



SPRING HILL MESSENGER May 2024

Dear SHPC Friends,

What are the milestones of your faith? Who are the people who helped you reach those milestones? You are the legacy of so many who have gone before you. Last year, right before I returned from maternity leave, my grandmother passed away. I traveled to South Carolina and helped my sister find a wedding dress one day, and then next celebrated the life and love of Vivian Fulmer. My grandparents, proud Lutherans, gave me a Presbyterian hymnal as the gift for my Confirmation. I remember thinking as I opened it, "When will I ever use this?" Now, as I pull out my blue hymnal, I believe they chose a gift that I would grow into. I think of their faith and legacy woven into my personhood. I carry the legacy of my great-grandfather, a Lutheran pastor whose home communion set I received at my grandmother's service. One of my second cousins, another pastor had it. She just retired and thought it was only fitting another pastor in the family should use it.

Baptism, Confirmation, Graduations, Youth Trips, Vacation Bible School—the spring and summer are full of milestones in our church. **Senior Breakfast and Graduation Sunday are May 5.** In worship, our children will also sing. **May 19 we will welcome new members into the life of our church** and you will hear a **Moment for Ministry about our Legacy Funds.** Susan Tomlinson and the VBS Team is busy preparing for Vacation Bible School June 17-20. This summer our theme is "Wade in the Water" and will explore Scriptures about water. Ten youth, three adults are attending our high school Montreat Youth Conference in June and four middle schoolers and two adults are going in to Middle School Montreat in July.

Each of these milestones and opportunity is a seed of faith that has the potential to grow and flourish. It through teaching, having the opportunity to go away and be immersed in Christian community, taking time to explore and share our faith through writing and study, serving Christ and others that God is at work in our lives and in the world. It makes me wonder, what are the seeds God is planting right here, right now that will shade the generations after us? How are our actions continuing God's work at SHPC and in the world?

This month, you will hear more about our **Legacy Funds**, which were established by our Session to accept gifts set apart from regular tithes and offerings to be invested as permanent assets of the congregation. This ministry gives us an opportunity to remember and support the mission and ministry of our church both in life and in death, leaving a legacy that will sustain our church family far into the future. **May 19, we will have a moment for ministry about our Legacy Funds and will mail a brochure to every household.** We hope you will consider the saints that have gone before us who have planted trees whose shade we now enjoy. Who we are and what we have are gifts of God—God brings people and opportunities in our lives that grow the seeds of love, faith, and purpose. What a gift and blessing indeed.

Grace & Peace,

Anna

Spotlight on New Members



Jake Dorminey

Jake Dorminey is an 8th grader at St. Paul's Episcopal School. His parents are Johnny and Lori Dorminey. Jake also has an older sister named Ava. He enjoys playing basketball for his middle school team, as well as his travel basketball team. Jake loves watching college football and basketball. His favorite team is Auburn University which he hopes to attend for college one day.

Jake enjoys hanging out with his friends and family. He enjoys learning more about God and meeting new people at SHPC.

Sydney McGough

Sydney is the daughter of Sara and Daniel McGough and the sister of Lucy McGough. She and her family began attending Spring Hill Presbyterian in 2017 when they moved to Mobile from Asheville, NC. She is in 7th grade at Barton Academy where she plays French horn and participates in Scholar Bowl. She enjoys taking private French horn lessons from William Stoll.

At SHPC, Sydney enjoys the Youth Group, the Youth Choir, the Youth Band and helps with Vacation Bible School. Her other activities include soccer, music, enjoying the outdoors, Girls Scouts, and Camp Kiwanis at Lake Martin. Her favorite foods are pastas, breaded chicken, and her mother's Christmas casserole.



Edwin Perry

“Edwin Perry IV is the son of Edwin and Courtney Perry. He attends Clark Shaw Magnet School and is in the 8th Grade. At SHPC, Edwin participates in Youth group, Choir, volunteers to for Vacation Bible School, leads Children's Church, and participates in the Montreat Youth Conferences. At school, he is active in Band (both Advanced and Jazz) playing percussion and piano, Science and Math clubs, Student Council, National Junior Honors Society, is a Clark-Shaw Ambassador, and plays Varsity Tennis for Davidson High School. He loves his

brother, Corbin. Edwin says his life is different because he is a Christian and credits both his immediate family and SHPC church family for creating a strong sense of community and nurturing him on his faith journey.

Sophia Patterson

Sophia Patterson is the daughter of Matthew and Amy Patterson. She attends Barton Academy for Advanced World Studies and is in the 8th Grade. A few of Sophia's favorite things: Movie - Cruella, Sport - Soccer, and Flower - Plumeria. Her favorite subject in school is Art for which she is very accomplished already receiving accolades in competition for her hand drawn work. Sophia loves to travel and has just recently returned from another European trip abroad. She is a wondrous talent onstage, having acted in six (6) productions and serving offstage as tech support for two (2). She is currently preparing to star as Ariel in her school's production of "The Little Mermaid". Sophia says what she likes about SHPC is that it's like a family, everyone cares for everyone. "



Lizzy Fitzpatrick

Lizzy Fitzpatrick is a 7th Grader at St. Paul's Episcopal School. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Jay Fitzpatrick. Her Grandparents, Lynne and Hal Daugherty, are also members of our church. She has one brother, Crawford, a Senior at St. Paul's.

Lizzy plays the Violin, Basketball and does Cheerleading. Her favorite subject is Math, and favorite movie is High School Musical. She was recently inducted in the National Junior Honor Society. Her pet is a Miniature Schnauzer named Sunny. She also enjoys her Bloom Bible Study she does each week with other 7th Grade Girls.

Elizabeth Brown

Elizabeth Brown is in the 8th grade at UMS-Wright Preparatory School. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Brown and is being confirmed along with her brother, Henry. At UMS, she is a member of the junior varsity tennis team and a participant in the Girls's Enrichment Ministry. She is also an active member in the Youth Group Ministries at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

Elizabeth confirmation partner, Ann Magee, tells us about Elizabeth. Elizabeth lives in my neighborhood and has helped me numerous times babysitting grandkids. In fact back in the 1980's, my family moved next door to her great grandparents, Dick and Sara Coats. They were wonderful neighbors and got us to become members of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth in her spare time enjoys playing tennis and hanging out with her friends. She comes from a long line of Presbyterian ancestors, especially those from Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.



Bible Discovery In May

We will explore through Acts, Isaiah, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday how God calls the believer today. Please join our group at 9:15 in the Conference Room for a lively discussion!



Conversations with Scriptures

May 5: Join us for our series "Follow Jesus" as we discuss following Jesus in our communities with verses from the New Testament. We meet in the Parlor.

May 12: Join us for our series "Follow Jesus" as we discuss seeing through the lens of love with verses from the Books of Deuteronomy and Mark. We meet in the Parlor.

May 19: Join us for our series "Follow Jesus" as we discuss teaching others to follow Jesus with verses from the Book of Matthew. We meet in the Parlor.



Current Issues Class Schedule for May, 2024

May 5 – Graduation Sunday (Churchwide Breakfast to honor our Graduates)

May 12 – “Purple Church - Navigating the Spectrum of Beliefs and Perspectives.” Join us for an interactive conversation based on two brief articles from the February, 2024, issue of **The Presbyterian Outlook**. In our increasingly polarized world, what lessons can we draw from the stories of two “purple” churches?

May 19 – “Sharing Our Summer Plans.” What are YOU looking forward to over the summer? Let’s close-out our Spring semester learning about the plans each of us has for the summer ahead. Join us for Fellowship and Refreshments!

May 26 – Memorial Day Weekend. (No Current Issues Class)

Graduation Sunday & Senior Breakfast

Sunday May 5 @ 9:00 am

We need people to make casseroles, fruit and goodies.

Want to help: Contact Deb Fry

If you have a graduate (from high school, college, or other program), please let Marcia know at marcia@springhillpresbyterian.org, so we can include them in our June and July Newsletter.

Calling all Presbyterian Women! Join us on May 8th for our Birthday Celebration and Luncheon.



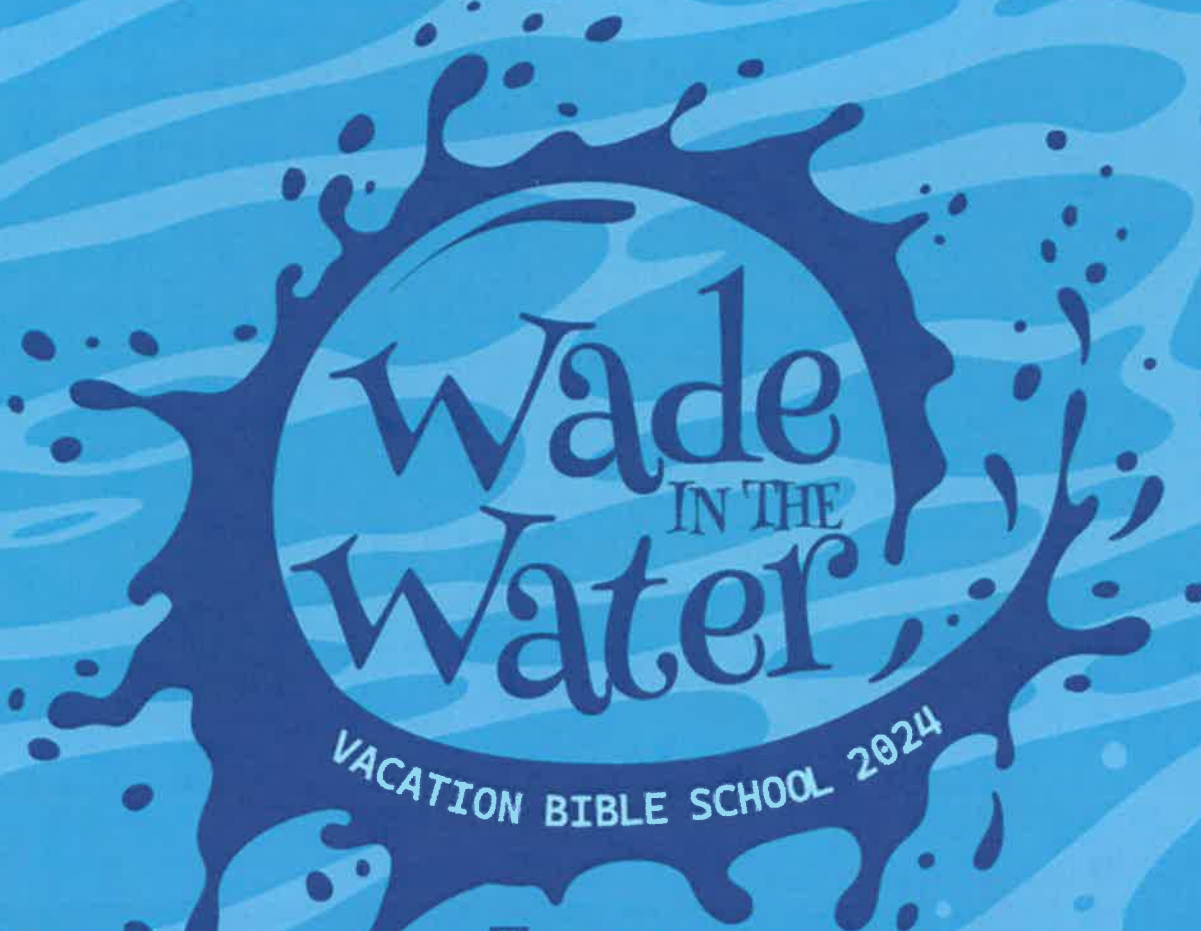
Who: All women members of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church are invited.

(You don't have to be in one of our church's Circles.)

When: Wednesday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. beginning with worship in the Sanctuary, followed by a delicious variety of salads at the luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

What: During the worship service, we will collect donations for the annual Birthday Offering. Over the past 102 years, grants funded by Presbyterian Women have impacted over 200 organizations and transformed the lives of countless people.

This year's theme for Presbyterian Women has been a study of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We have explored how the lives of those who encountered Jesus, as related in the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, were changed; and how they changed others as a result. We close out our study looking at how people encountered Jesus through the work of the disciples. Anna Fulmer-Duke will lead this lesson. We hope you'll be a part of this special time for fellowship with the women in our congregation.

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Wade IN THE Water

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



JUNE 17TH - 20TH, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**K4 - 5TH GRADE (MUST BE 4 OR OLDER)
TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.SHPC.US**

**SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 WESTMINSTER WAY | MOBILE, AL | 251-342-1550**

Deadline to register is June 1, 2024

MEMORIALS

James Adams

Edward Jacobs

Rita Hall

Margaret Miller

JP Van Hook

Dick & Norma Baymiller

Mac & Betty Graham

Lewis & Barkley Shreve

Ernest Bulwinkle

Jain Ann Lane

Jane Sims

Michael & Tamara Clancy

Ann Magee

Sam Strada

Sherry Coats

Scott & Jennifer Ouellete

Mark & Judy Weaver

Barbara Drey

Royce Ray

Sylvia & Bruce Weinard

Ruth Fitzgerald

Luann Rice

Huntleigh Woods Garden Club

Hilda Gewin

Susan Schlichting

THE PRAYERS AND THE SYMPATHY of the congregation are with the family upon the death of JP Van Hook, on April 2, 2024.

Statement as of February 29, 2024

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 784,994
Year-to-date Received	\$ 206,784
Other Receipts	\$ 5,468
Total Receipts	\$ 212,252
Benevolences	\$ 14,506
Salaries and Services	\$ 74,331
Programs	\$ 3,390
Office Expenses	\$ 4,716
General and Plant Services	\$ 23,380
Other	\$ 6,103
Total Expenses	\$ 126,426
Excess Receipts over (under) Expenses	\$ 85,826

Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Deneen Massa Cook, Sherry Coats, Sallie Connell, Jamie Crawford, Rhen Druhan, Chrisy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Dean Graves, Gwen Greer, Charles Hall, Ann Hafner, Bill Harris, Lauren Henson, Bill Layfield, Celia Ledbetter, Steve Ledbetter, Paula Letterman, Kay Korb, Jacque Marrero, Lynn Martin, Betty Minto, Mary Owen, Jon Porter, Janie Sims, Margie Spaulding, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Ann Wilson, Andy Wharton, Ronnie Wright and all our military members: Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio.

May 2024

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