



The Mustard Seed

AUGUST CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)
Sunday School (one-room, multi-generational) at 9:45 am
Choir/Soloist Rehearsal at 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 am
Worship Service at 11:00 am

Additional events for August:

8/01 Building & Grounds, 7:00 pm
8/05 Multigenerational Vacation Bible School
9:00 am-4:00 pm
8/08 Session, 7:00 pm
8/12 Salem Presbytery, First Presbyterian, Statesville
8/13 Pizza with the Pastor, 12:15 pm
8/13 Seekers, 2:00 pm
8/24 Carole on Vacation (8/24-8/28)
8/27 Rally Day, followed by Lunch in FH

NICKELS FOR HUNGER

The Nickels for Hunger offering in June yielded \$107.19. Thank you for your contributions!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The most recent Financial Report to the Session indicates a \$6000 deficit in giving as of May 31, 2017. Please prayerfully consider this shortfall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are approaching a new year, and our study books have arrived. Our first meeting of the year will be at Piedmont Crossing at 2:00 pm on September 5. If there is anyone who would like to have an evening meeting group, please contact Shirley or Marguerite and we will try to get this arranged. We are pleased to report that we made \$590 at our June Bake Sale, and we will be planning our Fall Bake Sale for September 16. We hope to see everyone at our meeting on September 5!

Shirley Byrnes & Marguerite Fowler



**Vacation Bible School
(Bring a Friend)
August 5
9:00 am-4:00 pm**

Mini-Golf (TBA)

Sign up sheets for Youth events will be located in the "Youth Corner" bulletin board. 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.



FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM:

Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles

Please place donations in the red wagon outside the choir room door in the church hallway. Non-perishable items are welcome at any time!

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: JULY 2017

There were seven members present and Joe Bennett, Eddie Coggins, and Sue Langfitt were out of town. VISITORS: Joan Dorr and Barbara Hampton

- Joan and Barbara were invited to talk about their faith journey and background, and what brought them to First Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jennie asked the standard questions for becoming a new member and both gave positive responses. A motion was made and seconded to accept Joan and Barbara as new members. After hugs and well wishes our two newest members left the meeting.
- The financial report was reviewed and approved. The last couple of months the Treasurer had to transfer a total of \$4,800 from the Money Market account to cover checks written.

Committee Reports

- B&G: The awning is ready to be installed. Discarded florescent light bulbs were taken to the hazardous waste dump in Winston-Salem. Cramer Street house: Presbytery will meet August 12, and we will be notified of decision. Work done on the A/V System included replacing a Gefen extender, pulling a cable out of computer 1 port, and putting it into computer 2 port on the back of the front projector. Completion of the job required three trips plus tall ladder rental from Hill's Electric. The problem was caused by the bad storm in Thomasville on June 24, which impacted the projector. Next steps will be to have Hill's Electric representatives install a surge protector circuit for the cables and verify that the church is properly grounded.
- Christian Education: VBS is planned for August 5, a one-day event from 9 to 4. Training will be held on July 26 at 6:00 pm for those who have volunteered to help with VBS. Rally Day will be August 27, with a covered dish lunch after worship.
- Personnel: Carole Skinner's remaining vacation days are scheduled and covered. Crystal is taking one day; looking for someone to cover.
- Service: No summer activity; will pick up food from wagon on Thursday and take to CCM.
- Worship: Music and Worship Committee functions well! Laura Agner's last Sunday is July 23. She is an excellent summer intern—cooperative, taking on responsibilities related to the job, well prepared, great attitude, and flexible! Yulia will be back on July 30. Appreciation is extended to choir members for their loyalty and willingness to provide solo, duet and/or quartet selections! Christmas in July workshops will begin July 19. Purpose is to refurbish and make new Chrismons and improve other Advent/Christmas decorations. Appreciation to Anice Griffin and Donna Whitman for their gifts in leading this project. Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry, chaplain at River Landing, will fill the pulpit on July 30 when Jennie is on retreat with the young adults.

Transitional Minister's Report

- Worked with Ben Devoid of Memorial UMC on their Finch Preaching Mission Lectures. FPC will host a catered dinner for ministers/laity on October 2 at 6:00, then leave for UMC at 6:45. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Sue Langfitt, Anice Griffin, Phil Griffin, Shirley Byrnes, Ellen Adams, Lib Cloniger. Salem Presbytery has offered to help us financially if needed.
- Elisabeth Von Trapp concert will be Oct. 21 at 7:00 pm. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE (proposed): Sue Hunter, Barb Hampton, Jennifer Hege, Mary Dee Hasker.

Old Business

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic sent in a letter to inform us that they were in receipt of our application for "Use of Restricted Funds" for the purpose of grant money for research on Huntington's Disease (or Huntington's Chorea) in memory of Gail Moore. Our application for Fund Number 58189 has been forwarded to the Oversight Subcommittee for their consideration. We should hear something back on this by mid-October.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome our two newest church members: Joan Dorr and Barbara (Barb) Hampton. We are delighted to have these ladies in our FPC family.

Joan grew up in New Jersey, and was raised as a Presbyterian. She taught school for thirty-two years before retiring. She has lived in many different cities over the years, but she and her husband wanted to retire in North Carolina. She lives off of Finch Farm Road beyond the Steeplegate development.

Barb is the niece of our dear Phillis Abbott. When Barb came from her home in Pennsylvania to visit her Aunt Phillis, she fell in love with this area. She decided to move to North Carolina and finally settled in Jamestown in January 2017. Barb has twins (boy and girl) that are twenty-one years old. Her daughter is a college student (currently on summer break), and her son is serving in the military.

EMBRACE YOUR FAITH

Attending religious services once a week has been shown to add between four and fourteen years to life expectancy, according to researchers who study blue zones. Don't belong to a church? Ask to join a friend at his/her services, or just drop by in a nearby house of worship; most have an open-door policy.

Source: AARP Bulletin/Real Possibilities

Submitted by Sue Hunter

MEMORIALS

In memory of Irma Woods by Lib Roser

In memory of Mary Lou Mondrick by Sue Hunter

In memory of Pauline Cox by Sue Hunter

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The Rev. Jennie Hemrick, Interim Pastor
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Sue Langfitt	8/1
Benjamin McCorquodale	8/3
Gene Moore	8/8
Thea Nyll	8/9
Tom Byrnes	8/19
Jill Hunter Dale	8/22
Jordan Harrison	8/29
Harriet Forbis	8/30



Mitch & Julie Tyson	8/12/2006
Joe & Cathy Hedgpath	8/15/1964
Mike & Susan Hauser	8/15/1970
Benny & Carol Huff	8/26/2008
Tommy & Crystal Hodges	8/27/1988
Ross & Thea Nyll	8/29/1978

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR AUGUST

1st Week:	Mary Dee Hasker, Sue Hunter
2nd Week:	Tom & Cheryl Wilson, Kay Cromwell
3rd Week:	Crystal Mattern, Barb & MacKenzie Hampton
4th Week:	Dorothy & Mark Klass, Sidney White



The deadline for the issue of the September *Mustard Seed* is August 20, 2017. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.