



# The Mustard Seed

## SEPTEMBER 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 September:

- 9/04 Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- 9/05 PW, first floor of Piedmont Crossing Veranda Building, 2:00 pm
- 9/05 Building & Grounds, 7:00 pm
- 9/10 Pizza with the Pastor, 12:15 pm
- 9/10 Sunday Seekers, 2:00 pm (Note: All are welcome to attend; will view movie "The Shack")
- 9/12 Session, 7:00 pm
- 9/15 Fun Folks Trip to barn Dinner Theatre
- 9/16 PW Bake Sale, Tville Farmers Market, 7:30 am-12:00 noon
- 9/17 Submissions for *Mustard Seed* due
- 9/18-9/24 Pastor Jennie on vacation
- 9/30 Everybody's Day, Thomasville



The Adult Sunday School Class will begin studying "Parables from the Back Side" on September 10. Jesus's parables are so familiar that their brilliance is often lost to us. This book/DVD study approaches the parables in a different way, from the back side. The author's intent is to make us look at them anew and leave us examining our souls. The Adult Sunday School Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Sunday School classes resume on September 3. If you are interested in serving as a teacher for the youth or adult class, please contact Julie Tyson.



## MINI-GOLF

Service Projects to begin this month; look for upcoming details

Sign up sheets for each of these 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 prior to the event. **FPC Youth shirts are required for all events.** Details for each event will be posted on the sign up sheets and texted to you when they get closer; some events will require a small fee.



## FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM: Canned Juice & Fruit

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

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Clerk stated that we were in receipt of letter of transfer for Joan Dorr.
- Treasurer is working on updating the Stewardship/Finance committee. A financial report printout was distributed, reviewed and approved.
- B&G committee has been working on the Christmas Sign and have completed cutting out the J and O and will have the Y done shortly. Linda Proctor did a really good job cleaning up the old library.
- Christian Education: VBS was very successful and a big thank you for all that helped out. Rally Day will be Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> with lunch after worship including communion.
- Congregational Care: Planning to put together Back to School Bags for FPC kids.
- Personnel: Jennifer Hege is working on putting together her committee. Will be searching for persons to recommend to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2017. The Nominating Committee will be elected by the congregation and will include one representative each from the Men of the Church, Presbyterian Women, Church School and Session. The Personnel Committee chairperson will chair the Nominating Committee (making five members on the committee). The pastor is an ex-officio member, as stated in the Book of Order.
- Service: Tom Byrnes (who will be leaving Session at the end of this year) suggested that Session think about combining Service and Witness into one committee. Session will discuss this at next month's meeting.
- Witness: Salvation Army has a new leader, Lt Wayne Meads. We look forward to our cooperative efforts to meet the needs of Thomasville. The committee will again be involved with Everybody's Day which is next month, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Worship: Yulia is back at the keyboard. Christmas in July workshops went well; ornaments were repaired, greenery was freshened up. Rev. Ray Mims will be our pulpit supply on September 24<sup>th</sup> while Jennie is on vacation. TRANSITION UPDATE: Pastor Jennie has signed a new contract. TEWELL UPDATE: Committee members each took on an item from the TO DO list and got everything lined up for the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Finch Preaching Mission dinner.
- Transitional Minister's Report: Thank you so much for the Retreat. Everything that was planned happened and more including lots of fresh shrimp provided by owner of the house where we stayed at no cost to the church. Community Fun Day – Do we want to do another one? Everyone felt we had put so much into the first two that we shouldn't stop, but rather continue this outreach into the community. On October 12-15, Pastor Jennie will serve as Spiritual Leader of NCPP #148. We'll need pulpit supply on 10/15.



### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES**

Presbyterian Women will meet September 5th at 2:00 pm at the Piedmont Crossing. We will begin our study of “Cloud of Witnesses—The Community of Christ in Hebrews.” We also will be planning our bake sale for September 16th. Please make plans to attend.

Shirley & Marguerite

### **FROM THE WITNESS COMMITTEE**

Everybody’s Day in Thomasville is September 30. We will be handing out water, popcorn, and children’s books in front of our church. We will also have the downstairs open for use of the bathrooms. If you could help support us through donating a case of mini water bottles (8 oz.) or sign up to staff the tables/lobby for an hour that day, we would greatly appreciate it. Sign up sheets will be posted on the hallway bulletin board.

# **Save the Dates**

September 16: 50th Birthday Party for Mitch Tyson—watch the bulletin board and emails for details!

October 14: Tyson Luau at the home of Mitch & Julie Tyson—4:00 pm

### **PRAYER FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

- 1st week: Phil & Anice Griffin, Mark Warner
- 2nd week: Travis & Jennifer Hege, Elspeth Turner
- 3rd week: Kaleb Hege, Blake Hege, Jennie Hemrick
- 4th week: Joe & Dee Harrison, Joann Mitchell



21 Randolph Street  
Thomasville NC 27360

The Rev. Jennie Hemrick, Interim Pastor  
Carole Skinner, Office Manager  
Yulia Roubtsova, Director of Music  
Church Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 noon  
Church Office Phone/Fax: 336-476-4110  
Pastor's Cell Phone: 336-408-7976  
Web Page: [www.firstpresthomasville.org](http://www.firstpresthomasville.org)  
Email Addresses: [fpcpastor@northstate.net](mailto:fpcpastor@northstate.net)  
[fpcvolunteer@northstate.net](mailto:fpcvolunteer@northstate.net)



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



9/5 Don Osborne	9/20 Lib Cloniger
9/9 Kayden Messer	9/21 Suzi McDonald
9/10 Mitch Tyson	9/23 Mackenzie Hampton
9/15 Haleigh Harrison	9/23 Jake Hampton
9/16 Ron Chatterton	9/24 Don Hasty
9/17 Elaine Ballenger	9/26 Martha Blake
9/17 Jennie Hemrick	9/30 Marcia Williams



Greg & Sandi Rice  
9/3/1994

Phil & Anice Griffin  
9/4/1988

Bruce & Jill Hunter Dale  
9/4/1999

**The deadline for the issue of the October *Mustard Seed* is September 17, 2017. Please send articles to [gregsandirice@gmail.com](mailto:gregsandirice@gmail.com), and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.**