

SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

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From the Pastor's Desk...

On Thursday, November 12, Spring Hill will host a dinner for the congregation of Ahavas Chesed. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Bullard Building.

The same gathering last year was a great success. Both congregations felt wonderfully blessed to sit down at table together, to pray together, and to remember how God first brought us together on November 14, 2007.

I hope that you will again respond to this opportunity to extend hospitality to our Jewish brothers and sisters. One of the most significant marks of the early church was a hospitable spirit. Let's again demonstrate that spirit and convey to Ahavas Chesed our delight in their company and our gratitude to God for bringing us together.

Yours in Him,

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*The Lord's Supper
will be celebrated
November 29,
the first Sunday of Advent.*



Church Calendar November 2009

- 1 Kirkin' o' the Tartans 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. followed by Lunch
- 2 Stephen Ministers – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- 3 Committees
- 4 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night and Bible Study - 5:45 p.m.
- 5 1st Thursday Lunch – 11:45 p.m.
- 8 Eric Metaxas – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services – dinner at
6:00 p.m. followed by lecture by Eric Metaxas
- 9 Stephen Ministers – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- 10 Men's Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
Diaconate – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Circles
- 12 Dinner with our Jewish Friends – 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Meals on Wheels – 10:30
- 16 Newsletter Deadline – 9:00 a.m.
Stephen Ministers – 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Session – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Stewardship Sunday
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at SHPC – 7:00 p.m.
followed by reception
- 25 Church office closed
- 26 Thanksgiving – church office closed
- 27 Church office closed
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent – Lord's Supper

Presbyterian Women Activities

Schedule

Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Circles will meet on Wednesday, November 11 as follows:

#1 at 10:00 a.m.

(home of Hilda Gewin 4272 Bit & Spur Road, #5)

#3 at 9:30 a.m. *in the parlor*

#4 at 7:00 p.m. *in the parlor*

Place the following dates on your 2010 calendar:

March 19, 2010. PW Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, Andalusia, Ala.

June 3-5, 2010. Synod of Living Waters PW Gathering, First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Ala.

July 21-23, 2010. AL/MS Women's Conference here at Spring Hill Presbyterian.

Ernestine McElroy Honored

Presbyterian Women recognized Ernestine McElroy with an Honorary Life Membership during a luncheon Oct. 14 at the church. About 30 members, relatives and friends attended the noon luncheon. The members recognized Ernestine McElroy for her many years of service to Presbyterian Women. They also took up the Thank Offering.

Presbyterian by Design

The design of the honorary Life Membership pin was adopted in celebration of coming together of Presbyterian Women from the former United Presbyterian Church I, the U.S.A., and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The caring supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, symbol of the newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women.

When you see a Presbyterian woman wearing this pin, you know she has been distinguished as receiving the honorary Life Member Award.

On the national PW Web site, you will be able to order lapel pins. I encourage you to wear it on Sundays, as well as the life membership pins, for those of you who have them.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

We Study Together

This year Presbyterian Women are studying the book of Joshua and even though we will cover the third lesson this month, members are still encouraged to read the entire Old Testament book before the next circle meetings.

Those who want to learn more about Joshua can join one of three circles, all of which meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

Take Note

If you have the September/October issue of Horizons magazine, please take a few minutes to read the article by Bligh Jones, a member of Government Street Presbyterian.

Some of the information listed above will continue to run throughout the next few months. Hopefully you all will become more familiar with an organization that has made a difference with the help of generations of women.

From your "Communicator"

When I was asked to gather information about SHPC's PW for the church newsletter, I said I would think about it, but knew right away that I would do it.

About a year after I graduated from Spelman College, my mother asked me to put together the handbook for what was then the Women of the Church (WOC) of Pineview Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. (That handbook was similar to the one used at this church.) Little did I know it then, but a seed was planted. One day I would follow my mother into Presbyterian Women, just as countless other daughters have joined their mothers, and even grandmothers, in an organization whose members cross age, ethnic, racial, color, economic, social, educational barriers, extending beyond state lines, national boundaries and oceans.

As we prepare to host our sisters from the five presbyteries that make up Mississippi and Alabama, I encourage you to get to know more about PW. Susan Tomlinson has redone the PW bulletin board in the main hallway. Check it out.

PWs On Line

On your computer, add to your lists of favorites the Web pages every PW should have.

Synod of Living Waters, www.pwslivingwaters.org
PW/ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., www.pcusa.org/pw

On the Living Waters Web site, you can read the PW newsletters from the other presbyteries.

Let us work to become a community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

May God continue to bless you all.

Rhoda A. Pickett,
PW Communicator

To submit Presbyterian Women's News, contact Rhoda by email rpickett@press-register.com



Music Notes

from Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Worship during Advent and Christmas

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

At Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
Sunday night, Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m.
(the Sunday before Thanksgiving)
Musical Offerings by the SHPC Chancel Choir
And an Ecumenical Children's Choir

Sun., Nov. 29.

The first Sunday of Advent. Holy Communion.

Sun., Dec. 6.

Cantata Sunday, with music by the Chancel Choir,
brass and wind instruments.

Sun., Dec. 13.

Children and Youth present Christmas music in worship

Sun., Dec. 20.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve worship at 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Sun., Dec. 27.

Only one morning worship service (11:00 a.m.)

Help make the "Joyful" Noise!

Sound Team Members Needed.

Persons (grade 11 through adults) are needed to run our sound booth and make recordings of our 11:00 am worship services and other events in the sanctuary. If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Randy Sheets at the church.

Delicious Musical Treat for Young People

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza: A Program to Introduce Young People to the Pipe Organ.

Randy Sheets is coordinating this program, led by the members of the Mobile Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Saturday morning, Nov. 7. Children and young people from grade 3 and up are invited to register and participate in this program in which they will hear performances on the organs at All Saints Episcopal and Dauphin Way United Methodist. Each person will get hands-on time with both instruments. Featured performances include Bach's famous "Tocatta in D Minor" and "A Sweet for Mother Goose" performed by Vera Lynn Sheets, narrator and Jeff Clearman, organist. Contact Randy Sheets or see information and obtain registration form at www.shpc.us/music.

Dr. Sheets goes Organic

Organ Recital in Gulf Shores

Randy Sheets will be one of three organists to perform in recital on Sunday night, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, 1900 Gulf Shores Parkway. Randy will play the Bach "St. Anne" fugue and the Sousa "Washington Post" March. Helen Rogers (of St. James Episcopal, Fairhope) and Jackie Dahlman (of the host church) will perform works by Bach, Franck, and others. Also included will be a work for organ and clarinet.

Get your Bodoni on!...

Calling all Graphic Designers and Artists

Our music ministries frequently need expertly and beautifully designed flyers, brochures, and posters. If you have these talents and skills as an artist and/or in graphic design and are willing to share your gifts, please contact Randy Sheets at the church (rsheets@springhillpresbyterian.org)

"GOT PICTURES?"

Do you have any photographs of recent church activities? We would like to see your photos for possible inclusion in the new pictorial directory. Prints or digital images are welcomed.

Contact Jeff Stoll at 610-4289 for details.



Schedules and Opportunities

Current Issues Sunday School Class:

11/01 Kathy Hamilton: "Senior Health Issues - How to Cope and Bounce Back Successfully"

11/08 Billy McLean: "Christian Ethics Day by Day"

11/15 Pat Ray: "Out of Horror: Hope: A Biblical-based Study of Torture's Ravages and our Potential Responses in the Reformed Tradition". Based on an extensive course from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program (PCUSA). (Part One)

11/22 Pat Ray: "Out of Horror: Hope"...(Part Two)

11/29 TBA

Give Thanks Together



We Host Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

SHPC will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. This includes the congregations of Spring Hill Baptist, Forest Hill United Methodist, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Ignatius Catholic Church and our church. Music will be provided by the SHPC Chancel Choir and by an ecumenical children's choir.

The offering will go to support our joint project of the Wheel-A-Meal program. A reception follows.

Library News

With the approaching visit from Eric Metaxas, the library is prepared to feature items written or produced by Metaxas including video *Amazing Grace*, and two children's books as well as books by Deitrich Bonhoeffer, including the *Cost of Discipleship*, and *Life Together*, and a biographical video about the WWII hero. Metaxas' soon to be published biography of the martyr is on order and may arrive in time for the festive weekend of November 8.

LECTIONERY FOR THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 ALL SAINTS'DAY
ISA. 25:6-9; PS. 24; REV. 21:1-6A; JOHN 11:32-44
- 8 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17; PS. 127; HEB. 9:24-28
MARK 12:38-44
- 15 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 SAM. 1:4-20; 1 SAM. 2:1-10
HEB. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; MARK 13:1-8
- 22 CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST
2 SAM. 23:1-7; PS. 132:1-12 (13-18)
REV. 1:4B-8; JOHN 18:33-37
- 29 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
JER. 33:14-16; PS. 25: 1-10; 1 THESS. 3:9-13
LUKE 21:25-36

1st Thursday Lunch Bunch!

We are fortunate here in lower Alabama to be able to enjoy the outdoors nearly every month of the year. On November 5, Shannon Bordon, assistant director at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, will put us in touch with a taste of the Alabama wilds. This new facility located where the Mobile, Tensaw, Spanish, Appalachian, and Blakely Rivers flow into the Mobile Bay strives to serve as an educational and recreational center teaching Alabamians about conservation and land stewardship and all about the flora and fauna diversity found in our Delta. She promises to bring a surprise "show and tell". Luncheon is served by the Stoll family with Pat as the master chef (esse?) at 11:45 a.m. but come early for coffee and social time. Please remember to make a reservation through the church office (lunch cost is \$6.00);

For transportation assistance, call Janie Sims, 340-6534.



Global Missions Committee

The Global Missions Committee has elected for many years to send an annual donation through the Presbyterian (USA) mission field to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Efforts of this emergency and refugee program enable congregations and mission partners to witness to Christ's healing and love when communities suffer disasters from natural or political catastrophic events.

The direction of PDA is multifaceted. Among its many tasks is a focus on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities, an ongoing training program in disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods, a collaboration with faith based and key organization responders nationally and internationally to disastrous events, and a cooperative effort with Church World Service in the resettlement of refugees to the USA. Monetary collections from the annual One Great Hour of Sharing fund this program along with designated gifts form other sources. Our church serves as one of those many "other sources".

AGENCY REQUESTS

(Donation Bins in Bullard Building)

Penelope's Closet

Books, Plastic Hangers, Children's Clothes

Victory Health Partners

Toilet paper, copy paper, paper towels, stamps

Food Bank

Canned fruit and vegetables
(Donation Bin in Main Building)

Healthcare for Homeless

Toiletries (Kleenex, toothpaste, combs, deodorant)
call Hilda Gewin 342-5604

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual USA Children's and Women's Radiothon, Nov 23-25
- Christmas Wish List

Our church will again participate in the Christmas Wish List program sponsored by Catholic Social Services. We will have the names of 30 children and ten elderly adults who will be counting on us for Christmas gifts. The plan is for each child to receive at least three gifts and the elderly to receive a package of personal items plus one special gift. Cards will later be posted on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. Please check it out and help provide smiles and happiness on Christmas morning. Deadline for delivering the wrapped and tagged gifts to the parlor will be Sunday, December 13.

Communications Subcommittee at Work

(see listing of members and contact information below).

www.shpc.us

Have you looked at our church website lately?

The Communications Subcommittee of Witness Committee requests help for our church website:

1. **Photos needed** of church activities. Send to Melissa Root (put hard copies in Newsletter box in office or email to her).
2. See our **web calendar**----help keep it complete and accurate by notifying the church office of each event (or send information to Wes Baldwin).
3. **Keep your section of the website up-to-date.** Contact Wes Baldwin for technical help.

The Communications Committee, with email addresses (see our church directory for phone numbers)
Wes Baldwin (hbaldwin@jaguar1.usouthal.edu)
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Announcing Presbyterian Neighbor News website---

PNNews.org---"One stream of information flowing through every Presbyterian neighborhood".

This is a network where existing news sources can merge to be even more useful and easier for navigate for Presbyterians everywhere. Accessible directly or through the links section on www.shpc.us.



Remember- Daylight Savings ends October 31st.

Turn your clocks back one hour-
or be confused all day!

Memorials have been received honoring:

Bob Miller
Annie Ruth Brock
Dr. Selden H. Stephens, Jr.
Linda Hollingsworth
Lloyd Pennington
Kelsey Bradley Favrot
Andree Williams
Joan Hartwell

From the following:

Dr. and Mrs. Milton A. Wallace, Jr.
Edna Wiggins
St. Paul's Episcopal School
Mrs. James B. McKemie
Jack and Betty Robinson
Dick and Harriett Pennington
Bob and Patricia Hardison
Charles and Patricia Green
Harry and Martha Surline
John and Winnie Kramer
Timbercreek Ladies Golf Association
Ernest and Jane Bulwinkle
Bob and Diane Sellers
Masterbuilt Manufacturing, Inc.
John and Tony McLemore
Andrea Helbling
Sara Long
Kay and Tom McLaughlin
Glenn and Nancy Scarborough
Bob and Karen Sawyer
Ann Bedsole
Philip and Sandy Hodgson
Bruce and Barbara Maynard
Chris and Ashley Brown
John and Jane Sharp
Claude and Joyce Caffey
Dick Bradley
Susan Huddle
Sallie and Vernon Hunter
Sherrie and James Pennington
Marc and Kim Pennington Osborne
Ann and Murray Meador
Tom and Janru Galloway
Ruth Fitzgerald
Jean Getchell
Joe and Vilma Croom
Carole Perez
Dick and Betty Allen
Bob and Mary Byrd
Dr. and Mrs. Stuart and Ann B. Dowling
James and Mary Wood
Robert and Mary Ann Donnell
Sara Martin
Gail and Roy Kennedy
Bernice Riedeburg
Ferd and Sue Zundel
Louis and Jane Williams
Alice Votgner

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be part of the sanctuary decorations during the Advent and Christmas season. These plants will be taken to shut-ins by the Service committee in the name of the church. There will be a tear-off in the bulletin to use if you wish to place a memorial for a loved one



by helping to decorate the sanctuary. Cost is \$12.00. Deadline is Friday, December 4.

Thank You For Your Loving Kindness

Our family wishes to thank everyone for their support during Bob's illness and death. Your thoughts and prayers gave us great comfort during this very difficult time. We are grateful to have a church family that is so caring. Your visits to Bob were a source of joy in his last days and they meant so much to our family. Thank you for holding our family close to your heart.

Maxine Miller and Jodi Ivey

We Share in Sorrow

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with the family of Joan Hartwell in her death on September 30 in Houston.



WE REJOICE!

We rejoice with Nancy and Jim Adams in the birth of a granddaughter, Emily Blythe Adams, on October 6 in Brookfield, WI (Parents are Jim and Heather Adams).



Codes

Use the code to find what it says in John 10:10.

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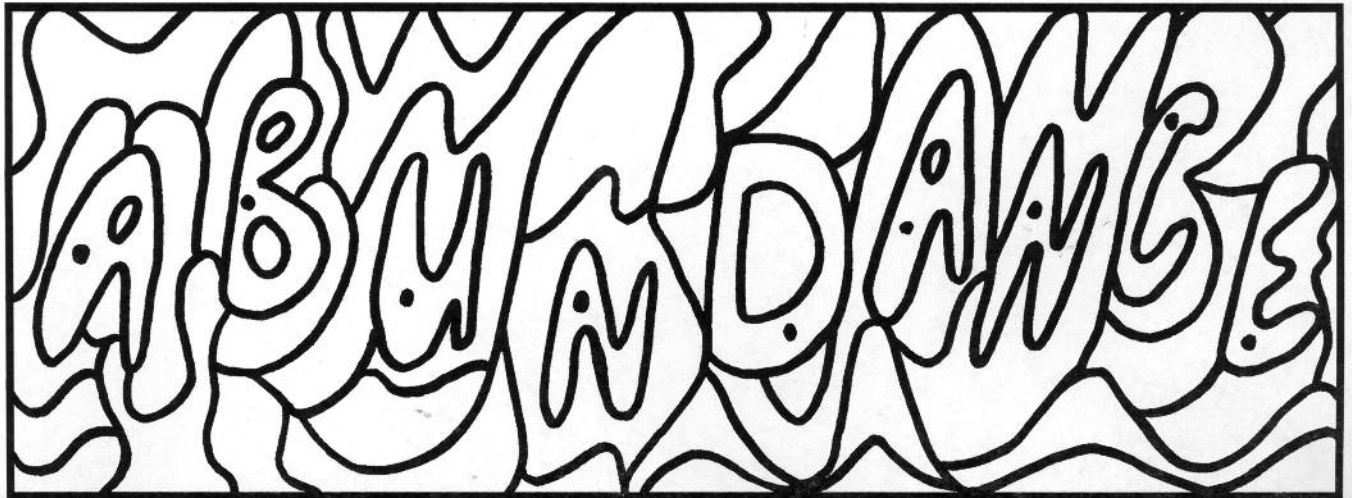
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Answer: I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Color

Color the spaces with dots all the same color. Then color the other spaces different colors.





Daylight Savings Time
ends November 1.
Turn back your clock one hour.
Don't forget!
Plan ahead.

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