



SPRING HILL MESSENGER September 2024

Dear Saints of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

As we continue our journey together, I am filled with gratitude for the warm welcome I have received from this wonderful community. The past month has been a time of settling in and beginning to connect with many of you. I am eager to see how God will work in and through us in the months ahead.

Dinner Groups: Coming Soon!

Last month, I introduced the idea of forming dinner groups, a significant step in our journey to deepen our connections, understand our community's needs, and strengthen our relationship with God. As we move from the planning stages to the actual formation of these groups this month, I urge you to stay tuned for more details on how you can participate. These gatherings will be a unique opportunity for us to share stories, listen deeply, and discern together where God is leading us as a church family.



As we progress, the success of our ministries is not just a responsibility of the leadership but a shared endeavor that depends on your active participation and support. Whether helping with Christian education, volunteering in our outreach programs, or participating in the upcoming dinner groups, your involvement is crucial. Our ministries are growing, and with that growth comes the need for more hands and hearts to share the load.

Two great ways to participate in the church's life are joining us for our worship services and the Rally Day kickoff for Christian education. Worship is the heartbeat of our community, where we come together to praise God, seek guidance, and find strength for the journey. Rally Day is a joyful time to recommit ourselves to learning and growing in our faith. It marks the beginning of a new season of Christian education, with opportunities for all ages to engage in Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual formation. Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church, Rally Day is the perfect time to dive into our educational programs and discover new ways to grow in your faith.

I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the life of our church. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, welcoming community that reflects God's love and grace. As we enter this new season, I am filled with anticipation for what God has in store for us. Let's embrace this journey with hearts open to the Spirit's leading. I look forward to seeing you in worship, at Rally Day, and in the many other activities that make our church a place of joy, service, and spiritual growth.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Brandon E. Miles

Coming this Fall



A message from the Stewardship Committee

As we begin to transition from Summer to the busy days of Fall, The Stewardship Committee would like to put a date on your calendar. **Sunday, October 20** is Dedication Sunday. We will hear an inspirational message delivered by our special guest preacher, Rev. Betsy Swetenburg from Northridge Presbyterian in Dallas, Texas. Then at the conclusion of the 10:30 worship service we will place our pledge cards on the communion table and proceed to the Bullard Building for a celebration lunch.

In the weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday, we will share some brief video presentations from our members. A common theme in these talks is the feeling that Spring Hill Presbyterian Church is a special and loving church family. Our supportive and caring church family is certainly one of the many blessings we enjoy. What is God calling you to give in return for all His gracious gifts? We can look forward to celebrating God's goodness on October 20!



Conversations with Scripture

Sunday School Fall Series

This fall, the Conversations with Scripture Sunday school option returns with three themes that encourage discussion about how scripture can and does relate to our lives and the world today. This small group, intergenerational class, will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Parlor.



We use the PCUSA "Follow Me" series curriculum based on Jesus' practices, actions, and teachings. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this curriculum explores where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.

Three series will guide us through the fall and into the Advent season while also being mindful of church wide events scheduled during the Sunday school hour:

"Follow Jesus" looks at Jesus' invitation, following Jesus in community, seeing through the lens of love, and teaching others to follow.

"Worship God" examines how the worship actions we do together shape us to be people following Jesus in the world.

"Do Not Fear" is our Advent series that studies the phrase "do not fear" which appears in Scripture. 365 times.

We appreciate and rely on volunteer facilitators from the class to lead the lesson and discussion. Please contact Daniel or Sara McGough with any questions about the class or to sign up to facilitate a lesson.

Join us in the Parlor on September 15th!

September 2024 Current Issues Classes

A Deep Dive into Personal Stories of Lives Lived, Lessons Learned, and Wisdom for the Ages!

Sept. 8 – Rally Day and Pot-Luck Breakfast in the Bullard Building. Overview of Christian Ed. offerings for all ages.

Sept. 15 – Pat Edington – Tell Me YOUR Story! Somewhat like Forrest Gump, Pat Edington has lived a remarkable life that intersected with major events in our nation's history. She has been a minister's wife at a time of great civil unrest, a friend to Presidents, a force for social justice, and a devoted member of our church – giving of her time and many talents. What wisdom have her life experiences brought to her?

Sept. 22 – John Archibald, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of “Shaking the Gates of Hell.” In this memoir, Archibald turns the spotlight on his own family, especially his father, a third-generation Methodist minister who held prominent pulpits in Birmingham, and other large Alabama churches during the tumultuous era of the civil rights movement. Archibald leaves us with penetrating questions about the church's role in a conspiracy of silence, and questions we ask ourselves as Christians today.

Sept. 29 – Hilda Gewin, our own centenarian – “Tell Me YOUR Story.” All are invited today as we celebrate the 100th birthday of a member of our own congregation. Recently Nancy Adams interviewed Hilda in her home and William Stoll recorded it. We will show the recorded interview, followed by a time of Q&A with Hilda. Imagine the changes in her life and our country that Hilda has witnessed. What was it like for her growing up? What are her most unforgettable memories and fondest moments? Following worship today, we will have birthday cake and beverages in Fellowship Hall to celebrate.

The Current Issues class meets in person in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-10:00 a.m. All are welcome! Participation by Zoom will be offered when possible.

Religious Arts

The Religious Arts committee is organizing a trip to the Africatown Heritage House to see Clotilda: The Exhibition. It will be on Saturday, Sept. 7th at 10 am. We will meet at the church at 9am and carpool. This exhibit covers the story of 110 remarkable men, women and children, from their West African beginnings, to their settlement of Africatown, and the discovery of the sunken schooner. This is a limited space group tour so please sign up to attend in the hallway.



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)

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 on Sept. 4

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. 8

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. 8, upstairs in the Bullard Building

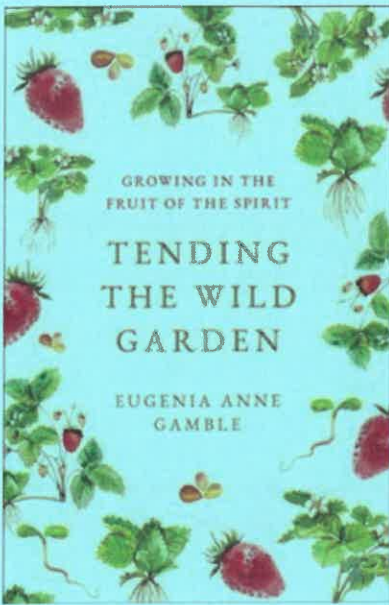
Instrumental Ensemble (Buddy Porter, director)

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

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

Eugenia Gamble's NEW Book

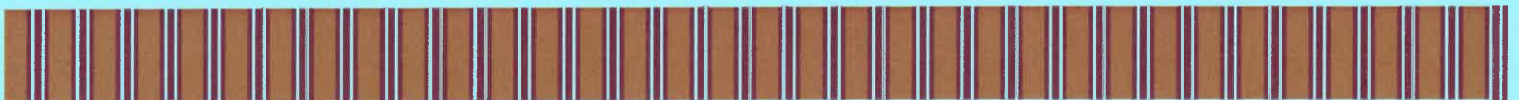
Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit



All Adult Sunday School Classes will meet together at **9:00 on October 6th** to hear Eugenia Gamble present an overview of her new book, *Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*. This will be a churchwide event; and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Follow-up conversation based on this book will be offered in each of the Adult Sunday School Classes on October 13th and 20th.

Cost is \$20.00 from Westminster John Knox Press or Amazon (some other sources as well). Eugenia Gamble will bring some books for purchase when she speaks on October 6th.



Children's Choirs Kick Off!

On Sunday, September 8, we are kicking off the season with our usual fun and educational activities! All children ages K3 - 5th grade are welcome to attend. During Kick off, the children will get a chance to experience handbell ringing, sing some great songs, make crafts, enjoy some musical games and make their own sundaes! We will meet upstairs in the Bullard Building in room 203 from 5:00 - 6:00.

Registration forms are available in the hall outside of the sanctuary and at kick off. Let's join our voices, hands and hearts in love and praise!



Celebrating Sallie!

Please join us to celebrate 36 years of service and dedication to Spring Hill Presbyterian Church with Sallie Connell. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall on September 8 following worship.

SEPTEMBER YEOMAN WORKDAY

The next Yeoman's work day will be Saturday, Sept 14 from 8 to 11 AM at the church. Details on projects for the day will be emailed out later. Tentative plans are to continue cleaning sidewalks and curbs, and do some outdoor painting if the weather cooperates.



Statement as of July 31, 2024

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$	784,994
Year-to-date Received	\$	482,236
Other Receipts	\$	40,150
Total Receipts	\$	522,386
Benevolences	\$	32,106
Salaries and Services	\$	249,280
Programs	\$	17,408
Office Expenses	\$	15,791
General and Plant Services	\$	178,114
Other	\$	15,364
Total Expenses	\$	508,063
Excess Receipts over (under)Expenses	\$	14,323

SHPC Fall Series: Join a Small Group for Dinner!

Would you like to connect more deeply with one another at SHPC? Understand the needs of our community? Strengthen our relationship with God? Look for more information to participate in the Small Group Dinner series this fall!





RALLY DAY

JOIN US TO SEE WHAT IS STARTING THIS FALL!

SEPT 8, 2024 | 9:00 AM
BULLARD BUILDING

Breakfast, Fellowship
and Fall Schedules

Sign up sheet for Breakfast in the Hallway.

ADULT STUDY CLASSES

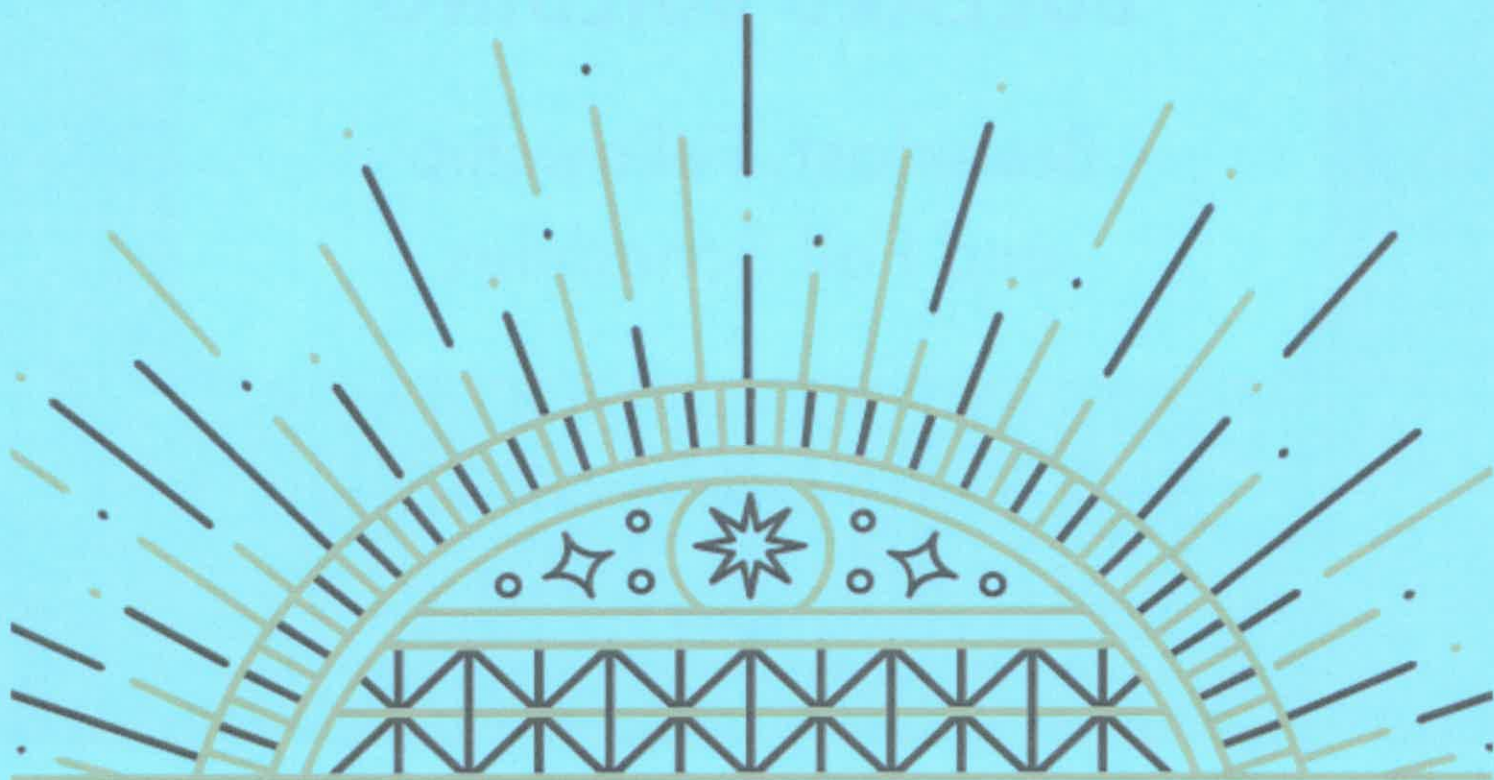
Presbyterian Women
Alphabet Generations
Bible Discovery
Conversations with Scripture
Current Issues

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children's Church
Children's Choir
Children's Sunday School

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Group
Youth Choir
Youth Sunday School





Fall 2024 Children's Schedule



DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL - MORNINGS 9:00AM IN THE BULLARD BUILDING	CHOIR - REHEARSALS 5 - 6PM ON SUNDAYS IN THE BULLARD BUILDING
SEP 08	↘ Mark 7:24-37, Pray Boldly	↘ Kick off rehearsal
SEP 15	↘ Mark 8:27-38, Who Am I?	↘ Rehearsal
SEP 22	↘ Mark 9:30-37, You Before Me	↘ Rehearsal
SEP 29	↘ James 5:13-20, Let's Pray	↘ Rehearsal
OCT 06	↘ Mark 10:2-16, Especially the Children	↘ Rehearsal
OCT 13	↘ Mark 10:17-31, Follow Me	↘ No Rehearsal - Blessing of the Animals
OCT 20	↘ Mark 10:35-45, Servant Love	↘ Dedication Sunday - Sing in worship (Elementary choir only) Rehearsal at 5
OCT 27	↘ Mark 10:46-52, Helping Others	↘ Rehearsal
NOV 03	↘ Ruth 1:1-18, Wherever You Go	↘ Rehearsal
NOV 10	↘ Mark 12:38-44, For Two Coins	↘ Rehearsal
NOV 17	↘ Mark 13:1-8, God's in Charge	↘ Children's Sunday - Sing in worship (Cherub and Elementary Choirs) Rehearsal at 5
NOV 24	↘ John 18:3-37, King Jesus	↘ No Rehearsal
DEC 01	↘ Jeremiah 33:14-16, Hope	↘ Rehearsal
DEC 08	↘ Luke 1:69-79, The Path of Peace	↘ Rehearsal
DEC 15	↘ Isaiah 12:2-6, Praise and Joy	↘ Sing in Worship (Cherub and Elementary Choirs)
DEC 22	↘ Micah 5:2-5a, A Surprise	↘ No Rehearsal
DEC 24	↘ No Sunday School	↘ Christmas Eve Service - Sing in worship (Cherub and Elementary Choirs)
DEC 29	↘ No Sunday School	↘ No Rehearsal
JAN 05	↘ Ephesians 1:3-14, Blessings from God	↘ No Rehearsal





SHPC Youth Fall 2024 Calendar



DATE	TIME	EVENT
AUG 04	12:00PM	Afternoon Retreat - Swimming at Dog River
SEP 08	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Rally Day Trivia
SEP 15	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Study using Practicing Joy #1
SEP 22	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Study using Practicing Joy #2
SEP 29	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Mission: Making Casseroles
OCT 06	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Games Night
OCT 13		No Youth Group - Blessing of the Animals
OCT 20	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Study using Practicing Joy #3
OCT 27	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Mission: Halloween Can or Treat
NOV 03	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Study using Practicing Joy #4
NOV 10	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Games Night
NOV 17	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Mission: Random Acts of Kindness
NOV24 DEC01		No Youth Group
DEC 08	6:00PM	Dinner & Youth Group - Youth Christmas Party
DEC15 DEC22		No Youth Group

◆ Youth Choir

Fall 2024 Sunday School Schedule



DATE

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:00AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

SEP 08	➤ Proper 18: Mark 7:24-37, Jesus Honors and Syrophenician's Woman's Faith
SEP 15	➤ Proper 19: Mark 8:27-38, Peter Declares that Jesus is the Messiah
SEP 22	➤ Proper 20: Mark 9:30-37, Jesus Predicts his Death a 2nd time
SEP 29	➤ Proper 21: James 5:13-20, The Prayer of Faith
OCT 06	➤ Church-Wide Sunday School with Eugenia Gamble
OCT 13	➤ Proper 23: Mark 19:17-31, The Rich and the Kingdom of God
OCT 20	➤ Proper 24: Mark 10:35-45, The Request of James and John
OCT 27	➤ Proper 25: Mark 10:46-52, Blind Bartimaeus Receives his Sight
NOV 03	➤ Proper 26: Ruther 1:1-18, Naomi and Ruth
NOV 10	➤ Proper 27: Mark 12:38-44, The Widow's Offering
NOV 17	➤ Proper 28: Mark 13:1-8, The Destruction of the Temple
NOV 24	➤ Proper 29: John 18:33-37, Jesus before Pilate
DEC 01	➤ Advent 1: Jeremiah 33:14-15, The Good Branch
DEC 08	➤ Advent 2: Luke 1:68-79, Zechariah's Prophecy
DEC 15	➤ Advent 3: Isaiah 12:2-6, Thanksgiving and Praise
DEC 22	➤ Advent 4: Micah 5:2-5a, The Ruler from Bethlehem
DEC 29	➤ No Sunday School
JAN 05	➤ 2nd Sun after Christmas, Eph. 1:3-14, The Glory of God

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MEMORIALS
Dick Pennington

Joyce & Bob Baker

Anne Meador

Ellen & Rex McDowell

Lola Lecraw



THE PRAYERS AND THE SYMPATHY of the congregation are with Johnny Dorminy on the death of his mother, Christine Dorminy on August 26, 2024.


Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Ted Auttersen, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, John Carr, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Deneen Massa Cook, Sherry Coats, Sallie Connell, Jamie Crawford, Kathi Dagley, Brom Dixon, 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, Becky Lord, Kay Korb, Jacque Marrero, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Betty Minto, Mary Owen, Margie Spaulding, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Marcia Willett, Ann Wilson, Andy Whar-ton, Ronnie Wright and all our military members: Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio.

WE REJOICE WITH Mary Alyce & Cory Cain on the birth of their daughter Hazel Widney Cain, on August 4, 2024, in Decatur GA. Barkley & Lewis Shreve are the grandparents.



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Schools 9:00 a.m.</p>						
1 Worship	2 Office Closed Happy Labor Day.	3 Painting Pals Staff Meeting Committees MSC	4 PWCT Chancel Choir Al-Anon	5	6	7 Africatown Heritage Museum Tour AA
8 Rally Day Pot Luck Breakfast Worship Reception for Sallie Connell Children Choir Youth Singers Dinner & Youth	9 Outreach MSC Girl Scout Boy Scouts	10 Painting Pals Staff Meeting MSC	11 Day Circle Afternoon Circle Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir Al-Anon	12	13	14 Chancel Choir Retreat AA
15 Sunday Schools Worship - Communion Children Choir Youth Singers Dinner & Youth Group	16	17 Painting Pals Staff Meeting Session	18 Congregational Care Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir Al-Anon	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21
22 Church Wide Sunday School Worship Children Choir Youth Singers Dinner & Youth Group	23	24 Painting Pals Staff Meeting	25 Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir Al-Anon	26	27 Hilda Gewin's 	28
29 Worship Children Choir Youth Singers Dinner & Youth Group	30					

