



# 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**

The paving on I-440 has given us a little relief – and the potholes all over Nashville have been slowly filled in. Yeah! The roads were AWFUL for too long! Now the highways are passable – but still pock-marked. When our roads are in good condition, it sure makes for a more comfortable life.

I ran across an intriguing thought in Psalms the other day: "Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion (84:5 NRSV)." Zion is the name used to describe Jerusalem in a spiritual dimension – the place where God lives, where God reigns, where the people are God's subjects. The physical Jerusalem is romanticized – spiritual Zion is Jerusalem's alter-ego (or altar-ego!). Remember – the faithful Israelite sojourned to Jerusalem for three festivals each year – to the temple.

Do you have a place to which you regularly go? Maybe your parents' house? Or your children's? Do you joke that you could set your car on "auto-pilot" and it would drive there on its own? Or perhaps you can drive there without even thinking about where you are going!

Often, in the Bible, the English masks what is going on in the original language. Here – in the Hebrew – there is no destination! "Happy are those...in whose hearts are the highways." That's it.

Which leads to a couple points:

1. Where are the highways in your heart leading to? What do you yearn for?
2. The journey itself is the destination.

I hope to see you in worship this summer; peace.

Love in Christ,

**Leslie**

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The Session held its regular Stated Meeting on May 20, 2018 following worship. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for June 24 following morning worship to elect three members of the Congregation to the Nominating Committee.

Ordination and Installation of incoming Elders Jennifer Bingham and Mike Jones will be held during Morning Worship on June 24.

The Church Picnic will be held on July 8. Details will be coming soon.

Malinda Burns and Pat Gillie cleaned and organized the Front Flower Closet (behind the Altar). A list of the inventory is posted on the Worship Supply cabinet. Everyone is asked to help keep this area organized by returning items to the correct location.

The Session is inviting anyone who would like to sing and lead the congregation in the singing of hymns to sit in the choir loft on the Sundays in the summer when the Choir is not singing. This would not involve wearing choir robes and would only be for the singing of the hymns with the congregation. The Sundays this summer when the Choir is singing are June 17, July 1 and August 5

The June Session meeting will be on June 17.

**Hank Sweetman**  
Clerk of the Session

## KUDOS FROM SESSION

This month session tips its hat to Malinda Burns and Pat Gillie who braved the catacombs behind the sanctuary – went spelunking there – got us all organized. PLEASE – if you take something out of there, put back in the same place.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

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

June 3 Mildred Carter  
June 10 Don & Sandra Jost  
June 17 Open  
June 24 Linda & Jeff McCann

Please let Edwina know what you would like to place in the bulletin about whom or what you are placing flowers. Check out the calendar in the narthex for any open dates that you would like to sign up to provide flowers.

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to Katherine McCann, daughter of Jeff McCann, Jr. and granddaughter of Jeff and Linda McCann, who graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, and to Meredith Dunn, daughter of Jack and Cheryl Dunn and granddaughter of Gloria and Ernest Ray, who graduated from the University of Arizona.

## ELDER INSTALLATION

The Ordination and Installation of Jennifer Bingham and Mike Jones, who were accepted by the congregation as elders of the Class of 2021, will be held during morning worship on Sunday, June 24.

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to James and Nettie Hayes in the death of James' sister, Billie Sue Foutch, on May 23, 2017. She has been on our prayer list.

Our sympathy to the friends and family of Mozelle Hendrix, who passed away on April 30, 2017. The memorial service was Sunday, May 20. Mozelle was a former organist at HPC.

## LITURGIST NEEDED

We are in need for people to volunteer to be the liturgist during worship on. This is a great opportunity for you to participate in worship 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.

To volunteer, please reply to the church office, or contact Renee Dugger ([lreneedugger@gmail.com](mailto:lreneedugger@gmail.com)).

## FIX-IT TEAM

If you have some clean-up projects you could use help with, please contact Linda Douglas, Linda McCann or Nancy Provost. Donations to the youth fund are appreciated.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2018</h1>						
					1 10:00 am - Food Closet	2 Day Camp set up
3 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Communion 12:15 pm - MOE 1 - 4 pm - Day Camp set up 2:00 pm - MTLA 7:00 pm - A.A.	4 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Scout Day Camp	5 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Scout Day Camp	6 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Scout Day Camp	7 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Scout Day Camp	8 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Scout Day Camp	9
10 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship Noon - Fellowship Coffee 12:15 pm - Business Team 7:00 pm - A.A.	11 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	12	13 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm - Scripture Bible Study	14 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	15 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:30 pm - Barbie Doll Club	16 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Barnlofters
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	20 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm - Scripture Bible Study	21 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	22 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crw	23
24 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 7:00 pm - A.A. Noon - Congregational Meeting	25 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	26 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch, Cracker Barrel, Stewarts Ferry	27 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm - Scripture Bible Study	28 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	29 10:00 am - Food Closet	30



Look Who's Having a Birthday!

- 01 Linda McCann
- Leslie Traylor
- 02 Jennifer Bingham
- 04 Mike Dugger
- 07 Mark Provost
- 12 Hannah McCann
- 13 Sydney Edge
- Vickie Richie
- Anne Kent
- 21 Bob Ramsey
- 23 Gloria Ray
- 26 Eric Phillips
- 27 John Kaufman
- 29 Elijah Lemon

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

## JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

- June 03 1Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark2:23-3:6
- June 10 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
- June 17 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
- June 24 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20; or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

## 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PURITY MISS MARTHA'S ICE CREAM CRANKIN' AND SUMMER SOCIAL

Sunday, June 3, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Franklin Road, Nashville

Make sure you don't miss this annual event. Over 100 volunteer Crankers serve up their best homemade ice cream! Sample all the flavors you want! Fun for the whole family!

In addition to sampling ice cream, there will be music and children's activities. The Crankin' is a rain or shine event. Parking is free at designated spaces at Franklin Road Academy, John Overton High School and Judson Baptist Church, with frequent complimentary shuttle service available. All proceeds benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center.

### APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Income over (under)</u>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>			
Regular Giving	\$ 17,029	\$ 94,627	
Operating Expenses	\$ 17,039	\$ 65,169	\$ 29,458*
 Mission & Other			
Designated Giving	\$ 1,321	\$ 9,320	
Mission & Other Expense	\$ 1,394	\$ 6,761	\$ 2,559
 TOTAL ALL GIVING	\$ 18,350	\$ 103,947	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSE	\$ 18,433	\$ 71,930	\$ 32,017

**Jeff McCann, Sr.**  
Treasurer

*\*this amount includes \$25,500 bequest*

## FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

**Summertime!! "And the livin' is easy."** But don't forget to keep your church family in your plans and prayers for the summer. Our regular Wednesday Night Suppers and study have ended until August, but a Bible study and potluck supper will continue. We will be studying troubling Bible verses at 6:45 p.m., beginning June 13. Come at 6:00 p.m. and bring something to eat or to share, or come at 6:45 p.m. for just the Bible study.

June 4 – 8	Scout Day Camp, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wed., June 13, 20, 27	Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. Potluck Supper, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 10	Fellowship Coffee, following worship
Saturday, June 16	Youth – Formula 1 Power Boat races, 12:00, Riverfront Park. Free boat rides between races.
Sunday, June 17	Session, 12:15 p.m. Active Presbyterians – Jazz on the Cumberland, 5:00 p.m. Meet at 4:30 p.m. at Cumberland Park. Bring chairs. Free. Food vendors available.
Sunday, June 24	Congregational Meeting, following worship
Tuesday, June 26	Lunch Bunch, Cracker Barrel, Stewarts Ferry, 11:30 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Congratulations to several of our Wednesday Night Youth who graduated in May from DuPont Tyler Middle School: Junior Dominguez, PJ Johnson, Jaheim Brown, Trey Lacy, Jennifer Lane, Tyquet Lewis, Kiya Prather, Jayden Stewart, Marcellus Ghiden (now in downtown Nashville), and David Gaines (now in LaVergne). Many of them will be going on to McGavock High School in the fall. Please remember them in your prayers as they start this new, important chapter in their lives. Junior and PJ will be attending NaCoMe Summer Camp from June 3 – 8; thanks for your help.

## FOOD CLOSET FOOD OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of June, HPC will be collecting *canned tuna* 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.