



# 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

I asked one of you for an assigned topic for this column - "How about patience?" What more is there to write about patience? We all need it, and we know not to pray for it – because it is built by being tested! But as I thought about patience....

There are (at least) two general occasions when we have to exercise patience: 1. when someone is bugging us; and 2. when we are waiting for something to happen, and the wait is long. Let's focus on #2.

Waiting for something to happen is **future** oriented – tomorrow. Or the next day. Somewhere in the future. If we would only heed Jesus' teaching: "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today (Matthew 6:34)" If we lived by that sage advice – staying in the present moment – we wouldn't have to worry much about needing more patience.

As I patiently waited for inspiration to write about patience, a thought! "Today could be your last day alive on this planet." If I knew today were my last day, I wouldn't be concerned about the things I am waiting for – I would want to make the most out of each moment, each encounter I had.

At age 92, Helen Hayes was asked, "What is the most important thing you have done in your life?"

"Whatever I am doing now."

Yours in Christ,  
Leslie

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The Session held its regular stated meeting on Sunday, September 17 following worship. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

Kathy Segers expressed her desire to become a member of Hermitage Presbyterian Church and was present at Session. She was received into membership after talking about her faith journey and her life experiences. She was previously a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Macon, Georgia. She will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, September 24. Kathy has already joined the choir and is attending the Wednesday evening dinner and study.

Session approved the Sunday School curriculum for the Middle School youth that is being taught by Ellen Deathridge. They will study "Grow! Young Life Studies in Basic Christianity" and a video-based study of the Apostles Creed.

The Session has begun a study of the book "Leading with Soul: An Uncommon Journey of Spirit" by Lee Bolman and Terrence Deal. Pastor Leslie is leading the discussion.

The initial planning has begun for the 2018 church budget. The first draft will be presented at the October Session meeting in preparation for the fall Stewardship Drive.

Mark Provost and Malinda Burns will be the commissioners to the October 19 Presbytery meeting at Camp NaCoMe.

The Session is grateful for the generous financial support given to Hermitage Presbyterian Church by its members and friends.

**Kathy Johnson**  
**Clerk of Session**

## WELCOME FRIENDS

Lynne Romines

Timothy Trewyn

Deane & Teri Schultz

Catherine Lunn & Mason

## NEW MEMBER

Extend your hand and give a warm HPC welcome to our newest member, Kathy Segars. Kathy comes to us by transfer of letter from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Macon, Georgia.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

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

October 01	Henry Sargent
October 08	Margaret Cantrell
October 15	Bob Hausman & Linda Douglas
October 23	Joe Falce
October 29	Malinda Burns

Let the church office know if you are providing flowers in memory or honor of someone.

## 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.

## 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.

## FOOD CLOSET FOOD OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of October, HPC will be collecting *boxed cereal* 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2017</h1>						
1 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Communion 7:00 pm - A.A.	2 10:00 am - Good Sam 11:30 am - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	3 7:00 pm - BSA Roundtable	4 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	5 10:00 am - Day Circle 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	6 10:00 am - Food Closet	7 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Craft Fair
8 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship Noon - Fellowship Coffee 7:00 pm - A.A.	9  10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	10 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	11 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	12 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	13 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	14
15 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 12:15 pm - Session 2:00 pm - MTLA 7:00 pm - A.A.	16 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	17 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	18 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	19 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	20 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:30 pm - Barbie Doll Club	21 Dinner Club
22 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 7:00 pm - A.A.	23 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	24 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch, Demos, Lebanon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	25 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	26 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	27 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	28
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Look Who's Having  
a Birthday!

- 10 Margaret Cantrell
- 12 Carter Noblin
- 13 Maya Bender  
Gaye McFadden
- 16 Ed McFadden  
Donnie Williams
- 21 Mike Jones
- 26 Keith Phillips
- 27 Rick Harnack
- 29 Nancy Provost
- 30 Barbara Michanowicz
- 31 Ellen Deathridge

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

## OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Oct. 01 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- Oct. 08 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- Oct. 15 Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct. 22 Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct. 29 Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

## FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

The 6th Annual Artisan Craft Fair is almost here! Saturday, October 7, 2017. Plan to be there and find out how you can help. We would also love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for food, fellowship, and an interesting Bible study on *When Christians Get It Wrong*. The Wednesday night youth group is growing! We have 5-7 kids every week, and we have been able to provide a free meal for them as well as games, movies, fellowship, Bible verses, and service projects. The Kirks also treated them to two swim parties this summer. Thanks so much! If you would like to help, contact Nancy Provost or Malinda Burns, or donate to the youth fund to help pay for their meals and activities.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesday Night Supper and Study, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Day Circle, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7	Artisan Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8	Fellowship Coffee, following worship
Sunday, Oct. 15	Session, 12:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	Dinner Club
Tuesday, Oct. 24	Lunch Bunch, Demos', Lebanon 11:30 a.m.

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

Oct. 04	Publix Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Salad/rolls Dessert	Oct. 11	Sloppy Joes Potato Salad, Chips Cole Slaw Dessert
Oct. 18	Pork Roast Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Salad/rolls Dessert	Oct. 25	Chili & Baked Potatoes Hot Dogs Salad/Toppings Dessert

## 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: 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.

## BAKE SALE

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

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the HPC PW will have its 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. Bring your wrapped or bagged items to fellowship hall on Friday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday morning by 9:00 a.m.

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.

## 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.

## MARTHA O'BRYAN CENTER

We are grateful for your support of Martha O'Bryan Center and our mission to empower families experiencing poverty. We are hosting a brand new event, scheduled for October 28, called TennSpeed: The Ride for Education ([www.tennspeedride.org](http://www.tennspeedride.org)). This event will bring cyclists together to raise funds while enjoying a scenic fall ride around The Fontanel, north of Nashville. Funds raised from the event will support the Center's educational pathways from middle school through college.



**TennSpeedride.org**

The Ride For Education  
**TennSpeed**  
Saturday, October 28, 2017

20 mi, 30 mi,  
and 60 mile options

Start/Finish Line:  
The Fontanel  
4225 Whites Creek Pk

Benefiting the  
education pathways of  
Martha O'Bryan Center,  
from middle school  
through college.

MARTHA O'BRYAN CENTER

## 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.

## AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	Year-to-Date Income over (under) Expense
Regular Giving	\$ 13,183	\$ 123,606	
Operating Expenses	\$ 22,384	\$ 131,442	\$ (7,836)
Mission & Other			
Designated Giving	\$ 2,926	\$ 45,559	
Mission & Other Expense	\$ 1,344	\$ 7,317	\$ 38,242
<b>TOTAL ALL GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 16,109</b>	<b>\$ 169,165</b>	
<b>TOTAL ALL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 23,728</b>	<b>\$ 138,759</b>	<b>\$ 30,406</b>

Jeff McCann, Sr, Treasurer