



# The Mustard Seed

## MARCH 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

### Tuesdays:

Lenten Worship and Lunch, 12:00-1:00 pm

### Wednesdays:

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

### Additional events for March:

3/02 World Day of Prayer

3/06 Lenten Service and Lunch, 12:00 noon  
(Pastor Charles McClendon of Recovery, Inc.)  
PW meets in parlor after Lenten Lunch

3/07 Pastor Jennie speaks at Piedmont Crossing Lenten  
Service, 11:30 am

3/11 Pizza with Pastor, 12:15 pm  
Sunday Seekers, 2:00 pm  
Fun Folks to Davie Comm. Theatre, 3:00 pm

3/13 Lenten Service and Lunch, 12:00 noon  
(Dr. Dee Stokes, Unity UMC)  
Session, 7:00 pm

3/17 Youth St. Patty's Day & Paint the Fence Party,  
2:00-5:00 pm

3/18 Congregational meeting, covered dish lunch, 12:15pm  
(Jim Hudson, speaker)

3/20 Lenten Service and Lunch, 12:00 noon  
(Pastor Jennie L. Hemrick, FPC)

3/27 Lenten Service and Lunch, 12:00 noon  
(Thomasville High School Choir, Dir. Alan Suber)

## THANK YOU

Dear Youth and Leaders:

Thank you for a delightful Valentine's Day dinner! The food was delicious—yummy spaghetti, salad, bread, and delightful desserts—and the service was impeccable. Also, you all were dressed beautifully, from the waitresses to the waiters to the maître d'. We appreciate your planning, hard work, and courtesy in providing us with a wonderful evening.

With love,  
Your Church Family

## LENTEN SERVICES

Please join us for Lenten Services and Lunch from February 20-March 27, beginning at noon. On February 20 we enjoyed Josef English Walker, and on February 27 we will host Heavenly Voices Quartet accompanied by Marcia Williams on piano. Please see March calendar (this page) for March speakers. Presbyterian Women are coordinating lunch, which will be available for a donation.

## 2018 BUDGET

Copies of the First Presbyterian Church Budget for 2018 were distributed during worship time on February 18. If you did not receive a copy and would like to have one, copies of the budget are available in the church office.



## March Events

Paint the Fence and St. Patty's  
Day Party (bring a friend)  
March 17, 2:00-5:00 pm

## FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM:

Canned Spaghettio's and Ravioli

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

There were nine present and one absent. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Session Meeting were approved. The 2017 Church Statistics were reviewed and approved.

### REVIEW OF MISSION STATEMENT

The following Mission and Vision statement was approved by Session:

#### MISSION STATEMENT

- Ø Being One in Christ Jesus, we recognize our diversity and accept and embrace all persons.
- Ø We will work together to accomplish this by----

#### VISION

- Ø Identifying and meeting the Spiritual and physical needs of the community;
- Ø Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through the use of individual and collective gifts; and
- Ø Encouraging Spiritual growth through Christian Education and expression of personal faith.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

January's financial report was distributed, reviewed and approved. The 2018 Budget will be distributed to the congregation on February 18.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Building & Grounds:** Repair leak under sink in the lady's bathroom, remove old a/c in the two offices, getting a quote for the double doors on front of church.

**Christian Education:** All activities for the year are on course.

**Congregational Care:** Meeting Feb. 14, looking into phone tree setup, covered dish lunch on March 18, identify team member to take on Congregational Care/Message e-mails.

**Outreach:** Still putting the committee together, working on our mission and vision statement.

**Personnel:** Evaluations completed, Crystal will assist Jennie with Pizza with the Pastor.

**Worship:** The Manning's will be out of town for several weeks; Travis and Barb will be ushers during that time. Randy Hall will be in the pulpit on Feb. 25, choir is working on Easter program (will include a trumpeter), Bill Whitney will be supply pastor on April 8.

### TRANSITIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT:

Craguns are available May 5<sup>th</sup> which is also Spring Daze. The group, Eighth Day, are available on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Session approved having the Craguns and Eighth Day perform. Plans are under way for confirmation class for 6 weeks, looking at Monday at 5:00 or Tuesday at 6:00. Met with Treasurer, Counters and Gladys Alexander to review process to acknowledge monetary gifts to FPC: Going forward the Counters will fill out cards with dollar amount and send to donor for tax purposes and Gladys will send letter of receipt to family. Planned and led Session Retreat, will lead Lenten Worship at Piedmont Crossing on March 7 at 11:30 am. Elected to serve as Vice Moderator of Executive Council for Salem Presbytery. Met with other ministers and the past Superintendent of Thomasville City Schools. Most recently have been in contact with the Assistant Superintendent regarding the donation of books for the children. We are moving forward with the book project, Pastor is helping to secure 23,000 books. All items donated for Houston Strong which were never picked up have been donated to Salvation Army.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Community Fun Day will be held this coming October.

### NEW BUSINESS:

World Day of Prayer at Heidelberg UCC is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. E-mail to be sent to congregation looking for someone interested in participating this year. Session approved having a fund raiser to raise \$500 for the book project.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Lent the Adult Sunday School Class will be studying “Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet.” This Adam Hamilton book/DVD study is not a biography of Moses, but it has the goal of helping us see how his life and story speak to our lives and stories today. Hamilton hopes that it will reveal something to us about God, about ourselves, and about God’s will for our lives. The Adult Sunday School Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

Presbyterian Women will meet March 6th in the church parlor following the Lenten Lunch that we will be serving that day. We hope you will make plans to attend. Also please remember to sign up for contributing food or setup/cleanup help for Lenten lunches.

Shirley and Marguerite

### RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

In an effort to be more responsive to the needs of those who give monetary gifts to FPC in honor or in memory of someone, Pastor Jennie met with the counters (Julie Tyson and Barbara Manning), Treasurer Phil Griffin, and Gladys Alexander (who has been sending acknowledgements and letters of thanks to both the donor and those who are being honored). During the meeting it was decided that the process might flow more easily, and donors would receive receipts more timely, if the counters prepare a card of thanksgiving that will be mailed by the Office Manager. Gladys Alexander will be notified, and will continue to send letters to the individuals being honored or their family members. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Jennie as we seek to make this process to better serve each of you.

### FUN FOLKS OUTING

Davie’s Community Theatre is performing the play, “The Dixie Swim Club” on Sunday, March 11, at 3 pm. We will take the church van. Please sign up (sign-up sheet on bulletin board) as soon as possible so that we may get a headcount. We are planning to eat out for lunch after church, then go to the play. The cost of the play is \$13 for seniors, \$15 all others. Please have your money in to Sue Hunter by March 4 so that we may sit together.

### CHARLOTTE HORNETS GAME

There is an opportunity for the church to attend a Charlotte Hornets game on Saturday, March 10. This is a Faith and Family night. Doors open at 4:00 pm. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet provided in the church hallway. We may be able to get a group rate if there is enough interest.

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR MARCH

*Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.*  
Proverbs 6:23 AMPCA

March 4	Ellen Adams
March 11	Mike Hauser
March 18	Sue Hunter
March 25	Lib Cloniger

If you have a scheduling conflict regarding your scripture reading date, please arrange to trade dates with someone; you will need to notify Carole Skinner in the office of any changes so that this may be reflected in the worship bulletin.

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



3/1	Kay Cromwell	3/16	Cheryl Wilson
3/6	Sue Hunter	3/16	Reen Coggins
3/6	Dorothy Klass	3/17	Phyllis Abbott
3/11	Carolyn Bennett	3/29	Joanne Mitchell
3/11	Yulia Roubtsova	3/31	Zack Dale
3/12	Haley Nyll	3/31	Angus McCorquodale
3/14	Tom Wilson		



Joe & Dee  
 Harrison  
 3/29/1962

**PRAYER FAMILIES FOR MARCH**

- 1st week: Marian Greeson, Butch & Sue Langfitt
- 2nd week: Ross & Thea Nyll, Tommy Nyll
- 3rd week: Ramona Cranford, Aden Tyson, Dori Tyson
- 4th week: Bruce & Jill Dale, Micki & Jack Cox



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