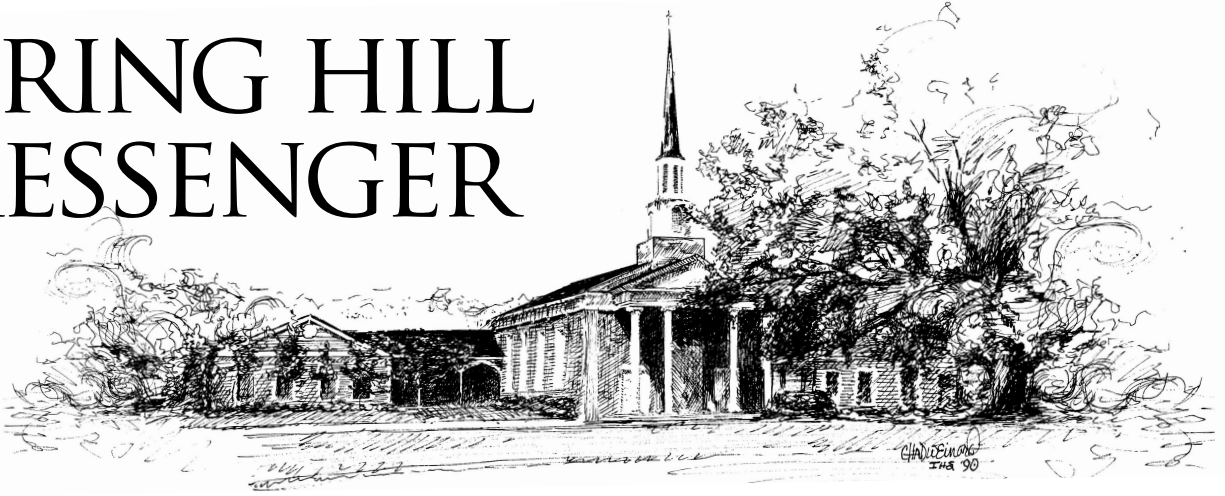


SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

JUNE AND JULY, 2019

“JOURNEYING THROUGH THE AGES”

DEAR SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

One of my favorite hymns of all time is the beautiful text by Isaac Watts that begins “Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come...” Tying together past and future, memory and hope, lies at the heart of what it means to be a Christian community. We are formed by the memory of what God has done for us through the ages, particularly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And yet, we are also formed for the hope of what God will accomplish in the fullness of time, a reality we often name as the kingdom of heaven.

As we continue our year-long celebration of SHPC’s 75th anniversary, we have an awful lot to remember. We remember those who have gone before us; we remember the teachings of the faith; we remember the mistakes we’ve made and the brave moments we have shared. We remember that group of Presbyterians in our neighborhood who didn’t know any more or less than we do, whom the Holy Spirit inspired to form a community of faith that would grow into our learning, loving, serving congregation. But we also look forward in hope! We look forward to the next generation of disciples who are being taught the faith within our walls each week. We look forward to the fruit of our mission work as we continue to deepen our outreach to children in our local community. We look forward with the growth of new members who are finding a church home in our congregation and finding new ways to use their gifts in our ministry together. We look forward to the new thing

that God is doing which we have not yet even begun to hope or imagine, to the seeds that God is planting which will grow and mature for years to come!

This summer we will engage the intersection of memory and hope in some meaningful and exciting ways.

Each week, our worship services will be drawn from

a different era in the history of Christianity. This series is called Journeying Through the Ages, and over June, July, and August it will guide us through a celebration of the work of the Holy Spirit throughout 2000 years of Christian history! Each Sunday will include a sermon based on a different Old Testament hero, part of the “great cloud of witnesses” who inspired the early church to follow in their footsteps of faith.

Also, during the Sunday school hour our

Religious Arts Committee has put together yet another outstanding slate of speakers to discuss the intersection of faith, the arts, and science. This year each speaker will approach their topic from a perspective of history and/or narrative reflection. It’s a great lineup of leaders from our congregation and the local community. You can see a schedule for both the worship series and Sunday school series in the pages that follow. In this monumental year, join your church family as together we gather in worship and praise, glorifying our God who is “our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.”

Grace and Peace,



Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study

Pancake Breakfast: Our monthly Breakfast Bible Study is shifting to a later meeting time for the summer. **Come at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 11, and again on Tuesday, July 9** to the Fellowship Hall for a special **pancake breakfast** and a lesson led by our pastor, Buz Wilcoxon (with a little help from Andy Griffith). If you aren't normally able to attend this Bible study because of school responsibilities, we hope you'll join us over the summer. Bring the kids, the grandparents, the whole family...all are welcome.

Breath of Life

CPR/AED training and certification will be offered on Sunday, June 23 following worship at 12 pm. If you are interested, a signup sheet is located on the table in the hall near Anna's office. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Katherine Clarke at skclarke527@aol.com

CHUCH CALENDAR: JUNE 2019	
2	9:00 a.m. Summer Series "Journeyng Through the Ages" 10:30 a.m. Communion
4	6:00 p.m. Committees
5	11:00 a.m. Congregational Care 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6	2:00 p.m. Writing and Spirituality
11	8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study 1:00 pm. Welcoming and Belonging
12	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (final rehearsal before choir vacation)
15	8:00 a.m. Yeoman Work Day
18	6:00 pm Session 7:00 pm Diaconate
23	CPR Training
24-27	Vacation Bible School
CHUCH CALENDAR: JULY 2019	
4	Church Office Closed
7	Blood Drive
9	8:00 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study
14	Spring Hill Sunday
16	75th Anniversary Special Evening Worship Service
17-21	Middle School Montreat Trip
27	10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Clotilda and Africatown field trip
21	10:30 a.m. Communion 9:00-12:30 a.m. Blood Drive
30	Board of Pensions Meeting-Fellowship Hall

ART IN THE LIBRARY-May and June

There are 'Sprinkles' in the Library!

Ginny Barton Sprinkle says, "For the past year watercolor has been my main medium. I began painting with watercolors when a realtor asked me for personalized closing gifts for her clients. Lately, I am painting florals. Over Christmas I produced a number of fishing lure watercolors. Some are still for sale at G Harvell. You can see a couple in the library!

My studio space is split between my home and a studio at Central Presbyterian Church. It is a wonderful creative space. I use the space for a place to paint, as well as to teach private art lessons, art camps, and fun girls night outs. I am very blessed to have so much artistic support and encouragement."

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS-SAVE THE DATE!

Dry-clean your Sporrnan Early!

The date for our Kirkin' o' the Tartans Service has been moved to **Sunday, September 8**, to coincide with Rally Day and the kick-off for our fall programs. **A fish fry will follow.**

There is a list in the church office of the tartan banners traditionally displayed in the worship service on this special day. Anyone interested in knowing if your family has a tartan banner on the list or if you would like to order a new family tartan to be carried in September, please call the church office as soon as possible at 342-1550 or email Sallie at sconnell@springhillpresbyterian.org.

Since we've mentioned art...

The local plein air painting group has been invited to paint on the church property as part of the 75th Anniversary celebration. Painting will begin right away and there will be a display in the church this Fall. Participation is not limited to that group, in fact, the more the merrier! If you've ever been curious about outdoor painting or would like to try your hand at it or sketch with good company, this is an opportunity close to home! For more information, contact Melissa Root mroot@southalabama.edu or Karen Spaulding kpaulding614@gmail.com.





Presbyterian Women

On Wednesday, May 8, the following officers from Presbyterian Women of the congregation were named:

Moderator: Gayla Wiik

Vice-Moderator of Spiritual Growth and Stewardship: Janie Sims

Historian: Melissa Root

Secretary: Dale Hair/Donna Massa

Treasurer: Sylvia Weinard

Advisory Board: Donna Massa

Circle Chairwomen:

Circle 1–Dianne Oveson

Circle 2–Donna Massa

Honorary Life Membership Committee:

Mary Lena Harper, Gayla Wiik,
Dianne Oveson, Donna Massa

Journeying through the Ages Companion “Field Trip”. #1 Africatown and Clotilde

In addition to the exciting presentation by Major Womack about the history of Africatown in our summer Sunday School on July 7, you have the opportunity to tour the **Dora Finley African-American History Trail on Saturday, July 27**. Participants will travel in an air-conditioned van, with a docent guide, throughout sites in the Mobile area. **Space is limited to 14 passengers at a time, with two tour times– 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, lasting about an hour.** This enrichment experience has received outstanding reviews by groups who have participated and is in high demand! Sign-up will begin July 7 during Major Womack’s presentation. Cost will be: \$20 per adult, Children 12 & under free. Students and adults over 62- \$10

The probable discovery of the slave ship Clotilda and an online National Geographic article should stimulate additional interest after Major Womack's presentation.

See: <https://www.al.com/news/2019/05/what-is-the-clotilda-last-american-slave-ship-found-in-alabama-what-it-means-what-happens-now.html> and

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/05/clotilda-the-last-american-slave-ship-found-in-alabama?sfns=mo>.

Companion “Field Trip”. #2 Carnival in Mobile!

Cart Blackwell, our August 11 Sunday School speaker, invites us to experience more of the history of Carnival in Mobile by visiting the Mobile Carnival Museum. The Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Docent led tours are at 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. The museum is wheelchair accessible on 2 of 3 levels. Onsite parking is available.

Admission: \$8 - Adults,
\$3 - 12 and under, \$6 – military,
AARP, AAA, students with ID

Statement as of April, 2019	
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$ 888,792
Year-to-date Received	\$ 285,792
Other Receipts	\$ 10,787
Total Receipts	\$ 296,579
Benevolences	\$ 28,036
Salaries and Services	\$ 178,624
Programs	\$ 13,692
Office Expenses	\$ 13,353
General and Plant Services	\$ 63,535
Other	\$ 11,988
Total Expenses	\$ 309,228
Excess Expenses over Receipts(Deficit)	\$ (12,649)

“The God Who Rests”

Dear Friends,

I know at this point, you are probably tired of hearing about Sabbath and my Doctorate of Ministry. However, I want to share a little bit about where I am and where I will be heading. In July, I will go for a week to Columbia Theological Seminary to take the “Project Proposal” course. In this week-long course, I will finalize my plan for my large over-arching Doctorate of Ministry project. I have already secured my first reader for the project (which is like a dissertation), Dr. Bill Brown, an Old Testament professor whose passion surrounds wonder, ecology, and the Bible. We have already been talking and his advice is to go “simple and deep.” My plan is to take one piece of our Lenten series, “Be Still and Know” and explore it deeply. Right now, I am exploring the idea of creating worship experiences (based on our Wednesday Lenten series) for our Middle School youth during Youth Group this fall. My hope is that these worship experiences could be easily shared and replicated for other youth groups wanting to explore Sabbath and how it informs our identity as Christians. Any feedback you have about our Lenten series is much appreciated!

Because I am hoping to start on this project this fall, I am trying to work ahead this summer, reading for the literature review that kicks off this large project. I have greatly appreciated the articles and books many of you have shared regarding Sabbath!

It’s amazing how one piece of ministry connects to another. This summer, I am leading recreation at Middle School Montreat. It’s theme is “For Such a Time as This.” This theme comes from the book of Esther; however, throughout the week, we will not just explore Esther but the concept of time. As soon as I heard the theme, I knew that Sabbath and sacred time was something I hoped to add. I have created prayer stations and recreational activities around Sabbath that I hope will lead the middle schoolers to explore our God who rests and calls us to rest.

Thank you for your openness to play and your openness to explore Sabbath. Studying Sabbath with you has helped me develop tools to share with the larger church through Montreat and my doctoral project. With all that is happening now and all that is to come, I hope that I may practice what I preach as well and take Sabbath! May you find time this summer to rest, give others space to rest, and trust in our God who rests.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke



*Illustration from Fine Art America-
Art print featuring the image: God resting on 7th Day by Granger*

Children's ministry news

- This summer, our children's Sunday school class will meet in the children's church room.
- We will have a quick lesson followed by games or activities related to our story.
- Our lessons each Sunday will focus on the same Old Testament figure that the sermon will be based on.

Summer “Church-To-Go” Buckets

Summer is here! Often summer is a time full of new adventures and experiences, a time “on the go.” Our Christian Education team knows that and wanted you to be able to take your faith wherever you go! We have “Church To-Go” sand buckets available, so that you can explore your faith while you explore our world. This year, we have Family Faith Activities inside. In each bucket, there are 48 cards that have different practices and questions you can do with your families or on your own. There's also a Flat Jesus included that we hope you will dress up like a Super-Hero and take on all of your adventures.



Montreat this Summer

June 14-15, our youth will have **Mobtreat—Montreat in Mobile**. We will be staying on the river as we explore our faith together. July 18-22, two adults and five middle schoolers will go to Maryville, TN for the Middle School Montreat Conference. Anna will be there too, leading recreation for the conference. This is our second year to go on a middle school trip! The time together produces greater connections and dialogue—a deeper connection to God and one another.

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they experience these faith formational experiences.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2019

June 24-27 we will have our annual Vacation Bible School. Our theme is Super-Heroes of the Faith. Each day our children will learn stories about Old Testament Heroes like Ruth, Moses, Esther, and Daniel. What's neat about this curriculum is that it spans over two years—this year, we will study Old Testament scriptures heroes. Next year, we will study New Testament heroes. Please keep all of our volunteers and the children who will attend in your thoughts and prayers.



Summer Worship Series at Spring Hill Presbyterian

SUMMER SUNDAYS at 10:30 AM

Throughout 2019, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 75th anniversary as a congregation. During the summer, we will mark this milestone through a series of worship services

*drawn from the life of the Christian community in different eras. Each service in the **JOURNEYING THROUGH THE AGES** series will include prayers, liturgy, hymns, and preaching themes based upon a particular time period in Christian history. As we worship, the witness and wisdom of the community of saints in ages past will guide us. Also, each week the scripture lesson and sermon will be based on a different figure from the Old Testament who serves as part of our "great cloud of witnesses."*

June 2—Old Testament Roots of Christian Worship (Sarah)

June 9—The Church in the New Testament (Joseph)

June 16—The Ancient/Patristic Church (Moses)

June 23—The Medieval Ideal (Rahab)

June 30—The Reformation in Europe (Joshua)

July 7—The Reformation in Scotland (Deborah)

July 14—English Westminster Standards (Ruth)

July 16—(Tuesday) Evening Anniversary Service

July 21—The Church in Colonial America (Samuel)

July 28—African American Worship Traditions (Elijah)

August 4—The German Confessing Church (Josiah)

August 11—The South African Resistance (Daniel)

August 18—The Southern Presbyterian Church (Esther)

August 25—The Reunited Presbyterian Church(USA) (Ezra)

Join us each Sunday for these worship services. All are welcome!

Sunday School !!!

Journeying Through the Ages

2019 Summer Sunday School Series: Exploring the intersection of Faith, the Arts, and Science

Gather each Sunday morning with your church family to hear a wonderful slate of well-loved and intriguing speakers from our congregation and our community! Each presentation will begin at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't let your brain go on Summer Vacation!



Date	Topic	Speaker
6/2	Local Color: A Collaborative Effort of 19 Artists, 20 Canvases, And One Image	Nancy Barry, President, Mobile Art Association
6/9	Pilgrimages Near and Far	Anna Fulmer Duke, Associate Pastor, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
6/16	The Troubled 60s through the Lens of Faith	Frye Gaillard, Writer in Residence, University of South Alabama,
6/23	Lost Mansions of Mobile	Tom McGehee, Curator, Bellingrath Gardens and Home
6/30	Torah and History	Steve Silberman, Rabbi, Ahavas Chesed Synagogue
7/7	A History of Africatown	Joe Womack, President, Clean Healthy Educated Safe & Sustainable Communities
7/14	The Ancient Forests of the Central Gulf Coast	Brian Axsmith, Biology Professor, University of South Alabama
7/21	Presbyterian Controversies: The Church, Slavery, & Science	Buz Wilcoxon, Pastor, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
7/28	Reformation & Counter-reformation: Debating Word and Image in Renaissance Art	Meg McCrummen Fowler, Director, History Museum of Mobile
8/4	Dangerous Music: Reflections on Music in Presbyterian Worship	Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist, SHPC
8/11	Carnival in Mobile: The Art, Industry, Fun, and Family of It	Cart Blackwell, Director, Mobile Carnival Museum
8/18	The Great Cloud of Witnesses: Standing on the Shoulders of Those Who Came Before	Spirituality & Writing Group, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
8/25	Personal Journeys of Faith at SHPC	An Inter-generational Panel Discussion



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