



The Mustard Seed

FEBRUARY 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

Wednesdays

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Additional events for February:

2/01 Deadline to RSVP for Super Bowl Party (see below for 2/05)

2/02 Companions in Christ, parlor, 10:00-11:30 am

2/04 FPC Officers Retreat, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

2/05 *Souper Bowl of Caring* at FPC

2/05 Annual Super Bowl Party, at home of Tom & Shirley Byrnes, 5:30 pm

2/07 Building & Grounds, 7:00 pm

2/09 Companions in Christ, 10:00-11:30 am

2/14 Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner, all welcome Fellowship Hall, 5:00-6:00 pm

2/14 Session, 7:00 pm

2/16 Companions in Christ, 10:00-11:30 am

2/16 Fun Folks, 12:00 noon

2/23 Companions in Christ, 10:00-11:30 am

2/26 Communion Sunday & Children's Hope Alliance Offering

3/01 Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:00 noon

WELCOME, DIANNA WRIGHT!

On February 12, we welcome Dianna Wright back to our pulpit during worship hour. Dianna is an Associate Presbyter for Salem Presbytery, an Education Consultant and founder of Kuumba Center for Christian Education and Spiritual Growth. She is Moderator of the General Assembly's Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. She is a curriculum writer for THESE DAYS devotions. Dianna is committed to the ministry of education and using creative ways to teach the Gospel story. As our liaison with Salem Presbytery, Dianna helped our Transition Team find our interim pastor and has continued contact during Pastor Jennie's ministry at our church.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor Jennie Hemrick will begin an Adam Hamilton course on the apostle Paul, "The Call," on January 29. Using DVD and book, the material covers Paul's call to follow Christ, his three missionary journeys, and his death and legacy. The Adult Sunday School Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of Barbara & Noah Manning, Shirley & Tom Byrnes, Carolyn & Joe Bennet by Sue Hunter

In honor of First Presbyterian Church by Bill & Ann Long

In memory of Hubert Wall by Sue Hunter

In memory of Virginia Lambeth by Joseph & Faye Johnson, Charles & Suzanne Davis, Jr.

In memory of Almeida Engelhart (Donna Whitman's mother) by Karen Rubish, Butch & Sue Langfitt

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet at Piedmont Crossing on February 7 at 2:00 pm. We will be planning for our Lenten Lunches, which will begin on March 7. Hope to see you there! Shirley & Marguerite

FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM:

Canned Vegetables

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: JANUARY 2017

- Six members of Session were present; Phil and Eddie were still snowed in, Jim out sick.
- New officers were installed on January 1st.
- Marguerite Fowler was elected Clerk of Session and Johnnie Suggs was elected Treasurer. New Chairpersons elected: Joe Bennett-Witness, Phil Griffin-Personnel, and Sue Langfitt-Worship. Continuing Chairpersons elected: Tom Byrnes-Service, Julie Tyson-Christian Education, Eddie Coggins-Congregational Care, and Jim Moore-Building & Grounds.
- The complete financial report through December 2016 was received thanks to Johnnie's hard work.
- The 2017 Budget had been updated to include a change in the Pension amount recently received. The revision was approved by Session and will be presented to the congregation on January 15, 2017 during worship.
- B&G reported on projects in progress including the status of Empower House; Pastor Jennie will communicate with Ashantia Wright.
- Divinity School responded to our correspondence saying there may be some students interested in an internship at FPC to assist with children/youth ministry.
- Anice Griffin has agreed to be co-chair for the Worship committee. Yulia is back at her regular schedule. Bryan McFarland will be in the pulpit January 22nd and Dianna Wright on February 12th while Jennie is away.
- Session's 2017 retreat will be February 4th with committee members included. Focus will be on year-long planning for 2017.
- Special Offerings for 2017 were approved.
- Marguerite Fowler will be Commissioner to February Salem Presbytery Meeting in Burlington.
- Session approved and there are plans in the making to have an Art Show around the end of February or early March. Details coming soon.

THANK YOU

Dear FPC members,

Thank you for remembering me in such a kind way at Christmas. You have come to mean so much to me—defining the grace, love, hope and peace of Christ-mas. I pray you have a great 2017! In Christ, Jennie

Thank you very much for your kind generosity. The Love Offering is such a nice gift from the congregation to show their love and support of me and the ministry I try to have with the children, their parents and the Church. Your support of me through the year is much appreciated.

Love and Prayers, Janet Alexander

Dear Friends,

A special thank you for your generous monetary Christmas gift. I gratefully appreciate your thoughtfulness, and as many know, will be used for future "road trips." Your kindness is a blessing and so are ALL of you. With love and many thanks, Carole

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

February 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM Dmitri Shteinberg will present a piano concert at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Winston-Salem. He will play selections from Beethoven and Chopin. He is doing this to help raise funds to built an orphanage and medical center in Kenya, Africa. Please come and support Dmitri and the children. —From Karen Rubish

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

Bank Operating Accounts		
Non Profit Checking	6,560.48	
Relationship MMA		
Gift	15,790.87	
Money Market Account	8,811.99	
Total Relationship MMA	24,602.86	
Total Bank Operating Accounts		31,163.34
Less Unreserved Fund/Liability Accounts		10,574.65
Cash on Hand Unreserved		20,588.69
 High Point Bank, LPL Financial		
Endowment Acct. LPL Financial	22,829.30	
Investment Account, LPL Fin.	60,043.90	
Total High Point Bank, LPL Financial	82,873.20	
Other Designated Accounts-PW		
C. Hodgin PW Scholarship fund	27,846.27	
C. Hodgin PW Scholarship MM	647.65	
Total Other Designated Accounts-PW	28,493.92	
TOTAL		142,530.46

Notes to Financial Statement – December 2016

1. Cash on Hand remaining after subtracting Unreserved Fund/Liability Accounts is \$20,588.69. This balance is \$159.63 less than November. 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 \$6,560.48 at month end. The balance in Non Profit Checking is \$1,778.80 greater than the end of November. No money was transferred from the Money Market account to Non Profit Checking in December. The balance in the Money Market Account at month end was \$8811.99. The Endowment Fund gained \$449.52 in December and the Investment Account gained \$505.92. The detail is reported on the Designated Accounts Report.
2. Pledges were \$1,262.00 over budget for the month and \$7,875.00 over budget YTD thru December. Income for the month was \$2,237.76 over budget and \$16,661.00 over budget YTD thru December. Expenses for the month were \$938.48 less than income and \$1,502.22 under budget. The projected loss for the month was \$2,801.50. The loss Year to Date is \$10,495.69 but was projected to be \$33,269.00.
3. All departments were under budget for the month and for the year. All department chairs worked to keep cost down and we did not have any major repairs to the building this year. We are blessed to have generous givers. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Johnnie Suggs
Treasurer

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BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATES

A water conservation plan has been installed. The awning over double doors in fellowship area has been ordered. Fellowship brick piers are wicking moisture, so outside taller bushes have been cut, and we are working on proposal to waterproof and paint outer walls. There are five projects pending. Recommendations for Empower House have been given to Session. A bad programmable thermostat was to blame for the failure of the furnace in the sanctuary on January 15. Due to good record keeping, we have a receipt to cover it under warranty at zero cost. Sorry for the chill; however, we didn't see anyone dozing, either! On February 7th at 7:00 pm we will set directions for the upcoming year. Jim Moore, Chair of B&G

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/4 Gabriella Moroni	2/15 Jim Moore
2/5 Joe Bennett	2/17 Christy Hedgpeth
2/5 Eddie Coggins	2/18 Samantha Crocker
2/6 Sidney White	2/19 Greg Rice
2/7 Tara Fox Bowers	2/27 Sovan Nyll
2/11 Tommy Hodges	2/27 Joe Hedgpeth

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Jane Hasty	2/7/1954
Tom & Cheryl Wilson	2/11/1967
Noah & Barbara Manning	2/12/1960
Robert & Jazmin Kunkle	2/14/2015
Joe & Carolyn Bennett	2/27/1960

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1st week: Joe & Dee Harrison, Joann Mitchell
- 2nd week: Peggy Harrison, The McSweeney Family
- 3rd week: Keith Harrison, Carol & Benny Huff
- 4th week: Jordan & Haleigh Harrison, Mitch & Julie Tyson



The deadline for the March issue of the *Mustard Seed* is February 19, 2017. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.