



# The Mustard Seed

## MAY 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 May:

- 5/02 PW at Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm
- 5/02 Building & Grounds Committee, 7:00 pm
- 5/05 CCM Meal of Grace, 5:00 pm
- 5/07 Pizza with Pastor & Seekers, 12:15 pm  
(at home of Greg & Sandi Rice)
- 5/09 Session, 7:00 pm
- 5/13 Community Fun Day, 2:00-5:00 pm
- 5/14 Mother's Day
- 5/16 Salem Presbytery, First Pres. Salisbury
- 5/18 Fun Folks, Side Street Café, 12:00 noon
- 5/20 Youth Strawberry Picking Trip
- 5/21 Women's Sunday, followed with lunch for all women in Fellowship Hall
- 5/21 *Mustard Seed* deadline
- 5/28 Laura Agner begins as summer music director while Yulia is on vacation
- 5/29 FPC office closed for Memorial Day

## COMMUNITY FUN DAY

FPC will host a Community Fun Day on May 13 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Please consider helping or donating items. We particularly need bottled water, canned soft drinks, and gift basket items. At this event, we will also be collecting infant-care items for adolescent mothers; this is in support of a project headed by a local high school student to address the needs of this special population in our community.

## CONGRATULATIONS, KAREN RUBISH

At the recent meeting of the Women of Salem Presbytery, Karen Rubish was honored with the Lifetime Membership award. Karen has been active with Salem's PW for many years and given generously of her time and skills while serving in a number of offices/roles.

## WELCOME, LAURA AGNER!

While Yulia and her family are away this summer, Laura Agner, a student at Salem College, will serve as our temporary Music Director. Laura will play for worship services and will meet with the choir and/or soloists at 10:00 each Sunday morning beginning May 28 and ending July 23. During her last two years in high school, she was a resident student at the School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Please make an effort to greet Laura and welcome her to FPC.



## STRAWBERRY PICKING

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Sign up sheets for Youth events will be located in the "Youth Corner" by the Men's bathroom. Please sign up with the number attending at least one (1) week before the date of the event. See sign up sheets for event details.



**FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM:**  
**Crackers**

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 12, 2017**

- Seven Session members were present: Joe Bennett, Tom Byrnes, Eddie Coggins, Marguerite Fowler, Phil Griffin, Sue Langfitt, Jim Moore, and Moderator, Jennie Hemrick. Julie Tyson was in New York.
- There was a question raised regarding acknowledgements of receipt of Memorials. Process is to include: Memorials recognized for every member, thank you notes sent to giver, notification provided to family member.
- B&G: All thermostat timers have been changed for Saturday now that Seventh Day is no longer using the facility. LED lighting is on order (see related article below). For any ant problems in the kitchen, e-mail or call Carole to contact our exterminator—Go Forth Pest Control.
- Christian Education has scheduled an Easter Egg Hunt on the church front lawn Easter Sunday. The combined Sunday School class will review Reformation. Due to the need for a back seat in the van for youth activities, Phil contacted insurance company to change the coverage; insurance increased \$70/year.
- Service reported a decrease in food pantry poundage compared to last year. The Meal of Grace will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.
- The Witness committee will set up on the front lawn for Memorial Day festivities.
- Worship has searched and found a pianist/organist replacement (see related article, page 1). Yulia will be away this summer beginning May 28 for 9 Sundays.
- OLD BUSINESS: Reviewed status of Community Fun Day, May 13, 2:00-5:00 pm. There was further discussion about Christmas Parade to outline project needs and who will/can handle. There is a need to build a team for the A/V system. Mitch Tyson is in training for this task, but we need two or three more so no one person has the responsibility every Sunday.
- NEW BUSINESS: Jennie's headset sound quality is poor. Further review indicated that the sound board had been changed, which caused the problem. Jennie is scheduled to be away Monday, April 17-20, 2017. By April 30, a congregational meeting will be scheduled to elect an Elder to fill our vacancy. Sue Hunter is developing a program for Newcomers to Thomasville, to meet on Monday mornings at 9:00 or evenings at 7:00. The group will share coffee, "goodies," and conversation. Additional information coming soon. A Social Media Marketing Conference will be held on May 25 at the Holiday Inn in Greensboro from 9:00-4:00 if anyone is interested.

### **FROM BUILDING & GROUNDS**

The entire church lighting is now converted to LED. Lights were installed under a Duke Energy sponsored rebate program. Even lamps in the parlor are now LED. Most importantly from a maintenance and cost reduction standpoint, all 118 fluorescent fixtures now are ballast-free with approximately 70% power savings and 15% increase in Lumen output. Also, all lights are under warranty with expected life of twenty-two years. Enjoy basking in the light!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ZACK DALE**

From Jill and Bruce Dale: We just wanted to share Zack's good news with the congregation. He had a trifecta in that he was accepted to ECU for grad school, offered and accepted a graduate assistant position (which includes a tuition waiver and part-time job on campus), and received notice of passing his NC Teacher Exam all on the same day last week. He will graduate with a history education degree from ECU on May 5. Lots to be grateful for and we appreciate everyone's support of Zack through the years.

### PW SUMMER GATHERING INFO

In June, I will be attending the Presbyterian Women 2017 Summer Gathering at Massanetta Springs Camp in Harrisonburg, VA. This year's Mission Focus is Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. Toward this project, I have been asked to bring Walmart, McDonald's, and Wendy's gift cards in the amount of \$10 each. If you would like to participate in providing gift cards, please contact me. Karen Rubish

### CCM MEAL OF GRACE

FPC will be serving a meal of grace at Cooperative Community Ministries on May 5 at 5:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet in the church hallway.

### THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for all the precious thoughts, cards, and prayers for me as I went through cancer surgery. I know the recovery will be over months to come, but I am progressing at a rapid pace thanks to all the support from my wonderful church family. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart! Jim Moore

### THOMASVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

First Presbyterian Church will have a float in the Thomasville Christmas Parade this year. The date is Saturday, November 25, 2017. Sponsored by the Witness committee ( Joe Bennett, Chair), Sue Hunter will take the lead in organizing this event. We will need help in decorating and staging the float. If you are able to help, please contact Sue Hunter or Joe Bennett. There will be more information closer to the time of the parade.

### MEMORIALS

**In memory of Donna Whitman's mother:**  
Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Phil & Anice Griffin,  
Sue Hunter, Andy & Karen Rubish

**In memory of Bruce Coombs:**  
Phil & Anice Griffin

**In memory of Don Suggs:**  
Phil & Anice Griffin

**In memory of David Rupard:**  
Bruce & Jill Dale

**In memory of Johnnie Suggs:**  
Joe & Carolyn Bennett, Bruce & Jill Dale

**In memory of Doris Kolout:**  
Bruce & Jill Dale

**In memory of Virginia Lambeth:**  
Bruce & Jill Dale

### PW UPDATES

We will have our May meeting on Tuesday, May 2 at the Piedmont Crossing at 2:00 pm. We are pleased to announce that we made \$2234 at our Lenten lunches. During our meeting, we will decide how this money will be used. We thank everyone who helped with this project. We will plan Women's Sunday and our Birthday Luncheon at our meeting. Remember to bring your picture of Jesus. We hope to see you there. Shirley & Marguerite



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**ADOLESCENT MOTHERS**

The FPC Adult Sunday School Class is partnering with a local high school student to provide much needed infant and childcare items for adolescent mothers in our community. A donation box will be placed in the church hallway, and your donated items are most welcomed!

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**



5/07	Mike Hauser	5/20	Phil Griffin
5/10	Brian McSweeney	5/26	Ramona Cranford
5/14	McKenzie Moroni	5/26	Carole Skinner
5/19	Robert Kunkle	5/29	Dawn Diaz

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Travis & Jennifer Hege  
 5/15/2010  
 Tom & Shirley Byrnes  
 5/19/1984  
 Butch & Sue Langfitt  
 5/26/1967

**PRAYER FAMILIES FOR MAY**

1st week: Gladys Alexander, Barbara & Noah Manning  
 2nd week: Elaine Ballenger, Johnny & Sammie Crocker  
 3rd week: Joe & Carolyn Bennett, Gene Moore  
 4th week: Martha Blake, Cindi McCorquodale



The deadline for the issue of the June *Mustard Seed* is May 21, 2017. Please send articles to [gregsandirice@gmail.com](mailto:gregsandirice@gmail.com), and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.