



The Mustard Seed

MAY CALENDAR

Weekly events:

Sundays (nursery provided)

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Choir Rehearsal/Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 am

Worship Service, 11:00 am

Wednesdays

Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm

Additional events for May:

5/02 National Day of Prayer & Holocaust Remembrance Day

5/04 Team NC Pilgrimage Meeting, 8:00 am

5/04 Thomasville Spring Daze 9:00 am-3:00 pm

5/06-08 Pastor Jennie's vacation

5/14 Salem Presbytery, Taylorsville PC, 8:30 am

5/14 Session, 7:00 pm

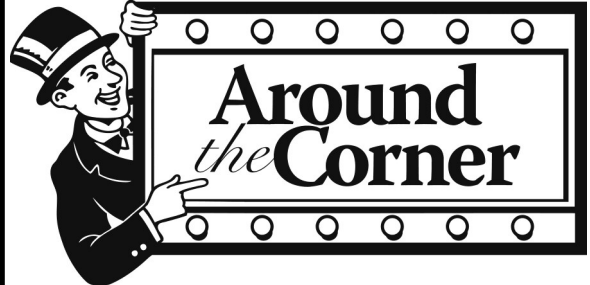
5/14 Dorothy Klass's Music Recital, 7:00 pm

5/16-19 NC Pilgrimage

5/19 Women's Sunday, Clara Jane Rubarph, speaker

5/19 *Nickels for Hunger* Offering, 11:00 am

5/27 FPC Office closed, Memorial Day



**FPC SPRING FLING
EXTRAVAGANZA
FISH FRY**

JUNE 1, 10:00—2:00

All proceeds go to local missions

**Blessings Box May Coordinator:
Aden Tyson**



**FOOD OF THE MONTH
FOR CCM:**

Crackers

Please place food contributions in the red wagon in church hallway (near choir room).

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed money to the church in memory of Andrew J. Rubish.
Blessings to all, Karen Rubish

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

Thanks to all for your help with Lenten Lunches, which were a great success. We will be providing soup, sandwiches, and dessert on May 4th for the Team NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage meeting. A sign up sheet is posted. We will meet at the Piedmont Crossing in the Veranda Room on May 7 at 2:00 pm, during which time we will be planning Women's Sunday for May 19.

See you there, Shirley and Marguerite

CHURCH HISTORIAN NEWS

We would like to recognize and congratulate two of our longest serving active members at FPC. Martha Blake became a member on October 1, 1940, and Lib Cloniger joined the congregation on January 9, 1949. We love and appreciate you, Martha and Lib! Thanks for your many years of service and fellowship.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Ten members were present.

MINUTES: Minutes of Stated Meeting of Session on March 12, 2019 were approved. We received two requests to be removed from membership: Charlene and Johnny Crocker.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hege provided the March financial report for review and it was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds

- Discolored ceiling tiles will be replaced.
- FPC Van Updates: shelter has been stabilized, step entering the double doors of the van has been painted, van now has FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH displayed on the sides.
- LED lighting has been installed above choir loft.
- Sanctuary and hall lighting under review to determine how best to brighten up these areas.
- Planning a Saturday workday to relocate nursery and church library for better security for our children. (Session approved this move so the children's area would not be located in close proximity to the parking lot door.)
- Landscaping updates: Removed bushes at corner of Colonial & Randolph, will landscape the area. Possibly transplant old brick sign in front yard of church to corner location with help of Thomasville High School carpentry/masonry class students.
- Thomasville High School instructor has been invited to look at exterior double doors at the front of old church building (which enters into the hallway outside kitchen) to determine if his students can do necessary repairs/replacement.

Christian Education

- April is Child Abuse Awareness month; we will place pinwheels up the front sidewalk to the church to commemorate this.
- We have scheduled an Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday morning and an Easter Play.

Congregational Care

- CPR Class was really great (4 hours). Plan to do an AED class soon, maybe after Worship Services one Sunday. CPR and First Aid class will be a requirement of the Nursery Attendants. FPC will pay the for Certificate and training for the attendants.

Outreach

- Fish Fry—Spring Fling Extravaganza will be held on June 1 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All funds to go to community missions.
- Spring Daze support needed.
- Remaining *Nickels for Hunger* dates are 5/19, 8/11, 10/27.

Personnel

- It was brought up that the attendants should be sitting with the children during worship and actively gathering up children that need to go to the nursery.

Worship

- Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services/flowers discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer Hege will serve as Commissioner to the next meeting of Presbytery, May 14 in Taylorsville. Future meetings will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17 at Jamestown PC and Tuesday, Nov. 12—TBD.

NEW BUSINESS:

Salem Presbytery is seeking a host church for the Tuesday November 12 meeting. Thoughts about our church serving as the host church?

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TRANSITIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT

- Claire Marie has a list of information she needs to update the website.
- Review of *Becoming a Welcoming Church* (Ch. 4,5,6)
(Note: Session responses indicated in bold print)
- 1. Do you expect guests? **Yes**
- 2. Child Protection Policy on website? Training for workers?
- 3. Is there a trash can readily available? **The trash can near water fountain should be larger.**
- 4. Greeters are IMPORTANT! "If getting here a few minutes early makes a difference in someone's eternity, I think it's a small price to pay." **We do this well.**
- 5. Welcome Center – gifts **We have gifts available**
- 6. PRIORITY? "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4
- 7. Three G's = Going, Groups, Guests
- 8. Millennials and their kids – 78 million possible but fewer than 1/5 attend church.
- 9. "Social Club for Religious Observation"
- 10. Facility Review
 - *We Want You Here* by Tom S. Rainer (read chapters 1,2,3)
 - Retreat Wrap-up
 - Locating FPC in Scripture (Which best applies to FPC?)
Galatians 5:22 – "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."
Romans 8:31 – "If God is for us, who is against us?"
Psalm 118:24 – "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
I John 1:5 – "God is light and there is absolutely no darkness in Him."
I John 3:16 – "This is how we know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for one another."
Matthew 5:16 – "In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Jude 1:2 – "May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you."
I Corinthians 13:13 – "Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."
 - Seeing FPC Again For the First Time – After walking around and through the building What did you see? How can we improve? Where should we start?

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR MAY

- First week:** Gladys Alexander, Noah & Barbara Manning
Second week: Elaine Ballenger, Micki & Jack Cox
Third week: Joe & Carolyn Bennett, Gene Moore
Fourth week: Martha Blake, Cindi Osborne-McCorquodale



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GIFTS TO FPC
In memory of Andrew Rubish:
Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Sue Hunter, Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Bonnie Bradham, Sue Langfitt, Lib Cloniger, Greg & Sandi Rice, Barbara & Jeffrey Rubish and Staff of High & Rubish Insurance Agency, Lloyd Ruona, Ms. Kathleen Cimarolli, Noah & Barbara Manning
In memory of Todd Harrison, son of Joe & Dee Harrison:
Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/7 Mike Hauser	5/20 Phil Griffin
5/14 McKenzie Moroni	5/26 Ramona Cranford
5/19 Robert Kunkle	5/26 Carole Skinner



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Travis & Jennifer Hege	5/15/2010
Tom & Shirley Byrnes	5/19/1984

DEADLINE FOR JUNE *MUSTARD SEED*: May 19, 2019 (gregsandirice@gmail.com)
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