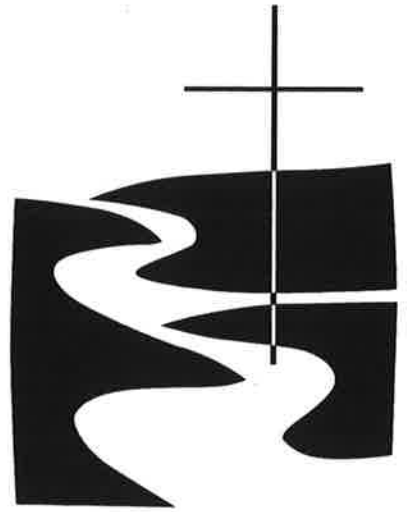




# The Response

Monthly Newsletter of Shades Valley Presbyterian Church  
July, 2017



## *Pastor's Note*

Dear friends,

A few years ago, researchers in Sweden studied the heart rates of high school choir members as they joined their voices in song. They discovered that as students began to sing, their heart rates slowed down. And in a short time, their heart rates also synchronized, falling into a shared rhythm guided by the song's tempo. When we sing together, many hearts beat as one!\*

No wonder singing together has always been such a vital part of Christian worship. Singing draws us closer to God and to one another. Our hymns and songs teach us the essential truths of our faith, and they connect us with other Christians across time and cultures.

It is worth investing in strengthening such an essential part of our worship. The new *Glory to God* hymnal will enrich our worship now and for a generation to come. We will dedicate and begin using our new hymnals in August. If you would like to be part of this exciting step in the life of our congregation, please consider making a contribution to sponsor hymnals. The cost per hymnal is just \$20; sponsorship forms are available at the church and can be turned in on Sunday mornings or mailed to the church office. The deadline for sponsorship is July 15.

At our recent *Glory to God* hymn sing, we sang "God Is Calling Through the Whisper," which explores the many and surprising ways God calls us, both to draw us closer to God and to send us out in service. The final verse especially speaks to how God calls us through music:

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing, days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling and we hear! God is calling and we hear!*

May God continue to unite us and call us as we join our hearts in song.

Grace and peace,  
Leanne

\*Anna Haensch, "When Choirs Sing, Many Hearts Beat As One," National Public Radio, July 10, 2013.



**It's a busy Summer at SVPC! Come join us for some more fun!**

### ROAD TRIP!

SVPC travelers are planning a lunch outing to "The Old CookStove" on Friday July 14. This restaurant is located in the Mennonite community in Danville, Alabama and features a fabulous buffet for \$12.99, which includes "meat and three" favorites plus Salad Bar plus Dessert Bar plus coffee, tea or soda! For the shoppers among us, there are additional items available -- cookbooks, quilts, totes, jams, peanut butter and baked goods. If that's not enough, we might have to stop at the Dutch Oven Bakery in Falkville on the way back to Birmingham!

The Old CookStove is approximately 17 miles off I-65 North (exit 310 Cullman/Moulton) or about 73 miles total from SVPC. In order to arrive at the restaurant around 11:15 a.m., we will plan on leaving the SVPC parking lot at 9:45 a.m. A signup sheet is on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. Please add your name and let us know if you would consider driving or would need transportation.

### Attention Campers!

SVPC campers had such a good time Memorial Day Weekend 2017 at **Gulf State Park** that we're already planning next year's trip! We are a laidback group that gets together informally, observes "happy hour" most afternoons and eats an occasional meal together in the campground or at a local restaurant. We pull up our camping chairs in our shadiest site; ride bicycles on the miles of paved trails in the park, or may even go to the beach!

Campsites suitable for tents, pop-ups or RVs can be reserved online at the ALAPARK website or by calling 1-800-252-7275. Make plans to reserve a campsite now for Memorial Day Weekend 2018 and join us at Gulf State Park. Don't wait to reserve yours -- campsites get booked up quickly! For more information, email Elaine Peavy at [ewpeavy@bellsouth.net](mailto:ewpeavy@bellsouth.net).

### Pentecost Offering Results

Thank you to all who contributed to this special offering collected on Sunday, June 4 for a total of \$442. The following checks were distributed:

Presby. of Sheppards and Lapsley: \$265.20  
Greater Birmingham Ministries-\$88.40  
Presby. Home for Children-\$88.40

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed will be on vacation from July 17—30. During that time we will have guest ministers fill the pulpit and handle urgent congregational needs. Please contact Lana in the church office if needed at 205-871-7309 or [lallmansvpc@bellsouth.net](mailto:lallmansvpc@bellsouth.net).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



#### JULY

July 1—Dwight Johnson  
July 5—Roberta Harkins  
July 9—John Childers, Taylor Todd  
July 12—Nancy Watkins, Brennan Peavy  
July 13—Joseph Riley  
July 14—Kenneth Pope  
July 16—Abby Todd  
July 17—Caitlin Morrow  
July 21—Amanda Kimbrough, Joan Crawford, Benjamin Archibald  
July 22—Angel Trant  
July 23—Jerri Barnhill, Daniel Bowers  
July 25—Martha Ann Cooper  
July 26—Courtney Brown  
July 28—Carolyn Collins  
July 29—Anne Doty  
July 30—Ella Grace Brast  
July 31—John Bryan, Tom Talbot, Mary Nelle Shelton, Kyle Henderson, Anna Kimrey

### From Our Mailbox



The VA has recently given me a new set of hearing aids that requires a different battery than my old aids. Because of this, I've ended up with a large supply of batteries that I cannot use. The battery is a p13. I would be glad to give them to someone who can use them, rather than throwing them away. If this is something you can use, please email me at [jimjudykelly@gmail.com](mailto:jimjudykelly@gmail.com).

*Jim Kelly*

### **HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE? Presbyterian Home for Children Thrift Store at SVPC**

**The next collection date is Saturday, July 1.**

Bring your usable discards and gently used clothing to the Presbyterian Home for Children's reception center in the rear parking lot, below the playground, of SVPC. Volunteers will be on hand to unload your vehicle and to give you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. The Center will be open from 8 am to 12 noon.

# BOOK CLUB



We've had a great year of book reading and study together. Please consider joining us when we meet again in September. We will not be meeting in June, July or August. Below you will see a listing of the books we are planning to use for our meetings in the next school year. See you then!

September - A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

October - Letters From Skye by Jessica Brockmole

Nov. - The Mad Woman Upstairs by Catherine Lowell

December - no meeting

January - Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Stroudt

February & March - Lent (no meetings)

April - The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

May - Into the Water by Paula Hawkins



In June, eleven SVPC members enjoyed touring the Museum of Natural History in Anniston, Alabama followed by lunch at the Classic on Noble restaurant. We had a wonderful time and want to go back! There are no definite plans yet, but we're thinking about an afternoon trip to the Berman Museum in Anniston, followed by an early dinner at Top O' the River.

The Berman is a world history museum with galleries showcasing World War I and II, rare and exotic weapons from the American Revolution through the Spanish-American War, and the exploration and colonization of the American West. There are also numerous Remington bronze sculptures and examples of Asian art.

If you would be interested in participating in this outing or have other ideas for day trips, please contact Cindy Tarrant (cynthiatarrant@gmail.com) or Elaine Peavy (ewpeavy@bellsouth.net).



## Presbytery Meeting at SVPC Mark Your Calendars ~ Thurs., August 17 SVPC Volunteers Greatly Appreciated!

SVPC will host the presbytery-wide quarterly meeting and we will have over 100 guests in attendance for meetings, lunch and worship. We have started the list of volunteers needed for the registration tables, kitchen help, greeters and communion servers. Please keep this day available and let us know if you can help. Call or email Lana in the church office.

## NEW! Glory to God Hymnals

Following worship, stop by the table in the narthex to see a copy of the new *Glory to God* hymnal and find out how you can sponsor hymnals in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones. Order forms are also available in the church office and outside of the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to order is July 15.



**UPDATE on new hymn book purchases!**  
**We've had purchases of 152 hymnals for a total of \$3,040. Turn your forms in before the deadline!**

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**You're invited to join the ladies at  
Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church  
for Lectionary Light:  
A Bible Group for Busy Women**

## Save The Date

**Ordinary-Time Retreat  
Friday, August 18; 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, August 19; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
at Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church**

**Please email Amanda Davis  
(amandandandand@gmail.com)  
or telephone 637-1290 to join the  
Lectionary Light email distribution or receive more  
information about the retreat.**

## Notes from the Session Meeting on June 12, 2017

Rev. Reed opened the meeting with a devotional and a lesson about Abraham and Sarah.

We had written reports from all Ministry Units., and the Session took the following actions:

- Established new dates and time for stated Session meetings for 2017 at 4:00 PM on the second Monday of the month as follows:
- July 10; August 14; September 11;
- October 9; November 13; December 11
- Approved Laura McDonald as our Commissioner to the next Presbytery meeting on August 17, 2017, which is to be held here at SVPC.
- Approved a motion from the Discipleship team to begin a search and eventually to hire a part-time Birmingham Youth Group Leader/Facilitator.
- Approved Mike Wade to head an ad hoc committee to facilitate transportation of Charlie's ministry members for Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, Bible study, and other functions that may occur.
- Approved a Property committee motion to have System Green landscape the area around the Columbarium for \$1,688.

Joe Rives reported for Go Beyond that the CANpaign is underway (through July 15<sup>th</sup>) for extra food for GBM for the summer when the kids are out of school and don't have access to extra meals there. He requested that we give generously.

Ray McIntosh reported for Finance that, even though the Session has approved a modest deficit budget for 2017, we are well ahead of budget through May in both increased giving and reduced expenses for this year and are well ahead of the same period last year (see the financial summary elsewhere in this Response).

The Session meeting concluded with a presentation about adaptive change and the PneuMatrix Program.

### Greater Birmingham Ministries

Summer is an especially challenging time for families facing food insecurity, and food pantries experience high demand. Please bring in non-perishable food items to contribute to Greater Birmingham Ministries. Wondering what to bring? Peanut butter is always needed!

## SVPC Goes to the Barons' Game!



It was a great night to attend a baseball game in downtown Birmingham! Everyone who went to this annual outing had a wonderful time. If you missed out on going, we hope you will definitely consider it the next time we have it planned. Great fellowship, baseball, fireworks and a ballpark hot-dog! Thanks for the continued participation from our congregation when these events are planned!



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
DINNER WILL  
NOT BE HELD in July.**

**Dinners will  
resume on  
Wednesday, August 23!**



**Shades Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Summary of Income and Expenses**  
**Year to Date Through May, 2017**

<b>Income</b>	<b>May YTD 2017</b>	<b>Budget YTD 2017</b>	<b>May YTD 2016</b>
<b>General Offerings</b>			
General Offerings	220,939	164,690	197,234
Interest Revenue	14	31	65
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	479	194
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>220,953</b>	<b>165,200</b>	<b>197,494</b>
 <b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	93,106	97,742	135,364
Operating Expenses	46,264	65,552	49,751
Build, Bond, & Go Beyond	7,397	15,029	7,290
Session & Misc. & Pulp. Nom. Comm.	198	42	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>146,965</b>	<b>178,365</b>	<b>192,406</b>
 <b>Net Total</b>	 <b>73,987</b>	 <b>(13,165)</b>	 <b>5,088</b>

Finance Committee: Anne Doty (Co-Chair), Ray McIntosh (Co-Chair), Jim O'Connor, Mary Wyatt Bowers, John Childers (Treasurer), and Henry McPherson

**NOTE:** The Session approved a modest deficit budget for 2017. However, income is up and expenses are down relative to budget and same month last year, so we are tracking very well for this year. A complete budget is available in the church office.

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11 am.—Huffman Memorial Service w/visitation following.
2 8:30 & 11 am.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 am.—Sunday School	3 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg	4 Staff Holiday— Church Office Closed	5 3:30 p.m.—Property mtg	6	7	8
9 8:30 & 11 am.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 am.—Sunday School	10 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 4:00 p.m.—Session Meeting 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg	11 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 10:00 am.—Bible Study	12 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 5 p.m.—PneuMatrix Mtg.	13 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 5:00 p.m.—Firehouse Shelter Meeting, F. Hall	14	15
16 8:30 & 11 am.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 am.—Sunday School	17 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg	18 10:00 am.—Bible Study 10:00 am.—Grief Support 5 p.m.—PneuMatrix mtg.	19	20	21	22
23 8:30 & 11 am.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 am.—Sunday School	24 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg	25 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 10:00 am.—Bible Study	26 9 am.—Aces & Birdies	27 9 am.—Aces & Birdies	28 7 am.—Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	29
30 8:30 & 11 am.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 am.—Sunday School	31 9 am.—Aces & Birdies 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg					

# GBM

Greater Birmingham Ministries – Working Together Since 1969  
*Serving People, Building Community, Pursuing Justice*

**On Going Food Needs (Hunger Never Takes a Vacation)**

## Vegetables

- . cans or dried bags of beans
- . cans of carrots
- . cans of corn
- . cans of sweet potatoes
- . cans of tomatoes, sauce, paste, etc.

## Fruits

- . plastic jars of applesauce
- . cans of cranberry sauce
- . cans of fruit cocktail
- . cans of peaches, pears, pineapple

## Meats/Fish

- . cans of chili
- . canned fish (salmon, tuna, etc.)
- . canned meats (chicken, corned beef, Ham)
- . cans of spaghetti and meatballs

## Soups

- . bouillon
- . boxes of dried soup mix
- . cans of soup (Chicken Noodle, Cream of Mushroom, beef stew, vegetable, etc.)

## Drinks

- . dry instant drink mixes (cocoa, tea, coffee)
- . cans or plastic jugs of fruit juice
- . cans or plastic jugs of vegetable Juices

## Cereal

- . boxes of cream of wheat
- . boxes or bags of dry cereals (corn flakes, cheerios, raisin bran)
- . boxes or bags of grits (instant or slow cook)
- . boxes or bags of oatmeal (instant or slow cook)

## Staples

- . boxes of Bisquick mix
- . bags of corn meal, flour, sugar
- . cans of evaporated milk
- . jelly
- . peanut butter
- . pasta (bags or boxes)
- . powdered milk
- . stuffing mix

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**The deadline to submit articles for the AUGUST issue of the Response is Thursday, July 20 at 9 a.m. Articles received after the deadline will be held for the next newsletter or used in our weekly congregational emails.**

**OUR VISION**

*Shades Valley Presbyterian Church exists through God's love to  
**BUILD** a strong spiritual foundation,  
**BOND** together in Christian fellowship,  
**GO BEYOND** our walls to serve in Mission and bear Witness  
to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ..*

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**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2017:** Courtney Brown, Anne Doty, Jim Gray, Mark Nelson, Cindy Tarrant • Trustee: Ed Parrish

**Class of 2018:** Martha Ann Cooper, John Eagan, Jim Isaminger, Elaine Peavy, Jennifer Riggs • Trustee: Lydia Wilfong

**Class of 2019:** Mary Wyatt Bowers, Laura McDonald, Ray McIntosh, Dot Riley, Joe Rives • Trustee: Augusta Forbes

Armed Services: Lt. J.G. Erin Bischoff, Lt. Col. J.B. Marshall  
Mission Co-Workers in Congo: Bob and Kristi Rice; John and Gwenda Fletcher

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