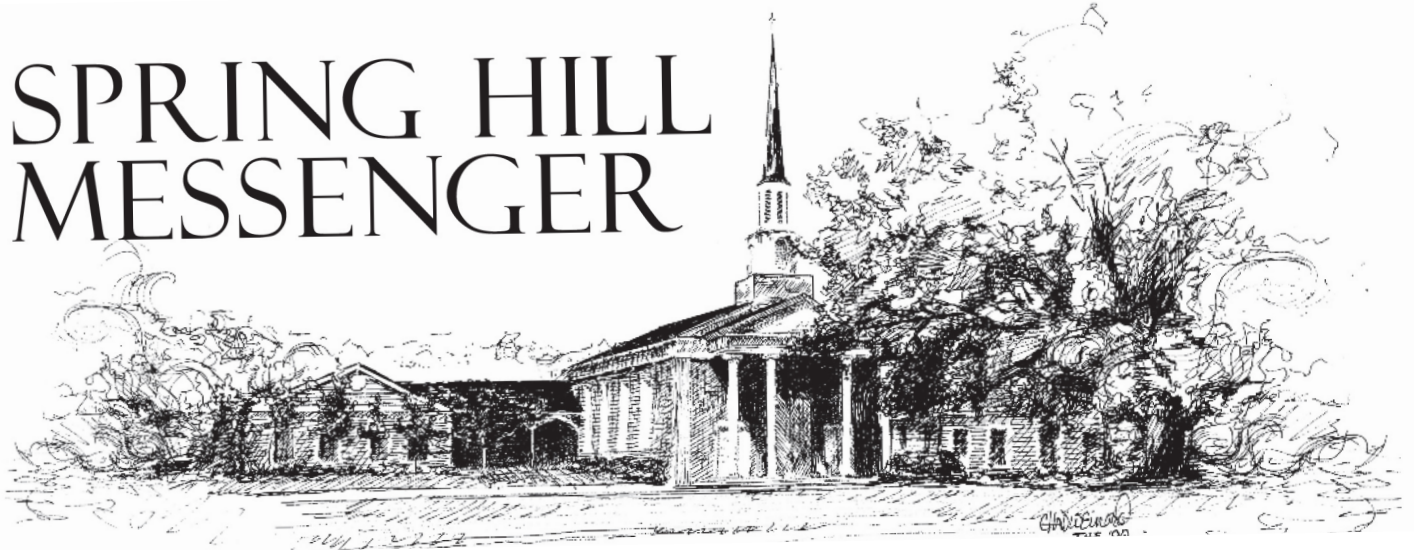


# SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

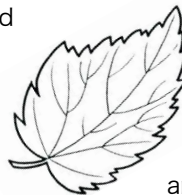
October, 2018

## Journeying Together through all the Seasons of Life

**A** Dear Spring Hill Presbyterian Family, as the natural season is flowing from summer into fall, it's a fitting time to reflect on the many other seasons in our life. We all experience times of transition, movement, and maturing. Some seasons are defined by who we are welcoming into our lives, a new child or grandchild, a new spouse or in-law, new co-workers at a job. Other times are shaped by saying goodbye: graduations, retirements, moving towns, the death of a loved one. Throughout the Bible, we read about many times of transition for the ancient Hebrews and the early Christian community. A constant theme in scripture is the promise that God is present with us through all seasons and transitions of life. As Psalm 121 reminds us:

***"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore."***

During October, our church family is moving into the Stewardship season, a time for celebration and prayerful reflection as we respond to God's call to live and give with thankful generosity. Our fall theme, Journeying Together, provides a helpful way to think about church stewardship. As a church family, we are all "in the boat" together, united as a traveling community. We need each other; we support each other; we care for each other. We work and worship together as we sojourn through



the deep waters of faith and life. Sharing our gifts and financial support is a powerful way for us to live as a family along this journey. I hope you will come to the **Grits & Gratitude Breakfast on Sunday, October 7 at 9:00 AM in the Bullard Building.** Come hear from others in our church family as they share reflections on what this congregation has meant for their own journeys of faith. Then be sure to come to worship on **Sunday, October 21 for Dedication Sunday**, when we will return our pledge cards and joyfully commit ourselves to journeying together in the coming year.

Also, you may have noticed some work going on outside between the fellowship hall and the chapel. One of our outstanding youth, George Phillips, is working on his Eagle Scout project, which is to help the church install a memorial garden. Expert master gardeners in our congregation will be filling the space with beautiful plant life once Georges' initial work is finished. The memorial garden is a place for marking the transition from this life to the next within a family and a church family. When someone in our congregation dies, one option for their burial will be to have cremated remains buried beneath the ground in this memorial garden. A plaque with nameplates will be erected so that everyone whose ashes are interred in the garden will be remembered.

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Similar to church cemeteries in older congregations, our memorial garden will be a holy place within our church grounds for remembering and giving thanks for the communion of saints who have gone before us and will follow after us. If you have questions about the memorial garden for yourself or your loved ones, please feel free to contact me.

Finally, I want to make sure you are aware of another transition in our life together as a church family. Sallie Connell has served for 30 years as our church Secretary, walking through all the seasons of life with us as a steady

presence and caring friend. Beginning October 1, Sallie is transitioning from full-time to part-time and will serve as our Office Manager. She'll still be here, connecting the dots and keeping us all straight, but with some adjustments to her schedule and responsibilities. I

hope in the days ahead you will celebrate this transition with her.

Grace and Peace,



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## Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study



### Reformation Sunday

**October 28 is Reformation Sunday.** On this special day we will once again celebrate with a **Kirkin' o' the Tartans** portion of the service to remember the roots of our Presbyterian family. At the end of the service, members will process with banners representing various Scottish families/clans. If you would like to carry a particular banner that connects to your family please contact Sallie Connell at [sconnell@springhillpresbyterian.org](mailto:sconnell@springhillpresbyterian.org), and let her know which tartan you would like to process.

### Partner School Needs

**Friday, October 12 is the Fall Festival for Mary B. Austin**, our Partners in Education. If you would like to be a part of the volunteer team that night please contact Buddy Porter at [cporter43@mchsi.com](mailto:cporter43@mchsi.com) or at 344-7307.



### Let's Journey Together as Classroom Volunteers!

Our Partnership Program with Mary B. Austin Elementary has a goal of 10 Spring Hill volunteers offering just **ONE volunteer time per month for 30-40 minutes**. You can help reach that goal! Our focus is on kindergarten and first grade. Consult the bulletin board by the conference room for details about how to sign up and what you would do. All materials will be provided by the teachers.

### Easy Peasy!

## Supper Anyone?

The Fellowship Committee is hard at work trying to revamp Supper Clubs. We have some exciting ideas and a few awesome helpers. Supper Clubs are a great way to get to know other church members. If you participated in a supper club could you please send me the name you used and how often you met. We would like to get an idea of how many supper clubs we will have. We are hoping to start in January so please keep your eyes open for more information. Thank you all for your patience in getting Supper Clubs restarted, and hopefully they will be back and be bigger and better than before! Contact Jodi Morvant at [jodimorvant@yahoo.com](mailto:jodimorvant@yahoo.com). Or phone her at 259-3591.



## *Tai Chi at SHPC.*

Come experience the gentle, calming, yet strengthening exercise that is increasingly recognized as beneficial to persons of all ages and levels of fitness. Randy Sheets will lead a series of classes for beginners or experienced tai chi players on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:00 in our Fellowship Hall, and if the weather is good, we may go out under the oak trees. If you have questions, or wonder if Tai Chi is for you and your physical condition, please contact Randy at the church or at [rsheets@shpc.us](mailto:rsheets@shpc.us). Come join us for this practice known as "moving meditation."

**What:** Tai Chi Exercise Class

**Who is invited:** anyone.

(contact Randy Sheets if you have questions.)

**Cost:** No charge

**When:** When: Mondays-Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (If you are interested, but the schedule doesn't work for you, let Randy know.)

**Registration and Orientation---**

on the first class day--- will begin at 10:00, before the 10:30 class.

**What to wear/bring:** wear comfortable shoes (or go barefoot) and loose clothes in which you can move freely. Bring a bottle of water if you wish.

**Note:** Everyone will need to complete paperwork at orientation before participating.



## PW Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will have an exciting fall. The ANNUAL Life Membership will be presented during the Presbyterian Sunday Service on October 14. A reception will follow the service. Also, on that Sunday the blue Thank Offering will be in the pews for an individual gift to PW. The individual gift is part of the Presbyterian Women's annual gift to Presbyterian missions.

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

October 3 – Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team meets in the Conference Room. 9:30 a.m.

October 10 – Circle Meetings

#1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

#2 6:00 in the Parlor -

October 14 - Presbyterian Sunday



## Music Notes

**Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist**

### *Instrumentalists! Tune Up!*

Our intergenerational instrumental ensemble has just begun their new season, under the direction of Buddy Porter. Persons from middle school age through adulthood who play concert band instruments (woodwinds or brass) are encouraged to bring your instrument to the Fellowship Hall in the Main Building. Young Adults rehearse from 4:30-5:00 before going to Young Adult Bible Study. Youth and other Adult Instrumentalists rehearse from 5:00-6:00. In addition to times when everyone plays together, there will also be opportunities for smaller groupings to play. You may contact Buddy at [cporter43@mchsi.com](mailto:cporter43@mchsi.com) or at 344-7307.

# God in Disguise

*Dear Friends,*

Recently, I have been reminded that part of the purpose of our Christian faith is waking us up to what God is doing around us. If we aren't careful, we can feel like we are living in a dream. We can go through the routines of our day without really being a part of what is right in front of us. We can live mindlessly, driven by our nagging thoughts, to-do lists, and routines.

But part of the adventure of journeying together, the stories of our faith, and the calling of our Christian lives, is to wake-up! Notice where God is moving in our lives and to live more mindfully, aware and open to God's presence, love, and grace. Recently, I have been taking up a habit of choosing a "mindful" word each week to focus on, words like: openness, letting go, trust, gratitude, gentleness, generosity, empathy, loving kindness, patience, acceptance, and non-judging. When I focus on these words, it's amazing what I notice, how I am kinder to myself, and the peace these words can bring. These words are words that encompass how I want to act and be as a Christian, not just towards others but towards myself as well.

These words are difficult! It is easy to be gentle with a hurt animal but much harder to be gentle towards



myself. Yet, I am learning the gift of slowing down and noticing. Being grateful for the spider and her web that is growing in my driveway that becomes illuminated by the morning sun. Letting go of a few things on my to-do list that can wait until tomorrow. Trusting that whether everything gets done or not, I am still enough, still loved by God and by others. In this season, stop. Pause in your everyday life. Notice something new. Maybe it's the smile on a child's face when you hand them a piece of candy at our fourth annual Trunk or Treat. Maybe it's a word or phrase from the Scripture or a hymn on Sunday morning that just jumps out at you. Maybe it's something new stirring in your soul. On my bulletin board, I have a quote that I look at to remind me to be present, "God comes to you disguised as your life." –Paula D'Arcy May we remember that God is present with us in our lives, right here, right now.

Let us take notice,

*Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke*

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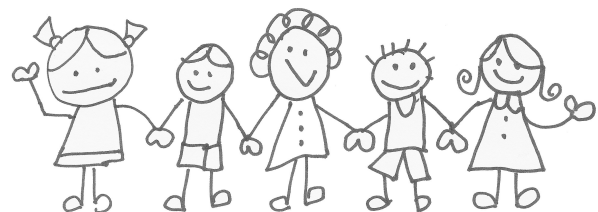
## Children's ministry news:

As we journey together as a congregation, our children's Sunday school class will continue in October with stories from the Old Testament.

On October 7, our lesson will come from Exodus. We will hear how God provided manna and water for the Hebrew people as they wandered the desert. This shows how God always cares for us.

The lesson in October 14, will come from Leviticus. The story will tell of the celebration by the Hebrew people when they finally reached their new home. We will have our own "celebration" of God's love for everyone.

Children will hear the story from Judges about the prophet Deborah on October 21. They will hear how this strong woman helped defeat the king



of Canaan. This story shows God's plan includes all people.

The last lesson of October will come from the book of 1 Kings. Our children will hear the story of the prophet Elijah being fed by a poor widow. Although she had very little, God provided enough to eat, as he had promised.

Our children's church lessons will continue using our stories from Sunday school. Once a month, we will hear a story from the Godly Play series. This month we will hear "The circle of the church year."



From the Religious Arts Committee

## ART IN THE LIBRARY

Please visit the Library during September and October to view the outstanding photography of Sharon Meier. Sharon is an IT specialist with Alabama Power Company at the Barry Steam Plant. In addition to her passion for photography, Sharon has been active throughout Mobile with various bell ringing groups for 40 years and has been a faithful and talented member of our own Spring Hill Ringers for 20 years.

In her Artist's Statement Sharon says,

*"What started as a hobby while a college student has become a passion as an adult. I love birds, especially eagles and pelicans, and I love landscapes that show the beauty of our surroundings and yet how we are just a small part of it. I don't have a title for the display, but often when I am out shooting I think of one of my favorite hymns, This Is My Father's World."*

Sharon experiments printing her photographs in various mediums, regular photos, prints on canvas, metal, and prints that have been tweaked to look like a painting, and may be changing her exhibit periodically to demonstrate the results. So, visit often to enjoy her work!

## CHRISTUS LECTURE SERIES AND SUMMER CONFERENCE 2018-19

Spring Hill College has announced its' 2018-19 schedule for the Christus Lecture Series. The first lecture by Charles Rosenberg, "The Religious Prints of Rembrandt: The Childhood of Christ", was on September 27. He set the bar for what should be an exciting series! The schedule for the entire series may be found by searching: **Christus Lecture series Spring Hill College**. Note that our own Buz is the speaker for October followed by our friend, historian Cart Blackwell, in November!

## IT'S ONE HOT TICKET!

We so much enjoyed the Library displays of glass work by Matthew Patterson and his presentation during our summer Sunday School series that he has offered to host us in his glass lab at USA. Plan to join us at **9:30 am on Saturday, November 3** for this wonderful opportunity. Details about possible car-pooling and directions to his lab will be in a later church Bulletin and the November Newsletter, but put it on your calendar now. You won't want to miss this! It's "**Cool**" in the glass lab's furnace!

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Raising Resilient Children

(Oct 14-Nov. 4)

Raising Resilient Children is our parenting class for parents of children and youth. This Fall, we will have Amanda Jones, the principal of Mary B. Austen and mother of three speaking on **Oct. 14**. On **Oct. 21**, a school counselor and mother of four will be speaking about discipline in an encouraging way. And on **Oct. 28**, parents from our own class will be giving book reviews of resources they have found helpful while parenting. Nov. 4, Anna will lead parents and children in a Worship 101 class. Please reserve your spot for the Worship Training Class by emailing Anna at [anna@shpc.us](mailto:anna@shpc.us), so she knows how many people to prepare for.



Save the Date!

Trunk or Treat!

Thursday, Oct. 25 5:30-7 pm

**Bring Money for Food Trucks for Dinner!**

**B and B Food Truck will be there!**

Do you love Halloween? Passing out candy, dressing up, and seeing kids in costume? Then join us for our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat. We are in need of people to host a trunk—which means passing out candy and decorating your car trunk. We also need lots of treats/candy to share. Interested? See the sign-up sheet near Anna's office!





## We Rejoice

We rejoice with Sue and Roy Martino in the birth of a granddaughter, Catherine Haddon Dingivan, on August 29 in San Antonio, TX ( Parents are James and Sarah Dingivan); and with Donna Smith in the birth of a great granddaughter, Lydia Jean Johanning, on August 24, 2018 in Kansas City, Missouri. (Parents are Courtney and Brian Johanning).



## We Share in Sorrow.

The prayers and sympathy are with the family of Sally Morrisette in the death of her husband, John Morrisette, on September 5, 2018.



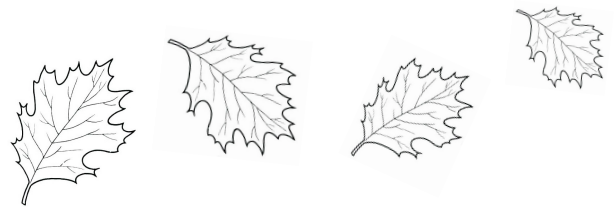
Statement as of August 2018	
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$886,720
Year to date received	504,298
Other receipts	25,314
Total Receipts	\$529,612
Benevolences	39,069
Salaries and services	366,583
Programs	22,807
Office expenses	16,620
General & plant services	131,757
Other	23,592
Total Expenses	\$600,428
Excess receipts over expenses (deficit)	-\$70,816

## ALSO From the Religious Arts Committee



### ROUND UP YON VIRGIN!

Round up, dust off and recollect the history and stories of the favorite crèche in your family. We will be announcing soon an opportunity to share with our church family!



## Church Calendar October 2018

<b>2</b>	Committees
<b>3</b>	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care - 11:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study – 12:00 p.m.
<b>4</b>	Writing and Spirituality – 2:30 p.m.
<b>6</b>	Back Pack for Kids
<b>7</b>	Stewardship Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. Communion
<b>8</b>	Church Office closed – Columbus Day
<b>10</b>	Presbyterian. Women Circles Pastor's Bible Study – 12:00 p.m.
<b>14</b>	Officer Training Presbyterian Women Sunday – Reception
<b>15</b>	November Newsletter Deadline – 9:00 a.m.
<b>17</b>	Pastor's Bible Study – 12:00 p.m.
<b>19-20</b>	UKirk Lock-in
<b>20</b>	Yeoman Workday
<b>21</b>	Dedication Sunday
<b>24</b>	Pastor's Bible Study – 12:00 p.m.
<b>25</b>	Trunk or Treat
<b>28</b>	Reformation Sunday Kirkin'o' the Tartans
<b>30</b>	Church Office Closed for Staff Planning Prayer Shawl Ministry





**Memorials have been received  
for the following:**

Alex Lankford  
Harriett Pennington  
John Morrisette  
Doris McGowan

**From the following:**

Amy and Charlie Powell  
Augusta & William Forbes  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith A. Nelson  
Mrs. Eleanor Partridge Cummings  
John and Susan Leach  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Russell Goodloe, Jr  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin. McKinney  
Binky Oswalt  
Scott & Carroll Phelps  
Mary Hunter Slaton  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. McAuliffe  
Rick and Barbara Mitchell  
William and Melba Howard  
Dick and Lila Pennington  
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Mitchele & Mitchell Smith  
Neil & Stephanie White  
Larry & Nancy Sims  
Mary Lynn and Chris Schatzman  
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