



The Mustard Seed

JANUARY CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)

Sunday School at 9:45 am (beginning January 7)

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 January:

- 1/01 New Year's Day, Office Closed
- 1/02 Presbyterian Women, Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm
- 1/07 Communion, installation and ordination of officers (during Morning Worship, 11:00 am)
- 1/09 Session, 7:00 pm
- 1/12 Youth Group movie night, FH, 4:00 pm
- 1/13 Un-decorate the church, 4:00 pm
- 1/13 Supper and Bingo, FH, 5:30 pm (immediately following un-decorate event)
- 1/26 Youth set up for Presbyterian Pilgrimage, 7:00 pm
- 1/26 FPC hosts N.C. Pres. Pilgrimage, 8:30am-3:30 pm

POST-SEASONAL HELP WANTED

Many thanks to all who helped make our church beautiful for the Christmas season. We had seventeen adults and two children decking our halls on December 2. In the words of Sir Isaac Newton, however, "What goes up, must come down." Not only is this true in the law of gravity, it is also true in the law of taking down Christmas decorations.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Help take down the Christmas decorations at FPC.

START DATE: Saturday, January 13 at 4:00 pm.

COMPENSATION: Supper with church friends around 5:30 after our work is done. Please bring soup, sandwiches, or desserts to share. Bingo with Cathy Hedgpeth after supper!

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: If anyone needs transportation to this event, please contact Sue Langfitt at 336-475-6843.



January Events (all at FPC)

- 1/12 Movie Night, 6:00-8:30 pm (bring a friend)
- 1/26 Set up for Pilgrimage Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 1/27 Serve breakfast for Pilgrimage Meeting, 8:30-10:30 am

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Presbyterian Women for remembering me with a bouquet of flowers—oh so pretty! Also, the "goodies," cards, and especially the phone calls were appreciated more than you will ever know. You all are the best!
Love, Sue Hunter

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

Dear Church Family,
It's with love and gratitude I thank you all for your wonderful Christmas gift. You have always made me welcomed here at First Pres, and I cherish everyone's friendship. Love, Carole Skinner

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were eight members present, two absent, and two guests.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of Session on November 14, 2017 and the Called Congregation Meeting on December 3, 2017 were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: A financial report was distributed, reviewed with some last-minute changes and approved. Budget for 2018 will reflect some decreases for several line items. There will be an Outreach Committee in the place of Service and Witness Committees. Stewardship—We received a total of 37 pledge cards totaling \$103,064 as of 12/12/2017. Ministry Works will be handling payroll beginning 2018.

Building & Grounds: Van has been repaired. Converter was stolen and had to be replaced. A new converter was \$140, which was less than the insurance deductible. Sanctuary blower is acting up, it may be a sensor (we are looking into issue).

Christian Education: Worked on 2018 calendar. Seekers will no longer need Janet and Crystal on Sunday afternoons as their meetings will move to their homes. Adults will study an Alex Hamilton series.

Congregational Care : Church membership has been reviewed, along with recommendation for removal from member list of a member who has moved to another town and no longer attends FPC.

Personnel: Reviews are still in progress.

Service: Tom Byrnes expressed that it had been a pleasure to serve these last three years.

Witness: A Big Thank You to those that worked on putting the Christmas float together. We need to ensure that someone sits with new visitors.

Worship: We had 17 plus 2 young people decorate the church this year. 26 Poinsettias will arrive this week for the sanctuary. We will have two services on Christmas Eve—11:00 am and 5:00 pm. We will un-decorate the church on January 13 at 4:00 pm, eat at 5:30 pm, then play bingo. Communion dates for 2018 were approved. Lenten Worship begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, then February 20 through March 27. Tuesday Lenten Services will take place, with lunch provided for a fee.

Transitional Minister's Report: Pastor Jennie welcomed our newly elected elders Anice Griffin and Mary Dee Hasker, along with Sue Langfitt for her second term. Session Retreat will be February 2 at Camp Hanes YMCA house. Time will be planned for the Transition Team to assess/re-assess the interim time and how to move forward. Discussed beginning the preparation of MIF after January 1. We need a 5 and 10-year financial projection. Session will give some thought to having a part-time minister.

Old Business: Vision Statement will be reviewed in 2018. Task Force to consolidate Service and Witness Committees into Outreach Committee, and update Session Manual.

New Business: Ordination and installation of officers on January 7. Officer training will be during Session Retreat. Looking into cost and set up requirements for cameras to video services that tie into the A/V System.

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

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JANUARY

1/7	Sue Langfitt
1/14	Tom Byrnes
1/21	Jane Osborne
1/28	Joe Bennett

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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE

We are pleased to report we had \$270 in gift cards for CCM to give to teens. Our January meeting will be on the 2nd at 2:00 pm at Piedmont Crossing. Keep in mind that at this meeting we will be voting on who might receive our Lifetime Membership award (to be presented in May). Please make plans to attend.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR JANUARY

1st week: Elaine Ballenger, Johnny Crocker, Sammie Crocker
2nd week: Joe & Carolyn Bennett, Gene Moore
3rd week: Martha Blake, Cindi Osborne McCorquodale
4th week: Twig & Tara Bowers, Jim Moore



PARADE FOLLOW-UP

You did it! First Presbyterian Church's float was a huge success in the Thomasville Christmas Parade. Thanks to everyone for all your help in getting the float "ready to roll" and in bringing the spirit of Christmas to the attendees.
Sue Hunter

GIFTS TO FPC

In memory of Gary Icenhour and Doris Haydee:
Andrew & Karen Rubish
In memory of Nancy Sprinkle:
Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth
In honor of Sue Hunter:
Audrey Brickson

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Two eyes to look at God above,
Two hands to clasp in prayer
Two feet to carry me to church—
That's why I'm a MILLIONAIRE!
(Submitted by a member of FPC)

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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



Eddie & Reen Coggins
1/22/1986

The deadline for the issue of the February *Mustard Seed* is January 21, 2018. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate "Mustard Seed" as the subject.