



The Mustard Seed

JULY CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)
Sunday School (one-room, multi-generational) at 9:45 am
Choir/Soloist Rehearsal at 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 am
Worship Service at 11:00 am

Additional events for July:

7/04 Church office closed for Independence Day
7/11 Session, 7:00 pm
7/20 Fun Folks, 12:00 noon
7/22 Youth Trip to Aquarium/Natural Science Center
7/23 *Mustard Seed* deadline

Note: 7/20-7/24—Carole Skinner on vacation

THANK YOU, PASTOR JENNIE

The Transition Team recommended that Pastor Jennie's interim contract at First Presbyterian Church, which expires the end of July, be extended another year. Session approved the recommendation as there is still work to be done before looking for a minister. We are delighted to continue our time with you, Pastor Jennie! Thank you for agreeing to work with us for another year.

NEW SESSION MEMBER

We all congratulate Jennifer Hege for being elected to Session and being ordained as Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church. Jennifer has been very involved for some time now with behind the scenes activities for the church. She is reliable and responsible and will be much help to Session and the church as she continues to blossom within this congregation. Best wishes to you, Jennifer!



Aquarium/Natural
Science Center,
Greensboro
July 22

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:

Canned Meats, Beef Stew

Please place donations in the red wagon outside the choir room door in the church hallway. Non-perishable items are welcome at any time!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE 13, 2017

Eight members of Session were present; Eddie Coggins was unable to attend. Jennifer Hege (newly elected elder) was a visitor at this meeting.

- The Financial Report provided by Phil Griffin was reviewed and approved.
- Building & Grounds Committee has received two offers to buy 20 Cramer Street. Session had an extensive conversation regarding whether to keep or sell the property. Based on what it will cost (\$20,000) to make it useable for any purpose, a motion was made and seconded and Session approved to sell the property. This recommendation will be presented to the congregation for their vote on June 25th at our Annual Corporation/Congregation Meeting.
- Christian Ed: Multi-generation Sunday School will begin on June 18th through the summer, then in September we will return to our usual individual classes. Vacation Bible School is planned for August 5, a one-day event from 9 am to 4 pm. Rally Day will be Aug. 27, with a covered dish lunch.
- Personnel: All Session members welcomed Jennifer Hege, who will chair this committee.
- Witness: Had a working meeting on June 11th to discuss the Christmas Parade project. Plans for the JOY sign have been reviewed and materials needed identified. The men will acquire the materials, Phil Griffin is to talk with Jared regarding how the float is constructed. Joe Bennett stated that Sue Hunter indicated that the director would provide updates as soon as possible. Committee plans to participate in Everybody's Day on September 30, following a similar format to last year.
- Worship: There had been an issue with the organ which turned out to be due to temperature, but will need to be tuned in the near future. TRANSITION TEAM met and recommended to extend Jennie's interim another year plus a raise of some amount. Jennie suggested a monthly payment into her Retirement Account would be most helpful and appreciated. Session agreed to another year, and after Jennie left the room discussed an increase. It was decided that we would pay directly into her Retirement Account in the amount of \$300 a month.
- Transitional Minister's Report: Worked with Ben of Memorial UMC on their Finch Preaching Mission Lectures, and FPC will host a catered dinner for ministers/laity on October 3 at 7:00 pm. Plans are under way for a Retreat for younger adults and children on July 28-30. Session approved paying for gas for two (2) vans to make the trip and toward meals. Elisabeth Von Trapp concert will be Oct. 21; we will make hotel reservation for one night.
- Two individuals have recently requested to perform community service at the church. The question was raised as to whether there were any concerns about this. Both have been a very big help. No concerns were raised. Julia Tolbert with Family Services is looking for a place to hold interviews with local residents one day a week. Session felt that was right on target with our outreach approach in the community.



THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank the women that gave me gift cards to take to the Massanetta Springs Summer Gathering. The cards were distributed to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands.
Karen Rubish

We would like to thank church members, and especially Julie Tyson, for recognizing Angus and Benjamin McCorquodale at church on May 21st for their graduations. Angus had graduated from Randolph Early College High School last year and also received an Associate Degree in Arts from Randolph Community College. Benjamin graduated from Randolph Early College High School this year, and also received an Associate Degree in Arts from Randolph County Community College. Benjamin was in the top twenty of his class, a North Carolina Scholar, and a Beta Club member. Both young men will be attending UNC-Greensboro next year.
Don & Jane Osborne

MEMORIALS

Mary Lou Mondrick (Julie Tyson's grandmother): Cathy Hedgpeth
Johnnie Suggs: Ross & Thea Nyll, Charlie & Betsy O'Brien
Carol Darr: Charlie & Betsy O'Brien



This summer, Pastor Jennie is teaching a multi-generational "One-Room Sunday School Class" on Sundays at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. This class will focus on the story of the Protestant Reformation, in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year (February 3, 2017). Come and join the fun and intrigue as we explore this critical event in the history of the Protestant church. In September, we will resume our traditional split for Sunday School.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS



7/5 Charlene Crocker	7/12 Pam Hackman
7/5 Lunamae McSweeney	7/17 Ross Nyll
7/8 Ellen Adams	7/23 Tommy Nyll
7/9 Butch Langfitt	7/26 Andy Rubish
7/11 Carol Huff	7/26 Wes Patterson
	7/30 Dori Ann Tyson



Karen & Andy Rubish
7/13/1971

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR JULY

1st Week:	Sovan & Haley Nyll, Mike & Cathy Lamm
2nd Week:	Marian Greeson, Butch & Sue Langfitt
3rd Week:	Ross & Thea Nyll, Tommy Nyll
4th Week:	Ramona Cranford, Aden & Dori Tyson
5th Week:	Bruce & Jill Dale, Krista Moroni



The deadline for the issue of the August *Mustard Seed* is July 23, 2017. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.