



The Mustard Seed

OCTOBER 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 October:

- 10/01 Communion Sunday, 11:00 am
- 10/02 Tewell Seminar and Dinner for Ministers and Laity at FPC, 5:00
- 10/03 PW meeting, Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm
Building & Grounds, 7:00 pm
- 10/12-15 Pastor Jennie serves as Pilgrimage leader, will be out of office
- 10/14 Luau at Tyson home, hosted by Jazmin & Robert Kunkle and Mitch & Julie Tyson
- 10/21 Elisabeth von Trapp Concert, 7:00 pm
- 10/28 Community Fun Day, 2:00-5:00 pm



COMMUNITY FUN DAY

FPC will host a Community Fun Day on October 28 from 2:00-5:00 pm. There will be many opportunities to serve and to interact with our community on this day, so we welcome participation from all! Along with volunteers, we need small (8 oz.) bottles of water, soft drinks, trinkets for prizes, and gift baskets for this event. Our past community fun days have been warmly received and appreciated, and we look forward to another successful fun day!



CORN MAZE

Sign up sheets for youth events will be located in the "Youth Corner" by the Men's bathroom. Please sign up with the number attending at least one 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: RICE, MACARONI & CHEESE

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

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

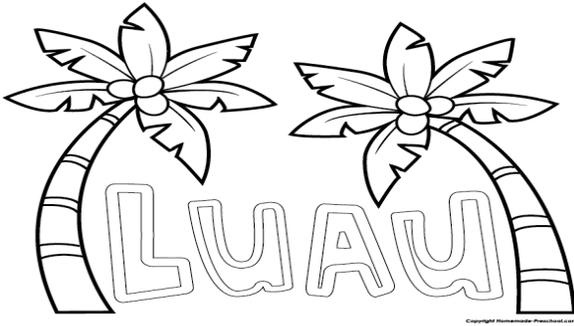
- Treasurer's Report: Stewardship/Finance Committee members are Barbara Manning, Joe Hedgpeth, and Jim Moore. A financial report printout was distributed, reviewed, and approved pending one question from Tom Byrnes. (Clarification on budget amount for Service Committee.)
- Building & Grounds: A canopy will be installed over the choir room outside door. Fence around outside garbage cans will be painted white.
- Christian Education: The first meeting for the new season will be later this month. Pastor Jennie plans to attend.
- Personnel: The committee members are Carolyn Bennett and Shirley Byrnes. The committee has almost finalized names to present to the congregation for the Nominating Committee for 2017.
- Service: We will participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Ringing of the Bell at Walmart this year. Since this committee has not had any expenses this year, the members would like to send the budgeted amount to Presbytery Disaster Recovery. Session discussed the suggestion by Tom Byrnes to combine Service and Witness committees. Session approved, and the combined committee will have co-chairpersons; this will start at the beginning of 2018.
- Witness: A meeting will be held on September 17 to finalize arrangements for Everybody's Day on September 30. The group has purchased popcorn, but still need to purchase oil. Bottled water will be provided. Christmas Parade plans—Phil Griffin will bring the trailer to the church a couple of weeks before the parade so that the float may be decorated with a skirt and items going on the bed of the trailer. The J and O are ready, and the Y needs to be put together.
- Worship: Rev. Ray Mims will serve as our pulpit supply on September 24 while Pastor Jennie is on vacation. Tewell Seminar update: Emails including the trifold brochure are going out this week as a reminder of the event scheduled for October 2.
- Transitional Minister's Report: We have essentially completed four of the five steps of the interim process. The last step is to complete the Ministerial Information form detailing what the church is like and what the vision for the future includes, as well as a vision for the pastor who would be called to serve this church next. Some of this information has already been gathered from the congregation. Session needs to take a realistic view of a 5-year and a 10-year plan to determine a pastor salary that can be offered. There are five members of the FPC Transitional Team.
- Old Business: Elisabeth von Trapp concert will take place on October 21 at 7:00 pm. Community Fun Day is set for October 28 from 2:00-5:00 pm.
- New Business: Crystal Mattern requested donations to the childcare facility where she is employed (Davidson County Community College). Session will pull together some items that are on her list and present them to her from the church. The topic was discussed as to how to handle requests from regular attendees that are not members. Session suggested that the individuals work at the church to earn the money necessary to meet their needs. Ciraida (Ciry) Rodriguez requested if FPC could be a drop-off point for supplies that will be sent to Texas. Session approved.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

We will meet at Piedmont Crossing on October 3rd at 2:00 pm. We will try to find a suitable time and place to reschedule our bake sale. Please make plans to attend.

Shirley & Marguerite



You are invited to attend a luau at the home of Mitch and Julie Tyson on October 14th at 4:00 pm. This event is hosted by Mitch & Julie and by Robert & Jazmin Kunkle. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

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

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR OCTOBER

10/1	Phil Griffin
10/8	Sandi Rice
10/15	Jennifer Hege
10/22	Sue Langfitt
10/27	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.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR OCTOBER

1st week: Peggy Harrison, Barb Hampton
2nd week: Keith Harrison, Carol & Benny Huff
3rd week: Jordan Harrison, Haleigh Harrison, Mitch & Julie Tyson
4th week: Don & Jane Hasty, Andrew & Karen Rubish
5th week: Mike & Susan Hauser, Greg & Sandi Rice



BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATES

Work in progress or upcoming includes support for the construction of the Christmas Parade float, utility fence at back of church, awning for choir room outside entry, food box construction, door repair. Completed projects include bulletin board near nursery, tube lighting delivered to recycling center, sanctuary door repair, and upstairs compressor repair. Thanks for the hard work!

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 10/1 Johnny Crocker
- 10/4 Ellen Felton
- 10/6 Earl Hackman
- 10/8 Gladys Alexander
- 10/10 Bruce Dale
- 10/16 Travis Hege
- 10/18 Mike Lamm
- 10/25 Norman Crocker
- 10/28 Dominique McSweeney



Twig and Tara Fox Bowers

10/9/2000

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