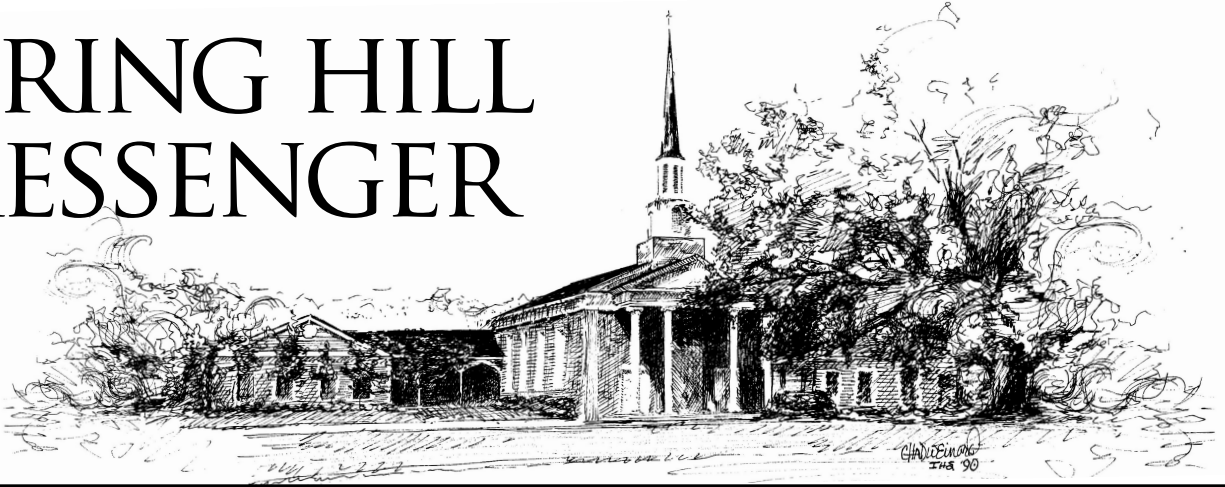


SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

October, 2019

“THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US”

DEAR SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

While every year in ministry with this church is certainly a great blessing, this year of our 75th anniversary has been particularly rich through so many ways we have shared our memories! We truly are **“surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses!”** As we lean into the time of year in which we kick off our stewardship emphasis, it’s very appropriate for us to reflect about what it means to share in this community of faith. How do we live and give in our own day as we **“run with perseverance the race that is set before us”** so the generations to come might be the recipients of our sharing? During this season of memory, we will be reflecting on the theme of our anniversary, “Great Cloud of Witnesses,” and along with our celebrations, I want to offer you a particular challenge:

Remember the person or people in your life who taught you what true generosity looks like. Maybe it was a parent or grandparent who modeled real sacrificial giving. Maybe it was a teacher, coach, or friend who gave out of the goodness of their hearts to ensure that you or someone else was cared for and did not go without. Maybe it was a Sunday school teacher or other church leader who took immense joy in the act of generosity. Whoever those people have been in your life, remember them and write their names on the back of your pledge card. What kind of gift did they teach you to give? What would be an appropriate response to their legacy

expressed in your giving to the church? Would it look like reservation or fear, a self-reliant sense of security? Or would it look like an extravagant gift, a cup-runneeth-over-kind of faithful gift that would be a blessing for future generations?

After prayerfully reflecting on these memories please fill out your pledge card and bring it with you to worship on **Dedication Sunday: October 13**. When all our pledge cards are brought forward and dedicated during worship (with all of these names written on the back of them) we will be surround by a visual sign of our “Great Cloud of Witnesses” who have gone before us.

Dr. John Kuykendall (the guest preacher for our upcoming **75th Homecoming Worship Service** on October 6) once said, “Our memories become the mentors of our hopes.” As we remember our “Great Cloud of Witnesses” in this anniversary year, may we be inspired by their example to move forward in faith, hope, and love. May we live, and give, and work together in service to Jesus Christ, **“the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”**

Grace and Peace,

Dear Friends,

So often in life, it can be easy to focus on what is not going right. What is hard. The moments that feel like a failure. On bad days it is easy to create a huge list of all the things that went wrong, all the things I said (or didn't say), everything that was left undone. I know when I get too focused on what is not going right, I can miss out on all of the blessings in my life. Recently, I have started back at one of my favorite spiritual practices—counting my blessings. Each morning, I try to write down three things I am grateful for. The more that I do this practice, the more I see God at work. I notice the amazing sunrise. I realize the gift of food in my refrigerator. I count the grace at work and in walking Buster, my dog around the neighborhood. In life, it can be easy to rush around from task to task trying to put out fires that we miss the beauty and miracle of ordinary moments. One of my friends says life is “brutiful:” brutal and beautiful. It is both mingled together. I give thanks in the midst of this “brutiful” life, God is there.

In our 75th Anniversary, it is easy to celebrate the big moments and give thanks. Each month, we have so much happening that is full of pomp and pizzazz. In October, don't forget we have an amazing Gala happening! In the midst of this, count the blessings of both the extraordinary and ordinary moments, especially here at church. Give thanks for the people who sit next to you in the pew; the welcoming smile and conversation during Sunday School; the volunteers who go the extra mile to make sure things run smoothly on Sundays; the awesome fish at the Fish Fry! I give thanks for these and so many other blessings. Especially you!

Grace and Peace,

Thankful
&
Blessed

Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke

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Children's ministry news

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During the month of October, our children's Sunday school class and our children's church time will continue to learn about The Lord's Prayer.

On **October 6**, our lesson will be about what it is we are praying for in The Lord's Prayer. We will see how we are called to bring the message of God's love to others around us.

The title of the lesson on **October 13 is "Praying for Today"**. Children will discuss what "our daily bread" means, and what our role is in bringing "daily bread" to the world.

Our children will learn about **debts, sins, and forgiveness on October 20**. The class will talk about how important the choices we make are.

We will finish October by discussing temptation. We will talk about praying during hard times, and how God helps us through difficult situations.

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SAVE THE DATE!: BRING THE CANDY!!!

Trunk or Treat, Thursday, Oct. 24 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 5th 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 candy? Interested? See the sign-up sheet near Anna's office!

Art in the Library. Another opportunity to explore the many talents of our church family! Plan to visit the church Library during October to view the diverse creative talents of SHPC member Gwin Williams. Examples include children's books author and illustrator, portrait sketch artist, and costume design and sewing. See the artist's statement in the library for Gwin's comments on her work. Enjoy!

Campus Ministry

In 2015 our congregation reached out in faith to imagine a new possibility for a college campus ministry program at the University of South Alabama.

Throughout previous years we had tried various models for

supporting this kind of outreach to students, but we found ourselves in a time of transition as an old model had come to an end. Through a combination of our own campus ministry funds, a large grant from the Presbytery of South Alabama, and support from other outside organizations, our Campus Ministry Committee created a new model for the program that included calling a part-time ordained minister, Rev. Lauren Peters, to serve as the Campus Minister for UKirk South Alabama.

Because of these outside donations and the tight nature of our church budget, the campus minister position was designed to be an “off-budget” position without impacting the SHPC annual budget. The position included the expectation of fundraising to develop support for a sustainable campus ministry program. The initial funding sources enabled us to guarantee that we could afford her salary for three years giving her time to develop this external fundraising base. Under Rev. Peter’s leadership our church moved to expand our Campus Ministry Committee to become a larger and broader UKirk Board comprised of members and pastors of many other Presbyterian churches in our area. Also, the position of campus minister was expanded to take on more hours in order to have time to lead this board in their efforts to support the ministry while also giving sufficient time for programing and pastoral leadership matters with the students.

Over these past years, the UKirk ministry has grown to a program that reached dozens of students as a spiritual



home in this significantly formative time in their lives. Student leaders have served as officers and helped design and lead their programs, mission, study, and fellowship. Each winter, students have attended the Montreat College Conference, and a few even found their

way into our church family and joined SHPC. However, while this wonderful growth was occurring on campus, the outside support for the program was not forthcoming. The UKirk Board was able to raise some funds to extend support for this model of ministry, but not enough.

A grant from the PC(USA)’s 1001 New Worshipping Communities program was received as was a significant gift tithed from SHPC’s Welcoming the Next Generation Capital Campaign. However, even with these few large donations, a stable fundraising base never developed among the churches of South Alabama. Thus, in the past few weeks, Rev. Peters and the UKirk Board came to the realization that there were simply not enough funds to support this model of that included the salary of an ordained minister.

The UKirk Board shared this news with the Presbytery at its fall meeting and our church Session was informed that same day. Rev. Peters has worked faithfully through this time of transition to ensure that while the current model of ministry comes to a close the students in the program are still enabled to continue with UKirk as a viable student organization. So, while we are sad to say goodbye to Rev. Peters in this capacity, we give thanks for the rebirth of the campus ministry program that she led, and we will continue to support the students as they take this ministry into its next chapter.



We Rejoice!

WE REJOICE with Ginny and Drew Sprinkle in the birth of a son, George Ramsay Sprinkle, on August 26. Grandparents are George and Jo Barton.

We rejoice with Adam and Kristin Hamlin on the birth of Mary Louise and Thomas Michael on September 16, 2019. The grandparents are Jack and Clair Hamlin.

Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study

Help Needed at Wheel-A-Meal

Over the past six months, Wheel-A-Meal has been steadily picking up new clients to the point of needing to start a fifth route. We are looking for volunteers for this new route. The route will take about 45 minutes to run and will be in the 36608 area primarily. You would meet the Route Chairman at the Spring Hill Presbyterian parking lot off of Bit and Spur at 11:00 am. Since we are delivering more meals than the program east of I-65 we have been asked for an additional person to help in the Kitchen at Dauphin Way Methodist. If you are interested in helping with this very worthy project contact Richard Britton at 251-342-0998.

Another Hot Time at the "Hot Shop"

Glassmaking Event. The USA Art Department (Matthew Patterson) is hosting an event called Bowl-a-thon on Saturday October the 26 from 12-4:00 at the Glass Arts Building and the Ceramics Building on the USA Campus. It is open to the general public, but the Religious Arts Committee and Matthew are inviting all from Spring Hill who would like to participate. Last year Matthew presented a wonderful lecture and demonstration on glassmaking for us and all really enjoyed it. Although there will be a little time of demonstration, this event is different. Participants will have the opportunity to decorate a glass and/or ceramic bowl as well as be able to see live glass blowing demonstrations. All bowls made during the event will be fired and donated to Art Soup - a charitable event held downtown on November 22. Participants have the option to donate their bowl, to buy their bowl for \$25 dollars, or purchase a ticket for the event and pick out a bowl there. You can come any time 12-4:00, but Matthew encourages an early arrival to make sure materials have not run out before you arrive. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back hall just to give us an idea how many for Matthew to expect.

Let's get cooking on some helpful Donations to PHFC!

The Presbyterian Home For Children needs cookware items such as pots and pans, as well as utensils, and flatware. They also have needs for towels of any kind and in any usable condition. Our help in collecting these items will be greatly appreciated. If you have these items to donate, please bring them to the Mission Room/Bride's Room and place them in the container marked PHFC between now and Sunday Sept 29th. They will be delivered to the Home in Talladega the next day. For more information, please contact Ted Autterson at 251-510-5184 (cell) or ted.autterson@gmail.com

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Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Members' Group Photo: All

PW Honorary Life Members should gather for a group photo in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after worship on **Presbyterian Women Sunday, September 29.** This will be an opportunity to acknowledge not only our newest but also our former recipients. Please remember to wear your PW Honorary Life Membership pin.

Thank Offering Sept 29

Please consider making a donation to the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering on **Sunday, September 29th.** Through the Thank Offering we help fund programs that provide education, safe housing, food, clean water, health care and much more for people in our own country as well as worldwide. This year there are 18 projects that include a food pantry in western North Carolina, summer lunch programs in Alaska, help improving a maternity ward in Ghana and many more. There will be special envelopes in the pews on this Sunday for your contribution. Thank you for your support.



We Share
in Sorrow.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with the family of Lexie Barnett in her death on September 3; with Steve Ledbetter on the death his brother David on Sept. 15; and with Frank Warren in the death of his brother John on 9/



Youth Group Schedule: Here's October

Youth Group Schedule: Youth Group is for 6-12 graders. We usually meet on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm (unless listed) in the Bullard Building, but look out for some special events this Fall! Anna is doing her big Doctorate project with the Youth this fall! Please make every effort to be there and be a part of it!

Oct 6: 11:30-2 pm Sabbath Worship #1 (Anna's project)

Oct. 13: Study on our "Self" from 6-7:30 pm

Oct. 20: Potluck Dinner and Pumpkin Decorating

Oct 27: Sabbath Worship #2 6:00-7:30 pm

Confirmation: Confirmation is for our 7th and 8th graders (and older) as they prepare and discern what it means to join the church. Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings from 9-10 am in the Bullard Building.

Oct. 6: Bible 101

Oct. 13: Confessions 101

Oct. 20: Jesus Christ 101

Oct. 27: The Presbyterians 101

Confirmation 101 for Adults:

This pop-up class will meet in Room 7 in the Edington Building Sept. 29-Oct. 27. Confirmation is the process that our 7th and 8th graders go through to join the church. This class is geared for **parents** whose children are in Confirmation this year, those who have elementary-aged children who will do Confirmation in the next few years, and those who just want a taste of what Confirmation is like. All adults in the church are welcome to attend.

- Sept. 29: "What is Confirmation?" with Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke
- Oct. 6: "What Does it Mean to Be a Disciple of Jesus Christ?" with Harvie Jordan
- Oct. 13: "Polity, Confessions, and Presbyterian 101" with Buz Wilcoxon
- Oct. 20: "How Do We Show Christ's Love?" with Vera Lynn Sheets
- Oct. 27: "Scripture, Prayer, and Sharing Faith Statements" with the Baymillers

Learn to Help "All Creatures, Great and Small"

A RedRover Responders Volunteer Training Workshop will be offered on Saturday morning, **October 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall**. This training is open to all community members who would like an opportunity to volunteer and assist animals in crisis. RedRover, a 501c3, helps animals rescued from disasters or neglect, domestic violence victims seeking safety with their pets, and animals with life-threatening illnesses.

The RedRover Responders volunteer corps are the backbone of efforts to provide lifesaving care and sheltering for animal victims of natural disasters, puppy mills, hoarding, and other cases of cruelty and neglect.

RedRover welcomes volunteers at all levels of experience, from a casual pet-lover to an experienced rescuer or animal care professional.

The training program consists of attending a four hour in-person workshop and completing IS-100c, an online FEMA class.

The workshop registration fee of \$45 includes a volunteer handbook, the volunteer t-shirt and certificate of completion that are mailed to you after attending the in-person volunteer workshop.

To register online for this workshop, please go to RedRover.org and click on Workshops and Events.

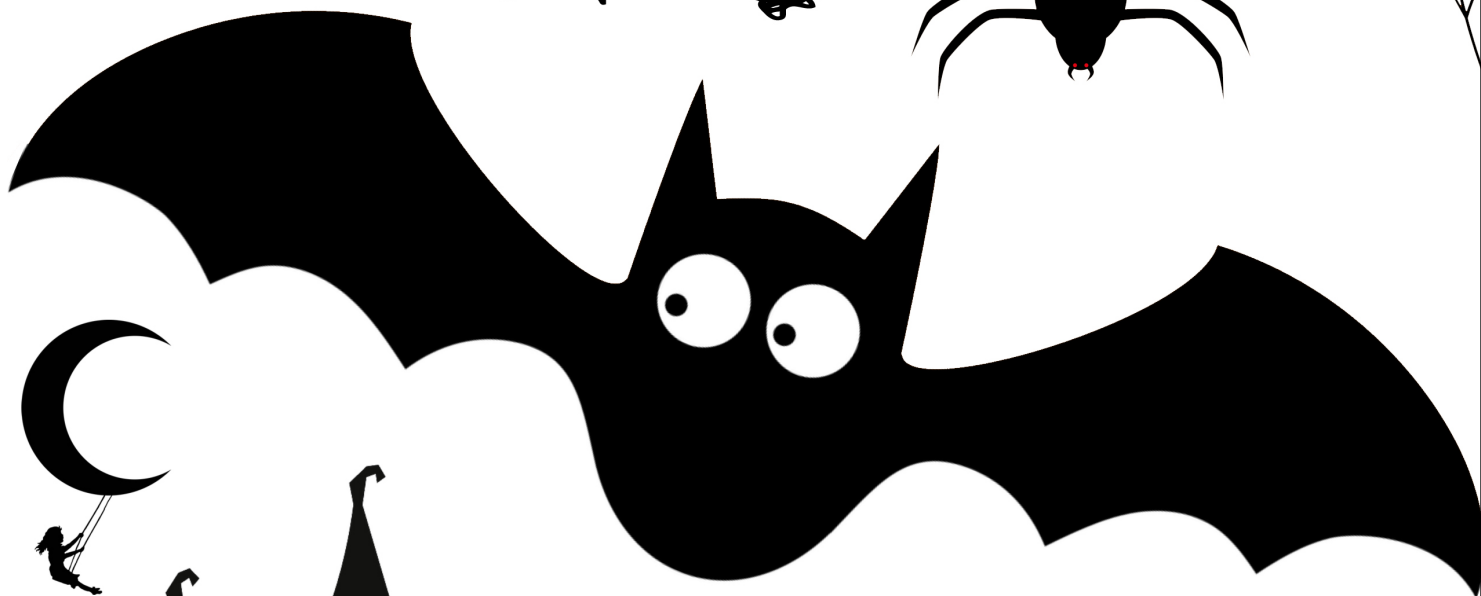
First Annual Pumpkin Patch

The University of South Alabama's Glass Arts program will present the **First Annual Pumpkin Patch** at two art walks in October. **Friday October 4th in Fairhope** and **Friday October 11th in downtown Mobile** at the Lost Garden on Dauphin Street. Students and faculty have created over 500 glass pumpkins in every shape, size, and color to celebrate the fall season. This is a fundraising event for the studio and student artists working in glass. We are the only university in Alabama offering a four-year Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Studio Glass. Founded in 2010 the state of the art facility houses studios for glassblowing, casting, and kiln formed glass.



Get ready for a spooktacular

**Trunk or
Treat!**



**Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019
5:30-7:00 pm**

**Spring Hill Presbyterian Church 10
Westminster Way**

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**Food Available for Purchase
through Food Truck, B & B Land
and Sea**





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

Anne Layfield
Peter Pearce
Sally & John Morrisette
Merle Weldon
William Owen
Gina Johnson
Lexie Barnett

From the following:

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| John White-Spunner | Lora & Tony Hubbard |
| Molly Lankford | George & Bevy Finkbohner |
| Barkley & Lewis Shreve | George & Ruth Neilson |
| Officers & Employees of SSI Group | Greg Byrd |
| H.O. Weaver & Sons family, Paul & | Dr. & Mrs Marion McMurphy |
| Ramona Weaver, Michael & | Lewis & Karen Beville |
| Nicole Weaver | Wilson & Sue Borden |
| Al & Suzanne Trovinger | Betty & Bennett Whitlock |
| Mary Jane & Trey Ruch | Burt Taylor |
| Amy Powell | Bruce & Barbara Maynard |
| Gina & Jim Weston | Ann & Forrest Wilson |
| Royce & Pat Ray | Donna J Smith |
| Virginia Guy | Mobile Section AL AGC |
| Dr & Mrs William E Barrick | Larry & Nancy Sims |
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| Vernon & Sallie Hunter | Frank & Kendall Hurley |
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| Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC | Elena Johnson |
| Tommy & Molly Snow | Phyllis Feibelman |
| Betty & Bennett Whitlock | Tom & Mary Cowan |
| Sue Jardine | Lee & Bob Haubein |
| Betty & Dick Allen | Mary L Cousar |
| Suzanne & Terry Silva | Ann Bedsole |
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| EB & Celeste Peebles | James Robertson |
| Betsy & Rupert Leslie | Linda Arnold |
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| J Manson & Marietta Murray | Judy & Ford Simpson |
| The Moses Foundation | Ramon & Jessie Iturbe |
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| William L McDonough | Mitch & Sally Cobb |
| Chris & Ashley Brown | Janis & David Posey |
| Carolyn Stephenson | Lisa, Travis, Travis & Emma Goodloe |
| Robert Houston | Michele & Jim Smith |
| Millie Hollinger | Erling & Jeri Riis |
| Neil & Stephanie White | Susan & Cort Schlichting |
| Phyllis & John Lewis | Jeff & Janet Murphy |
| John & Susan Leach | |

| CHUCH CALENDAR: October 2019 | |
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| 1 | Committees |
| 2 | Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – 10:00 am Congregational Care – 11:00 am Word in the Week – Noon |
| 3 | Writing and Spirituality – 2:00 pm Word in The Week Bible Study - Noon |
| 5 | 75th Anniversary Gala at the Strada Center 6:30 p. |
| 6 | Homecoming Worship Communion |
| 8 | Breakfast Bible Study – 7 am |
| 9 | PW Circles Word in The Week Bible Study - Noon |
| 13 | Dedication Sunday |
| 14 | Office Closed for Columbus Day |
| 15 | Session - 6:00 pm Diaconate – 7:00 pm |
| 16 | Word in The Week Bible Study - Noon |
| 19 | Yeoman Workday |
| 20 | Blood Drive |
| 21 | Deadline for November Newsletter – 9:00am |
| 23 | Word in The Week Bible Study - Noon |
| 24 | Trunk or Treat |
| 29 | Church Office closed for Staff Planning Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| 30 | Word in The Week Bible Study - Noon |

Statement as of August 31, 2019

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| Total Annual Budgeted Revenue | \$888,792 |
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| Year-to-date Received | \$522,490 |
| Other Receipts | \$ 22,656 |
| Total Receipts | \$545,146 |
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| Benevolences | \$ 42,983 |
| Salaries and Services | \$350,683 |
| Programs | \$ 19,896 |
| Office Expenses | \$ 24,148 |
| General and Plant Services | \$130,019 |
| Other | \$ 23,418 |
| Total Expenses | \$591,148 |
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| Excess Receipts over Expenses (Deficit) | \$(46,002) |
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