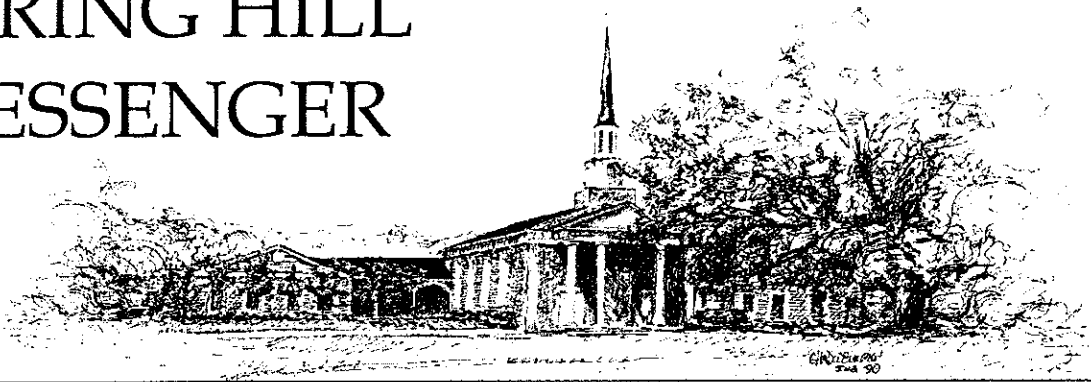


# SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

June 2020

DEAR SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

We have been at this for a while now! Since March, all of our worship services have been online. Committees, Bible studies, session, and deacon meetings have been occurring through Zoom. Plans are laid for VBS (**Virtual Bible School**) to occur on YouTube and Facebook the first week of June. Montreat Youth Conferences are cancelled as is the summer Presbyterian Women's gathering. Some in our church family have lost jobs or been furloughed; some have friends or family members who have suffered from coronavirus infection. So much has changed. So much is in the air. Our world, our nation, our community, and our church do not feel the same as they did a few months ago. But as Psalm 46 reminds us, even when our whole world is in turmoil, God's care, providence, and grace are constant and unchanged. And so the psalmist can sing:

**"God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult."**

Because we know that God is our "very present help" we are enabled to move forward in faith, while still being wise and caring for all our neighbors whom we are called to care for. It is in that spirit of trusting God and caring for one another that the Session of our congregation voted unanimously to approve a multi-step plan for returning to some activities at the church only when it is safe to do so. The full text of that plan is included in this newsletter.

Even with these changes, one exciting new development over the summer will be the launch of our annual Faith & the Arts Summer Sunday School Series. This year the series is entitled "**Seasons Under the Sun**" and will include many engaging speakers from our community and our congregation. A full calendar of all the speakers is also included in this newsletter. Please remember that though we cannot be together in person right now, we are always together in spirit. You church family misses you and longs to be together again, even as we trust that God is our "very present help" in these troubling times.

Grace and Peace,

**Buz**

# Seasons Under the Sun

SHPC Summer Sunday School Series 2020  
**To Everything There Is a Season: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

Join your church family as we will kick off our annual Faith & the Arts Summer Sunday School Series. We will bring in exciting voices from our community and our congregation to connect with our summer theme, "Seasons Under the Sun!" These classes will occur using Zoom for as long as we are unable to meet in person. Each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM you can join the class. The login information is included in the weekly church-wide emails and will stay the same each week. You can join through video on the computer or through phone.

- May 31      Orientation to Virtual Sunday School—moderated by Buz Wilcoxon
- June 7      Lynn Oldshue – **"Breaking Down Walls through Storytelling"**
- June 14     Chelsea Greer – **"The Psychology of Forgiveness: Do Christians Know How to Forgive?"**
- June 21     Sara Anne Stringfellow - **"A Time for Birth: Lessons on Life and New Beginnings from Kibogora, Rwanda"**
- June 28     Meg McCrummen Fowler – **"Seasons in Paint: The Passage of Time in Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Painting"**
- July 5      *No Class*
- July 12     SHPC Spirituality & Writing Group – **"A Time To Every Purpose Under Heaven"**
- July 19     Tommy Fulton – **"What Happens When Our Seasons Don't Match the Times?"**
- July 26     Sarah Ann Jackson (retired pastor Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham)--  
**"A Tale of Two Churches"**
- August 2     Amy Patterson - **"Our Birdie Neighbors"**
- August 9     Scott and Sarah Wright – **"A Time To Cast Away Stones And A Time To Gather Stones Together: Lessons in Letting Go And Remembering"**
- August 16   Emily Blejwas – **"A Tme to Plant... The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods."**
- August 23   Sara McGough – **"A Time to Seek: Libraries Past, Present, and Future"**
- August 30   Gabe Holloway – **"Our Greatest Gift: On Dying and Death."**

## Prayer List

Kaye Bradshaw, David Cox, Myles Cox, Payton Cox, Amelia Daugherty, Vivian Fulmer, Bobby Gewin, Gwen Greer, Norma Haas, Robert Hennig, Lauren Henson, Andrea Wiik Hinton, Wayne Hinton, Charlotte Phillips Hocutt, Ashford Kettler, Kay Korb, Norma Magee, Nancy McCrummen, Sue McLean, Marilyn Michel, Betty Minto, Ernest Moses, Jack Murphy, Danny Parker, Art Powell, Ann Russell, Janie Sage, William Shreve, Gladys Sheets, Ransome Sheets, Patricia Stimson, Pam Thompson, Dusty Walton, Helen Wells, Buddy Wilder, 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.

WE REJOICE with Tad and Carolyn Wikle on the birth of their grandson, Brantley Wikle, on May 4 to parents Ryan and Courtney Wikle.

WE REJOICE with Brian and Anna Duke on the birth of their son, Benjamin Anders Duke, on May 21. Anna will be on maternity leave for 12 weeks.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are with:

- ❖ The family of Andy Harper upon his death on May 4.
- ❖ The family of Jo Chateau upon her death on May 8.
- ❖ Scott Wright on the death of his mother, Maxine Wright, on May 24.
- ❖ The family of Dick Bradley upon his death on May 24.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 2020	
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGETED REVENUE	\$ 860,365
YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIVED	\$ 310,332
OTHER RECEIPTS	\$ 11,832
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 322,164
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 20,610
SALARIES AND SERVICES	\$ 164,120
PROGRAMS	\$ 7,582
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 9,744
GENERAL AND PLANT SERVICES	\$ 68,252
OTHER	\$ 11,571
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 281,879
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES (DEFICIT)	\$ 40,285

# Memorials

Hershel Sheets  
Helen Murphy  
Jo Harrison  
Frank Warren  
Martha Meier  
Michael Baymiller

Jeff Stoll  
Lynn Smith  
Andy Harper  
Jo Chateau  
Delmar Diamond

*Received from the following:*

Susan Richardson  
Cort and Susan Schlichting  
Nicholas Vrakelos  
Royce and Pat Ray  
Dick and Norma Baymiller  
Barbara Drey  
Luann Rice  
Marcia Wear  
Sallie Connell  
Jerry and Lynn Hennig  
Bruce and Sylvia Weinard  
Hal and Lynn Daughtry  
Dave and Ginger Schneider  
The Adlers  
Kris Singleton Lythgoe  
Charlie and Amy Powell  
Sandra and Ashley Hudson  
Sara Long  
Dr. and Mrs. N.H. McCrummen  
Jimmie and Robert Hatcher  
Janie Sims  
Harold and Joyce Fiebelman  
Mark and Judy Weaver  
Sam Strada  
Jain Ann Lane  
Lewis and Barkley Shreve  
John and Susan Hoitt  
Kenneth and Mary Kwantes  
Linda Langston

Forrest and Ann Wilson  
Mobile Singing Children  
Ann Hafner  
Leonard and Cheryl Koederitz  
Western Shoreline Estates, Inc  
Jojo Schwarzauer  
Molly Wagner and Marion Mathison  
Order of Polka Dots  
Mr. and Mrs. John Grafe  
Ruth Fitzgerald  
Charles and Harrylin Sallis  
Steve and Celia Ledbetter  
Laura Martino  
Mary Helen Harper  
Amanda Harper  
Lawrence Hughey  
Shirley Pike  
Andy and Judy Falls  
Alan and Jill Holley  
Ernest and Jane Bulwinkle  
Gordon and Kay Korb  
The Moses Foundation  
William and Mary Jo Coyle  
Dick and Lila Pennington  
Paul and Alice Eldridge  
Douglas and Pam Beville  
Linda Knight  
SHPC Quilters