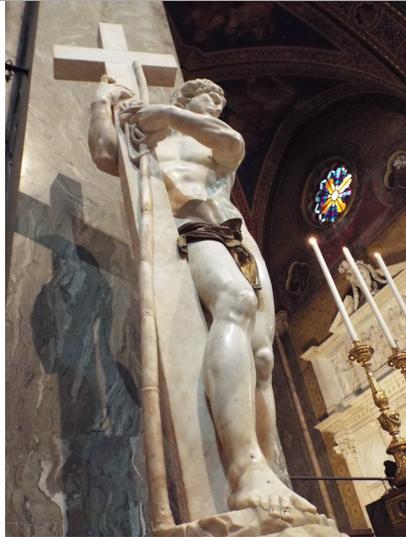
Piggybacking off of our recent celebration of Pentecost on May 24th, our remaining worship services through the end of June will be focusing on the Book of Acts.

Then, starting in July, you and I will turn the clock back even more and spend two months journeying together through the Book of Genesis. This exciting worship series will invite us to re-discover these cherished stories and to understand our place in the larger narrative of God and God’s people.

In addition to these exciting new sermon series, all of the liturgy for these services will be home grown - meaning that they will be written by “yours truly.” I also hope to get back into the habit of writing hymns and liturgical music so perhaps, if the Spirit’s willing, some new ones may make their debut this summer!

In preparation for these journeys of worship, I invite each of you to take a few hours over the next few weeks and read the Book of Acts in its entirety. I also invite you to do likewise with the Book of Genesis for July and August. I promise you will find that such work will deepen your engagement in the important worship that we have before us! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Grace and peace, Stephen



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Revised Common Lectionary

lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu

Wanna Go Deeper?

One of my favorite stories is of the great preacher and teacher, George Buttrick. According to legend, he was once on a plane and working feverishly on a notepad for an upcoming sermon. The gentleman sitting in the seat next to him leaned over and said to him, "Sir, I hate to bother you but I can't help but notice that you are working very hard on something. May I ask what it is that you do?"

George Buttrick replied, "I'm working on a sermon. I teach preaching at the local university."

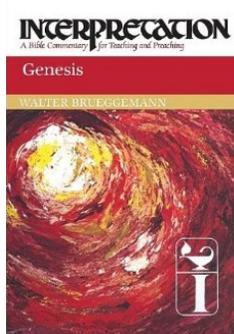
The man snorted and replied, "Religion...I don't buy into that whole 'religion thing.' I like to keep things simple. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' - *that's* my religion!"

Buttrick said, "I see. May I ask what it is that *you* do?"

The man swelled with pride and replied, "I am an astronomer. I teach astronomy!"

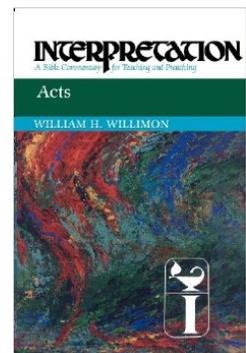
Buttrick paused for a second and then replied, "Astronomy? I don't really buy into that whole 'astronomy' thing. I, too, like to keep things simple. 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star...' *That's* my astronomy!"

I think Buttrick's story reminds us that, as disciples, we are called to go deeper. Over the next few months, as we go deeper into the stories in the Book of Acts and the Book of Genesis, I offer to you two excellent resources that have both academic depth as well as accessibility and readability! These two books are well worth their places on your bookshelf!



•Willimon, William H. Interpretation--Acts. Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 1988.

•Brueggemann, Walter. Interpretation-Genesis. Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2010.



Another Successful SIPC Yard Sale

It was quite the transformation watching the fellowship hall change from a clean, pristine room into a wonderland of stuff that would give even the “goodie pile” at the dump a run for its money! **After all was said and done, well over \$4,000 was raised to support the ministries of Shelter Island Presbyterian Church!**

This could not have been done without the vigilant efforts of a large number of congregants who worked tirelessly in the days before the event to set up and make sure that everything ran smoothly. You know who you are and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication!

A Special Thank You from Tricia and Stephen

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are so blessed to have the love and support of this wonderful congregation as we begin (and continue) our lives as a married couple! We especially thank you for the delightful and meaningful reception that y’all threw for us in April. From Thom Milton and the Choir’s rendition of “Get Me To The Church On Time” to Lotta Clark’s beautiful cake to the many gifts and treats that were so generously given, Tricia and I left that day with our hearts full of gratitude and a deep appreciation for the community to which we have been called for this period in our lives.



We had a wonderful time in Italy! Thanks to the generous financial donations of this congregation, we were able to splurge and dote on ourselves and have the time of our lives! The picture above is of us at the Forum in Rome and we can’t wait to share more pictures with you of our time in Italy as well as the worship service we had down in Atlanta. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

Grace and peace,
Tricia and Stephen

Upcoming Luncheon @ the Manse (Sunday, July 5th)

All are welcome to join Tricia and me at our home (5 Thomas Ave.) for a “drop-by” luncheon between 11:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 5th. We are still working on the menu and will update you all as we know the details. In the meantime, please mark the date on your calendars and join us for some food, fun, and fellowship! You all, as a congregation, have been so generous to us and we look forward to reciprocating the love that has been shown to us!

Upcoming Shelter Island Friends of Music Concert (Saturday, June 6th @ 8:00)

Join us on at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 6th for the next installment in the Shelter Island Friends of Music summer series featuring violinist Areta Zhulla. She is a Perlman alum and this will not be a show to miss! For more info, visit her website at www.aretazhulla.com.



We ALL Scream for ICE CREAM!!! (Wednesday, July 15th @ 7:00)

SIPC will host a ***free*** Ice Cream Social on the evening of Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for the Ice Cream, stay for the fellowship! All are welcome and we hope to see you there!



A picture from Stephen and Tricia's recent day trip to Tuscany

Upcoming Events @ShelterIslandPC

JUNE

- Monday, June 1st | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
- Tuesday, June 2nd | 9:30 A.M. | Budget & Finance Meeting
- Saturday, June 6th | 8:00 P.M. | Shelter Island Friends of Music Concert
- Sunday, June 7th
 - 9:00 A.M. | Worship
 - 4:00 P.M. | SIPC Pig Roast
- Monday, June 8th | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
- Thursday, June 11 | 5:00 P.M. | Building & Grounds Meeting
- Sunday, June 14th |
 - 9:00 A.M. | Worship
 - 3:00 P.M. | Basically Baroque Concert
- Monday, June 15th
 - 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
 - 10:00 A.M. | Missions Meeting
- Tuesday, June 16th
 - 9:00 A.M. | Events Planning Meeting
 - 10:30 A.M. | United Presbyterian Women
- Sunday, June 21st | 9:00 A.M. | Worship
- Monday, June 22nd | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
- Tuesday, June 23rd | Presbytery Meeting @ Setauket
- Thursday, June 25th | 5:00 P.M. | Genesis Bible Study
- Sunday, June 28th | 9:00 A.M. | Worship
- Monday, June 29th | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text

JULY

- Thursday, July 2nd | 5:00 P.M. | Genesis Bible Study
- Sunday, July 5th
 - 9:00 A.M. | Worship
 - 11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | Drop-by Luncheon @ the Manse
 - 3:00 P.M. | Shelter Island Friends of Music Concert
- Monday, July 6th | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
- Thursday, July 9th | 5:00 P.M. | Genesis Bible Study
- Sunday, July 12th | 9:00 A.M. | Worship
- Wednesday, July 15th | 7:00 P.M. | Ice Cream Social

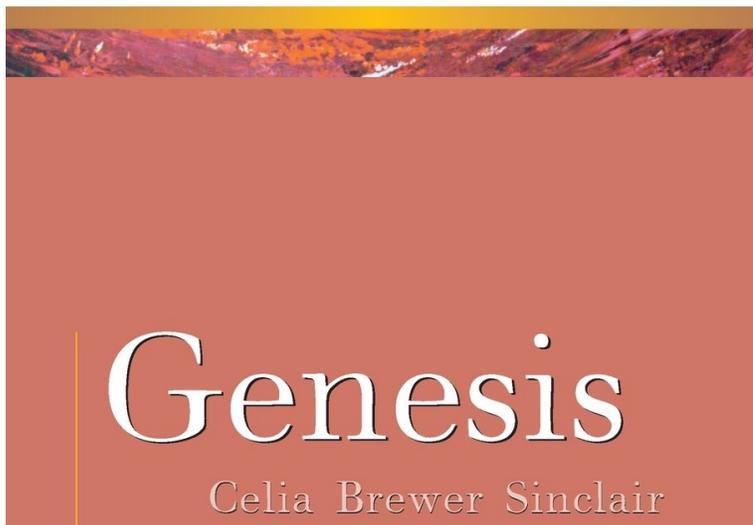
Summer Bible Study

@SIPC

The Book of Genesis

INTERPRETATION

BIBLE STUDIES



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“And God saw that it was good.”

The Bible’s first book contains many well-known stories, some familiar since childhood: creation and the Garden of Eden; an ark full of animals adrift in a flood; Abraham and Isaac; the conniving Jacob; and the dreams of Joseph. Now hear these stories again in a new way, and in hearing, discover afresh the knowledge that God created everything in goodness and love. Whether in the heights of paradise or the depths of exile, the human journey is never far from the presence of God. From Eden to Egypt, Genesis affirms God’s love is for us all.

- from “Genesis” by Celia Brewer Sinclair

- ▶ An exciting 10-week Bible Study
- ▶ Led by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing
- ▶ Limited to 12 participants
- ▶ Text: “Genesis” by Celia Brewer Sinclair
Westminster John Knox Press

When: Thursdays | 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
from 6/25 to 8/27

Where: Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

Cost: **FREE!** If you would like SIPC to order the study guide for you, please reserve yours for \$10.00 no later than Sunday, June 7th. **Those who do not reserve a book by that date will need to purchase their own online.** KINDLE edition is available! Call the office at 749-0805 for more details.

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Stephen and Tricia's selfie with the Pope at St. Peter's Square