



# SPRING HILL MESSENGER April 2022

“An Easter People”

Dear Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Family,

As April arrives we find ourselves preparing to journey together through the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Our worship during this Holy Week prepares us for living through the last days of Jesus’ life, his death, and his resurrection.

**On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM we will gather in the Chapel for our Maundy Thursday service.** This service includes communion as we remember Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. The somewhat strange word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment or mandate. Its connection with the Last Supper is from Jesus’ word at the meal in John’s Gospel, “I give you a new *commandment*, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34). Hearing the commandment to love and sharing the meal together have long been a special part of Christian’s preparation for Easter. The sacrament has roots in the ancient Jewish Passover meal, and on Maundy Thursday, the connection is seen most clearly.

The next day, **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> we will gather at noon in the Chapel for our Good Friday worship service.** Many people have often wondered, “Why in the world would we call this day ‘good,’ since it was today that Christ was put to death?” Seen by itself, Christ’s death on the cross is anything but good. It was an act of torture and cruel death, punishing someone for crimes he did not commit. As true as all of this is, however, it is not the end of the story. We can never view the crucifixion in its own light, but always and only through the lens of the resurrection. And it is only then, on the other side of tragedy, betrayal, and death, on the other side of the empty tomb, on the other side of the mystery that we can see God’s eternal purposes being worked out and dare to call it “good.”

Our Holy Week worship concludes with the holiest day of the Christian calendar, **Easter, when we will worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.** Together, these three worship services are known as the **Triduum** (literally the “three days”). Traditionally, these times of worship are seen as one worship service that is spread out over three days. Thus, this one united worshipful encounter draws us into the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection, which gives our own stories their meanings. The unity of this one service spread out over three days will be seen as we depart from worship in silence on Thursday and Friday rather than concluding with a typical benediction. The benediction will come only after we have shared the good news of Jesus’ resurrection on Easter morning. For in truth, it is this blessing above all others that claims us and shapes us as an Easter people, part of God’s new creation!

Grace and Peace,

## Lent 2022: Holy Ordinary

<u>Sundays</u>		<u>Wednesdays</u>
4/3	Blessing	4/6 Lenten Service-Prayer
4/3	Outdoor Vespers (4:00PM)	
<u>Holy Week</u>		
4/10	Palm/ <del>Passion</del> Sunday	
4/14	Maundy Thursday	
4/15	Good Friday	
4/17	Easter Sunday	

Dear Friends,

There's a flurry of activity here at the church as we prepare for our Easter Egg Hunt, Holy Week, and Easter. We have been journeying together exploring the "Holy Ordinary" in our lives and for some in small "Common Read" groups. I have loved having Barbara Brown Taylor's words in my heart and head as we have been journeying to the cross. Right now, her words on blessing have been stuck in my head—she encourages each one of us to bless the things around us. She argues that in the process of blessing things—even something as ordinary as a stick, we see what a blessing those things are in our lives and the world. "The key to blessing things is to receive their blessing." In looking at what is before us in the month of April, I see so many blessings and gifts—the blessing of being able to gather together, to invite our neighbors to hunt Easter Eggs and eat hotdogs; the blessing of worshipping together in Holy Week; the blessing of gathering together in small groups, reconnecting and growing together in faith; the blessing of returning to so many important patterns and traditions.

There's so many blessings this April, I hope that I can highlight few dates for you, so they don't get lost with all the abundance! Don't forget that on **April 3 we will have a Vespers Service of Blessing at 4:00 pm**, blessing the ordinary spaces around us. Later that week, we will have our **Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday April 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm**; our Storytime will be at 5:45 pm and the Hunt will be at 6:00. We will have hotdogs for anyone who needs a bite to eat! Many hands make light work, so don't forget to sign-up to help in the hallway.

Holy Week has an abundance of opportunities to hear the story of Jesus' last days on earth, celebrate communion, and walk together to the cross. **Our Maundy Thursday service will be Thursday, April 14** in the Chapel. **Friday, April 15** will be our **Good Friday service at noon**, and **Easter Morning, April 17**, we will have a **9:00 reception for our Common Read**, and **worship at 10:30 am**.

Vacation Bible School is happening June 27-30 from 9:00-11:30 am for children 4K-5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as MOB-Serve for our youth not helping with VBS. **We will have a VBS Work Party from 4:00-6:00 pm on April 24**. Pizza will be provided.

I am conscious that as the weeks continue, my Sabbatical grows closer. I am so grateful that Spring Hill Presbyterian gives their pastors a Sabbatical after seven years of service. It's unbelievable that I have been with you for seven and a half years, and Brian, Anders, and I are so grateful for the opportunity for this time of rest and renewal. I was just looking at my picture in the hallway and marveling at the many changes that have happened in my own life in our time together—I am definitely a little more weathered and even my name has changed! My Sabbatical begins on May 16 and will end on August 13. Look out for more information in the next newsletter about some of my plans, and also to hear about the amazing leaders of this church who are helping to make summer trips for youth, Vacation Bible School, and more happen. I am working hard during this month of April to try to prepare for the summer as well as the Fall.

I hope this April that you can take the time to bless the people, things, and opportunities around you. May you feel God's blessing shining down on you as well, surprising you through ordinary things.

Grace and Peace,

Anna

### Fall 2022 Preview

A few weeks ago (March 20), we held a parent meeting of parents of children and youth. I was so amazed at the collaborative nature of our families to work to create a plan that would work for not just the people in the room but opportunities for visitors, people who live far away, and to have some evening options for people who travel. What a blessing it is that we can envision something new for the Fall, and that we can return to some familiar patterns. Here's what we are planning for the fall.

11:30-12:30 BLAST and YOUTH (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays with a snack ONLY)

5:00-6:00 Choir and Alphabet Generations, Weekly

6:00-6:30 Dinner (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

6:30-7:30 Youth (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

Youth Group, Youth and Children's Choirs, and Alphabet Generations will all return to their weekly pattern (with Youth Group alternating times). BLAST will continue to be twice a month as well as dinners together.

## Christian Education



On April 17 there will be a church-wide reception in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the culmination of the common read *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please plan to attend this reception and find out what topics those in other groups found interesting and meaningful. There will be an art project to celebrate the culmination of this common read, similar to the one that we did at the end of *The Bible in 90 Days*, so if you participated in this common read, your fingerprint is essential.

### *Vespers: Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 pm*

*Join us Sunday, April 3 for a Vespers service on blessing. We will be reading and creating blessings to bless one another and our time together. Meet in front of the Sanctuary.*



## 2022 Graduates

**Graduation Sunday** will be May 15.

Join us at 9:00 am to celebrate our high school seniors at our Senior Breakfast. If you have a graduate (from high school, college, or other program), please let Marcia know at [marcia@springhillpresbyterian.org](mailto:marcia@springhillpresbyterian.org), so we can include it in our June and July Newsletter.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday will be **May 1**; let's celebrate our seven 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have been working all year to learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We will have a reception following worship to welcome our Confirmants into the church. Please plan to stay to help us celebrate.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**VBS Work Party, April 24 following worship:**

Many hands make light work! Come help us prepare for VBS from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Bullard Building. Pizza will be provided. Please let us know you are coming by emailing Anna at [anna@shpc.us](mailto:anna@shpc.us) or signing up in the Hallway.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAY 1— DOUG MARSHALL— PRESBYTERIAN**

**HOME FOR CHILDREN— SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MAY 8— EUGEMIA GAMBLE— SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for a special **Earth Day** Sunday School class. All are Invited!

The Film *YOUTH v GOV* follows 21 young Americans suing the world's most powerful government to protect their constitutional rights to a stable climate. If they win, they will change the future. As people of faith, we care about climate justice for future generations.

This will be the *only* time this film is available to view. A link to join via Zoom will be provided for those who wish to participate virtually.

## Dates To Remember

### Youth Ministry

Thursday, Apr. 7: Easter Egg Hunt  
April 10: Youth Group/BLAST (Youth will have their own Easter Egg Hunt and talk about Holy Week)  
May 1: Confirmation Sunday as well as Youth Group  
May 15: Graduation Sunday  
June 4-11: High School Montreat  
June 27-30: Vacation Bible School  
July 20-24: Middle School Montreat



**WE REJOICE** with Zack & Ashlen Aggen on the birth of their daughter Io Rose Curie on February 28, 2022 and with Fay Phillips on the birth of her granddaughter McCrary Margaret on March 18, 2022. The parents are Dudley and Fay Dawson.

## MEMORIALS

*Peg Heyman Stanley Thurston*

*Jane Tannenbaum  
Marcy Harris  
Thomas & Patricia Campbell  
Trish and John Cadwallader  
Marion Berg and Family  
James & Gladys Sargent  
Jan, Kennaugh, & Chip Horne*

**THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** of the congregation are with the with the family of Peg Heyman in her death on February 23; Annie, Dario and Michael Olivera on the death of their father on March 4, 2022; to the family of Bill Rawson in his death on March 5 and to Tommy Druhan on the death of his father, John Druhan on March 21, 2022.



## Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Kaye Bradshaw, Everett Bolling, Levi Bolling, Frank Callahan, Janet Clarke, Sherry Coats, Edith Cox, Matt Coleman, Ruth Fitzgerald, Amy Britton Foshee, Ann Hafner, Caleb Harrison, Charles Hartley, Jackie Martin Haskew, Lauren Henson, John Langus, Bill Layfield, Wanda Lawrence, Celia Ledbetter, Kay Korb, Sara Martin, Sue McLean, Marilyn Michel, Margaret Miller, Betty Minto, Mary Owen, Carol Rawl, Cort Schlichting, William Shreve, Gladys Sheets, Ransome Sheets, Janie Sims, Patricia Trammell Stinson, Pat Stoll, Connie Trawick, Gayle Underwood, Nicholas Vrakelos, Babs Warren, Helen Wells, Ronnie Wright and all our military members: Haley Harrell, Susanna Hedrick, Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio; The children in our Big Brother/Big Sister program: Eddie, Krystyn, Maylasia, & Milaishia.

## *Lilies*

Lilies will be a part of the sanctuary decorations for worship Easter Sunday, April 17. The plants will be taken to shut-ins by the Congregational Care Committee in the name of the church following worship. Cost: \$20.00.



Please call or email [sconnell@springhillpresbyterian.org](mailto:sconnell@springhillpresbyterian.org) if you wish to place a memorial for a loved one by helping to decorate the sanctuary. *Deadline is April 4, 2022.*

## **Statement as of February 28, 2022**

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 863,515
Year-to-date Received	\$ 172,547
Other Receipts	\$ 5,246
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 177,793</b>
Benevolences	\$ 13,622
Salaries and Services	\$ 86,117
Programs	\$ 482
Office Expenses	\$ 3,985
General and Plant Services	\$ 21,190
Other	\$ 6,406
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 131,802</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over (under )Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 45,991</b>





## *Presbyterian Women Celebrate a Century of Giving and Receiving! Join us in this year's special Birthday Service and Luncheon.*

*Who:* All women members of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church are invited.  
(You don't have to be in one of our church's Circles.)

*When:* Wednesday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. beginning with worship in the Sanctuary,  
followed by a delicious variety of salads at the luncheon in Fellowship Hall.



*What:* During the worship service, we will collect donations for the annual Birthday Offering.

Over the past 100 years, grants funded by Presbyterian Women have impacted over 200 organizations and transformed the lives of countless people.

This year's theme has been a study of *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Anna will be providing our lesson, her last time with us before she leaves on sabbatical. You're invited to join all Presbyterian Women in our congregation as we conclude this year's study and celebrate all that we have been given.

### *Art in the Library*



Please take a moment to view the beautiful portraits by Weezie Taylor that are on display in the library through April.

Weezie enjoys doing water colors, oil paintings and pencil drawings. She has enjoyed creating art in many ways as well, especially when working as an art therapist with patients at the Mobile Psychiatric Clinic. She also created the large murals that are in the Bullard Building.

### Boy Scouts

Did you know our Boy Scout troop #85 is 77 years old? We were formed in 1945 and we meet in the Edington Building from 7-8:30 PM. Please come visit and bring a friend! For more information, call Susan Tomlinson at 251-209-0792 or email [susan48tomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:susan48tomlinson@gmail.com)



### Interfaith Build 2022

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry that has invited our church (along with other local faith groups), to join them in an Act of Hope mission to build an affordable home for a local family here in Mobile. The Mobile Interfaith Build will begin with groundbreaking in May. As a participating congregation, we are looking for volunteers who would like to assist in this endeavor.

During the month of April, we will begin sign ups in the narthex and hallway. You can sign up for Saturday work shifts include to be physical laborers, lunch providers, and supporters to help with additional non-physical tasks. All tools will be provided at the site. Ice will be provided for anyone who hammers their thumb. Please consider joining us for this wonderful mission and pay attention to the weekly announcements for more details! For more information, reach out to our project leader:

Lee Lagomarsino email: [airlago@yahoo.com](mailto:airlago@yahoo.com) or Phone #: 610-390-0089.



# Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School



June 27-30, 9:00-11:30 am  
K4-5th grade (must be 4 or older)  
To register go to [www.shpc.us](http://www.shpc.us)  
10 Westminster Way, Mobile, AL • 342-1550



Have a Youth (6-12 grades) who needs services hours and want to help our community? Have them join us for ServeMOB during VBS. Register at [www.shpc.us](http://www.shpc.us)

**Deadline to register for both is June 1, 2022.**

The poster has a light yellow background decorated with various colorful floral and leaf patterns. At the top, the text 'SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. In the center, there are three illustrated Easter eggs: a large one with teal, pink, and white diagonal stripes, a medium purple one with white wavy lines, and a small yellow one with pink diagonal stripes. Below the eggs, the title 'Easter Egg Hunt' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font. A horizontal purple line separates the title from the event details. The details are split into two columns by a vertical dashed purple line. The left column contains the date and time 'Thursday, April 7 5:30-6:30' in bold black text. The right column contains 'Storytime at 5:45 pm' and 'Hunt at 6:00 pm' in bold black text. At the bottom, the location and additional information '10 Westminster Way, Bring a basket. Lemonade and hotdogs will be available.' are written in a smaller black font. The bottom right corner features a partial illustration of a yellow egg with white polka dots.

**SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN**

# **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Thursday,  
April 7  
5:30-6:30**

**Storytime at 5:45 pm  
Hunt at 6:00 pm**

10 Westminster Way, Bring a basket.  
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# APRIL 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Worship starts at 10:30 AM Lenten Wednesday Worship- Noon-Chapel Sunday Schools are at 9:00 AM Vespers 4:00 PM Youth/ Blast are at 11:30 AM Youth/Children's					1	2
3 <i>Common Read Worship Children's choir Vespers</i>	4 <i>Outreach Lily Deadline MSC</i>	5 <i>Committees Common Read MSC</i>	6 <i>PWCT Lenten Service Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir</i>	7 <i>Easter Egg Hunt Day Singers AA</i>	8	9  AA
10 <i>Palm Sunday  Common Read Worship- Communion BLAST/Youth</i>	11  MSC	12  Common Read MSC	13 <i>Day Circle Congregational Care Night Circle Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir</i>	14 <i>Maundy Thursday Day Singers PEO AA</i>	15  Good Friday	16  AA
17 <i>Easter  Reception Worship  Art Assc. Meeting</i>	18  Church office closed	19	20 <i>Newsletter Dead- line Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir</i>	21 <i>Day Singers AA</i>	22	23  AA
MCPSS		Spring			Break	
24 <i>Sunday Schools Worship VBS Work Party Children/Youth Choirs</i>	25  MSC	26  MSC  Session Diaconate	27  Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir	28  Writing Group Day Singers Organist Guild  AA	29	30  AA