



The Mustard Seed

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Choir Rehearsal at 10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 am

Worship Service at 11:00 am

Wednesdays:

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Additional events for November:

11/05 Tiffany's Baby Shower, FH, 12:15 pm

11/07 PW meeting, Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm
Building & Grounds, 7:00 pm

11/12 Covered-Dish Luncheon for Stewardship, 12:15 pm
Sunday Seekers, 2:00 pm

11/14 Salem Presbytery Meeting, St. James Presbyterian,
Greensboro, 8:30 am
Session, 7:00 pm

11/23 Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

11/25 FPC's float in T-ville Christmas Parade, 11:00 am
(come one, come all!)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES



Thanks to everyone who made our bake sale such a success! We made a total of \$558. A special thank you goes out to Joann, Sue, Joan, Ellen, and Thea, who worked on Friday evening and Saturday. Our members brought cakes, pies, cookies, breads, fudge, cheesecake, and egg rolls, and gave donations. Also, Dorothy Klass and her yard sale crew assisted us by directing people toward our goodies inside the church. Thank you, Dorothy!

Our next meeting will be on November 7 at 2:00 pm at the Piedmont Crossing. Hope to see you there!

Shirley Byrnes, Marguerite Fowler



Thank you,
Youth and Leaders!

The FPC family extends a heartfelt "thank you" to the youth for leading the worship service on October 22. We felt the Holy Spirit through your words, songs, and beautiful smiles. Many hours of prayer and preparation were required for this event, and we appreciate all of your efforts. Special thanks also to Julie, Jennifer, Yulia, Pastor Jennie, and all of the parents, grandparents, and friends who helped to make this worship service happen.



FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM: BOXED CEREAL

Please place contributions in the red wagon in the narthex hallway. Non-perishable items are always welcome.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were seven Session Members present, with Tom Byrnes and Eddie Coggins absent.

The financial report printout was distributed, reviewed, and approved. Stewardship covered-dish lunch will be held on November 12. Pledge cards will be distributed on November 5.

- **Building & Grounds:**
Fence around outside garbage cans has been finished (painted white). Choir room door canopy has been installed. Nursery child's toilet has been repaired. AV System—Hill's will charge \$80 per hour to locate projector's source of power. Best to just have them to add circuit box in hall and bring wire to the new box.
- **Christian Education:**
Meeting scheduled for October 29. Sunday School is going well, attendance in youth SS is 6 children weekly. Children will conduct the worship service on October 22—Being Thankful for What God Has Given Us. Yulia will play for the service. Plans for Community Box to be set out in the front outside area of our church (a topic Session has discussed often). The children will decorate the white fence. The group will again host a Valentine's Dinner in 2018.
- **Personnel:**
A congregational meeting will be held on October 29, with the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee. Annual reviews for staff will be held soon.
- **Witness:**
Everybody's Day was a big success. Many of our people showed up to cover inside and outside the church that day. Community Fun Day—Steve Blake is not able to come this year, but he lined up a group to provide entertainment. The Christmas Parade is on November 25, beginning at 11:00. There will be a meeting on October 22 regarding the float for the parade. Phil Griffin will bring the trailer to the church a couple of weeks prior to the parade so that it can be decorated with a skirt and the items to be placed on the bed.
- **Worship:**
Upcoming calendar dates (details later):
 - December 2—decorate church, 10:00 am
 - December 10—pageant/choir
 - December 17—Joy offering
 - December 24—Christmas Eve communion, 5:00 pm
 - January 13—remove decorations, 4:00 pm (considering supper and Bingo)
- **Old Business**
Elisabeth von Trapp concert, October 21, 7:00 pm, Community Fun Day, October 28, 2:00-5:00 pm

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**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
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- Transitional Minister's Report
 - Thank you for all the work that went into the Tom Tewell event. We are planning to use his handout for Officer Training for 2018. We received a \$200 grant for the Tewell dinner from Salem Presbytery. We have some money left over after expenses that we can use in renewal for FPC (Jill Crenshaw, Acting Dean).
 - Nickels for Hunger sent a \$1000 grant to CCM.
 - We received the response to the grant request we made to PC(USA). We were awarded the grant in the amount of \$9500 to be used for research for Huntington's Disease. We need to sign and return the agreement prior to the check being issued. This gift will be presented to WFUBMC in memory of Gail Moore.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



In memory of Gary Whitman:
Gary & Misty Whitman

In memory of Barbara Manning's brother-in-law, Gary Icenhour:
Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Sue Hunter

In memory of Mike Hauser's mother, Doris Hauser:
Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Tom & Shirley Byrnes

THANK YOU

We would like to thank those who have been so kind during this time of the passing of Mike's mother, Doris Elizabeth Hauser. She was ninety-eight years old. She had been a church organist and taught music most of her life. Your cards, calls, visits, and sympathies of all kinds were greatly appreciated.

Mike & Susan Hauser

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st week: Tommy & Crystal Hodges, Donna Whitman
2nd week: Christy Hedgpeth, Curtis & Elaine Patterson
3rd week: Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Don & Jane Osborne
4th week: Marguerite Fowler, Carole Skinner



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 11/2 Joe Harrison
- 11/3 Anice Griffin
- 11/3 Barbara Manning
- 11/4 Noah Manning
- 11/6 Blake Hege
- 11/11 Donna Whitman
- 11/13 Dee Harrison
- 11/14 Josef Walker
- 11/24 Aden Tyson
- 11/27 Farrow (Faye) Dorsett
- 11/28 Mary Dee Hasker



Don & Jane Osborne
November 30, 1957

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