



# 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**

Several of you are avid researchers of genealogy – a study of your roots. Especially as years pass and little ones become big ones, we like to know where we fit in the grand scheme of things. We cannot know where we are going unless we know where we have come from.

Our primary roots, those to be considered above all other, aren't whether we are Welsh or English, German or Latino. Our defining root is who we are in Jesus Christ.

Consider what the Bible says about our roots:

Ephesians 3:17

We are rooted and grounded in love!

Colossians 2:6-7

"As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

So, how are those roots in Christ? Do you do one deed each day, out of nothing but sheer unconditional love? Do you give of yourself to those whom you know will never give back? Do you ask God for the grace (sometimes sheer grit) needed to love others?

Take some time at the beginning of the day to nurture your roots in Jesus Christ.

And as we head toward Christmas, we are reminded once again of God's amazing, extravagant, flagrant love for us. Nurture that love!

Hope to see you in worship.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Leslie

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The session held its regular stated meeting on October 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Here are some highlights from the meeting:

Through the end of September, regular income was 6% behind budget while operating expenses were favorable to budget by 12%. Regular giving was even with this time of year last year.

The representatives from Priest Lake Presbyterian and the Angaza Nuru community expressed gratitude to HPC for support of their ministry. From their presentation at HPC on Oct. 14, fifteen contributions were given for a total of more than \$1100.

The Business Team reported that the HVAC unit in the sanctuary building is barely working and requires regular maintenance. The team is looking for a company to do semi-annual check-ups on both buildings' heating and cooling systems. Maynard Select was contracted for such work in the past but has not been reliable. Referrals are welcome.

The large classroom in the sanctuary building is being updated for use as an adult Sunday school class. The children's mural will be painted over.

November 3 is designated as painting day for the large classroom. Ministry Oversight and Evaluation team will organize a window washing project on the same day. Volunteers for both projects are needed.

With the fall season, seed pod droppings from the chestnut tree are posing a hazard to children using the playground. This problem recurs annually, and the solutions suggested were to cut down the tree, move the playground, and to organize a way to ensure the seed pods are picked up. Margaret Cantrell will talk to the Boy Scout troop to see if they are interested keeping the pods picked up, and Linda Douglas will bring up the issue at the next Business Team meeting.

The next stated Session meeting is November 18 at 1:00 p.m.

**Margaret Cantrell**  
Acting Clerk of Session

## WELCOME VISITORS

Jeff Roach

## FLOWER CALENDAR

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

November 04 Joe Falce  
November 11 Linda & Jeff McCann  
November 18 Open  
November 25 Open

You can place flowers or a plant in honor or in memory of someone or a special event. Please let the church office know what you would like to have printed in the bulletin

## LITURGIST NEEDED

We are still in need for people to volunteer to serve as 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 ([lrneedugger@gmail.com](mailto:lrneedugger@gmail.com)).



Congratulations to Jeff McCann, Jr. and Amy Graves who were married on October 1, 2018.

## NOTE OF THANKS

To Hermitage Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your recent clothing drive on behalf of the clothing closet ministry at Downtown Presbyterian Church. It was such a blessing to receive so many of our most needed items donated by you. Please know that your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use by many members of our local community. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

Sincerely,  
Erin Bell  
Coordinator of Closet Ministry at DPC

## 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.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2018</h1>						
				1 10:00 am - Day Circle 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	2 10:00 am - Food Closet	3 9:00 am - Painting Classroom/Cleaning Windows 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Barnlofters
4  SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!	5 10:00 am - Good Sam 11:00 am - A.A. 7:00 pm - BSA #263	6 	7 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	8 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	9 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	10
11 	12 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - Boy Scout #263	13 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	14 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	15 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	16 10:00 am - Food Closet 6:30 pm - Barbie Doll Club	17
18 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 pm - Worship 1:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm - A.A.	19 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - Boy Scout #263	20 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	21	22 	23 10:00 am - Food Closet 7:00 pm - Venture Crew	24
25 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 7:00 pm - A.A.	26 10:00 am - Good Sam Noon - A.A. 7:00 pm - Boy Scout #263	27 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch, Johnathan's Grille, Mt. Juliet 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	28 10:00 am - Good Sam 6:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Children, Youth 6:45 pm - Adult Study 7:30 pm - Choir	29 6:30 pm - Barnlofters	30 10:00 am - Food Closet	



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 01 Cat Bingham
- Kyle Dugger
- 04 Wendell Kirk
- 05 Nancy Abbott
- 08 Scott Deathridge
- 09 Chuck Cantrell
- Don Jost
- Jeff McCann, Jr.
- 10 David Baker
- 11 James Hayes
- Jean Judd
- 12 Michael Bengtson
- Vivienne Morrison
- 14 Johnnie Hunt
- 17 Karen Bengtson
- 24 Sara Sedgwick
- 27 Roger Byrd

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

### NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 04  
November 11  
November 18  
November 25

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34  
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44  
1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18)19-25; Mark 13:1-8  
2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelations 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

## BRICKS FOR MEMORY GARDEN

There has been recent interest in ordering bricks to be placed in our memory garden, and we would like to encourage everyone who has thought about honoring or remembering someone with a lasting tribute to consider doing so at this time. Since the shipping cost for bricks is substantial, we need to have ten orders to have that cost waived. There are order forms in the Fellowship Hall and in the church office. There are lots of beautiful examples already in our Memory Garden, and we encourage everyone to visit the garden to see and appreciate how many loving gifts have already been added. The cost of a 4 x 8 inch brick is \$100.00, and an 8 x 8 brick is \$200.00. Payment should be made directly to HPC with "Memorial Brick" written on the Memo line. All proceeds go directly to the maintenance and improvement of our campus. If you have questions or need help with your brick order, please contact Linda Douglas at: (615) 872-7931 or (615) 397-5406.

## KUDOS FROM THE SESSION

This month the session would like to recognize Melanie Carter for the behind-the-scenes work she does. Each month, Melanie works with Pastor Leslie to visit and serve communion to many of our elderly and other church members who are not able to attend services. In addition, she regularly contacts these people to keep them connected to the church and to help out as needed. Melanie also makes a valuable contribution of her time and talents to many of our ministries. Through her efforts, we are a better church community.

## YOU ARE INVITED

Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:45 p.m.

"The Book of Job: A Quick Overview" presented by Dr. Choon-Leon Seow

Dr. Choon-Leon Seow teaches at Vanderbilt University. He is a Distinguished Professor of Hebrew Bible. In addition, Seow has taught at Princeton University, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Harvard University, and institutions in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa.

Seow has written on...wisdom literature, the history of ancient Israelite religion, Northwest Semitic philology, Hebrew Poetry and the theological interpretation of the Bible. Much of Seow's recent work has focuses on the "history of consequences," which examines how the Bible has been interpreted throughout history and the impact of those interpretations.

Seow has published seven book-length works, including commentaries on Job, Daniel, I-II Kings, and Ecclesiasties. He has also published more than forty scholarly articles and essays.

## FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

**November and thankful for Hermitage Presbyterian Church and all God is doing for and with us!** You can show your appreciation by pledging your support at the Stewardship Luncheon on November 11 following worship. There will be no Wednesday night activities on November 21, the night before Thanksgiving.

Thursday, Nov. 01	Day Circle, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Nov. 04	Daylight Saving time ends
Wednesday, Nov. 07, 14, 28	Prepared Supper, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 07	Guest Lecturer, Dr. Choon-Leong Seow, Vanderbilt University, speaking on "The Book of Job, A Quick Overview"
Sunday, Nov. 11	Stewardship Luncheon following worship
Saturday, Nov. 17	Dinner Club, hosts Burns/Williams, Case, Kirk
Sunday, Nov. 18	Session, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 22	Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Nov. 27	Lunch Bunch, Jonathan's Grille, Mt. Juliet, 11:30 a.m.

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

Nov.07	Publix Chicken Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Salad/Rolls Dessert	Nov. 14	Lasagna Salad Garlic Bread Dessert
Nov. 28	Ham Apples	Scalloped Potatoes Salad/Rolls	Dessert

## ADVENT

December 2 is the first Sunday of Advent. Make plans to come and help decorate the church buildings on Saturday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. We will start taking orders for Christmas poinsettias soon. Watch for order forms in the bulletin, or call the church office.

## THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Once again, you have shown your support of the various opportunities to volunteer and help our many outreach activities.

The Annual Artisan Craft Fair could not be the great success it has been for seven years without all the many volunteers. You have helped set up, worked in booths, and helped clean up. THANK YOU!!

Trunk or Treat was an unbelievable event. So many children from the surrounding neighborhood enjoyed treats, games and more. We had 30 vehicles participate this year. What a sight!!

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## SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	Year-to-Date Income over (under) Expense
Regular Giving	\$ 10,954	\$ 164,217	
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,672	\$ 141,939	\$ 22,278*
Mission & Other			
Designated Giving	\$ 740	\$ 12,934	
Mission & Other Expense	\$ 840	\$ 11,208	\$ 1,726
TOTAL ALL GIVING	\$ 11,694	\$ 177,151	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSE	\$ 15,512	\$ 153,147	\$ 24,004

Jeff McCann, Sr.  
Treasurer

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

## FOOD CLOSET FOOD OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of November, HPC will be collecting *canned fruit* for our Food Closet. We greatly appreciate your generosity, either by donating purchased food items or monetary donations that enable us to purchase need 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 those in need in our area.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 11, 2018

2019 pledge cards have been mailed to each household in the church family. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office. It is requested that pledges be returned to the church by November 11, which is Stewardship Sunday. There will be a Stewardship covered dish luncheon following worship. All are encouraged to attend and bring your favorite food item.

We are asking everyone in the church family to prayerfully consider what Hermitage Presbyterian Church means to you and to others in the church family as well as in the Hermitage community. Please return a pledge that reflects your commitment to this community of Christ that we call Hermitage Presbyterian Church.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to start preparing your shoe box for our annual contribution to Samaritan's Purse. Boxes and brochures are available in the narthex, or you may choose to fill your own shoe box. If you don't want to fill an entire box, you can donate items listed on the brochure that can be added to the boxes we put together at the church. Also, donations are needed and greatly appreciated, to help cover the cost of filled boxes (\$9 each). Note on your check that it for mailing of shoeboxes. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this mission project each year.

All boxes must be turned in by Sunday, November 18.