



The Mustard Seed

JULY CALENDAR

Weekly events (unless otherwise noted):

Sundays (nursery provided)

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Choir Rehearsal/Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 am

Worship Service at 11:00 am

Additional events for July:

7/01-7/10 Carole Skinner on vacation

7/04 Independence Day; Office closed

7/10 CCM Meal—Youth

7/14 PW Bake Sale @ Tville Farmers Market
8:00 am-12:00 noon

7/14 Craguns Concert

7/22 *Mustard Seed* deadline

Friday Nights, 6/29-7/27 Drive-in Movies 7:30-9:30

Church parking lot, Youth sell concessions

FROM MIKE AND SUSAN HAUSER

Dear Church Family,

We have moved into our new home at 281 Chadbourne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC, 27104. We are enjoying a simpler life with no yard work and a smaller home. The move was exhausting but we are recovering!! We have loved our time at First Presbyterian Church with some of the finest people in Thomasville. Your teachings of faith, your warmth, kindness, acceptance, and laughter have enriched our lives and we will never forget you. We leave with so many good memories there...Come see us when in town.

With love and friendship,

Mike & Susan Hauser, 336-955-2321

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The CC committee has now subscribed to a phone tree system—One Call Now. You will be receiving calls that may inform you of urgent changes within the church community and upcoming events. We plan to be conservative in the use of this phone tree, and will set it up so that groups will get messages that pertain only to them rather than going to the entire church. This is so that when you receive a call, you will realize it is important and relevant to you. We are hopeful that this will be a significant way of facilitating communication within the church. The contact people for the sharing of this information are Donna Whitman, Don Osborne, and Pastor Jennie Hemrick.
Anice Griffin, 704-278-2552

PW BAKE SALE

Presbyterian Women will have a Bake Sale on July 14 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Thomasville Farmers Market. We need cakes, pies, cookies, bread, etc. Please wrap and label your items and bring to the choir room by 5:00 pm on July 13. We also need help on Saturday (14th) to set up for the sale and to clean up after the sale.

Shirley Byrnes & Marguerite Fowler

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Adult Sunday School this summer. Youth SS will be held on July 8, July 15, July 29, August 12. There will be Intergenerational SS on July 22 and August 5 (all ages welcomed).

CRAMER STREET PROPERTY UPDATE

The sale of the 20 Cramer Street property located at the rear of the church has been confirmed, check for the amount of \$37,380 deposited and cleared. The session voted to deposit half in the church's investment account managed by Pinnacle Bank, and half to be deposited in the church's money market account at First National Bank.

FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR CCM:

Canned Meats/Beef Stew

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

There were nine present at the June 12 meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes of Stated Meeting of Session on May 15, 2018 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: All checks that are approved by Session to be prepared must also have a person assigned who will complete and submit a check request form. The May Financial Report was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds:

- Currently working on painting doors, need to replace two doors. Have a volunteer to scrape and paint.
- Repaired two pews with book holder issues.
- Advantage Realty is holding back two months' payments due to required repairs on the Manse. Moving furniture back into the house for a scheduled personal items auction.

Christian Education:

- Sunday school: Adult class is not meeting during the summer. Children's class is on a limited schedule. There will be three Intergenerational classes scheduled this summer. Adult class will study and revisit *Living the Questions* in the fall. Classes will be structured in six-week intervals.
- Vacation Bible School: July 31-August 3 (Tuesday through Friday), 7:00-8:30/9:00. Showing a movie and holding a discussion afterward. Each church group (Session, PW, Men of the Church, Young Adults/Youth Group) will be asked to provide snacks/dinner. Focus will be on our children.
- Youth Group: Jennifer and Julie will step down to become Advisors, and the Youth (Aden and Kayden) will step up to be the Leaders of the group. Structure will be discussed and decided upon in the upcoming meetings. Youth will be singing a couple of times this summer. Youth Sunday is August 19.
- Rally Day: August 26. Seekers will provide breakfast for the congregation.
- Children's Church: Leaders will raise the bar for the youth during this time and continue to work toward keeping the kids in the sanctuary during worship time.
- Celebrations: CE will develop a form for the congregation to complete for milestones that need to be recognized (graduations, awards, school performances, etc.).

Congregational Care:

- One Call Now is currently in place and rules for use have been developed. This call tree will be limited to reminders and unexpected health issues for now. Pastor Jennie will be the decision maker for what is appropriate in this matter. She, Donna Whitman, and Don Osborne will be the only ones to input information into the system. Church committees that would like to take advantage of this to remind committee members of upcoming meetings should email all (Pastor Jennie, Donna, and Don), as they will know which one of them is on duty.
- Half of the funds for this service were donated anonymously, and Congregational Care will cover the other half.

Outreach:

- CCM Meal of Grace will be June 19.
- There have been many eye glasses donated so far for the Salem Presbytery Medical Missions.
- The committee will cover Everybody's Day again this year.
- Planning a Corn Hole contest, details will be forthcoming.

Personnel:

- We have a new nursery attendant, Carlena, who has been well received by youth and adults.

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Worship:

- Summer music director, Josh Waldron, will be here through July. Choir members are enjoying working with him, and he has been very open to suggestions.
- Marguerite Fowler has led training on the AV system for the team. We are in the process of getting each member of the team on board and able to operate the system. Mitch is training each new team member so that all will know how to run the system (although Mitch will probably be the major operator). Jim Moore, Jennifer Hege, and Mary Dee Hasker are the other team members, and they deserve a word of appreciation from congregation members.
- Committee chair is in process of securing a preacher for Sunday, August 5.

TRANSITIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT:

- "Jesus on Tap" began on June 6 at Chair City Tavern, and will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30. Seven people attended and it went very well. Invitation cards were given to others in the tavern.
- On May 21, hosted the first Thomasville Ministers' Gathering, with seven in attendance. A second gathering hosted on July 11 was attended by six, three of whom were new. Wayne Meads of the Salvation Army and Beth Hibbitts of CCM led a discussion on the needs in the Thomasville area and how the churches might better respond to the needs. Transitional housing seemed to be the greatest need, and there was much discussion about how churches could help in that area. Next meeting is scheduled for July 16.
- Five FPC volunteers and Pastor Jennie helped to distribute books at Liberty Drive Elementary School for three days. It was an overall success, and we learned some things that could be improved if we do this project again.
- Pastor Jennie officiated the marriage of Sylvia and Walter Sanchez (occupants of 11 Cramer Street) on June 9th.
- There have been requests for a "Worship in Song" service, will be asking congregation for favorite hymns.
- The Craguns will hold a concert at FPC on Saturday, July 14 at 6:00 pm. Phil & Anice Griffin will host the group while they are here.
- Pastor Jennie will be away on July 15, August 5, September 10-15, and October 11-14; supply pastor will be needed for July 15, August 5, and October 14.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Continue to update and finalize Session Manual.
- As we are getting close to the end of another year with a transitional minister, there was a motion and a second to enter into a three-year contract with Pastor Jennie. With the events that are currently in motion, it will ensure that plans can be fulfilled and FPC should be in a better place to look for a permanent pastor. Session approved this motion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held July 31-August 3 from 7-9 pm. We will watch a movie or segment each night and hold a discussion or participate in a craft related to that segment. Christian Education committee is asking each group (PW, Youth, Seekers, etc.) to provide a snack for participants. There will be a signup sheet for this on the Youth bulletin board. We also are looking for volunteers to help lead discussion groups, pass out invitations, lead craft, and assist with the snack each night. All are encouraged to attend, for this will be family friendly and focused on the kids in our church. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Tyson.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS



- 7/8 Ellen Adams
- 7/9 Butch Langfitt
- 7/11 Carol Huff
- 7/12 Pam Hackman
- 7/15 Barb Hampton
- 7/17 Ross Nyll
- 7/23 Tommy Nyll
- 7/26 Andrew Rubish
- 7/26 Wesley Patterson
- 7/30 Dori Ann Tyson



Andrew & Karen Rubish
7/13/1971

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR JULY

- 1st week: Tommy & Crystal Hodges, Donna Whitman
- 2nd week: Christy Hedgpeth, Curtis & Elaine Patterson
- 3rd week: Joe & Cathy Hedgpeth, Don & Jane Osborne
- 4th week: Marguerite Fowler, Carole Skinner
- 5th week: Phyllis Abbott, Robert & Jazmin Kunkle



The deadline for the issue of the August *Mustard Seed* is July 22, 2018. Please send articles to gregsandirice@gmail.com, and indicate “Mustard Seed” as the subject.