



The Mustard Seed

APRIL 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 April:

April 1: Concert by The Craguns, 6:30 pm

April 4: Lenten Devotional and Luncheon, Noon
PW Meet in FPC Parlor, 2:00 pm

April 11: Lenten Devotional and Luncheon, Noon
Session, 7:00 pm

April 13: CCM Meal of Grace, 5:00 pm

April 16: Easter Sunday, Communion, *One Great Hour of Sharing* Offering

April 20: Fun Folks, Noon

April 29: Youth Group Fishing at Oak Hollow Lake

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AND LUNCHEON SCHEDULE at FPC

Our Lenten services thus far have provided us with opportunities for inspiration and reflection. The Presbyterian Women have supplied delicious lunch options for participants, as well. We look forward to the following sessions for the remainder of Lenten season:

March 28	Rev. Willard Bass Green Street UMC, W-S Founder of Dismantling Racism
April 4	Rev. Cyrus Bush, Tenor Chaplain, Thomasville Med. Ctr. Gray King, Accompanist
April 11	Josef Walker, Organist Heidelberg UCC

Worship begins at 12:00 noon, with luncheon at 12:30 pm. The proceeds from the \$7 donation for lunch will be shared with various local charities.



**CCM MEAL OF GRACE
APRIL 13**

**FISHING AT OAK HOLLOW LAKE
APRIL 29**

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 (1) week before the date of the event. See sign up sheets for event details.

SAVE THE DATE

FPC will host a Community Fun Day on May 13 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Details will be forthcoming.



**FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR
CCM:
Dried Beans**

Please place items in red wagon outside the choir room door in hallway.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH 14, 2017

- Seven members of Session were present; Eddie Coggins was unable to attend, and we are all mourning the loss of our dear Johnnie Suggs.
- All bills and invoices have been paid through March 10th, and QuickBooks posting is up to date. There was no Financial Report produced for February.
- Treasurer responsibilities were discussed, and going forward there will be co-treasurers. Phil Griffin and Barbara Manning were elected by Session as Interim Co-Treasurers.
- B&G received a quote to replace lights throughout the church to energy efficient lighting at a cost of \$1,592 after rebate. Session approved the upgrade. The cost to repaint the front Fellowship Hall wall with two coats of Surewall paint will be \$3600.
- Christian Education is working on a job description for a Youth Leader, and making plans for Vacation Bible School this summer.
- Personnel plans to take down Art Work in the hall at the Main Entrance and install a bulletin board.
- Service will sponsor a Meal of Grace at CCM on May 5th. The committee will also be looking for volunteers to participate in the Salvation Army's Ringing of the Bell one day during the Christmas season.
- Witness is working on several projects: Craguns in concert on April 1 at 6:30 pm (love offering accepted); Assist with the planning of Community Fun Day on May 13 from 2:00-5:00 pm; Hosting a stand in front of the church on Everybody's Day and opening the church bathroom facilities and parking for the day; Submitting tentative request for Christmas Float to Thomasville's Director of Tourism (discussion included decorations for float and placement on church front lawn).
- Worship plans are to join Memorial United Methodist Church for Maundy Thursday Seder supper on April 13. Easter Sunday will include a trumpet musician (an 8th grader) that will play once outside and once inside. We will have Butterfly larva again this year as part of our celebration.
- Other business: Plans are being made to have a team approach to be trained on A/V System, Electronic Sign, and Announcements on the Narthex monitor. Session approved applying to Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) General Assembly for a grant to benefit Huntington's Research. This would honor Gail Moore and possibly help Kathy—the daughter of Gail and Jim Moore. Pastor Jennie will be out of the office on May 1st to attend a Pastor's Retreat.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School Class is beginning a Lenten study, "The God We Can Know." It explores the "I Am" sayings from the Gospel of John: the bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Good Shepherd; the True Vine; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the Resurrection and the Life. This book/DVD study is about knowing God, specifically knowing God through Jesus. The Adult class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

FROM SALEM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Salem PW will hold its Spring Gathering on April 22, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in High Point, N.C. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Karen Rubish.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Johnnie Suggs:

Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Mike & Susan Hauser, Sue Hunter, Butch & Sue Langfitt, Noah & Barbara Manning, Andy & Karen Rubish, Greg & Sandi Rice

In memory of Doris Koloup (sister of Noah Manning):

Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Lib Cloniger, Mike & Susan Hauser, Sue Hunter, Butch & Sue Langfitt, Andy & Karen Rubish, Carole Skinner, Donna Whitman

In memory of Donna Whitman's mother:

Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Lib Cloniger

In memory of David Rupard (brother of Sandi Rice):

Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Lib Cloniger, Mike & Susan Hauser, Butch & Sue Langfitt, Noah & Barbara Manning, Gene Moore, Andy & Karen Rubish, Carol Skinner, Donna Whitman

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our Church Family for the prayers, cards, and concerns during the illness and death of Noah's sister, Doris. Love to all, Noah & Barbara Manning



First Presbyterian Church will have a float in the Thomasville Christmas Parade this year. The date is Saturday, November 25, 2017. Sponsored by the Worship Committee (Joe Bennett, chair), Sue Hunter will take the lead in organizing this event. Can you help with the design (Pastor Jennie has some great ideas), with the build of the float, volunteer to be in the parade, or help with finances? Costs will include renting the float, the parade entry fee, gasoline, and materials necessary for building the float. We currently have \$149 in funds for this project. We need to get started soon on this fun endeavor which will put our church name out in the community.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

Presbyterian Women will meet in the church parlor on April 4th following the Lenten Lunch. Please remember to bring a zip-lock bag with toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, and lotion for CCM. Thanks to all who are helping make our lunches such a success. Shirley and Marguerite

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BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATES

Projects completed: FH walls repaired and painted, FH art display, waterproofing pilaster old building, new thermostat training for committee, electrical power distribution system in mechanical room checked out, kitchen vinyl floor re-glue. Thanks to committee members for help!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4/03 Keith Harrison
4/13 Jennifer Hege
4/25 Janet Alexander



Norman & Charlene Crocker
April 23, 1994

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR APRIL

1st week: Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Don & Jane Osborne
2nd week: Marguerite Fowler, Carole Skinner
3rd week: Phyllis Abbott, Robert & Jazmin Kunkle
4th week: Eddie & Reen Coggins, Ron Chatterton
5th week: Ellen Adams, Charlene & Norm Crocker



The deadline for the issue of the May *Mustard Seed* is April 23, 2017. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.