



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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Exodus 16. When the circumstances around the Israelites couldn't be worse – no more provisions from Egypt, very little water, wilderness – thoughts of scarcity – no food – certain death – starvation first – murmur, murmur, murmur.

"What is it?"

Manna from heaven.

GOD MAJORS IN THE IMPOSSIBLE.

The movie screen of the imagination meanders to a hillside, a millennium later - crowds following Jesus. Crowds with intense hunger pains, not just physiological, but spiritual as well. Wilderness – thoughts of scarcity – no food.

And Jesus' words lay heavy on the disciples, smothering any grand dreams of conquest: "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." Murmur, murmur, murmur.

Who is this?

"I am the Bread of Life."

GOD MAJORS IN THE IMPOSSIBLE.

We have been serving together in ministry for almost 1 ½ years; this has been a wonderful time for me. You have welcomed me into your family – thank you. You have respected my days of rest and time off – thank you. You have given me bread for the journey (and some awesome cakes, and peaches, and pasta, and apples, and salads, and barbecue etc.) – even eternal bread – thank you.

God calls us to offer and to be bread for our world.

Poverty, injustice, vandalism, bored youth, family dysfunction, clean water, education, war, terrorism – the list goes on. The world needs "bread."

October is the month the sermon series in our worship considers our "bread" – how do we use our "bread" – the blessings we have received from God – to feed others? Remember . . .

GOD MAJORS IN THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Love in Christ,
Leslie

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The Session held its regular Stated Meeting on September 16, 2018 following worship. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

Through the end of August, regular income is 3% behind budget for the year but ahead of last year's giving by 2%. Total income (all sources) is ahead of this year's budget by 11%. Expenses are down due to very little spending in Capital Expenditures this year. Because of the positive financial situation, the Business Team voted to increase staff salaries by 2% and to call a congregational meeting to approve the change to the terms of the Pastor's call. These increases were not given at the end of 2017 and the decision was made at that time to look at this in mid-2018. The Session would like to thank the congregation for continuing to give faithfully to support the operation of the Church.

The Angaza Nuru ministry will be presented to the congregation on October 14 during fellowship coffee.

Appreciation is expressed to Edwina Ulmer for all her hard work "behind the scenes" to keep our church running so efficiently.

The October Session meeting will be on October 21.

Jennifer Bingham
Clerk of the Session

KUDOS FROM SESSION

This month session would like to recognize Edwina Ulmer for everything she does to make sure the church runs efficiently. She not only takes care of all the normal business items required in running the office, but she is there to take care of people in need who drop by. Thank you for all you do to take care of HPC, the congregation, Pastor Leslie and the Hermitage community!

WELCOME VISITORS

Alex Trewyn
Elizabeth Lond
Derek Votia
JoAn Ulrich
Linda & Woody Williams

FLOWER CALENDAR

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

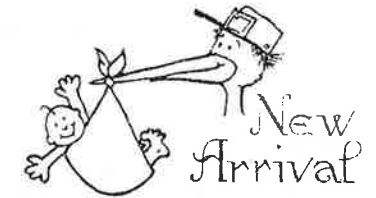
October 07 Henry Sargent
October 14 Sandra Byrd
October 21 Malinda Burns
October 28 Margaret Cantrell

Please let Edwina know if you are providing flowers in memory or honor of someone.

LITURGIST NEEDED

We are in need for people to volunteer to be the liturgist during worship on Sunday mornings. This is a great opportunity for you to participate in worship and anyone can do this! All materials are provided so that you just have to read your part to lead worship. You can choose whether or not you want to lead the Children's Sermon; it is NOT a required part of the liturgist's responsibilities.

To volunteer, please reply to the church office, or contact Renee Dugger (ireneedugger@gmail.com).



Congratulations to Amanda Richie-Harville and Mitch Boshears on the birth of their baby daughter, London Skye Boshers, on August 26, 2018. London is the granddaughter of Bob and Vickie Richie.

SNACKS FOR TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY

We are still collecting items to fill the snack bags that we provide for the children at Tulip Grove Elementary School. Items needed are juice boxes, fruit cups, chewy granola bars, pudding cups, fruit bars, and cheese crackers (no peanut butter please). Place items in the box provided in the narthex.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Watch for information coming soon for filling shoe boxes or donating items needed to fill shoe boxes.

There will be shoe boxes provided, or you can fill one of your own. Collection date will be the middle of November. Exact date will be announced soon.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>October 2018</h1> | | | | | | |
| | 1 10:00 am - Good Sam 11:00 am - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263 | 2 7:00 pm - BSA Commissioners | 3 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir | 4 10:00 am - Day Circle 6:30 pm - Barnlofters | 5 CRAFT FAIR SET UP 10:00 am - Food Closet | 6 CRAFT FAIR 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| 7 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Communion 12:15 pm - MOE & BT 7:00 pm - A.A. | 8  10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263 | 9 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts | 10 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir | 11 6:30 pm - Barnlofters | 12 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew | 13 |
| 14 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 pm - Worship Noon - Fellowship Coffee 7:00 pm - A.A. | 15 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263 | 16 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts | 17 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir | 18 6:30 pm - Barnlofters | 19 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:30 pm - Barbie Doll Club | 20 |
| 21 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 1:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm - A.A. | 22 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263 | 23 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch, McNamara's Irish Pub 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts | 24 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir | 25 6:30 pm - Barnlofters | 26 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew | 27 |
| 28 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 pm - Worship 5:30 pm - Trunk-or-Treat 7:00 pm - A.A. | 29 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263 | 30 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts | 31  10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir | | | |



- 10 Margaret Cantrell
- 12 Carter Noblin
- 13 Maya Bender
- Gaye McFadden
- 14 Mike Case
- 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

- October 07 Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- October 14 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- October 21 Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- October 28 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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

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| Oct. 35 | Whitt's Barbecue Potato Salad Cole Slaw Baked Beans Dessert | Oct. 10 | Spaghetti & Meatballs Salad Garlic Bread Dessert |
| Oct 17 | Chili & Baked Potatoes Hot Dogs Salad/Toppings Dessert | Oct. 24 | Creamed Chicken & Veggies Biscuits Salad Dessert |
| | Oct. 31 | Lasagna Salad Garlic Bread Dessert | |

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

| | AUGUST | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> | <u>Year-to-Date Income over (under) Expense</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| Regular Giving | \$ 13,122 | \$ 154,077 | |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 16,305 | \$ 127,268 | \$ 26,809* |
| Mission & Other | | | |
| Designated Giving | \$ 95 | \$ 12,194 | |
| Mission & Other Expense | \$ 391 | \$ 10,368 | \$ 1,826 |
| TOTAL ALL GIVING | \$ 13,217 | \$ 166,271 | |
| TOTAL ALL EXPENSE | \$ 16,696 | \$ 137,636 | \$ 28,635 |

Jeff McCann, Sr.
Treasurer

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

FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

It's Artisan Craft Fair time again, the 7th annual! Plan to join us and help the first Saturday of October. You can also enjoy decorating your vehicle and providing treats for the neighborhood children on Sunday, October 28, for the second youth and Cub Scout-sponsored Trunk or Treat in our parking lot.

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| Wednesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Prepared Supper, 6:00 p.m., Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 4 | Presbyterian Women Day Circle, 10:00 a.m. |
| Saturday, October 6 | Artisan Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 14 | Fellowship Coffee and presentation by Angaza Nuru team from Priest Lake Presbyterian |
| October 15 – 19 | Metro Nashville Schools Fall Break |
| Saturday, October 20 | Dinner Club, see schedule for hosts |
| Sunday, October 21 | Session, 1:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 23 | Lunch Bunch, McNamara's Irish Pub 11:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, October 28 | Youth-sponsored Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. |

FOOD CLOSET FOOD OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of October, HPC will be collecting *peanut butter & jelly* 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 hand out food bags to the needy in our area.



Just for **KIDS**

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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HPC'S 7TH ANNUAL ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

Our annual craft fair will be on Saturday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We still need help to make this event a great success!

You can send emails, post notices on social media, seek donations for our silent auction. On Friday we need help to set up inside and outside the church and direct vendors who arrive to set up early. On Saturday help is needed to direct traffic/parking, work in the silent auction, answer questions, or help with the hospitality room and lots of help is needed to clean up in the afternoon.

Even if you are unable to help, you can still come and enjoy all the wonderful crafts. This would be a great time to pick up Christmas gifts. Come and support this event and all the people who have worked so hard to make it a success!

Contact Margaret Cantrell at 615-478-3840 for information.

BAKE SALE

The HPC Presbyterian Women will have its annual Bake Sale at the Artisan Craft Fair. We would appreciate any Home Baked Goodies that you may be willing to contribute. Bring your wrapped or bagged items to fellowship hall on Friday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday morning by 9:00 a.m. You can bring cookies, cakes, pies, homemade breads and candy.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 28
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This is an outreach for our community. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Decorate your car and bring candy. Arrive by 5:00 p.m. so we can line the cars up. Volunteers are also need to help with games.

This year we are having a pumpkin carving contest. Carve a pumpkin and bring it by 5:00 p.m the night of Trunk-or-Treat. We will place the pumpkins under the pavilion.

If you have any questions, contact Steven Kirk 615-788-3662, or Wendell and Teresa Kirk 615-906-8654.