



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 squeal of the pipes. The "rat-a-tat-tat" of the snares. The blazing of the plaids – what's all of this?

In conjunction with the Middle Tennessee Highland games, HPC will be hosting a "Kirkin' of the Tartans" service on September 9.

Kirking is from the Scots word "kirk (church)" – so this word means "blessing." And the tartan is a plaid which represents a Scottish clan. So the phrase means "blessing of the clans."

Rev. Peter Marshall developed this special worship service in the 1940's to encourage Scottish-Americans to assist in the British war effort. Congregations across the USA have adopted this service as a way to honor Scottish heritage.

But, some of us have not a dram of Scottish in us. So how are we to participate in this service?

This year each family or individual is to bring something which represents their "clan" – a family Bible, a quilt, even a tartan. These items will be brought forward to the chancel to receive blessing.

And remember – while not all of us have a Scottish heritage, we each have incredible spiritual heritage in Jesus Christ!

Love in Christ,

Leslie

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The Session held its regular Stated Meeting on August 19, 2018 following worship. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

Jan Goddard was examined by Session and received into membership by transfer of church letter. Please join us in welcoming Jan to the Hermitage Presbyterian Church family.

Through the end of July, regular income is 2% behind budget for the year but ahead of last year's giving by 3%. Good Samaritan expenses continue to be high for the year. A gift of 200 shares of Exxon Mobil stock was given in July. The Session would like to thank the congregation for continuing to give faithfully to support the operation of the Church.

Diane Thurston was approved as Moderator of the MOE Team. Nancy Provost requested permission on behalf of MOE to offer involvement with Priest Lake Presbyterian Church in their Angaza Nuru ministry. More information on this ministry will be presented to the congregation in the coming months.

Warren Bragg has agreed to teach our youth Sunday School Class and Christian Education Sunday has been moved to September 23 with a breakfast that morning.

Appreciation is expressed to Wendell, Teresa and Steven Kirk for their tireless planning in putting together all the events that we enjoy as a church.

The September Session meeting will be on September 16.

Jennifer Bingham
Clerk of the Session

KUDOS FROM SESSION

This month session would like to recognize Wendell, Teresa and Steven Kirk for all their work planning outings, hikes, concerts, pool parties and all the other fun things we've enjoyed as a church family this year. Thank you for all you do to encourage fun and fellowship!

WELCOME VISITORS

Pat Lewallen
Dr. Dan Harris
Lee & Dosky Hughes

FLOWER CALENDAR

The following people have signed up to provide flowers in the sanctuary during worship for the month of September:

Sept. 02	Open
Sept. 09	Sally & John Robertson
Sept. 16	Malinda Burns
Sept. 23	Cheryl & Mike Case
Sept. 30	Open

Please let Edwina know what you would like to place in the bulletin about whom or what you are placing flowers.

CHURCH WORKDAY

We need your help! We are having a church workday on Saturday, September 8, 8:00 a.m. – noon. Linda Douglas will provide donuts for breakfast and get pizzas for lunch.

There will be several painting projects to be done for the "artistic" folks, and landscaping projects for the "nature lovers!" We will provide all materials, but workers will need to bring their work gloves and/or paint attire.

THANK YOU

To HPC family,

Thank you all so much for supporting my Eagle project. Thanks to all, we were able to raise on fourth of the entire funding goal. I am so incredibly grateful to all of you and cannot wait to show you all pictures of the finished project.

Michael Bengtson

A big thank you to Teresa Kirk for hosting a swim party for the ladies of the church on Saturday, August 25. A fun time was had by all.

SNACKS FOR TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY

We continue to collect items to fill the snack bags we provide for the children at Tulip Grove Elementary. Items needed are juice boxes, fruit cups, chewy granola bars, pudding cups, fruit bars, and cheese crackers (no peanut butter please).

WATER FOR ROOM IN THE INN

Don't forget to bring cases of water for Room In The Inn. Stack the water against the wall in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who have already contributed!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2018</h1>						1
2 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Communion 12:15 pm - MOE 2:00 pm - MTLA 7:00 pm - A.A.	3  11:00 am - A.A.	4	5 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	6 10:00 am - Day Circle 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	7 10:00 am - Food Closet Noon - 2:00 pm - Charlotte Baker, Decorate for Kirkin' of the Tartan	8 8:00 - Noon - Work Day
9 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 12:15 pm - Business Team 7:00 pm - A.A.	10 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	11	12 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	13 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	14 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:00 - 9:30 pm - Birthday Celebration, Malinda Burns 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	15
16 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 1:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm - A.A.	17 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	18	19 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	20 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	21 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:30 pm - Barbie Doll Club	22 8:00 - Noon - BSA Bobcat Day Dinner Club Kickoff at the Provost's
23 9:00 am - Breakfast 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 7:00 pm - A.A.	24 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	25 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch, Logan's Roadhouse	26 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	27 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	28 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	29 9:00 - 1:00 pm and 6:00 - 9:30 pm - Barnlofters
30 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 7:00 pm - A.A.						



- 01 Donna Jones
- 02 Junior Dominguez
- 03 Jan Goddard
- 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 02 Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Sept 09 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 24-37
- Sept 16 Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- Sept 23 Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
- Sept 30 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

- Day Circle will start back on Thursday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. We will start the Bible Study "God's Promise: I Am with You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. All ladies are welcome to join us. Study books are \$10.00.
- Looking ahead to October 6, all church members and friends are encouraged to help PW with the Bake Sale during the Artisan Craft Fair. We will need help to man the table. But, everyone that likes to bake is asked to help and bring baked goods. this is the yearly fund raiser for Presbyterian Women at HPC.
- Also, looking ahead to Saturday November 10. this is the date for PW of Middle Tennessee Fall Gathering. more information will be available in the coming weeks.

Thank you,
Diane Thurston

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Income over (under)Expense</u>
Regular Giving	\$ 19,103	\$ 140,955	
Operating Expenses	\$ 16,800	\$ 110,863	\$ 30,092*
Mission & Other			
Designated Giving	\$ 1,085	\$ 12,099	
Mission & Other Expense	\$ 1,144	\$ 9,976	\$ 2,123
TOTAL ALL GIVING	\$ 20,188	\$ 153,054	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSE	\$ 17,944	\$ 120,839	\$ 32,215

Jeff McCann, Sr.
Treasurer

**this amount includes \$25,829 in bequests*

FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

Fall is coming to Hermitage Presbyterian, and several of our regular fall activities begin again. Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study will resume on September 5 and continue each Wednesday night, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner club kicks off on September 22 at the Provost's, and fall Sunday School resumes with a breakfast for Christian Education Sunday on September 23. Another special event will be the Kirkin' of the Tartans on September 9 at the morning worship service, in connection with the Highland Games at The Hermitage. Preparations and planning are already underway for the 7th Annual Artisan Craft Fair on October 6.

Wednesday,
September 5, 12, 19, 26
Thursday, September 6
Sunday, September 9
Sunday, September 16
Saturday, September 22

Sunday, September 23
Tuesday, September 25

Prepared Supper, 6:00 p.m.,
Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.
Presbyterian Women Day Circle, 10:00 a.m.
Kirkin' of the Tartans, Fellowship Coffee
Session, 1:00 p.m.
Dinner Club Kick-off, Provost's at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to bring a dish to go with Pork Roast and enjoy the fellowship as you find out about monthly Dinner Club.
Christian Education Sunday, breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Lunch Bunch, Logan's Roadhouse, 11:30 a.m.

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

Sept. 5	First Night Free Cookout Hamburgers/Hot Dogs Beans Chips Dessert	Sept. 12	Publix Chicken Mac and Cheese Salad/Rolls Dessert
Sept. 19	Taco Bar Refried Beans Spanish Rice Dessert	Sept. 26	Chicken and Mushrooms Noodles Peas and Carrots Salad/Rolls Dessert

6 REASONS SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

- 1. Sunday School** improves your Bible knowledge. When you know and understand God's Word for yourself, you are more likely to obey the Lord. The Bible knowledge gained in Sunday School also helps you become more proficient in using God's Word, the Bible.
- 2. Sunday School** assists your spiritual growth. Think of Sunday School teachers and class members who have modeled the Christian life. You learned from their examples how to live for Jesus. Most importantly, spiritual growth often occurs best in the context of small group Bible study. That's Sunday School!
- 3. Sunday School** provides a "place to belong." In a Sunday School class you are known and personally recognized. You can share needs and concerns from your life. As you participate in class discussions, you become part of the group.
- 4. Sunday School** helps you build meaningful relationships. You meet people, learn their names, hear their stories, and meet their families. You share fellowship times with class members. You minister alongside others.
- 5. Sunday School** gives you opportunities to serve and minister. Contacts with others give you the privilege of sharing your faith. You show the love of Jesus by ministering to class members who have needs.
- 6. Sunday School** has a place for the whole family. In one trip to church your entire family can participate in the important purposes of Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. You gain the assurance of knowing every member of your family is involved in weekly, small-group Bible study, which is growing their Bible knowledge and helping them grow spiritually.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate our Sunday School program on September 23, "Christian Education Sunday." The morning will start off with a breakfast and fellowship time at 9:00 a.m. Classes will begin their studies at 9:45 a.m. with the following classes being offered:

Bible Study class will resume studies of the book of Luke in John Kaufman's class which meets in the classroom next to the church library.

Literature class led by Mike Jones will meet in the classroom next to the church office. They will begin a study of the book, Lord of the Flies, by William Golding.

Warren Bragg will lead the middle and high school group with the book The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, if the way be cleared. This group will meet in the church library.

Ellen Deathridge will lead elementary students that attend in the large Sunday school room next to the narthex. We will be studying Heroes of the Old Testament.

Sandra Riggan will continue as our nursery provider during the Sunday School hour.

Finally, we will recognize our Sunday school teachers and Christian Education helpers during our worship service on this day. A huge thanks to our volunteers and servants of Christ for their commitment of time to teach our classes.

FOOD CLOSET FOOD OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of September, HPC will be collecting *canned meat (ham, chicken, beef stew)* 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.

We need more people to assist on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until Noon to hand out food bags to the needy in our area. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Sandra Jost.