



The Mustard Seed

JANUARY CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 am

Worship Service at 11:00 am

Wednesdays

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Additional events for January:

1/01 Worship Service, 11:00 am

1/02 Church Office Closed

1/03 PW meets on first floor of Piedmont Crossing's Veranda Building, 2:00 pm

1/07 UN-Decorate Church, 4:00 pm

Soup and Sandwich Supper, 5:00 pm

1/10 Session Meets, 7:00 pm

1/15 Movie Night in Fellowship Hall, 5:00 pm

Movie—*God's Not Dead*

1/26 Companions in Christ, 10:00-11:30 am (see related article on this page)

1/30 Dr. Miriam Adderholdt, author of *Perfectionism vs. Pursuit of Excellence*, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (this discussion is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served)

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST

A five-week Companions in Christ course will begin on January 26 and will meet on Thursday mornings, 10:00–11:30 (through February). It will focus on the spiritual guidance we receive from (and give to) our church, participation in small groups, and our search for what God wishes for our lives. The book is *Exploring Spiritual Guidance*. Contact Gene Moore (telephone: (336)476-4033; text: (336)407-1049; email: hol101@aol.com) if you wish to participate in the class. Books need to be ordered before the course begins.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER JANUARY 7, 2017

On January 7th at 4:00 we will “un-decorate” the church. The old adage, “Many hands make light work” certainly applies to this project, so we hope many of you will come out to help. We will have supper together at 5:00, so please bring sandwiches, soup, or dessert. We’ll play some Bingo after supper for fun!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

We received 64 gift cards in the amount of \$325 for teens through CCM at our December meeting. We also have several suitcases for Barium Springs to give to children going to foster homes. Well done, ladies! We were given an update on estimates for work on the women's bathroom and will work on this project in January. On January 30th we will have Dr. Miriam Adderholdt speak on her book *Perfectionism vs. The Pursuit of Excellence* at the church—this event is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. Our next meeting will be on January 3rd at 2:00 pm at Piedmont Crossing. —Shirley & Marguerite



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

**FOOD OF THE
MONTH FOR
CCM:
Canned Soup**

Please place your contributions in the little red wagon in the church hallway. Non-perishable items of any kind are always welcomed!

SESSION SUMMARY

December 13, 2016

- Eight members of session were present; Travis was ill and unable to attend.
- Elders elected to the class of 2019 were present: Joe Bennett, Phil Griffin and Marguerite Fowler.
- Six persons were moved to the Inactive list.
- November 30, 2016 financial report was received with appreciation to the Treasurer.
- Budget for 2017 was approved and will be given to members of the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
- The Divinity School at Wake Forest has been contacted about a student interested in an internship at FPC to assist with children/youth ministry.
- Recent congregational survey will be collated by the Transition Team tallying the Mission Study questions, and Julie, Carolyn and Tom recording results of the Time & Talent questions.
- Installation of new officers will take place on January 1.
- Communion dates for 2017 were approved. The first one is January 8, Baptism of the Lord.
- Dates for noon Lenten worship were approved; March 7 is the first of the six dates.
- Plans for upgrading the women's restroom are in the making, and the project should begin soon.
- Session voted unanimously to set up a "pantry" on our property to provide food and snacks for persons needing it when waiting for the bus on Randolph Street or using our parking lot. Jennie mentioned that she gets requests for this kind of assistance and keeps snacks on hand for these occasions.
- Considerable time was spent talking about the many activities going on at FPC and plans for the future; the effort is to make our church stand out in a unique way.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Don Suggs (brother of Johnnie Suggs)

Carole Skinner, Butch & Sue Langfitt, Lib Cloniger, Andrew & Karen Rubish

In memory of Virginia Lambeth

Carole Skinner, Don & Jane Osborne, Hiram, Jr. & Georgina Nichols, Jeffrey & Michelle Warner, Milton & Theresa Humphreys, Carole Cloniger, James & Deborah Guillow, Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Andrew & Karen Rubish, Rick Farmer, Michael & Cecily Zelickson, Lib Cloniger, Sandra Lee, Charles Covington, George & Jacklyn Fouts, Peggy Harrison, Greg & Sandi Rice

In memory of Carol Darr

Andrew & Karen Rubish, Peggy Harrison, Bruce & Jill Hunter Dale

In memory of Jim Hunter, Ed & Helen Hunter, John & Marie Harris, and Shaggy (our faithful and sweet fur baby!)

Bruce & Jill Hunter Dale

In honor of Sue Hunter

Bruce & Jill Hunter Dale

In memory of Gary Whitman

Misti & Gary Whitman

In honor of Donna Whitman

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Bank Operating Accounts

Non Profit Checking	4,781.68
Relationship MMA	
Gift	15,790.87
Money Market Account	8,810.98
Total Relationship MMA	24,601.85

Total Bank Operating Accounts 29,383.53

Less Unreserved Fund/Liability Accounts 8,635.21

Cash on Hand Unreserved 20,748.32

High Point Bank, LPL Financial

Endowment Acct. LPL Financial	22,379.78
Investment Account, LPL Fin.	59,537.98

Total High Point Bank, LPL Financial 81,917.76

Other Designated Accounts-PW

C. Hodgkin PW Scholarship fund	27,841.85
C. Hodgkin PW Scholarship MM	647.65

Total Other Designated Accounts-PW 28,489.50

TOTAL 139,790.79

Notes to Financial Statement for November

1. Cash on Hand remaining after subtracting Unreserved Fund/Liability Accounts is \$20,748.32. This balance is \$312.13 less than October. This includes Non-Profit Checking and Money Market Account which includes the Gift Account. The balance in the Gift Account is \$15,790.87. The balance in Non-Profit checking was \$4781.68 at month end. The balance in Non Profit Checking is \$2186.05 greater than the end of October. \$2,500.00 was transferred from the Money Market account to Non Profit Checking in November to cover payroll. The balance in the Money Market Account at month end was \$8810.98. The Non-Profit checking is as high as it is due to Seventh Day Adventist paying October & November rent in November. Also several memorials were received the last Sunday of the month.
2. The Endowment Fund lost \$165.85 in November and the Investment Account lost \$951.67. The detail is reported on the Designated Accounts Report.
3. Pledges were \$658.00 under budget for the month and \$6,613.00 over budget YTD thru November. Income for the month was \$850.64 over budget and \$14,423.00 over budget YTD thru November. Expenses for the month were \$1,410.24 greater than income and \$408.62 under budget. The projected loss for the month was \$2,669.50. The loss Year to Date is \$11,434.17 but was projected to be \$30467.50.
4. We had to put a new hard drive in the office computer in November for a cost of \$160.49. Other than this the office was under budget.
5. Worship & Music was under budget.
6. Christian Education was under budget.
7. House and grounds was a little over budget on repairs due to repairs to the Audio/Visual system, a new disposal in the kitchen and light in the ladies bathroom. The water bill was finally back in line. Yard care is over due to 20 hours that Mark worked in the yard.
8. If you have any questions, please let me know. Johnnie Suggs, Treasurer

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Carole Skinner, Office Manager
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1/12 Harrison McSweeney
1/19 Bill McColl
1/20 Karen Rubish



Johnnie & Josie Suggs 1/08/2005
Eddie & Reen Coggins 1/22/1986

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR JANUARY

1st week: Janet Alexander, Nikki Goins
2nd week: Dorothy & Mark Klass, Sidney White
3rd week: Phil & Anice Griffin, Mark Warner
4th week: Travis & Jennifer Hege, Elspeth Turner
5th week: Kaleb Hege, Blake Hege, Jennie Hemrick



The deadline for the issue of the February *Mustard Seed* is January 22, 2017. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.