



The Mustard Seed

FEBRUARY 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 February:

- 2/02 Officers leave for retreat
- 2/03 Officers' retreat, YMCA Camp Hanes
- 2/04 Youth collect for "Souper" Bowl (morning worship)
Byrnes Annual Super Bowl Party, 5:30 pm
- 2/06 PW meeting, Piedmont Crossing, 2:00 pm
Building & Grounds, 6:30 pm
- 2/11 Pizza with the Pastor, 12:15 pm
Sunday Seekers, 2:00 pm
- 2/13 Session, 7:00 pm
- 2/14 Valentine's Dinner, 5:30 pm (Youth 4:00)
- 2/18 Norwex Cleaning Products in FH, 2:00-5:00 pm
Mustard Seed deadline
- 2/20 Salem Presbytery, Highland PC, Winston-Salem,
8:30 am
Lenten Service & Lunch, 12:00 noon (lunch 12:30)
- 2/22 NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage (through 2/25)
- 2/25 Supply Pastor, Randy Hall

"SOUPER" BOWL

The Youth will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations for our annual "Souper" Bowl contribution on February 4, during morning worship.

CHILDREN'S HOPE SUPPORT (BARIUM SPRINGS)

Presbyterian Women have supported Children's Hope (Barium Springs) for many years. A current project includes the provision of new pillows and pillowcases for children or youth. According to Lorie Fees, spokesperson for the project, each time a child or youth is brought to the home, he or she must be provided with a new pillow and pillowcase. The facility purchases these items from Walmart for \$10. Anyone from the church, especially Presbyterian Women participants, may provide \$10 in cash to Barbara Manning within the next couple of weeks. Barbara will combine these funds into a check, which will be provided to Lorie Fees by Karen Rubish at the Spiritual Enrichment Day on February 27, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Karen Rubish. Thank you in advance for your participation.
Karen Rubish



February Events

February 4
"Souper" Bowl Sunday
During morning worship

February 14
Valentine's Day Dinner @ FPC
5:30 pm
(set up at 4:00 pm)



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

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Nine members were present, and one was absent from this meeting of Session. Minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

Election of Treasurer and Clerk of Session: Session elected Phil Griffin as our Treasurer and Marguerite S. Fowler as Clerk of Session.

Committee Assignments: Anice Griffin agreed to head up the Congregational Care Committee. Mary Dee Hasker agreed to co-chair, along with Joe Bennett, the newly formed Outreach Committee (created by combining Service and Witness Committees).

Committee Reports:

- Treasurer: A revised 2018 budget was distributed, reviewed at length, and with some last minute changes, approved.
- Building & Grounds: Replaced some parts on the upstairs furnace. Sanctuary furnace sensors need to be replaced and new thermostat is needed.
- Christian Education: Adult Sunday School is studying the Alex Hamilton series. Children's Sunday will be in August. Intergenerational Sunday School will be held quarterly—watch for the dates. January 12 will be Youth Movie Night. Children have been working on the Food Box in front of the church. In February, the Youth will serve a Valentine's dinner. In April there will be a Sock Hop. A Drive-In Movie night in the church parking lot will be held in June, and in July the Youth will "spend the night with the fishes." The Youth will join the Sunshine Singers for a session at Piedmont Crossing, date has yet to be determined. An evening of Christmas Caroling will be held in December.
- Congregational Care: Anice Griffin has begun work on building the committee—more details to follow.
- Outreach: A meeting is planned for the co-chairs to develop a 2018 plan.
- Worship: We will un-decorate the church on January 13, have dinner afterwards, and play Bingo. There were thirteen in the choir for the Christmas pageant. The organ has been tuned. Communion was served to the shut-in church members. Lenten services and lunch will begin February 20; our first will feature Joseph Walker. We will not hold Ash Wednesday Services this year.
- Special Offerings for 2018 (Session approved): April 1—One Great Hour; May 20—Pentecost; August 19—Children's Hope Alliance; October 7—Peace & Global Witness; December 3—Joy Offering
- Transitional Minister's Report: Made presentation of \$11,000 to WFUBMC for Huntington's Disease research. Session Retreat will be February 2-3 at Camp Hanes YMCA house. Recommended review of Session Manual (we will begin working on this at retreat). Recommended and approved that Worship Committee oversee AV team and their responsibilities be added to Session Manual. Requested and approved use of FPC fellowship hall Sunday, February 18 from 2:00-5:00 for a Norwex Cleaning Products party. Need pulpit supply pastor on February 25 and April 8 as Pastor Jennie will lead the NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage.
- Old Business: Look into cost and setup requirements for cameras to video services. Our contact person is in India the month of January. Marguerite will contact him at the end of the month to remind him about request for cost. Review of Vision statement in 2018—Vision Statement was emailed to Session for review on January 15. Task Force to consolidate Service and Witness into Outreach Committee and update Session Manual.
- New Business: Sue Langfitt will be Commissioner to Presbytery meeting on February 20 at Highland PC in Winston-Salem. Marguerite Fowler will be Commissioner at the November 13 meeting. The other two meetings are on May 15 and August 18.

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

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR FEBRUARY

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| February 4 | Jim Moore |
| February 11 | Shirley Byrnes |
| February 18 | Joe Hedgpeth |
| February 27 | Julie Tyson |

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

Presbyterian Women will meet at Piedmont Crossing in the Veranda Building on February 6 at 2:00 pm. We will be planning our annual Lenten Lunches, which will begin on February 20. We hope that you will make plans to join us.

Shirley Byrnes & Marguerite Fowler

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR FEBRUARY

1st week: Tom & Shirley Byrnes, Suzi McDonald
2nd week: Lib Cloniger, Angus & Benjamin McCorquodale
3rd week: Janet Alexander, Gabby & McKenzie Moroni
4th week: Sovan & Haley Nyll, Mike & Cathy Lamm



GIFTS TO FPC

In memory of Doris Hauser (correction from last month): Andrew & Karen Rubish

In memory of Carol Darr: Karen & Larry Darr

In honor of FPC: Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Long, Butch & Sue Langfitt

THANK YOU

I am very grateful for the gift from the congregation in December. Your love and support through the year is a blessing. Thank you to all.
Janet Alexander.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| Gabriella Moroni | 2/4 | Jim Moore | 2/15 |
| Joe Bennett | 2/5 | Christy Hedgpeth | 2/17 |
| Eddie Coggins | 2/5 | Samantha Crocker | 2/18 |
| Sidney White | 2/6 | Greg Rice | 2/19 |
| Tara Fox Bowers | 2/7 | Sovan Nyll | 2/27 |
| Tommy Hodges | 2/11 | Joe Hedgpeth | 2/28 |



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| Don & Jane Hasty | 2/07/1954 |
| Tom & Cheryl Wilson | 2/11/1967 |
| Noah & Barbara Manning | 2/12/1960 |
| Robert & Jazmin Kunkle | 2/14/2015 |
| Joe & Carolyn Bennett | 2/27/1960 |

The deadline for the issue of the March *Mustard Seed* is February 18, 2018. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate “Mustard Seed” as the subject.