



The Mustard Seed

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 am

Worship Service at 11:00 am

Tuesday

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Additional events for December:

12/02 Pres. Women, Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm

12/02 Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

12/11 Christmas Pageant, 11:00 am

12/13 Session, 7:00 pm

12/18 Christmas Joy Offering

“UN-DECKING THE HALLS”

It is a whole lot more fun to decorate the church for Advent/Christmas, but time for undecorating will come!! On **Saturday, January 7**, we'll meet at the church at 4:00 to pack away the decorations. Afterward, we'll enjoy a soup and sandwich supper followed by a little BINGO!!! Please plan to come to help (it's much easier with a lot of folks!) and then to enjoy time together. More details later.

THANK YOU!

The Task Force Team would like to thank everyone who helped out with Community Fun Day on October 8th. The event was a huge success, even with all of the rain! We are looking forward to planning another Fun Day in May 2017, so be on the lookout for more information as the time draws near. Again, thank you for all your help!



**FOOD OF THE
MONTH FOR
CCM:
Peanut Butter**

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

Written by Martha Nelson Phifer (1935-2016)
(wife of former pastor Homer Phifer)

Rays of Robbins was demolished this year.

Rays was a fine department store on the corner of S. Middleton Street and Salisbury Street when I lived in Robbins 68 years ago.

I have fond memories of the store for several reasons, one being, Mrs. Ray allowing several of us teenagers to work in her store during the Christmas holidays. Our earnings didn't usually make it home. We spent them before we left the store; mostly on sweater sets for each other. We all looked quite stylish after our gifts were opened on Christmas morning. But, the grateful memory I have of Rays that endures is the gift that Mrs. Ray gave to the whole town. Every year she would give to all of us little Christmas Carol books. They were pretty little books, small enough to hold in one hand while holding a candle in the other as we went caroling throughout the community. I think of the times we came together in the middle of town to sing “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and “Silent Night” before going caroling to the shut-ins. Somehow several of my little books have survived for many Christmases and through many moves. Each year I bring out my Christmas books, reserving a special place in my glass top table for my little books that are printed with Rays of Robbins on the first inside page. When I married and moved from my little town of Robbins—a delightful Southern mill town—61 years ago, I never dreamed that I would be back in Moore County 42 years later. The change has been drastic, but the loving memories remain—of a generous store owner whose gift to our community brought much joy to our little world in northern Moore county.

From Sue Hunter: “This is what life is all about. Merry Christmas, Everyone!”

SESSION SUMMARY

November 16, 2016

- All members of session were present at the meeting.
- Johnnie provided complete and thorough financial reports through October 31, 2016 and reported that the annual financial review was completed with high marks.
- B&G takes care of facility and grounds on an on-going basis. With the help of Presbyterian Women, there will be upgrades to the Women's restroom.
- Session representatives will be meeting with Empower House board members about the future of the effort to provide transitional housing.
- Companions in Christ class will be offered if there is enough interest.
- Jennie will look into the possibility of hiring a seminary student from Wake Forest to assist with the growing needs of children and youth at the church.
- Personnel has completed evaluations on staff. Each one was quite positive.
- Appreciation was expressed to Reen Coggins who carried out all publicity for the recent fund raiser at Zaxby's. Over \$1100 was collected for Cooperative Community Ministry.
- Witness Committee is following up with participants in the October Fun Day, and some have expressed interest in attending the Christmas pageant.
- Christmas pageant is scheduled for December 11; there will also be special seasonal music by the choir that day.
- Julie, elder commissioner to the recent meeting of Salem Presbytery, reported highlights; Travis also attended the meeting.
- Newly elected elders to the class of 2019 will be invited to the December meeting of session.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

Presbyterian Women will meet December 6th at Piedmont Crossing at 2:00 pm. We will be bringing gift certificates/gift cards from Walmart, fast food restaurants, or other stores in \$5 amounts for teenagers. These will be shared through CCM. We hope everyone can attend! Shirley & Marguerite

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016

Bank Operating Accounts

Non Profit Checking	2,595.63
Relationship MMA	
Gift	15,790.87
Money Market Account	11,309.16
Total Relationship MMA	27,100.03

Total Bank Operating Accounts 29,695.66

Less Unreserved Fund/Liability Accounts 8,635.21

Cash on Hand Unreserved 21,060.45

High Point Bank, LPL Financial

Endowment Acct. LPL Financial	22,545.63
Investment Account, LPL Fin.	60,489.65

Total High Point Bank, LPL Financial 83,035.28

Other Designated Accounts-PW

C. Hodgjin PW Scholarship fund	27,837.12
C. Hodgjin PW Scholarship MM	647.65

Total Other Designated Accounts-PW 28,484.77

TOTAL 141,215.71

Notes to Financial Statement – October 2016

1. Cash on Hand remaining after subtracting Unreserved Fund/Liability Accounts is \$21,060.45. This balance is \$781.15 less than September. This includes Non-Profit Checking and Money Market Account which includes the Gift Account. The balance in the Gift Account is \$15,790.87. The balance in Non-Profit checking was \$2,595.63 at month end. The balance in Non Profit Checking is \$922.10 less than the end of September. No money was transferred from the Money Market account to Non Profit Checking in October. The balance in the Money Market Account at month end was \$11,309.16
 2. The Endowment Fund lost \$17.58 in October but the Investment Account increased \$473.31. The detail is reported on the Designated Accounts Report.
 3. Pledges were \$2,172.00 over budget for the month and \$7,271.00 over budget YTD thru October. Income for the month was \$3,038.30 over budget and \$13,572.60 over budget YTD thru October. Expenses for the month were \$781.15 greater than income and \$352.95 over budget. The projected loss for the month was \$3,466.50. The loss Year to Date is \$10,023.93 but was projected to be \$27,798.00. We did not receive the October rent from the Seventh Day Adventist until November 3rd which was too late to be included in the October income.
 4. Payroll was higher this month because of 5 weeks in the pay period but the office was not over the amount of hours for a week.
 5. Office printing was over due to 3rd quarter printing being paid in October and the payroll.
 6. Worship & Music is over budget due to payroll.
 7. Christian Education is under budget due to adult Sunday School Class paying for books.
 8. House and grounds is \$212.12 under budget for the month. Electric bill was \$73.19 over budget which was much better. Water bill was high again, \$183.84 over budget. Jim is still working to figure out why the water bill is so much higher. Yard care was \$100.00 over budget.
 9. If you have any questions, please let me know.
- Johnnie Suggs, Treasurer

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Mike & Cathy Lamm	12/17/1998
Brian & Dominique McSweeney	12/20/2009

MEMORIALS

In memory of Carol Darr:
 Greg & Sandi Rice

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12/5 Curtis Patterson	12/23 Peggy Harrison
12/11 Kaleb Hege	12/23 Jaime Soles
12/12 Marian Greeson	12/24 Jane Osborne
12/14 Mark Warner	12/25 Jane Hasty
12/18 Sandi Rice	12/26 Cindi McCorquodale
12/22 Benny Huff	12/28 Elizabeth Rubish Jenkins

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR DECEMBER

1st week: Bruce & Jill Hunter Dale, Krista Moroni
 2nd week: Mary Dee Hasker, Sue Hunter
 3rd week: Tom & Cheryl Wilson, Kay Cromwell
 4th week: Crystal Mattern, Savannah Goins, Allie Goins



The deadline for the issue of the January *Mustard Seed* is December 18, 2016. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.