



# *SPRING HILL MESSENGER August 2021*

Dear Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Family,

As we move into the month of August I am eyeing the end of my Sabbatical Adventure. I will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, August 15, which will also be Back-to-School Sunday. I look forward to seeing you soon and hearing all about how God has been at work in your lives and in our church family over the last three months. As we look ahead to Rally Day on September 12 and the return of many of our church's fall programming, I hope you'll pay special attention to all the important details included in this newsletter.

I cannot thank you enough for the gift of this time for rest and recharging and for the many ways that you have stepped up in your support of our wonderful church family. Even amidst this pandemic we have kept moving forward in faith toward the future that God has prepared for us.

I can't wait to see you soon!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bj'.

Dear Friends,

It is amazing that August is upon us! My heart is full from the amazing ministry we have had together this summer. I just returned from our Middle School Montreat conference with seven SHPC youth and two chaperones. The theme of the conference was, "Just As I Am." Throughout the conference participants were reminded that we are loved by God, just as we are. We don't have to just show God our "Sunday best"—God knows and loves all of us, even our mess. As our students and teachers prepare for a new school year, I think it's important to remember that we are loved in this time and moment. We are called to radically love and accept ourselves and those around us. We are not perfect people. We have been through incredibly difficult things over the past year and a half and although things are returning to "normal." We are changed people. We must accept this and care for ourselves as we navigate life.

I have been grateful this summer that we have had the opportunities to worship virtually and in person in the sanctuary, travel together on trips, sing and play at Vacation Bible School, and serve our community during Mission Camp. I am excited to kick-off a new school year with our **Back to School Sunday, August 15** and church school year on **Rally Day, Sept. 12**.

As I am sure you are aware, rates of the COVID-19 virus continue to spike in Mobile County. I wish that this pandemic were over, but unfortunately, the coronavirus is still here for the moment. The Coronavirus Commission is watching the data closely. We still ask those who are unvaccinated to mask and distance. If you are immunocompromised, please wear a mask as well. Know that SHPC is a mask friendly place. We want you to wear a mask even if you are vaccinated if it makes you feel comfortable! We are working to be flexible, agile, and aware in this ever-changing situation.

We are loved just as we are, in this ever-moving world of ours. We are held by a love that will not let us go, that continues to seek us out. What a blessing! May you remember you are a precious child of God, loved, claimed, and forgiven.

Grace and Peace,

Anna Fulmer Duke

*Anna*

Back to School Sunday  
**August 15**

SAVE THE DATE:  
**RALLY DAY KICK-OFF,**  
SEPTEMBER 12, 9 AM!

*High School Youth Retreat, Aug. 6-8: Because of great sign-ups, this retreat will be for high school only! We will be getting "Back to Basics" at our Youth Retreat August 6-8 with Government Street Presbyterian Youth at Baytreat! This past year was strange in so many ways. With things opening back up, it's important to get back to the basics of our faith and refocus on our relationship with God as we prepare for a new school year. If you are unvaccinated, we ask that you get a COVID test within 48 hours of the retreat (if you want this covered by insurance, please call your doctor and schedule it with them). We will ask everyone to fill out a COVID checker. Cost is \$25. Sign-up use our Google Form:*

*<https://forms.gle/grFBdR3uoSVmvhu5A>*

**Sunday, August 15, 9-10 am**, Bullard Building Children's Sunday School and BLAST Training—Unable to come? Email Anna at [anna@springhillpresbyterian.org](mailto:anna@springhillpresbyterian.org)



## Music Notes



**Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist**

### ***Sing and Play in a New Season!***

Our new musical season will begin soon and we are eager to invite all persons to explore how they might get involved in music ministries. Participating in music at our church provides unique opportunities that cannot be duplicated elsewhere, simply because they are rooted not only in the Christian faith, but in the traditions and theology of our own church. You are invited to investigate the opportunities at SHPC in music! Contact Randy Sheets for more information (rsheets@shpc.us), 342-1550 ext 15)

**NOTE: *At the time of writing this, the number of Covid cases in the Mobile area is rising steeply. The schedule and plans outlined below may be adjusted so that we might help take care of each other. Stay tuned.***

**Chancel Choir** welcomes new members- adults and advanced youth in its new season. See details in a separate announcement here.

**Spring Hill Ringers** is an auditioned group of adults who practice handbells on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m., beginning after Labor Day. Strong music-reading skills are needed. If you are interested, contact Randy Sheets.

**Choirs for Youth and Children** begin on Sunday afternoon, September 12.

Keep an eye out for more information in the weekly E-news, bulletin, at [www.shpc.us](http://www.shpc.us), and in your mailbox.

**Instrumental Ensemble.** An intergenerational group (middle-school age and up) for persons who play concert band or orchestral instruments. Stay tuned for more details about this ensemble, directed by Buddy Porter.

### **An Added Opportunity for Singing by Adults: Day-Singers**

Are you interested in singing, but Wednesday night rehearsals don't work for you? You are invited to participate in the **Day-Singers** part of the Chancel Choir.

This is how it will work.

- The Chancel Choir will consist of Day-Singers and Night-Singers.
- The Night-Singers will follow the normal schedule of weekly Wednesday night rehearsals (7:00 p.m.) and weekly Sunday worship.
- The Day-Singers will rehearse approximately two Thursday mornings per month (10:30 – 11:30 a.m.) and will sing with the Night-Singers approximately two Sunday worship services per month.
- There will be NO assignments--- persons may choose to be a Day-Singer, a Night-Singer, or both.
- Fellowship events will be scheduled to include both Day and Night Singers.
- The schedule for beginning the season is:

**Sunday, August 8:** All singers sing at morning worship

First rehearsals

Night-Singers: Wednesday, August 11, 7pm

Day-Singers: Thursday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 21 (Morning). Choir Retreat—All Singers.



## We're saving a place for YOU in our Circle!

**Whether you're relatively 'new' to Spring Hill, or a long-time church member, you're invited!**

Presbyterian Women offers you a monthly opportunity to engage with a smaller group of church women in a loving and supportive environment. This August, the Day Circle welcomes

Elizabeth Britton, Lynn Hennig and Sherry Porter as our latest additions.



### When do the circles meet?

- On the **second Wednesday** of the month.
- **Day Circle** meets at 9:45 in the morning.
- **Night Circle** meets at 5:00 in the evening.

### Kick-off Event for Current and Prospective Circle Members – Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall

**10:00 a.m.** – Social gathering, fellowship, and welcome to all women of the church.

Current and new members receive their 2021-2022 Horizon's Bible Study Books. Pledges and payments for study books and directory are due at this time.

Hear an overview of this year's theme: "*What My Grandmother's Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.*"

**YOUNG ADULTS AUG. 8:** End of Summer Pool Party, let us close out the summer with a big splash! Bring the entire family to Spring Hill Swim Club on **Sunday, August 8th from 5-7pm** for fun and food. There will be free pizza and drinks along with cool swimming and diving. Located at 736 Museum Drive, 36608. Please RSVP to Sara McGough at 828-231-4483 by August 7th so we know how much pizza to order. Please consider bringing a few dollars to recoup facility reservation costs.



**OPENING OF SCHOOL CLEANUP DAY AT MARY B. AUSTIN AUGUST 7.** Mark your calendars for August 7th from 8:00-11:00. Join us for a fun and productive couple of hours to help our Partner in Education. We will do minor up keeping. There might even be a doughnut involved. If you can help us, please contact Buddy Porter at - [cporter43@mchsi.com](mailto:cporter43@mchsi.com) or 251-610-3183 for complete details.

KIRKIN' o' THE TARTANS  
AUGUST 29

# RELIGIOUS ARTS

*The Religious Arts Committee has lined up two interesting field trips for  
September / October*

## **MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS GUIDED TOUR WITH JUDY STOUT**

(Trust us, you have not experienced our MBG until you  
have walked it with Judy Stout.)

**Saturday, Sept 18.** Limited to 15 people in either tour group.

Level of activity:

Slow walking for about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Mostly shaded. Footing – about 50% paved and 50% grassed or natural footing.

Judy will offer a morning (10:00-11:15 am) and afternoon tour (1:00-2:15 pm)

MBG cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children 8th grade and younger

To reserve your spot, call 251-401-0811 or email [jstout@mbgardens.org](mailto:jstout@mbgardens.org) no later than  
**September 10.**

Great for families and children!!

## **WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN PORTIONS OF THE DORA FINLEY AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TOUR WITH ERIC FINLEY**

**Saturday, October 2.** Limited to 12 people in  
either tour group

Morning tour (10:00 am) and Afternoon tour  
(1:00 pm)

Level of activity: Easy walking on pavement.  
About one hour each.

AAHT cost is \$10 per person

To reserve your spot, call 251-401-0811 or  
email [jstout@mbgardens.org](mailto:jstout@mbgardens.org) no later than  
**September 25.**



Bettie Hunter House - Built in 1878 and listed on the  
National Register. Hunter operated a profitable carriage  
business in downtown Mobile in 1876



**Statement as of June 30, 2021**

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 825,987
Year-to-date Received	\$ 422,136
Other Receipts	\$ 22,162
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 444,298</b>
Benevolences	\$ 27,932
Salaries and Services	\$ 236,669
Programs	\$ 13,668
Office Expenses	\$ 10,987
General and Plant Services	\$ 102,433
Other	\$ 16,743
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 408,432</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over (under )Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,866</b>

**Memorials**

**Mike Chambers Cassie Steele**  
**Nancy Sims**

Pat Edington  
Frank Wright  
Sallie Connell  
Bruce Maynard  
Norman McCrummem  
Jean Battle Richardson  
Cassie Steele Family  
Wilkins Miller, LLC



*The Prayers and sympathy of the congregation go out to Susan Baker on the death of her Mother, Barbara Baker on June 23, 2021 in Birmingham AL.*

*The Prayers and sympathy of the congregation go out to the family of James Michael "Mike" Chambers on his death on July 5, in Mobile AL.*

*The Prayers and sympathy of the congregation go out to Billy Wiik on the death of his broth-in-law, Wayne Hinton on July 24, 2021, in Chatom AL.*

**Prayer List**

George Barton, Kaye Bradshaw, Chandler Bramlett, Amy Britton Foshee, Edith Cox, Jackie Martin Haskew, Lauren Henson, Burton Hoitt, John Langus, Celia Ledbetter, Kay Korb, Norma Magee, Sue McLean, Marilyn Michel, Margaret Miller, Betty Minto, Bill Rawson, Cort Schlichting, William Shreve, Gladys Sheets, Ransome Sheets, Janie Sims, Gayle Underwood, Nicholas Vrkelos, Babs Warren, Helen Wells all our military members: Haley Harrell, Susanna Hedrick, Stuart Rubio; **The children in our Big Brother/Big Sister program:** Krystyn, Maylasia, Makenzie, Milaishia, Morgan, Taliah & Xayvion.

# August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday School Worship Communion	2 Breakfast at Mary B. Austin	3 Committees Painting Pals	4 PWCT	5 Goodwill Easter Seals Open House	6   <u>Youth Retreat</u>	7 Clean up– MBA  <u>Baytreat</u>
8 Sunday School Worship  Young Adults Pool Party	9 Children's Choir planning Meeting	10 Painting Pals	11 MCPPS 1st Day Chancel Choir Night Singers Presbyterian Women	12 PEO Chancel Choir Day Singers	13	14 MSC–Retreat
15 Sunday School Worship-Back to School  Movie Night	16 Mother's Day Out Orientation  MSC	17 Painting Pals Session Diaconate	18 Chancel Choir Night Singers  Congregational Care Committee	19	20	21 Chancel Choir Retreat  Yeoman Workday
22 Sunday School Worship	23 MSC	24 Painting Pals MSC	25 Newsletter Deadline  Chancel Choir Night Singers	26 Writing Group	27  <u>Officer Training Retreat</u>	28
29 Sunday School Worship- Kirkin' o' The Tartans	30 MSC  Master Gardeners	31 Painting Pals MSC	*Worship is at 10:30 a.m.  *Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m.	*Church office is closed on Fridays	*MSC is Mobile's Singing Children	



# *Always Forward:* A Transforming JOURNEY

JUNE  
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**Karlos Finley:** *Dora Franklin Finley African-American History Trail of Mobile* (ZOOM)

JUNE  
13

**Brent Davis:** *More to the Journey: A Peregrino's Notes* (ZOOM)

JUNE  
20

**Ben Shamback:** *Oil on Copper* (ZOOM)

JUNE  
27

**Carol Dorsey:** *Horticultural Therapy: An Overview and Application in a Wellness Program at Strickland Detention Center* (ZOOM)

JULY  
11

**John and Dolores Eads:** *Light of the Village: Exploring a Calling* (FELLOWSHIP HALL & ZOOM)

JULY  
18

**Megan Rubio:** *Solar Under the Sun* (FELLOWSHIP HALL & ZOOM)

JULY  
25

**Rabbi Steve Silberman:** *Journeys in the Hebrew Scriptures* (FELLOWSHIP HALL & ZOOM)

AUGUST  
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**Gabe Holloway:** *The Journey of Grief and Hope* (FELLOWSHIP HALL & ZOOM)

AUGUST  
8

**Dr. Patrick Jacobs, Baritone and Dr. Randall C. Sheets, Piano:** *Songs of Travel* (SANCTUARY/FACEBOOK/ZOOM)

AUGUST  
15

**Meg McCrummen:** *The History of Mobile in 22 Objects* (ZOOM & LIVE STREAMED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL)

AUGUST  
22

**SHPC Spirituality Writing Group:** *Our Journeys Are Our Stories* (FELLOWSHIP HALL & ZOOM)

AUGUST  
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**Buz Wilcoxon:** *My Sabbatical Journey* (FELLOWSHIP HALL & ZOOM)



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## Faith and the Arts Summer Sunday School

*The Zoom link to access each class is included in churchwide emails.*



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