



# The Mustard Seed

*"... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,  
nothing shall be impossible to you."*

Matthew 17:20

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## LES IS MORE

Dear Beloved of Christ:

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! A few weeks back, one of you said to me, "It doesn't take long for people to become family." How spot-on that is. You have welcomed me (and Baylee) with open arms.

Lately I have been thinking about story – narrative – the ways which we try to make sense of the things that happen in our lives. When any event occurs in our lives, there are a multitude of stories we can tell as we try to put that event in perspective. And the story we tell ourselves strongly determines the response we have to that event. Yes – I have been examining some life-events and asking the question, "What am I telling myself about....?" I encourage all of us to take some "shade-tree" time and do the same thing.

In these early days at HPC, I am listening for the stories we tell ourselves about this church.

In the sermons at worship this month, we are spending some time with the Israelites in their Exodus journey.

The story that the Jewish community has told about that event has held them together through some incredible adversities. They tell a story of a God who redeems and saves and acts on their behalf.

This God redeems and saves and acts on our behalf as well.

I have heard that we human beings can bear anything about which we can tell a story. I hope to see you in worship!

Yours in Christ,

Leslie

## Composing a Legacy:

### What does your will or estate plan say about your faith?

As Presbyterians, we celebrate our faith in many ways – through worship, mission and sharing. Sharing our wealth, both spiritual and material, is one of the cornerstone principles of our Presbyterian heritage. As we embrace our material blessings, we must also accept the responsibility of God's gifts to us. That responsibility calls on us to be stewards of our faith and use all of God's gifts wisely. In response, many Presbyterians choose to make gifts of their accumulated resources to their church.

There are many ways to make a legacy gift to the Church ranging from outright gifts to simple bequests, permanent funds, and life income plans. On November 5, our church will host a program that outlines the variety of options that are available to make planned gifts to the church or other non-profit organizations. Robert Hay, Jr, Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, will be making the presentation and will be available to meet with individuals or couples one-on-one following the presentation.

**"I appointed you to go out and bear fruit that is lasting" John 15:16.** Lasting fruits are what we pass down to the next generation: our values, our ethics, and our faith. Including the church in our estate plan is lasting fruit, a witness to our Christian faith to the generations to come.

## JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	Year-to-Date Income over (under) Expense
Regular Giving	\$ 18,972	\$ 110,423	
Operating Expenses	\$ 19,214	\$ 109,059	\$ 1,364
Mission & Other			
Designated Giving	\$ 22,712	\$ 42,833	
Mission & Other Expense	\$ 1,088	\$ 5,973	\$ 36,860
<b>TOTAL ALL GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 41,684</b>	<b>\$ 153,256</b>	
<b>TOTAL ALL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 20,302</b>	<b>\$ 115,032</b>	<b>\$ 38,224</b>

Jeff McCann, Sr, Treasurer

## FLOWER CALENDAR

There are still open days available for you to supply flowers from your garden or florist, or a plant during worship on Sundays. Check out the open dates on the calendar in the narthex and put your name down. Let the church office know if you are providing flowers in memory or honor of someone.

The following people have signed up to provide flowers in September:

Sept 03 Mark & Nancy Provost  
 Sept 10 John & Sally Robertson  
 Sept 17 Malinda Burns  
 Sept 24 Lew & Amy Alley

## LITURGIST NEEDED

We are in need for people to sign up to be the liturgist on Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity to participate in your church and anyone (even youth) can do this! All materials are provided so that you just have to read your part to lead the worship. You can choose whether or not you want to lead the Children's Sermon; we welcome you to do this, but it is NOT a required part of the liturgist's responsibilities. Please reply to the church office, or to Renee Dugger ([ireneedugger@gmail.com](mailto:ireneedugger@gmail.com)) to volunteer or for more information.

## THANK YOU

HPC family,

Thank you so much for the kindness you have shown to me and my husband. GOD bless all of you. I hope to see you soon. Keep us in your prayers.

Arlene and Don Brown

## FOOD CLOSET FOOD OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of September, HPC will be collecting *canned soup* for our Food Closet. We greatly appreciate your generosity, either by donating purchased food items or monetary donations that enable us to purchase needed supplies for the food closet. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help.

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

We are accepting clothing (men's t-shirts, shorts, pants, jeans, underwear; women's casual dress shirts, leggings, pants & jeans) for the homeless served by the Downtown Presbyterian Church. This will be an ongoing mission project.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2017</h1>						
					1 10:00 am - Food Closet	2
3 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Communion 7:00 pm - A.A.	4  LABOR DAY 11:00 am - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	5 7:00 pm - BSA Roundtable	6 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	7 10:00 am - Day Circle 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	8 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	9
10 9:45 am - Sunday Scjpp; 11:00 am - Worship Noon - Covered Dish lunch 7:00 pm - A.A.	11 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	12 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	13 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	14 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	15 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:30 pm - Barbie Doll Club	16
17 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 12:15 pm - Session 7:00 pm - A.A.	18 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	19 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	20 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	21 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	22 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	23 6:00 pm - Dinner Club Kick- Off at the Provosts
24 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 7:00 pm - A.A.	25 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	26 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch, Jonathan's Grille, Mt. Juliet 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	27 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	28 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	29 10:00 am - Food Closet	30



- 01 Rhea Williams
- Donna Jones
- 02 Junior Dominguez
- 04 Scott Deathridge
- 09 Sally Robertson
- 19 Cindy Baldwin
- 20 Steve Abbott
- Malinda Burns
- Kris Harnack
- 26 Ernest Ray
- 27 Kathy Gregory

*In order to keep our birthday list accurate & up-to-date, let the office know of any corrections & additions.*

**SEPTEMBER  
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Sept. 03 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
- Sept. 10 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- Sept. 17 Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- Sept. 24 Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Glenclyff Presbyterian Church. Registration forms are in the narthex, or contact Diane Thurston. Ladies, please make plans to attend.

### BAKE SALE

Calling all members of the church that like to BAKE GOODIES!!!

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the HPC PW will have it's annual Bake Sale at the Artisan Craft Fair being held at the church that day. We would greatly appreciate any Home Baked Goodies that you may be willing to contribute to the Bake Sale that day. We will also need people to man the tables. Funds raised are used for needed projects around the church. Thank you ahead of time for all your help.

## DAY CIRCLE

HPC Day Circle will resume on Thursday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. Our 2017-2018 Bible Study will be *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, by Mellissa Bane Sevier. After the Bible Study, we usually go out to lunch!

In nine lessons, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in a sense, with all communities of which we are a part, we bring these groups with us wherever we go. This ever-present "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1b-2).

All women of the church are invited to attend. Come join us!

## TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY MINISTRY

We are currently in need of juice pouches, granola bars and fruit cups to fill the snack bags that are sent home with children in need. These bags are given out on Friday so the children will have a snack on the weekends. Thank you for your continued help with this mission ministry.

## FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

It is fall, one of the most beautiful seasons in Middle Tennessee. It is a time for renewal and remembering, taking time to savor the blessings of the coming seasons. This would be a good time to renew your commitment to Christian education by coming to one of our Sunday school classes: Rev. John Kaufman's class studying the book of Matthew, Mike Jones' class beginning *Tuesdays with Morrie*, or Ellen Deathridge's class on *The Apostle's Creed*. On Wednesday nights, our pastor, Rev. Leslie Traylor, is leading a study of Adam Hamilton's *When Christians Get It Wrong*. Join us!

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27	Wednesday Night Supper and Study, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Day Circle, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 10	Kirkin' of The Tartans followed by covered dish luncheon
Sunday, Sept. 17	Session, 12:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23	Dinner Club Kick-off, Provosts, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Lunch Bunch, Jonathan's Grille, Mt. Juliet, 11:30 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS, STUDY, AND YOUTH, 6:00 P.M.

Sept. 06	Chicken and Mushrooms Noodles Peas and Carrots Salad/rolls Dessert	Sept. 13	Whitt's BBQ Potato Salad Cole Slaw Baked Beans Dessert
Sept. 20	Lasagna Salad Garlic Bread Dessert	Sept. 27	Taco Bar Refried Beans Spanish Rice Dessert

## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN

Worshippers gathered over 65 years ago on Sunday evening, April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C., at a special service led by Peter Marshall, famed pastor (1935 - 1949) of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Rev. Marshall later also served as Chaplain to the U.S. Senate (1947 - 1949). Attended by members of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C., the service had Scottish airs as a prelude to the service.

Designed to raise funds, this Kirkin' service sought to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II, as well as the British war effort, by providing a mobile kitchen. This initial, simple Kirkin' service later evolved into what is today the Kirkin' of the Tartan held in many locations across America. Since 1954, an annual Kirkin' of the Tartan has been held at the National Cathedral in the nation's capital.

A remembrance of early Scottish Presbyterianism, Kirkin' of the Tartan worship services have spread across America. We will hold our Kirkin' of the Tartan service on **September 10, 2017**, at HPC.

Scotland in the mid-18th century saw the English parliament and monarchy (The Disarming Act, 1746 - 1782) banning weapons, as well as the wearing of tartan or kilts by Highland clansmen (effective August 1747). A latter-day legend has it that clansmen would carry small pieces of the banned tartan cloth to the Church (Kirk) and the clergymen would slip a blessing into the service.

The Holy Scriptures were the responsibility of The Beadle, a lay person in the Scottish Kirk. The Beadle brought the Bible into the Kirk for the worship service. In early history, clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Specific tartans developed simply because each area liked to weave a certain design using local herb dyes.

Why then do we celebrate clans and tartans? It is because the clansmen demonstrated true brotherhood and the clan was the family. The tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness. In our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future.

Following the service, we will have a covered dish luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share with family and friends.

## HPC'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

Our annual craft fair will be Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked to make the craft fair so successful in the past. Again, we need help from everyone to make this year great!

Ways you can help throughout September: Post flyers in local businesses, send emails, post notices on social media, place yard signs in visible places, visit other craft fairs and invite vendors, seek large donations for silent auction.

On Friday: Set up inside and outside the church, direct vendors who arrive to set up early.

On Saturday: Direct traffic/parking, work in silent auction, answer questions, help with hospitality room, etc.

Please contact Margaret Cantrell and let her know how you are able to help.

## REPORT FROM BUSINESS TEAM

After an extended time without cooling, we are happy to report the A/C unit in the fellowship hall has been replaced and is working great. Extra vents were added in the kitchen to help keep it cooler. The work was completed and cost \$18,900.

The roof leak over Pastor Leslie's office has been repaired and the top cover over the breezeway has been replaced. No more dripping on your head when it rains! The total cost was \$3,900.

These were much needed repairs and replacements. Hopefully with a new efficient A/C unit, we will see lower electric bills.

Our fountain was recently vandalized and no longer worked. Mike Dugger is in the process of repairing and replacing parts to get it back to working order. Thanks Mike!