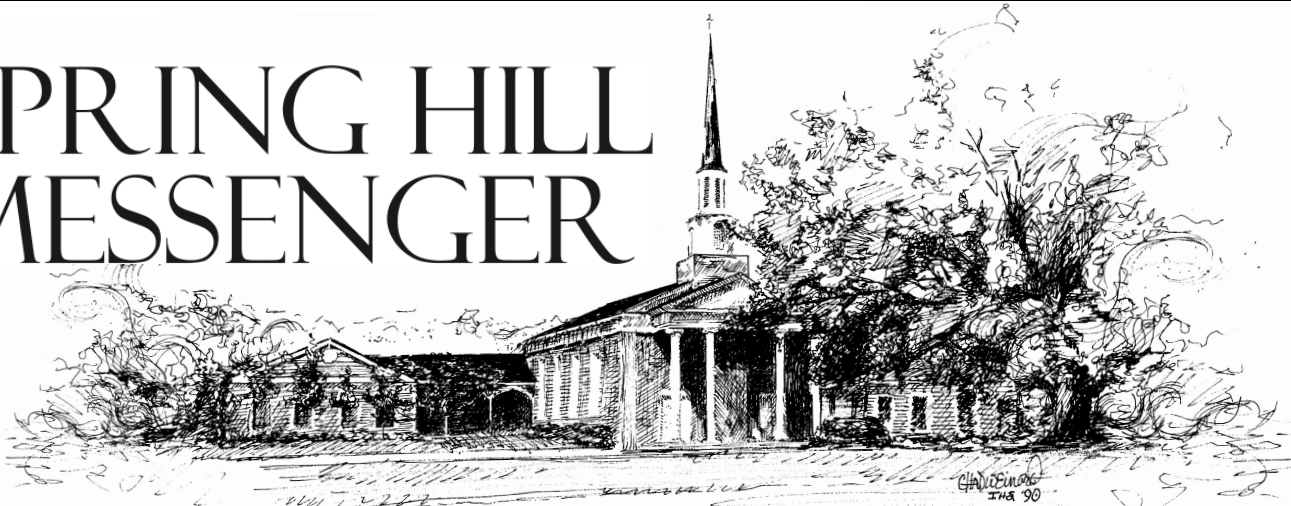


SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

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GENESIS: CREATION & CREATIVITY

DEAR SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

This summer we will continue what has become an exciting recent tradition for our church family. The Religious Arts Committee has organized our Faith and the Arts summer series in ways that weave together our study, our worship, our creativity, and our community to create a beautiful tapestry. This fourth annual installment of the series will follow the similar pattern from previous years in which the biblical stories that will guide our worship and preaching each Sunday will connect thematically to the topics being discussed in Sunday School.

This summer we will examine the book of Genesis from which so many meaningful and important stories come. The accounts of creation and the story of humanity's disobedience and Fall are chock-full of theological insights that matter in our world and our daily lives. Stories of brokenness and violence like the tale of Cain and Abel resonate with the headlines in every news cycle. Some of these stories we've been taught since we were children, like the story of Noah and the ark. Others, we may likely have never heard preached on before. I suspect there will also be more than one occasion where you will hear a new fresh take on one of these old old stories.

While we share these foundational texts with our Jewish brothers and sisters, for people of the Christian faith the book of Genesis is also filled with powerful foreshadowing of the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! The new creation that he ushers in for humanity is part of the grand story of creation that begins in Genesis. Literally, the word Genesis means "beginning," and so it is a very appropriate

book to turn to as we each consider the new beginnings that God is calling us to in our lives.

While our experience with these stories will abound during our worship services, the outstanding group of Sunday School speakers that we have lined up will help to enrich our interaction with the texts. For example, hearing a

master gardener talk about spirituality and gardening will add new images to how we think about Eden. Listening to an architectural historian talk about the relationship between towers and empires will shed illumination on the

story of the Tower of Babel. Through music, poetry, fiction, visual art, and many other fields, the wisdom and insight of our speakers will be a true gift. Each week is designed as a stand-alone presentation, so everyone is welcome whether you can make it to every Sunday of the series or only a few of them.

I am so excited about this opportunity and the wonderfully diverse group of speakers coming in. Where else could you listen to a former poet laureate (Sue Walker) and hear a performance by a teenage rock band (The Stereo Dogs) underneath the same roof? We are in for a treat! You can see the schedule of our speakers in this newsletter as well as on our church website. Please invite your friends and family to come with you, because this summer series is something they will not want to miss.

Grace and Peace,

Summer Adventures in Travel, Abundance, Faith and Learning

Dear Friends,

This summer at SHPC is a time of grand adventures. People travel to new cities, see new things, spend time by the pool, and try to beat the heat!

Take your faith with you!

Our Christian Education team knows that and wanted you to be able to take your faith with you while you are on the go! We have "Church To-Go" boxes available, so that you can explore your faith while you explore our country. Inside there's Flat Jesus—we challenge you to take pictures with him, and send them to me, so over the course of the summer we can see where Jesus has gone! There is also a devotional, so that you can reflect on the stories of Scripture on mountains, beaches, lakes—some places you might visit as well! This box isn't just for children—there are resources inside for adults and youth as well. We can't wait to see where you go, and how your faith grows.

An opportunity to grow together.

At the beginning of June, June 3-10, three adults and I will set out with some of our youth on a trip to Montreat. This is our third year in a row to go to Montreat, and our youth are excited to reconnect with friends and God, grow closer together, rock-hop, and make memories. Getting the opportunity to take ten youth to Montreat for an entire week is amazing. The time together produces greater connections and dialogue—a deeper connection to God and one another. As one of our wise members said, a week at Montreat for youth can be just as powerful as a year of Sunday school—while I want our youth to experience both, I too feel the power of this Montreat experience for those who go. If you want to be a part of our experience, follow our blog! Daily postings at: <http://springhillyouth.blogspot.com/>

We will share our abundance. June 26-29 we will have our annual Vacation Bible School. Our theme is

Abundance Orchard: where faith grows and hungry people are fed. Each day our children will learn stories from the Old Testament related to food. What's neat about this curriculum is that it spans over two years—next year, we will study New Testament scriptures related to food—as we know, Jesus liked to eat! This year, we will continue to have a mission component, educating our children and getting them involved with different feeding ministries we are involved in including Backpack for Kids, Wheel a Meal, gardening, and Mobile Baykeeper. The offering for VBS will go to our very own Backpack for Kids—we are encouraging our kids to bring in food items and money, so they can help pack bags for their friends who might be hungry at school.

And Then

In July, I will head for another new adventure—my first Doctorate of Ministry class! I have been accepted into the Doctorate of Ministry program at Columbia Theological Seminary. Classes happen in two week increments, so twice a year, I will go for two weeks to the seminary. My first class will be the overview introduction: Gospel, Culture, and Transformation. They have already given me a reading list with instructions to have everything read before I go, so I am already in the midst of the work! If you want to hear what I am learning, please ask!

With everything happening in June and July—Montreat, VBS, and this doctoral program, you might not see me around as much as you are used to. God be with all of us, as we adventure this summer in new experiences, whether at Montreat, VBS, summer trips, or with our Summer series!
Grace and Peace,

Anna Fulmer

Children's Ministry News-Sunday School Recess

During the months of June and July, we will not have regular children's Sunday school classes. There will be child care during the Sunday school hour in the room next to the nursery. There will be planned activities.

In CHILDREN'S CHURCH this summer, we will be hearing the stories from Genesis. We will be using **Children of God-Storybook Bible**. These are Bible stories retold by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Many of the stories of the Bible can be overwhelming or even scary to small children. Archbishop Tutu tells these stories emphasizing peace, love, and kindness to all people. We will keep a copy of the Storybook Bible in the children's church room for any parents that would like to look through it.

JUNE MISSION TRIP; PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN
Talladega, AL -- Friday June 9 - Sunday June 11

Join us for a weekend of service, fun, and fellowship. No specific skills needed. Accommodations, meals, and transportation provided. For more information contact the enthusiastic coordinator, Ted Autterson (251)591-4091 (cell) or ted.autterson@gmail.com

Statement as of April 2017	
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$882,285
Year to date received	309,351
Other receipts	18,782
Total Receipts	\$381,155
Benevolences	17,674
Salaries and services	183,448
Programs	11,957
Office expenses	9,323
General & plant services	48,742
Other	6,164
Total Expenses	\$277,308
Excess receipts over expenses (deficit)	\$50,825

Calendar for JUNE 2017	
3 -10	Montreat Youth Group Trip
4	Communion
6	Committees
9 -11	Presbyterian Home for Children Mission Trip
13	Men's Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. Session - 6:00 p.m. Diaconate - 7:00 p.m.
17	Yeoman Workday
26-29	VBS
27	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Calendar for JULY 2017	
4	Church Office Closed
9	Spring Hill Sunday
11	Men's Breakfast
16	Communion
17	Newsletter Deadline
25	Prayer Shawl Ministry
30	Church Picnic

Capital Campaign: Etiquette and Accuracy

If you have not yet turned in your pledge cards for the capital campaign you can do so by placing them in the offering plate on Sunday morning, mailing them to the church, emailing Nancy Coleman (nancy@springhillpresbyterian.org), or submitting a pledge online through the church website. When making contributions towards your pledge, please be sure to designate that they are for the Capital Campaign either on your check or an accompanying note, or in a campaign pledge envelope. Thank you!



On Wednesday, May 10, the following officers from Presbyterian Women of our congregation were named:

Moderator	Susan Tomlinson
Vice-Moderator of Spiritual Growth and Stewardship	Donna Massa
Historian	Melissa Root
Secretary	Judy Falls
Treasurer	Janet Brown
Advisory Board	Donna Massa
Circle Co-Chairs	
Circle 1	Janie Sims
Circle 2	Ruth Fitzgerald, Lynn Martin
Circle 3	Marcy Harris, Carol Sumrall

Honorary Life Membership Committee:

Nancy Adams, Lexie Barnett, Janie Sims, Susan Tomlinson

Don't Forget! July 13-15

AL/MS Women's Conference, South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham



Memorials have been received for the following:

Sybil Smith
 Harriett Pennington

From the following:

Sara Martin
 Pam Taylor

LECTIONARY FOR
 THE LORD'S DAY
 JUNE 2017
4 Acts 2
(Pentecost)
11 Genesis 1
18 Genesis 2
25 Genesis 3

LECTIONARY FOR
 THE LORD'S DAY
 JULY 2017

2 Genesis 4
9 Genesis 6-9
(Spring Hill Sunday)
16 Genesis 11
23 Genesis 12
30 Genesis 16-17

YOU CAN HELP WITH VBS.....NO ACT IS TOO SMALL!!!!

There's plenty of time to help!

DONATE:

Your time...

1. Decorating:

Work Parties: Sun. June 11 (11:30-2 pm),

Sun. June 18, Youth Work

Party (6-7:30), Sat. June 24 (9 am-12)

2. Clean-Up on the

afternoon of June 29
(11:30-2 pm)

3. Set-up Thank You Pizza for Volunteers on

Thursday morning 11-12

4. By Praying!

Items:

7 Packs of Elastic String for
Bracelets

Two White Flat Bedsheets

400 Small Bottled Water

200 Regular Size Bottled Water

400 Small, Colorful Paper Plates

Small Snacks for Backpack for Kids (Children
will pack backpacks during week)

4 large cartons of Goldfish crackers

7 bags Rold Gold Pretzels

8 tins of Sister Shubert Pigs in a Blanket (if
donate put in freezer)

3 Bags of Apples

Purple Seedless Grapes (rinsed and pulled
apart from stems)–Delivered to Bullard
Building Kitchen on Sun. June 25

Green Seedless Grapes (rinsed and
pulled apart from stems)–
Delivered to Bullard Building
Kitchen on Sun. June 25

3 Packs of Baby Carrots–Delivered
to Bullard Building Kitchen on Sun.
June 25

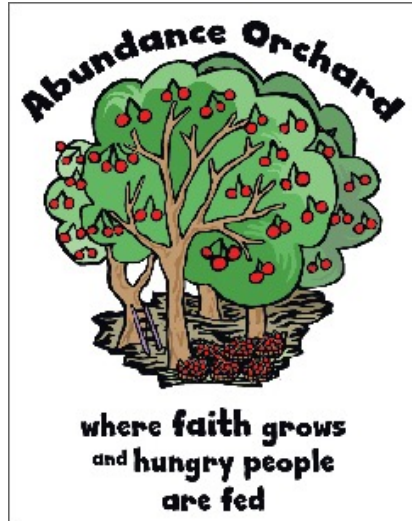
3 Vegetable Trays–Delivered to
Bullard Building Kitchen on
Sun. June 25

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

To avoid duplication, sign-up
to donate specific items on
Anna's door.

All items (excluding grapes) may be
delivered to the **MISSION DROP OFF**
no later than June 20.

If you would like items
back, make sure to put
your name on them!



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church 2017 Summer Series



Explore the intersection of Faith, the Arts, and Science
at our Summer Sunday School Series
featuring well-loved and intriguing local speakers!

All Are Welcome!

JUNE

- 6/11 **The Poetry of Creation;** *Sue Walker, Poet Laureate of Alabama (2003-12)*
6/18 **Gardening/Environment;** *Bill Finch, gardening author*
6/25 **Genesis Stories in the Fiction of C.S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien;**
Buz Wilcoxon, Pastor, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

JULY

- 7/2 **Caring for Creation and Each Other in a Broken World;**
Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper
7/9 **Water Stories;** *Ben Raines, environmental journalist, AL.com*
7/16 **Family Stories;** *Phillip Otts; retired CIA agent and author*
7/23 **Architecture and Empire;** *Cartledge Blackwell,
Mobile Historic Development Commission*
7/30 **Genesis Stories and Art;** *Sandra Lee, art historian*

AUGUST

- 8/6 **The Heart Quotient (HQ) in Art;** *Linda Parker, local author and publisher*
8/13 **Faith, Family, and Music: Singing and Sharing Stories;**
Stereo Dogs, local band
8/20 **Covenant People;** *Steve Silberman, Rabbi, Congregation Ahavas Chesed*
8/27 **The Music of Creation: Singing Through Genesis;**
Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

Don't let your brain go on summer vacation!

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