



The Mustard Seed

APRIL 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 April:

4/01 Easter Sunday, *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering

4/03 PW, Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm

4/8 Guest Preacher Bill Whitney, morning worship
Fun Folks (all invited), "Big Bands & Barber Shop
Ensembles," First Baptist HP, 3:00 pm
(see Sue Hunter if you have questions—free event)

4/21 Youth Sock Hop at FPC

4/28 BBQ/Silent Auction for books for Thomasville City
Schools, 5:00-7:00 pm (Eddie Coggins BBQ)
(advanced tickets will be sold for this event)

GUEST PREACHER APRIL 8 BILL WHITNEY

Pastor Jennie will be away at Presbyterian Pilgrimage the Sunday after Easter, April 8, and Bill Whitney, a second-year Wake Forest Divinity School student will fill the pulpit. Bill had a long and successful career in his construction company in Washington state, and it is evident from his resume that he is what we would call a "pillar of the church," having led many groups from young children to adults in a variety of roles. He and his wife retired to NC where they have family. Plan to be at worship on April 8 to hear what Bill has to say and to welcome him to FPC and Thomasville!

FUN FOLKS NEWS

Fun Folks traveled to Mocksville on Sunday afternoon, March 11. Our first stop was an Irish pub and grill for a delightful lunch, and then a few blocks down to the Brock Entertainment Center to see the play, "Dixie Swim Club." It was a wonderful afternoon despite the rainy weather. Our next outing will be on April 8th at 3:00 pm to hear the Women's Ensemble of great music at First Baptist Church in High Point. This event is sponsored by the High Point Arts Council, and admission is free. Call Sue Hunter at 336-475-3235 for reservations. Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE

Please plan to join us for Women's Sunday on May 6. The service will be led by the ladies of our church, and lunch will be catered after the worship service for all women in attendance.

PROJECT CHILDREN'S HOPE

We would like to thank each person who donated money for pillowcases for the Children's Hope project.
Karen Rubish



April Events
Sock Hop, April 21 @FPC
Everyone is invited!
Sign-up sheet in FPC hallway

FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR
CCM:
Dried Beans

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

There were ten present at this month's Session Meeting. Minutes of Stated Meeting of Session on February 13, 2018 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: February financial report was distributed, reviewed and discussed as this was the first report from the new Quick Books version and looked very different.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds:

- Projects on-going

Congregational Care:

- Shepherding Groups have mailed out letters to congregation letting them know to which group they belong
- Anice Griffin visited Martha Blake and she was doing well and appreciated the visit
- The committee is looking into setting up a phone tree
- On March 18 there will be a speaker at the covered dish lunch to talk about caring for someone with dementia.

Outreach:

- We have signed up for CCM Meals on 6/19, 7/10, 8/3. (Will speak with Beth a week before to ensure menu is not duplicated)
- On 3/26 Zaxby's will donate 10% on all meals to CCM, FPC plans to have a presence there
- On 4/28 Eddie Coggins will BBQ to raise funds for books for the Thomasville City Schools; Tommy Hodges will DJ the event, there will be a silent auction.

Worship:

- Lenten Services going well; Easter items will be put out in the Narthex
- There will be a new trumpet player this year for the Easter service
- Four people have been trained on the A/V sound board
- A seminary student will be in the pulpit on April 8.

TRANSITIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT:

- Craguns will not be available in May so we are looking to the fall for a concert.
- Confirmation class meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM.—there are 3 children and 2 adults, should finish up in May
- Pastor Jennie developed acknowledgment cards and printed them for the counters
- TCS book project: 23,000 books have been reserved as interim Superintendent of TCS sent \$1000 to hold them for us. There is a need to raise \$5000 more for this project, divided by the number of churches and other organizations that are participating
- Good Friday Cross Walk on March 30 at 11:00 AM beginning at MUMC (Pastor Jennie will be out front for the stop at FPC)
- Salem Presbytery is sponsoring an 18-month training event to improve the level, generosity and financial stewardship among churches and their members. It is open to churches who register by April 20, 2018 for a total of \$500 for a team of 3-6 persons. CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY dates listed on flyer 5/5/2018, 9/8/2018, 5/4/2019, 9/21/2019
- The author of Waking Up White, Debby Irving, will be at FPC-Greensboro on Sept 17 & 18. The cost of her visit is \$4500. FPC-G is offering organizations to co-sponsor the visit. Sponsoring organizations will be allowed to send 2 representatives on Sept. 17 to have dinner with her prior to the public lecture at 7:00. On Sept. 18 there will be a half-day seminar for educators, pastors and leaders. The best guess is \$300 for sponsorship.

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- We received the yearly notification of the unassigned monies GA Mission Restricted Funds. This year there is no mention of previous applicants and there is \$24,803 in the fund, F58189 “to be used for medical research where most needed.” Would FPC like to apply for additional funds for Huntington’s Disease research? Session agreed to pursue this again this year.
- Pastor Jennie will need to be away on May 13 (Mother’s Day) for ASU graduation. Randy Hall has agreed to lead worship on that day.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Community Fun Day will be held this coming October 27.
- BBQ & Auction for Books – April 28, 2018, serving 5:00-7:00 pm. We will sale tickets in advance. Need auction items donated. Will put on FB and webpage and distribute tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The children will be painting the fence this week. (March 17)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES



Presbyterian Women will meet April 3rd in the Veranda Room at Piedmont Crossing at 2:00pm. We will be making plans for Women's Sunday which will be May 6th. We hope you can attend. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Lenten Lunches, including the men. We needed all of you. Shirley and Marguerite

PETE MCDONALD

Pete McDonald, whose family attended FPC for many years, passed away on March 8, 2018 in Davidson, NC. He was the son of the late Dr. R.L. and Lorraine McDonald, and was one of four children. Pete’s sister, Sally, called Sue Hunter to let her know of Pete’s passing. Sally asked Sue to let the FPC congregation know how important the church was to the family, and that they cherished fond memories of growing up and attending church and youth activities. Pete earned his Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at NC State, and had a stellar career as what he termed a “rocket scientist.” He was well loved by his family and friends, and his obituary stated, “He was a man of unwavering faith. His wisdom, kindness, and protective nature will be missed.” Memorials may be sent to Wycliff Bible Translators, PO Box 620368, Orlando, FL 32862 or to Hospice and Palliative Care of Lake Norman, 705 Griffith Street, Suite 203, Davidson, NC 28036.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Bunny Griffin by Cathy Hedgpeth

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR APRIL

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

April 1	Phil Griffin
April 8	Sandi Rice
April 15	Jennifer Hege
April 22	Jim Moore
April 29	Anice Griffin

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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APRIL BIRTHDAYS




4/3	Keith Harrison
4/13	Jennifer Hege
4/25	Janet Alexander



Norman and Charlene Crocker
4/23/1994

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR APRIL

1st week:	Mary Dee Hasker & Kayden, Sue Hunter
2nd week:	Tom & Cheryl Wilson, Kay Cromwell
3rd week:	Crystal Mattern, Joan Dorr
4th week:	Dorothy & Mark Klass, Sidney White
5th week:	Phil & Anice Griffin, Mark Warner



The deadline for the issue of the May *Mustard Seed* is April 22, 2018. Please send articles to greg-sandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.