



SPRING HILL MESSENGER June/July 2023

Resiliency

Sunday (May 21, 2023) Sara McGough made a presentation to the Current Issues Sunday school class. Sara is working with the University of South Alabama on a research grant entitled SOAR. The focus of the research is youth violence prevention. One thing Sara said that caught my attention was the word “resilience.” In the research, which is in its first of many years, the findings already show that resiliency in youth is a key indicator to success.

Resiliency is also crucial for the church. In 2008, I took my first sabbatical. I studied different leadership styles for the church. I began my studies with a trip to Columbia Seminary to attend their spring Colloquium. The theme was “resilience.”

The church I remember from 1976, when I graduated from seminary, is different today. The world is different. The church of twenty and fifty years ago may not survive for the next twenty or fifty years. I believe that the church will survive, but it may not look like what it does today. We must learn to be resilient if we are to survive. Remember that resiliency does not mean that we bounce back to the way we were. Resiliency is the ability to adapt to the changing situation.

During the transition between installed pastors is the perfect time for this church to practice resiliency.

Peace.

Cary

After publishing the Ministry Information Form, the **Pastor Nominating Committee** is now reviewing candidates. We are in the early stages of evaluation and will be thoughtfully considering each and every one. We ask the congregation to continue praying for our discernment in this process. Any questions can be directed to a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee or to SHPCMobile.PNC@gmail.com.



Dear SHPC Family,

Summer at SHPC is one of my favorite times of the year. While for many it is a quiet time, in the life of our children and youth, it is the time for summer trips, Vacation Bible School, and a deepening of relationships and growth. June 3-10 nine of our High School Youth will head up to **Montreat**. This year's theme for our high schoolers is "In Joy"—we can't wait to see how they go out in joy and are led back in peace from this trip. July 19-23 four of our middle school youth will go to Middle School Montreat in Maryville, TN. This year they will explore the theme, "Igniting a Spark."

June 19-22 is Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Passport to Peace;" we hope that our children will find a deeper peace in God and learn how to be peacemakers in the world. So far, in mid-May we have 30 students from our preschools on campus planning to attend, as well as 15 other children from our church and community. If you are interested in volunteering, let me know. We still need lots of donations for our Hurricane Buckets, Hygiene Kits, and snacks. You can sign up for food on the bulletin board near my office. Our goal is to make 30 buckets and kits to have on hand at the church for when disaster strikes near.

You can celebrate the end of Vacation Bible School and support the Presbyterian Home for Children Thursday night, **June 22 at 5:30 pm at the Sweet Home Soirée** at the Country Club of Mobile. This fundraiser supports the ministry and mission of the Presbyterian Home for Children one of our mission partners and will be a night to remember!

Finally, don't forget to join us for our Faith and the Arts Summer Series. This year, we are trying a new pattern. You can see in the line-up that we have eight fantastic speakers coming in June and August. We are intentionally pausing during the month of July. We hope this allows people to take a break and rest in July and also to commit to being here in June and August for a time of faith and learning. The summer Faith and the Arts series is such a great way for us to see what is happening in our community and listen for how God calls us to serve our neighbors.

In the liturgical year, summer is Ordinary Time, and the liturgical color is green. Ordinary Time invites God into the simple, regular passage of time. Ordinary derives from the Latin word *ordinalis* which describes numbers in a series. Ordinary Time is meant to help us to count our days; it marks the weeks as they pass. I don't know about you but often I find growth happens not during extreme highs or lows but through the steady patterns of faith. Steady spiritual disciplines like prayer, reading Scripture, attending worship, noticing nature, and living life together are like sunlight and rain for trees—these things feed us, nurture us so that we can spread our leaves, find balance, peace, and dwell with God. The summer for me is a time of renewal and growth. It is a time in the life of the church where I can dig in more deeply, getting to know others in new and different ways, working alongside leaders at Montreat and VBS. It is a time where I try to refocus and discern where God is moving us as we prepare for the Fall. I pray that this summer, you can also find strength, maturation, and growth in this extraordinary Ordinary Time.

Grace and Peace,

Anna



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
OF SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN



Samuel Ryan Jacobs

*Graduating from Saraland High School
Attending the Alabama Coastal Community College*

McLaurin Elizabeth Kaufman

*Graduating from St. Paul's Episcopal School
Attending the University of Alabama*

Virginia Ann Otts

*Graduating from UMS
Attending University of Alabama*

Ethan Ray Rubio

*Graduating from Ocean Springs High School
Attending Drexel or Mercer University*

HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES OF
SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN TO NOTE:

Virginia Townsend Dukes

*Graduating from Auburn University with a BS in Business Administration
Major in Accounting, Minor in Spanish*

Ruth Kelly Harper

Graduating from University of South Alabama with a BS in Nursing

George Patterson Phillips

*Graduating from Auburn University with a BS in Business Administration
Major in Supply Chain Management*

Virginia Schell Phillips

*Graduating from Auburn University with a BS in Biomedical Sciences
With A Concentration in Pre-Medicine*

Sweet Home Soirée

"This year, Presbyterian Women will be honored at the Sweet Home Soiree for their important role in establishing the Presbyterian Home for Children. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, June 22, at 5:30, at the Country Club of Mobile and be sure to tell your friends. Contact Jennifer Braxton at (205)410-4851 to reserve individual tickets, a table for eight, or to learn more about event sponsorship. Tickets are \$125 per person. Even if you cannot attend, you can still support this event by bidding online for silent auction items, being a sponsor, or donating to the home in honor of your favorite Presbyterian Woman! All proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Home for Children. Thank you for sowing the seeds of hope in a child's life today."



Save the Date!

SWEET HOME SOIRÉE
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023
THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MOBILE
MOBILE, ALABAMA

ENJOY A DELICIOUS SERVED DINNER,
LIVE MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION
AND LIVE AUCTION!

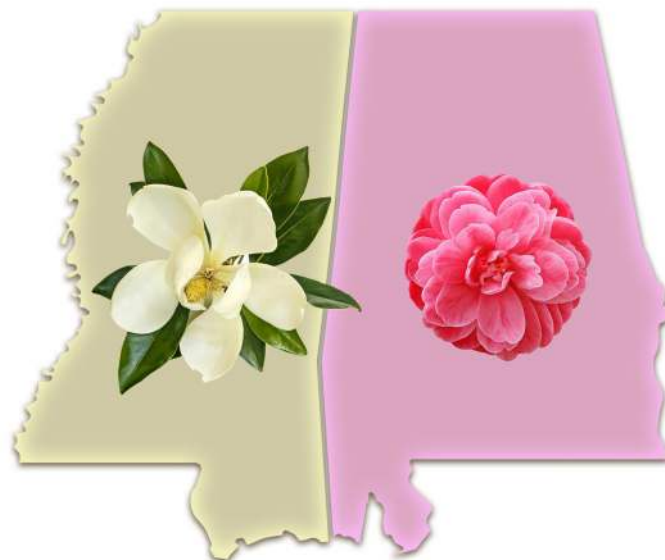
WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS
SPECIAL EVENING BENEFITING
PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN.

PLEASE CONTACT CARL MARTIN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES,
WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AUCTION ITEMS, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.
CARL MARTIN | MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT AND DONOR RELATIONS | 256-362-8284 | cmartin@phfc.org



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women of Spring Hill will host the Alabama/ Mississippi Women's Conference this summer, July 13 - 15. Dr. Olive Mahabir, the writer of the Horizon's Bible Study for next year, will be the keynote speaker. Registration forms are located on the PW bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall.



CAN YOU HELP CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR SANCTUARY BLOOM:?

Flowers are an important part of every Sunday Service. Currently, there exists a need for flower donations. Each week we need members to contribute between \$50.00 to \$75.00 in memory or in honor of a loved one. We want to keep fresh flowers displayed for all to celebrate the goodness that God provides in our lives. If you would consider donating, please contact Ann Magee 251-232-2646 or email: cabmagee861@gmail.com.



Montreat Trip Meeting

Montreat Middle School Meeting: Youth (and parents of youth attending) and chaperones attending Montreat Middle School, join us July 16 at SHPC at 11:45 (following church) for a meeting to go over last minute details for our trip. Let's plan to meet in the Conference Room.



Vacation Bible School: What You Need to Know!

VBS Deadline June 1: Just a reminder that our VBS deadline is June 1. Vacation Bible School kicks off Monday, June 19 and will be through Thursday, June 22 from 9:00-11:30 am. Our theme is Passport to Peace. Go to www.shpc.us to find the link to register.

VBS Work Party, June 18 at 9:00 am: We will be working on last minute decorations and details Sunday morning, June 18 at 9:00 am in the Bullard Building. Come and help us make VBS special this year!

VBS Mandatory Training, June 18 at 3:00 pm: Everyone who is serving at VBS this year, plan to gather in the Bullard Building, Sunday June 18 at 3:00 pm. We will go over the schedule, review our Child and Youth safety policy, review groupings, and go over last minute details. Plan to stay for an hour.

MEMORIALS

Elizabeth Britton Elaine Kloss Wanda Lawrence
Cort Schlichting Malcolm Sumrall Forrest Wilson

Jim & Nancy Adams
May Ruth Andrews
Ann Bridgeman
Frank & Jane Callahan
Sallie Connell
Jay & Kelley Evers
Bonney Irwin
Sara Long
Sharon Meier
Dick & Lila Pennington
Charlie & Amy Powell
Greta & Andy Sharp
Brian & Lisa Team Taylor
Judy & Mark Weaver

Richard & Betty Allen
Susan Landon Beard
Ernest Bulwinkle
Fred & Nancy Coats
Hal & Lynne Daugherty
Ruth Fitzgerald
Ralph Lawrence
Norman McCrummen
Mary & Thomas Molino
John & Lolan Song Pickron
Frances & John Rankin
Randy & Vera Lynn Sheets
The Hennig Family
Ann Wilson

The Moses Foundation

Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Neal Andrews, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Kaye Bradshaw, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Sherry Coats, Edith Cox, Chrisy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Sheryne Massa Glicksman, Gwen Greer, Ann Hafner, Bill Harris, Andrea Wiik Hinton, Jackie Martin Haskew, Lauren Henson, Bonney Irwin, Bill Layfield, Steve Ledbetter, Kay Korb, Lynn Martin, Marilyn Michel, Margaret Miller, Betty Minto, Mary Owen, Bernice Riedeburg, Janie Sims, Margie Spaulding, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Weezie Taylor, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Ann Wilson, Andy Whorton, Ronnie Wright and all our military members: Susanna Hedrick, Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio. The child in our Big Brother/Big Sister program: Milaishia.

Statement as of April 30, 2023

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$	765,766
Year-to-date Received	\$	312,698
Other Receipts	\$	18,593
Total Receipts	\$	331,291
Benevolences	\$	18,179
Salaries and Services	\$	155,886
Programs	\$	5,939
Office Expenses	\$	9,471
General and Plant Services	\$	80,778
Other	\$	8,580
Total Expenses	\$	278,833
Excess Receipts over (under)Expenses	\$	52,457

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are with Randy and Vera Lynn Sheets on the death of their nephew, Ransome Sheets on April 20, 2023, in Covington, Georgia.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are with Sandy Meyers on the death of her Husband, Jerry Meyers on April 16, 2023.

2023 Faith AND THE Arts

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

- JUNE 4** **Joe Day**
BONSAI INSTRUCTOR
- JUNE 11** **Soynika Edwards Bush**
ARTIST & INSTRUCTOR
- JUNE 18** **Thomas McGehee**
BELLINGRATH GARDENS
- JUNE 25** **Doug Marshall**
PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME
- AUGUST 6** **Lori Guy, Patrick Jacobs,
& Randy Sheets**
CONCERT
- AUGUST 13** **Dr. John Valentine**
DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB
- AUGUST 20** **Rachel Wright**
ARTIST & INSTRUCTOR
- AUGUST 27** **Jon Carfagno**
MOBILE MUSEUM
OF ART

Sunday School is 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The concert on Aug 6th will be held in the Sanctuary. Open gym time will be available for children 12 and under during the series for parents to attend.



10 Westminster Way
Mobile, AL 36608



251-342-1550
<https://shpc.us>

Ways to Give: Vacation Bible School



DONATE:

Your time...

- Work Party: Sun. May 21 (11:30 am in Gym)
- Clean-Up on the afternoon of June 22 (11:30 -2 pm)
- Set-up Thank You Pizza for Volunteers on Thursday morning 11-12
- During VBS June 19-22
- By Praying!

Items:

- Old Magazines
- 200 Small Water Bottles
- 150 Regular Size Water Bottles
- 300 Small, Colorful Paper Plates
- 3 Costco/Sam's Sized Box of Fruit Snacks
- 4 large cartons of individual packets of Goldfish
- 7 bags Rold Gold Pretzels
- 4 Costco or Sam's Boxes of Granola Bars
- 60 String Cheeses
- 3 Bags of Apples
- Purple Seedless Grapes (rinsed and pulled apart from stems)—Delivered to Bullard Building Kitchen on Sun. June 18
- Green Seedless Grapes (rinsed and pulled apart from stems)—Delivered to Bullard Building Kitchen on Sun. June 18

If you are not interested in buying items, checks can always be made out to SHPC. Make the memo line: VBS

Mission Project Donations for

VBS:

This year, our children will be packing hurricane buckets and hygiene kits that we can have ready in case a hurricane hits close to home. This is a project we are doing in coordination with our Mission Committee and the Presbytery. Below are the items we need. If you would prefer to donate money towards this project, we can also purchase items as well. Put in memo line: VBS. Here's what will go in each bucket/kit.

Cleanup Bucket (Value \$75)

- 1 — 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid* 4 — scouring pads
- 7 — sponges, assorted sizes 1 — scrub brush
- 1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 — 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- 1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- 1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50
- 1 — Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 — dust masks
- 2 - heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- 1 pair — work gloves
- 1 — 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 — bottle insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles.

Hygiene Kit (Value \$15)

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels) 1 — washcloth
- 1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 — nail clipper (UPDATE: nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper) 1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 10 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

To avoid duplication, sign-up to donate specific items on the Christian Education bulletin board. All items (excluding perishables) may be delivered to Susan Tomlinson's office no later than June 17.

June 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Summer Series 9:00 am</p>			1 Tai Chi	2	3 AA
4 Summer Series Worship— Communion	5 Montreat Outreach PNC	6 High Committees	7 School Al-Anon	8 June 3– 10 Tai Chi	9	10 AA
11 Summer Series Worship	12 PNC	13	14 Al-Anon	15 Tai Chi	16	17 AA
18 Summer Series Worship	19 VBS PNC	20 June Session Diaconate	21 19– 22 Congregation- al Care Al-Anon	22 PHFC Soiree Tai Chi	23	24 AA
25 Summer Series Worship	26 PNC	27	28 Al-Anon	29 Tai Chi	30	

July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 AA
10:30 am Worship Service						
2 Worship	3 PNC	4 Office is closed	5 Al-Anon	6 Tai Chi	7	8 AA
9 Worship – Communion	10 PNC	11	12 Al-Anon	13 Alabama Mississippi Presbyterian Women Tai Chi	14	15
16 Worship Spring Hill Sunday	17 PNC	18	19 Middle Al-Anon	20 School Newsletter	21 Montreat July 19—23	22 AA
23 Worship	24 PNC	25	26 Al-Anon	27 Tai Chi	28	29 AA
30 Worship	31 PNC					