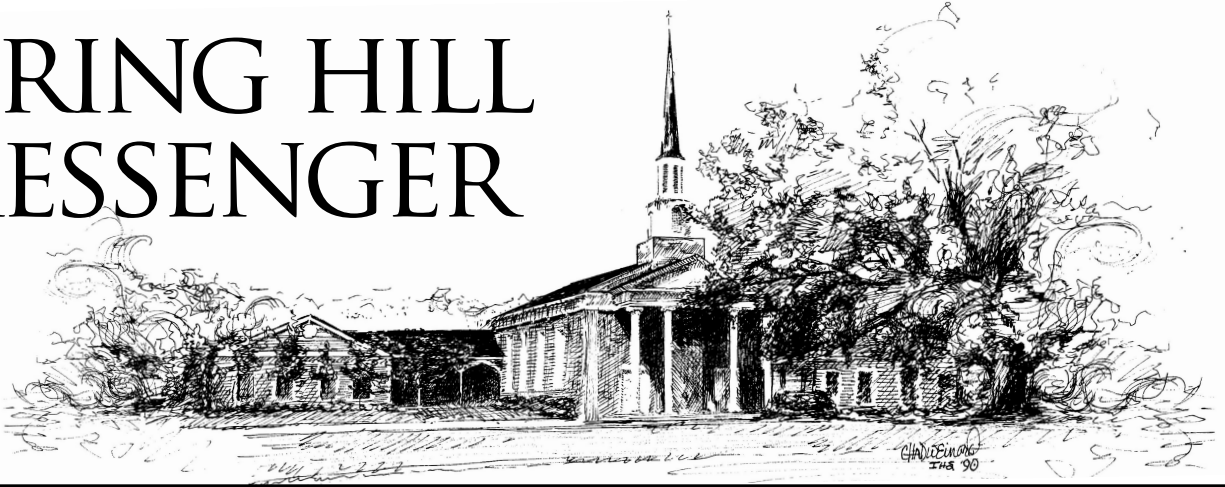


SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

September, 2019

“MY CUP RUNNETH OVER”

DEAR SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

As the summer winds down to a close, the excitement of our fall church programming is palpable in the air. In the upcoming weeks our year-long celebration of our 75th anniversary reaches its crescendo:

-On Sunday, September 8 we will combine many traditions of our church family (both old and new) into one spectacular day with a **Rally Day**

Sunday School Kick-off event at 9:00 AM, then our **Kirkin' o' the Tartans** worship service at 10:30 AM, and finally a **Church Fish Fry** after worship in the Bullard Building.

This day will be all about reflecting back and leaning forward into the future that God is preparing for our church family.

-Then, the following Sunday (September 15) our 2019 fall stewardship emphasis will commence with our **Grits & Gratitude Breakfast** at 9:00 AM in the Bullard Building. At this celebration we will hear from many members of our church family who will share reflections on the generosity of the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” who have modeled for us the way of responsible stewardship. **Dedication Sunday** (when pledge cards are turned in during worship) will be October 13.

-A couple of weeks later, our annual **Presbyterian Women Sunday** will occur on September 29. In that service we will give thanks for the many gifts and leadership of women in our church. We will also celebrate

one particular member of our church with the presentation of the PW Annual Life Membership Award and a reception following worship in their honor.

-Finally, on the first weekend of October we will culminate our 75th anniversary with two grand festivities: a **Homecoming Gala** on Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 PM at the Strada Center and a **Homecoming Worship**

Service at 10:30 AM on Sunday. Invitations have been sent to many of our former members who now live out of town inviting them to come join us for this wonderful weekend full of memory and hope.

It is no surprise that all of these events in this month of celebrations include food...a lot of food. Its fitting that we celebrate the abundance of God's grace shared through the years with abundant tables that welcome all into our community of faith. It reminds me of the poetic imagery of the 23rd Psalm which proclaims “**My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.**” The overflowing abundance of God's goodness and mercy cascade throughout all creation and all the season of our lives. May you feel God's abundance in your life, your relationships, your labors and your rest, your days and your nights, and especially in and with your church family.

Grace and Peace,



Dear Friends,

Time. Time these days is one of the most precious commodities. Time is the first thing that God makes holy and calls “very good” on the seventh day of creation in Sabbath. Time—what you are giving to read this very article. Psalm 90 is all about time. At the pivotal moment of the psalm, the Psalmist prays “Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.” (Ps. 90:12). Wisdom it seems comes from counting our days, measuring our time.

How do we even begin to count our days? Do we measure our days in what we accomplish? How many hours we work? How much time we spend on technology? (I hope not). Measuring time is really what the Sabbath is about. Marking our days through rest. Marking our days through grace, love, and peace—not because we have gotten everything done, but because we trust that our God can handle our unfinished projects. Our lives are not supposed to be endless drudgery, one day after another, frantically waiting for the weekend. And yet, we wish time away don’t we? We can believe there isn’t enough time to get everything done while at the same time we wish time could hurry up so we could get through it.

This year, I am going to be exploring time and Sabbath with our youth. I want to hear how they spend their time, how they count their days, what moments they feel give their life meaning and value, where they see God in this time in their lives. I am at the stage of my Doctorate of Ministry program, where I am doing my “big project”—the finale of my work. Through hearing from our youth, I hope to create four worship experiences with them to explore time, Sabbath, and worship our God who rests.

We trust and can rest in time, not because we get everything done, but because God has endless time. God is at work in the world. God grounds us—God is “our dwelling place in all generations” (Ps. 90:1). Thank goodness human time is not all there is to measure. We can trust in our God who gives us our daily bread. We can trust in our God who makes manna rain down from heaven, who teaches us to live day by day. Our lives are not marked by lack or scarcity, but God’s abundance.

Time is a gift. May we mark it with love. May we mark it with service. May we mark it by dwelling in the love and peace of our God who says we are enough. May we mark it in worshipping our one Triune God. In the busyness of the Fall when everything is competing for my time and energy. I need to remember not to wish my days away but to count them, give thanks for them, because this time is a gift from God.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke

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- *Children’s ministry news*
 - To kick off the month of September, our children’s Sunday school class and children’s church lesson will be about **The Lord’s Prayer**.
 - This past year, we focused on learning to say The Lord’s Prayer during the children’s church time.
 - This year, we will use a wonderful curriculum by the Children’s Illustrated Ministry, to explore the meaning of The Lord’s Prayer. This curriculum studies the prayer verse by verse. This will help our children feel more connected to God when they say this special prayer.
 - On **September 8**, our Sunday school time will be short, so children will find The Lord’s Prayer in the Bible, and have a quick introduction to the new lessons. Our classes on September 15 and 22 will talk about what prayer is, different ways to pray, and to whom we are praying to when we say the Lord’s Prayer.
 - On **September 29**, children will talk about what we are praying for in The Lord’s Prayer.
 - Each week we will be working on posters, games, puzzles and other activities related to The Lord’s Prayer.
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Youth! Here's the Rundown!

RALLY DAY Youth Ministry Activities! PARENTS INCLUDED!

Don't forget that, after church on September 8, we will be having a church-wide Fish Fry (around 11:30 am). After eating, Youth Group will kick-off with a Parent-Youth meeting and Bingo (12:15ish-1:30). We will be talking about our Fall schedule, Montreat trips, ways you can be involved, and how the youth will hopefully help with Anna's Doctoral project.

Youth Group Schedule: Here's How We Roll...

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 Doctoral project with the Youth this fall! Please make every effort to be there and be a part of it!

Sept. 8: Parent Meeting and Kick-off after church (beginning with Fish Fry), **11:30-2 pm** Bullard Building

Sept. 15: Potluck Dinner and Fun!

Sept. 22: Regular Meeting

Sept. 29: Sabbath Study (part of Anna's project)

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

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.

Sept. 8: Rally Day

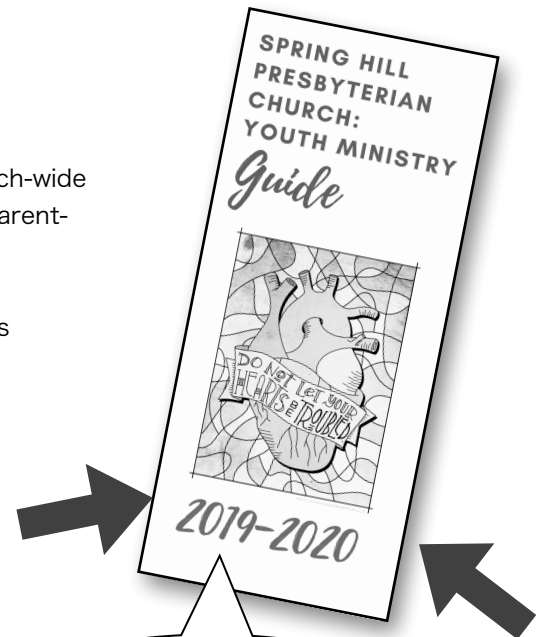
Sept. 15: Field Trip

Sept. 22: Confirmation Meeting at 9:00 am with Parents

Sept. 29: What is Confirmation?

Oct. 6: Bible 101

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- **UPCOMING RETREATS!!** •
- **Save the Date for these Fun Events!** •
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- **Jan. 4-5: Overnight Retreat** •
- **Mar. 20: Confirmation Retreat** •
- **(for 7 & 8 graders)** •
- **June 6-13 Montreat High School** •
- **July 15-19 Montreat Middle School** •
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Hey! Take one! It's all in Here!
 Be sure to pick up your 2019-2020 Youth Ministry Guide on the literature table in the hallway behind the Sanctuary. Its a guide to all the events and offerings for this Fall and beyond! Keep it handy.
Youth: RUN WITH YOUR TRIBE!
Parents: Stay in the know

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: THIS YEAR.

Youth Sunday School: This year, Youth Sunday School will be focused on mentoring our Confirmation class. Every two weeks one youth and one adult will be assigned to teach together. They will study a theme related to Confirmation. The first week will be an informal conversation in David's Diner with anyone who wants to help. The second week, the Youth Sunday School class will attend the Confirmation class to share their thoughts and what it means for them to be young members of our church.

Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study

Rally! Kirk! & Fish! Oh mY!

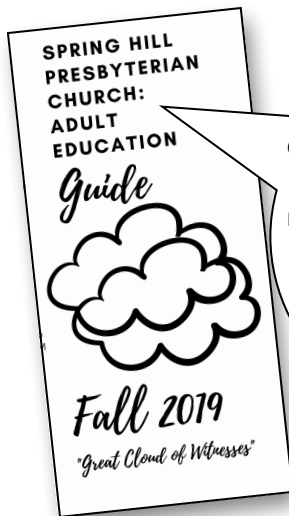
You won't want to miss three big events happening on **Sunday, September 8th, 9:00 a.m.!** First, beginning in the sanctuary, is our annual **Rally Day** to introduce all the Sunday School options for the fall semester – for children, youth, and adults. Afterwards, classes will dismiss to various locations for fellowship and refreshments. Then, during worship at 10:30 a.m., we will have our **Kirkin' O' Tartans**, to be topped off after worship with a fish fry for all. Come hungry for food, fellowship, information, and celebration!



Pop-Up Classes will appear in 2019 - Here's One Now!

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"



Our Cup Really Doth Run over!

Our Fall Programming is full to the brim with offerings. There are so many programs to ponder that the newsletter can't hold them all! Pick up one of these handy guides from the literature table in the hallway and don't miss anything!

Current Issues Fall 2019 Programming: SAMPLE

September 8 Rally Day
September 15 Grits & Gratitude
September 22 Topic: **The Church of the Future** led by Susan Fox (retired from Union Presbyterian Seminary and daughter of Lee Fox).
September 29 Topic: A Bridge Too Far? Mobile's new Interstate bridge
Edwin Perry, Thompson Engineering
(see brochure for full scope of this exciting class)

BIBLE discovery Class: SAMPLE

September 8 Rally Day
September 15 Grits & Gratitude
September 22 God's First Creation
September 29 God's Ultimate Messenger
October 6 Hidden Inside

- **Regularly Recurring Adult Fellowship and study:**
- **YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** 5 p.m. Sundays- 20s to 40 somethings-child care and dinner, Bullard Building
- **WORD IN THE WEEK:** 12-1 p.m., Pastor leads this Bible study/brown bag, Fellowship Hall.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** 10 a.m. every second Wednesday, September-May, women of all ages invited, Fellowship Hall.
- **BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY:** 8 am-every second Tuesday, Fellowship Hall.

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Presbyterian Women will gear up for the year with the Coordinating Team meeting on September 4 at 10:00 a.m. Circles will begin on September 11.

Members of the Coordinating Team are:

Moderator	Gayla Wiik
Vice-Moderator (<i>Spiritual Growth and Stewardship</i>)	Janie Sims
Secretary	Dale Hair
	Donna Massa
Treasurer	Sylvia Weinard
Advisory Board	Donna Massa
Day Circle	Co-Chairs
	Dianne Oveson
	Carol Sumrall
Night Circle	Chair-Donna Massa
2019 Life Membership Committee	
	Dianne Oveson
	Gayla Wiik
	Ruth Fitzgerald

Day Circle's project is collecting paper goods and laundry supplies for the Ronald McDonald House food pantry as well as cleaning and laundry supplies to assist the guest residents. They also decorate the church for Easter and Christmas and deliver plants to the shut-ins on Valentine's Day. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

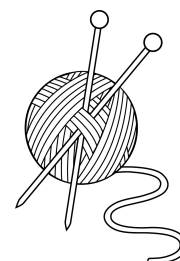
Night Circle's project is the Presbyterian Home for Children and collecting box tops for local schools. They also collect funds throughout the year to send a check for Christmas gifts for the Children in the Presbyterian Home. They will meet in the Parlor.

Other Important Dates:

Every Tuesday	Quilters – 9:30 am
Last Tuesday	Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10:00 am
September 14	Fall Gathering – Government Street Presbyterian
September 29	Life Membership Worship and Reception
May 13	Birthday Luncheon and Officer installation
July 9-11	AL/MS Women's Conference - Spring Hill Presbyterian

*Our Knitters Are Real Purls
And They Can Spin A Yarn
Or Two!*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is a dedicated group of ladies meeting monthly from September through May in the Bullard Building to work on shawls, pray over completed shawls, and to have good fellowship. Most of the knitting is done at home between meetings, and it is always fun to see the new projects. We have knitters in all phases of expertise (or not!) so if you are an expert or a beginner we would love to have you join us. We meet in the Quilters Room on the second floor of the Bullard Building at 10:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, starting September 24th. We have yarn and needles to use, so come join us!



CHUCH CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER	
2	Church Office closed for Labor Day
3	Committees Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – 10:00 am
4	Congregational Care 11:00 am
5	Writing & Spirituality – 2:00 pm
7	Bell Choir Retreat
8	Rally Day Kirkin' o' the Tartans Fish Fry lunch
10	Breakfast Bible Study – 8:00 am
11	PW Circles Word in the Week 12:00 p.m.
15	Communion Officer Training – 9:00am Grits & Gratitude
16	Deadline for October Newsletter – 9:00 am
17	Session – 6:00 pm Diaconate – 7:00 pm
18	Word in the Week 12:00 p.m.
21	Yeoman Workday
22	Officer Training – 9:00 am
25	Word in the Week 12:00 p.m.
29	Presbyterian Women's Sunday Officer Training – 9:00 am

Save The Date

Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
Cordially invites you to attend its

Great Cloud of Witnesses 75th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

SATURDAY

October 5, 2019, 6:30 pm

Homecoming Gala

Strada Patient Care Center
1601 Center Street
Mobile, AL 36604

\$37.50 per person / \$75 per couple

Music, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Beer/Wine

Tickets will be sold in September

SUNDAY

October 6, 2019 10:30 am

Homecoming Worship Service

Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
10 Westminster Way
Mobile, AL 36608

CELEBRATION!



***Children's Choir Kick Off
Sunday, September 8***

4:45 p.m - 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

K3 - 5th grade

***Singing, Instruments, Crafts,
and Ice Cream Sundaes!***



Music Notes

Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Sing and Play in a New Season!

Our new musical season is beginning and we are eager to invite all persons to explore how they might get involved in music ministries. Participating in music at our church provides unique opportunities that cannot be duplicated elsewhere, simply because they are rooted not only in the Christian faith, but in the traditions and theology of our own church. You are invited to investigate the opportunities at SHPC in music! Contact Randy Sheets for more information (rsheets@shpc.us), 342-1550 ext 15).

Chancel Choir (Randy Sheets, director)

Who: Adults

When: Wednesday nights 7:00-8:30. Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (already in progress)

Notes: music reading ability, the ability to sing harmony parts, and experience in choir, concert band, or study of a musical instrument is helpful

Spring Hill Ringers Handbell Choir

(Randy Sheets, director)

Who: Adults

When: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; begins with retreat on Saturday, Sept. 7

Notes: This is a competitive auditioned group requiring strong music reading skills.

Youth Chorale (Randy Sheets, director)

Who: Youth, grades 6-12

When: Sundays, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., as arranged, beginning Sept. 15

Children's Choirs (Elizabeth Britton and Susan Hoitt, directors)

Who: Children from Age 3 (by Sept. 1) through grade 5

When: Sundays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Notes: **Begins with Celebrations! Kick-off on Sept. 8, from 4:45-6:00 p.m.**(see flier included)

Instrumental Ensemble (Buddy Porter, director; cporter43@mchis.com)

Who: Middle School through Adults

When: Sunday afternoons, 4:30 or 5:00-6:00 p.m., as arranged, beginning after Labor Day

Notes: Persons who play concert band instruments

TAI CHI CLASSES



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 (SHPC music director) leads classes for beginners or experienced tai chi players in our Fellowship Hall. 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. Come join us for this practice known as "moving meditation."

What: Tai Chi Exercise Class

Who may participate: anyone. (contact Randy Sheets if you have questions.)

Cost: No charge

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.

When: Watch the Sunday bulletin announcements and weekly E-news for the schedule.

75th Anniversary of the Founding of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

You are Invited to Join the Choir

for the

The Homecoming Worship Service

Saturday, October 5, 2019

10:30 a.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

12:00 noon. Lunch and fellowship (Fellowship Hall, Main Building)

Sunday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Warm-up (choir room, main building)

10:30 a.m. Festival Worship Service

Detach here

Response Form

Please complete and return this form by September 20 to assist our planning.

If you prefer, you may respond by email to randall@springhillpresbyterian.org

Name _____ Voice Part: S A T B (circle one)

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Preferred phone (cell or landline?) _____

May we send you text messages? Yes No

To help you learn the music in advance,
would you like to receive copies of the printed music and audio recordings of it?

_____ Electronically, attached to email
_____ Hard copy via snail mail, with audio cd

Will you attend the lunch on Saturday, Oct. 5 following rehearsal?

(circle one)

Yes No

Return to:

Randy Sheets

Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

10 Westminster Way, Mobile, AL 36608

Or by email: to randall@springhillpresbyterian.org

Church Officers Elected

A congregational meeting was held in the sanctuary August 18, 2019 following worship, to elect a new slate of Deacons, Elders and a Trustee. Each person listed was contacted and agreed to serve. Be sure to thank these members for their willingness to serve.

Elders: David Ayers, Lawrence Hughey, Sue Martino, Daniel McGough, Leslie Sweeney, Tad Wikle

Deacons: Susan Abrams, Buff Brown, Liam Harper, Bill Harris, Lynn Hennig

Trustee: Jim Adams



We Share in Sorrow.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with the family of Peter Pearce in his death on August 5 and with Hellen Wells in the death of her sister, Joyce Holloway, on August 9, 2019.

The Prayers and Sympathy of the congregation also go to Bonnie Owen and her family on the death of William Owen on August 9, 2019; to Bill Layfield and his family on the death of Anne Layfield on August 10, 2019; and to the family of Sally Morrisette on her death on August 14, 2019.



Memorials have been received for the following:

Gina Johnson
Alex Lankford
Clifton Martin
Peter Pearce
Merle Weldon
Sally & John Morrisette
Anne Layfield
William Owen

From the following:

Nancy Booth
Molly Lankford
Eugenia Inge
Mark & Judy Weaver
Luann Rice
Sam Strada
Royce & Pat Ray
Barbara Eleazer
Charles & Linda Langston
Sue Jardine
Hilda Gewin
Nicholas Vrakelos
Henry & Elizabeth Morrisette
Jim & Nancy Adams
Barbara & Bruce Maynard
Dale Hair
Judy & Andy Falls
Fred Corte & Julio Corte, Jr (Sandy & Clay)
Joe Bullard Cadillac
Ralph & Wanda Lawrence
Hilda Gewin
Cathy Rayford
Dr & Mrs N H McCrummen
Barbara Drey
Lila & Dick Pennington
Cort & Susan Schlichting
Ruth Fitzgerald
Susan Huddle
Mack & Betty Graham
Ernest & Jane Bullwinkle
Lewis & Barkeley Shreve
Mitch & Sally Cobb

Statement as of July, 2019	
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$ 888,792
Year-to-date Received	\$ 462,120
Other Receipts	\$ 19,430
Total Receipts	\$ 481,550
Benevolences	\$ 39,233
Salaries and Services	\$ 305,775
Programs	\$ 17,556
Office Expenses	\$ 20,507
General and Plant Services	\$ 111,493
Other	\$ 20,642
Total Expenses	\$ 515,206
Excess Receipts over Expenses (Deficit)	\$ (33,656)



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Church-Wide Events

September 8- Rally Day, Kirkin', Fish-Fry Lunch

Sept 15- Grits and Gratitude

October 5-6-75th Anniversary Weekend

October 24-Trunk or Treat

December 8-Advent Festival