



SPRING HILL MESSENGER SEPTEMBER

Nostalgia

Perhaps it is simply a part of my aging process. I am noticing more things that are nostalgic. I was eagerly anticipating the new release on Disney + of the series "Ahsoka." For those of you who have no idea what that is, it is part of the "Star Wars" saga. Dave Feloni, the heir apparent of George Lucas, has extended the appeal of "Star Wars" to another generation. One of the appealing parts of "Ahsoka" is the tip-of-the-hat to bits and pieces from previous stories; the costumes and set pieces; the characters and lines of dialogue that ring in our memories. At least they ring in the memories of those of us who have been watching this story since 1977.

Nostalgia is not only pricked by movies and TV shows. We reread a book because we love it. We love that story because of how it makes us feel. Maybe it touches a memory from our life. We identify with a character. We make a connection. Does that sound like another experience? Does that sound like church?

I hope so. I hope your church experience is filled with connections. Those connections are with the other folks sitting in the pews on Sunday morning during worship or those folks who have shared a Sunday school class with you. Sometimes those classmates evolve into close friends. You have dinner together. They are invited to birthday parties. In some cases, the children of two families grow up together and marry each other. The small-group of church classes and prayer-groups can become the church in microcosm. Perhaps it is within the small-groups that "real" church happens. It is where we know each other better. It is where we grow to love each other and care for each other. It is where parents commiserate about their children. It is where grown children commiserate about their parents.

And eventually we get around to talking about Jesus. We talk about how Jesus has made all the difference in our lives. We are not embarrassed to say it to these church friends because we already know that they share a similar story. Maybe it is at that point in the conversation that we become nostalgic about church. We remember those saints who have gone before us. We remember our favorite hymns. We remember the candlelight Christmas Eve services. And then we begin to remember our Sunday school teachers and the parents who worked with the youth group. We can again see the wood of the pews, the color of the halls in the old church. The sanctuary floor that we stared at while trying not to fall asleep during the sermon. Or maybe, we remember the stories told by the stained-glass windows. My fondest memory from my childhood church is the "older" gentleman who one day asked me, "Cary, have you ever thought about being a minister?"

Treasure the memories in the making, so that one day you will have memories to cherish.

Peace.
Cary

New Officer Class starts
Sunday, September 17,
Room 205 in the Bullard Building



Dear SHPC Friends,

School has started. We are about to launch into the programmatic year for our church and so our ordinary patterns - Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, Alphabet Generations, Choirs, Handbells, Wednesday Bible Study are starting. **September 10 at 9:00 am** I hope you will celebrate this beginning with our **Rally Day Breakfast in the Bullard Building**. We will gather at 9:00 am and hear about different educational opportunities within our church. Then, at 9:30 am classes will have a time to meet with each other for time together.

A new educational opportunity I am excited about is our **"Conversations with Scripture"** class. This class hopes to have intentional small group time that looks at a guiding Scripture then discusses how it relates to our lives. I have heard from several members the desire to get to know each other in deeper ways - to have time together. My hope is that this group can and will do this. Weeks when this group has more than 10-12 people, it will split into smaller groups so that everyone's voice can be heard. The goal of this group is to reach those of us who have not been to Sunday school in a while or might be looking for a place that's the right fit. Join us on Sept. 10 in the gym to hear more about this class and then come Sept. 17 to the Parlor to be a part of something new.

I am also excited to be co-teaching **Word in the Week** again with Cary, **Wednesdays at noon**. We will be digging into Genesis, looking at the complicated relationships of families and people even at the beginning. Genesis is so rich of stories of people struggling to live together; there's so much we can learn from the complex family of faith.

Jesus was all about relationships. Jesus met people where they were and engaged them in conversations - these conversations changed these people's lives and had an impact on Jesus' ministry. We worship a God who is in community - Father, Son and Spirit. When we affirm the Trinity, we see that part of who God is, part of God's identity is communal. We can't separate one part of the Trinity from another: God, Jesus, and the Spirit are intertwined, connected, one in three and three in one. God hopes for us to be in community too - with God and each other. For me, the ways we grow and change as disciples and as a church happen through conversations and relationships with one another and the people we meet outside our church doors. It's why I love opportunities like Montreat conferences, mission trips, mission work days, Yeomen work days, Confirmation, choir, supper clubs, coffee meetings, and visiting members. This fall, I hope you will find an opportunity to get to know people around you in new and deeper ways - it's how we see God in the world.

Grace and Peace,

Anna Fulmer Duke





Creation Care Team Featured Tip for September:

RECYCLING IN MOBILE

The Mobile County Recycling Center, sponsored by Goodwill, is located at 7250 Hitt Road in Mobile. For hours of operation and a list of things that they recycle, you may go to mobilerecycles.com or call (251)459-8426. You will be amazed at all the things you can drop off at the Mobile Recycling Center, INCLUDING GLASS. Always remember to follow the sorting guidelines.



Presbyterian Women Kick-Off the 2023-2024 Year!

August 9th marked the annual gathering of the combined Day and Night Circles to start another year of Bible Study, fellowship, and supporting the mission work of Presbyterian Women (PW).

Each of our circles meets on the second Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall. The Day Circle meets at 9:45 a.m., and the Night Circle meets at 4:00 p.m.

New members are welcome! If you would like to be part of one of these caring communities of women, here are contact persons to call for information:

Day Circle: Dianne Oveson, (251) 455-6736

Night Circle: Susan Tomlinson, (251) 209-0792

Either Circle: Dale Hair (770) 335-3391



PNC

The Pastor Nominating Committee has reviewed over 100 candidates for our Head of Staff position. We continue to meet weekly to narrow down the list and are working diligently to discern who the best candidate might be for our congregation. While we can't be specific on any details, know that we continue to be guided by the input each of you provided early in the process and we ask for your ongoing prayers and patience..

MEMORIALS

Kaye Bradshaw

Burton Hoitt

Jane Bulwinkle

Bill Lawrence

Bernice Riedeburg

Gaillard Hamilton

Wanda Lawrence

Donated by:

Anne Barresi

Susan Schlichting

Ruth Fitzgerald

Carol McCormick

Jim Booth

Marcy Harris

Suzanne Bartoli

Luann Rice

Tom Landry

Mark & Carol Campbell

Ferdie Johnston

Lee & Joan Weeks

Greg & Jamie Sadd

Pete & Ann Robinson

Barry & Lisa McKinley

Norman McCrummen

Mildred Hobbs

Jeremy & Rachel Taylor

Sonshine Circle— Aldersgate United Methodist Church



THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF the congregation are with Patsy Hamilton on the death of her husband, Gaillard Hamilton on July 23, 2023.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF the congregation are with Marcia & Ted Auttersen on the death of her father, Thomas "Tommy" Conine on August 3, 2023, in Georgia.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF the congregation are with the family of Kaye Bradshaw on her death August 1, 2023.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF the congregation are with John & Susan Hoitt on the death of Burton Hoitt, John's father, on August 1, 2023, in Pensacola Florida.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are to Donna Lagomarsino on the death of her sister Susan Ellen Abramowitz on August 19, 2023.

Statement as of July 31, 2023

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 765,766
Year-to-date Received	\$ 465,266
Other Receipts	\$ 27,400
Total Receipts	\$ 492,665
Benevolences	\$ 33,011
Salaries and Services	\$ 272,342
Programs	\$ 22,070
Office Expenses	\$ 16,065
General and Plant Services	\$ 157,910
Other	\$ 14,319
Total Expenses	\$ 515,716
Excess Receipts over (under)Expenses	\$ (23,051)

Fall Adult Educational Opportunities this Fall

See what's happening this fall at SHPC with Bible Discovery and Current Issues. Also, try something new! We have a new Sunday morning opportunity, Conversations with Scripture!

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE

This Fall join us for a new Sunday School option! This discussion based, small group class will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. We will have discussion about how scripture can and does relate to our lives.

BIBLE DISCOVERY CLASS

Meets in the Conference Room at 9:00 on Sunday mornings and uses the PCUSA curriculum "Feasting on the Word" which studies the lectionary passages for each week. This class is for adults of all ages.

Sept. 10: Rally Day

Sept. 17: Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24: Matthew 20:1-16

ALPHABET GENERATIONS

Meets in the Bullard Building at 5:00 PM on Sunday evenings. This class is for people in their 20s to early 50s. After the study, adults and their families are invited to stay for dinner at 6:00 pm.



2023 Fall Current Issues Class Rallies Around Timely Topics And Guest Speakers

Several themes will guide our fall semester:

- Addressing poverty in our local community,
- Reflecting on the Theology of Stewardship,
- Considering the impact of Climate Issues globally and locally.

Here is what's on the agenda for September:

Sept. 10 – Rally Day and Pot-Luck Breakfast (Bullard Building)

Sept. 17 – Love All Food Pantry at Central Presbyterian (Connie Guggenbiller, Director)

Sept. 24 – Theology of Stewardship (Stewardship Committee: Harvie Jordan and Courtney Perry)

Come and Sing!


Four Centuries of the Roaring Twenties

A Hymn Festival

Thursday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

In our Sanctuary

We will sing hymns from the 1720s, 1820s, 1920s, and even the 2020s, in this program curated and led by the noted hymnology scholar Dr. Nancy Graham, with members of the Mobile Chapter of The American Guild of Organists in the choir and serving as organists and pianists. Our Chancel Choir will also sing.



Rally Day
September 10
Bullard Building
@ 9:00 am

Stewardship October 1
Biscuits with Blessings


Hymn Festival
September 28

**Save the
Dates**

**Trunk or
Treat**
Oct 26

Dedication Sunday
October 15

**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS**
OCTOBER 22, 4:00 PM

The background is a light blue color with several stylized hands in various shades of blue and green. Some hands are holding red hearts, while others have white hearts on them. There are also small red dots scattered throughout the background.

SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

RALLY DAY

Join us to see what is starting this fall!

Bible Discovery Class

Current Issues

Alphabet Generations

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

Confirmation Class

Children & Youth Choirs

Youth Group

Coffee & Conversations

Wednesday Bible Study

SEPTEMBER

10

9:00 AM

**BULLARD
BUILDING**

Breakfast, Fellowship
and Fall Schedules.

Signup sheet for Breakfast is
in the Hallway.

Youth Ministry this Fall

Youth Group will kick off September 10 at 6:00 pm. Join us for dinner, trivia, and time together! Confirmation and Youth Sunday School begin their year Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:00 am with our Rally Day Breakfast. Look below to see what else is happening this month!

Date	Youth Sunday School at 9:00 am in Youth Room, Bullard Building	Confirmation at 9:00 am in Confirmation Room (Bullard Building)	Youth Choirs, Alphabet Generations, and Youth Group Schedule
Sept. 10	Rally Day Breakfast and Lesson with Allison Snelling	Rally Day Breakfast and Confirmation Parent Meeting	Alphabet Generations & Choirs at 5:00 pm Youth Group Dinner & Kick-Off 6:00, Trivia
Sept. 17	Matthew 18:21-35 with Allison	What is Confirmation?	Alphabet Generations & Choirs at 5:00 pm. Dinner & Youth Group: Visitor Night! Invite a Friend! 6:00 pm
Sept. 24	Matthew 20:1-16 with Sarah Katherine (SK) Clarke	Attend a Different Worship Service	Alphabet Generations & Choirs at 5:00 pm. Potluck Dinner & Youth Group: Songs that Inspire Us , 6:00 pm
Oct 1	Stewardship Event	Stewardship Event	Alphabet Generations & Choirs at 5:00 pm. Dinner & Youth Group at 6:00 pm: Montreat Meeting, Blessing of the Animal Sign-Ups, and Devotional

Children's Ministry this Fall

Nursery is available for our youngest worshippers (birth-3 years) from 9:00-11:30 am in the Bullard Building.

Children's Sunday School is each Sunday morning at 9:00 am for children 3K-5th grade. Our Children will be using the PCUSA curriculum, "Feasting on the Word" engaging in Scripture for 45 minutes then doing service projects for 15 minutes each week.

Children's Church is back! Children's Church is for children 3K-1st grade. Our young children will stay in worship through the Children's Message and then will walk over to the Bullard Building with two volunteers to hear a story and engage in learning centers.

Children's Choirs will typically meet three times a month. This year Children's Choirs will be in the Bullard Building. Alphabet Generations will be meeting at 5:00 pm during Children's Choirs.

Date	Children's Sunday School at 9:00 am, Upstairs Bullard	Children's Church (at 10:30 am), Bullard	Children's Choirs/Alphabet Generations/Dinner
Sept. 10	Rally Day with Marianna Parker & Amy Patterson	Two Coats for Joseph with Emily Thurston & Emily Anne Foster	Choirs & Alphabet Generations at 5:00 pm, and Dinner at 6:00 pm
Sept. 17	Matthew 18:21-35 & Backpack for Kids with Marianna and Amy	Plenty to Eat (Joseph and his brothers with Mary Katherine Martin & Mary Anne Martin	Choirs & Alphabet Generations at 5:00 pm, and Dinner at 6:00 pm
Sept. 24	Matthew 20:1-16 & Cards with Marianna and Amy	Safe in a Basket, Baby Moses with Michelle Hill & Allison Snelling	Choirs & Alphabet Generations at 5:00 pm, and Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm

Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Sherry Coats, Edith Cox, Rhen Druhan, Chrisy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Frankx, Sheryne Massa Glicksman, Veon Graves, Gwen Greer, Ann Hafner, Bill Harris, Andrea Wiik Hinton, Jackie Martin Haskew, Lauren Henson, Burton, Bill Layfield, Steve Ledbetter, Kay Korb, Lynn Martin, Marilyn Michel, Margaret Miller, Betty Minto, Robert Modica, Mary Owen, 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: Susanna Hedrick, Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio.



A message from your Stewardship Committee

Hello, SHPC family! Stewardship season is all year round. Thank you so much for all that you do in the life of our church to help one another as well as extend God's love out into our community.

The Stewardship Committee is working in partnership with Christian Education to deliver a Sunday school session **on Sunday, September 24**. We will be delving into the scripture regarding how we are called to steward God's gifts to us through mission and ministry. Please join us if you are able!

You are also cordially invited to attend **"Biscuits with Blessings"** (formerly known as Grits and Gratitude) **on Sunday, October 1, at 9:00 AM** in the Bullard Building. It's been a few years since we have been able to hold an event like a church wide breakfast and we are eager to fellowship and join in grateful reflection. We will be hearing from those we serve in our Community as they reflect on the ways that our sacrificial giving as a church family is making real transformational change in the lives of some of the most vulnerable in our local community and state. We will also be joining together in song through hymns during this time to celebrate and reflect on the many blessings God provides.

Please know within the next few weeks you will receive a financial pledge card and a time and talent survey for the 2024 calendar year. We ask that you prayerfully consider your commitments for next year and bring these items with you to church on **Sunday, October 15, Dedication Sunday**. You may also submit this information via email to Susan Richardson at accounting@springhillprebyterian.org.

Grace and peace,

Courtney Perry, Harvie Jordan, and Mark Scott

SHPC Stewardship Committee



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 everyone 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)

Who: 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 on Sept. 6

Notes: This is an auditioned group requiring strong music reading skills. Contact Randy for information.

Youth Singers (Randy Sheets, director)

Who: Youth, grades 6-12

When: Sundays, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 10

Children's Choirs (Susan Hoitt, coordinator of children's music ministries)

Who: Children K-3 through Grade 5

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

Notes: Begins on Sept. 10, in new rooms in the Bullard Building

Instrumental Ensemble (Buddy Porter, director)

Who: Intergenerational group of persons who play concert band and orchestral instruments

When: Keep your eyes peeled and your ears keen for more information.



Singing Our Faith!

Children's Choirs Kick off

Sunday, September 10

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ages K3 – 5th grade

Singing – Playing Instruments – Ice Cream Sundaes

Come join us in our new choir rooms 203 & 211 in the Bullard Building.

I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Psalm 27:6

Religious Arts

ART IN THE LIBRARY

Art in the Library welcomes the work of Ann Holston for September and October. Ann is an active member of our church and community and you will want to see her paintings and her more recent passion of making jewelry. The jewelry will be on display after church the next two Sundays, September 3 & 10, (along with Ann to give in person descriptions) and photos will be on display for the duration of the show. She welcomes orders and has ongoing stock at the Mobile Botanical Gardens shop and at Innova Arts on Old Shell Road. Please come take a look.

Ann Mathis Holston

Jewelry and Painting Artist



Hi friends! I am a native of Mobile, Alabama and have been a member of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church since the 60's! After graduation from the University of Southern Mississippi, I married and later had 2 sons. Teaching young children became my passion for thirty plus years in the Mobile County Public School System. Soon after retiring, I decided I wanted to learn to paint. I started with watercolor (which is by far the hardest to learn and master) and moved into acrylics, where I enjoyed creating whimsical paintings of pets and other fun subjects. While that was enjoy-

able, I really had a desire to create jewelry! I got the love of jewelry from my mother, but creating it would be a challenge I hoped to accomplish! Locating Shelley Ingersoll, who is a master silversmith and owner of Innova Arts, I started my jewelry journey with her and other artisans. I still work in her studio, as well as my own, creating sterling silver, copper and bronze pieces consisting of cuffs, earrings, rings and pendants! To date, my passion to create is still ALIVE!!!




MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART TOUR

Many who attended Jon Carfagno's Sunday School class last Sunday were interested in a tour of the museum. Please circle **November 4 at 10:30** for a tour with Jon and Dutch treat lunch afterwards.

A sign up sheet will be in the hall or contact Bonney Irwin at 251-680-2060 or bonneyi@bellsouth.net.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday Schools 9:00 am</p> <p>Youth & Children's Choirs 5:00 pm</p> <p>Alphabet Generation 5:00 pm</p> <p>Youth Group 6:00 pm</p>					1	2
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<p>Sunday School</p> <p>Worship</p>	Office Closed	<p>Committees</p> <p>MSC</p>	<p>PWCT</p> <p>Handbells</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p> <p>Al-Anon</p>			<p>Yeoman</p> <p>Workday</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Rally Day Breakfast</p> <p>Worship -Rally Day</p> <p>Alphabet Gen.</p> <p>Choirs</p> <p>Youth Group</p>	MSC	MSC	<p>Day Circle</p> <p>Word In the Week</p> <p>Night Circle</p> <p>Handbells</p> <p>Al-Anon</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p>			AA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Sunday School</p> <p>Worship-Communion</p> <p>Alphabet Gen.</p> <p>Choirs</p> <p>Youth Group</p>	MSC	<p>MSC</p> <p>Session</p> <p>Diaconate</p>	<p>Congregational Care</p> <p>Word In the Week</p> <p>Handbells</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p> <p>Al-Anon</p>	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>Deadline</p>		AA
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Sunday School</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Alphabet Gen.</p> <p>Choirs</p> <p>Youth Group</p>	MSC	MSC	<p>Word In the Week</p> <p>Handbells</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p> <p>Al-Anon</p>	<p>Hymn Fest</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>Sanctuary</p> 		AA