

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Newsletter

January 17, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear friends,

What a week! Yesterday, we hosted the prayer service at the end of the annual MLK Unity March. We prayed together, sang together, listened to the angelic voices of children from the Durham Children's Choir singing, and heard inspiring messages from speakers such as Rep. David Price and the Rev. William Lucas (to name a couple!). Thanks for all of you who came out to hand out bulletins, direct folks to bathrooms, and support the fight for racial justice. I was honored to take part in what has been a long and important tradition here at FPC.

I know many of you are also looking to the end of the week with mixed emotions. With the inauguration on Friday, some of you are choosing to express your desire for justice for the poor and marginalized by marching in Washington, DC, or in Raleigh, NC. No matter how you spend your weekend, the emotions will no doubt be high on Friday and Saturday.

My prayer for us all is that whatever we do this week and however we feel, that we will continue to find strength, hope, and inspiration in God's calling to us to follow Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are called to care for the least of these. We are called to live in the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We are called to work for justice. We are called to love one another.

May everything we do this week live into that calling God has given us.

*With much love,
Mindy*



Our heartfelt condolences go to the family of **Jean Moore**, who passed away on Saturday, January 7. She was a resident of Croasdaile Village. The family is requesting a **Service of Witness to the Resurrection be held at Croasdaile Village on Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the chapel there. **Laurie Coffman** and **Denise Waters** will be presiding. Interment will be

in Mobile, AL. If you wish to express your condolences to Jean's family, please contact the church office for those addresses.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 13:13)

Added this week:

Carolyn Wolfe, recovering at home from a stress fracture

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village: Joanne Harrar, Betty Jelstrup, Bob Keever, Jean Moore, Bob Rankin

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson

- **Doug Hervey**, son of Jeanne Hervey
- **Mike Hugo**, friend of Tom Bloom
- **Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson, receiving hospice care
- **Paul McCombs**, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
- **Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

Please keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your friends and loved ones. Thank you.



Sunday, January 22, 2017 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

(See class details below in the Sunday School section)

11:00 a.m. Worship and Affirmation of Confirmands

The **Hunger for Change Offering** will be received during worship this Sunday. Please give generously to help combat hunger in our local community and around the world.

Sermon: "The Pull Towards Home"

Mindy Douglas, preaching

Worship Texts:

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm Lesson: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

New Children's Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Children who wish to participate in Children's Choir will now meet in the choir room for practice on Sunday mornings immediately following "A Time with Children" (except on Communion Sundays). The children will practice in the choir room until the end of worship. If your children have interest in Children's Choir or if you have questions about children's choir, please contact *Kathy Parkins* at k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org.

Acolytes: **Jack Kost, Riley Pienkowski**

Crucifer: **Carter Momsen-Hudson**

Liturgist: **Carl Rist**

Narthex Greeter: **Linn Lopez** and **Elizabeth High**

After Worship Greeter: **Kate Busa** (side/font);

Lenore Champion (narthex/rear)

Ushers: **George Danser** (head), **Amy Dillon** (flowers), **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Amy Sanchez, Abi Bisette Warmack, Kathy Krahenbuhl**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Affirmation of Confirmands was been rescheduled to this Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 in worship. At that time, confirmands and mentors will stand before the congregation, and the church's baptismal vows to the confirmands will be reaffirmed, followed by the gift of scarves from the Shawl Ministry Group.

Confirmation Class will meet with mentors upstairs in the Education Building at 9:45 to talk about *Bound Together: A Covenant Life*. We will practice our affirmation service, which is at 11:00 this Sunday. Confirmands and mentors are requested to attend.



The **FPC youth group** joined with **Community Midrasha, Sikh Gurudwara, Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church,** and **Iglesia Emanuel** for the MLK holiday this past Sunday to pack lunches, powdered milk bags, and laundry detergent bottles for Urban Ministries of Durham. This is the fourth year that we have come together for this event, always focusing on

the greatest needs at UMD at that time. In just under an hour, we were able to pack nearly 460 lunches and hundreds of milk bags and laundry bottles. We also had leftover supplies that were taken to the Lerner School to be packed on Monday and then taken to UMD. We were able to spend time over dinner talking about each of our faith traditions and how they all support Dr. King's hopes for our world. It was a great night!

Please note that the **Fun Night Out at Skyzone** has been rescheduled to this Sunday, January 22 from 5:00–6:30 p.m. Remember to return your signed registration form to Sarah if you plan to participate!

Contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511) for info on youth activities at FPC!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for children (through 5th grade) are held on the second floor of the Christian Education building at 9:45.

Middle and high school youth meet in their designated classrooms in the basement (below the sanctuary) at 9:45.

Faith & Community Class (Adults)

We welcome **Sijal Nasaralla** and **Jordan Bosley** from Church World Service, who will address the topic of hosting a refugee family in the Triangle. If you are interested, please come. The class meets at 9:45 in **Watts-Hill Hall**. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class (Adults)

A land of darkness and gloom has seen light; simple fishermen have become effective evangelists; and a message of foolishness has been filled with the power of God. How are these transformations possible? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

Journeys Class (Adults)

This Sunday, Journeys continues discussing the Book of Esther. All are welcome to join the discussion in **basement classroom B-17** at 9:45.

Scratch Class (Young Adults)

We are studying Laurie Winner's book, *Wearing God*. Join us on the second floor of the **CE building, room 205** at 9:45 a.m. for discussion of God as a laboring woman. New faces are always welcome.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap will lead our discussion. This class meets in **basement classroom B-16**, at 9:45.

New Bible Study: Parables

How do we read the parables in such a way that we are held accountable by them? This is what Richard Lischer asks in his new book, *Reading the Parables*. Using Lischer's book, Amy Jill Levine's book, and our primary Kerygma resource, we will study categories of parables together, and discuss how they hold us accountable, and to what they hold us accountable. **The class meets each Friday from 10:30 - noon upstairs in the Education Building.**

This week we will talk about the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Women and men are welcome!

Stewardship 2017

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."-Luke 12:34

As of January 17, 2017, we have received 180 pledges totaling \$777,130, representing 85.1% of our goal for 2017.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card, please do so as soon as you are able so that we can finalize our mission spending for 2017. Every pledge counts.

Lost your pledge card? No worries! You can pledge online at our website <http://firstpres-durham.org/stewardship-pledge/>, call **Valerie McMillian** at the church to have one mailed to you (919-682-5511), or email **Tom Bloom** with your pledge information (t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org).



Service and Mission Opportunities

Please continue to bring non-perishable food for Iglesia Emanuel's food pantry and supplies for blessing and toiletry bags.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee: Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor

Investment Committee: Monday, January 23 and Monday, January 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the East Parlor

Diaconate: Monday, January 23, 6:00 p.m.

Joint Officers' Supper: Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

Session: Monday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

Membership Committee: Sunday, February 5 after Worship in the East Parlor

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA)
PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Thursday, January 19
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary
Reverend Jimmie Hawkins, preaching
NCCU's Praise and Worship Inspirational Choir will provide music.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

*** RESCHEDULED ***

Sunday, January 22 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

FPC - Room 205

Come brainstorm ideas for 2017!

TIME OUT RADIO

Monday, January 23

Bill Hendrickson's guest will be **Mac McCorkle** with a post-inauguration discussion. Time Out is broadcast live at 5:00 p.m. on WCOM at 103.5 FM locally and on wcomfm.org.

THE THINGS THAT MATTER BOOK GROUP

*** RESCHEDULED ***

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

at the home of **Jane Williams**

in Cameron Woods - 2804 Ashland Drive, Durham

(RSVP: Janepsych1@mac.com)

Join the discussion of Linda Hirshman's *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*. **Lee Courtland** will lead the discussion. New faces always welcome!

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Neo China Restaurant - 4015 University Drive, Durham

Hosted by **Carol McKnight**

RSVP to Carol at: 919-419-0670.

FPC HOSTING MUSLIM COMMUNITY

in a Peacemaking Event

Saturday, January 28

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at FPC

Because there has been a surge in anti-Muslim and attacks and rhetoric since 2015, FPC has invited our Muslim neighbors to an **open house and reception Saturday, January 28, from 2:00 – 3:30** to affirm bonds of friendship, and to have some discussion about working together as agents of peace and good-will. Last year they hosted us, and this year it is our turn to return the favor. It would be wonderful to welcome our friends, and reassure them that FPC will not tolerate words or deeds of bigotry, intolerance or hate.

FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

GAME NIGHT WITH POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m.

at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall

Hosted by the **Klinck family**

Please respond to the EVITE.

Not getting the EVITE? Contact Valerie in the church office

to have your email added to the listserv.

YOUTH SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 5

We are having our second annual chili cook off for "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 5th. Please sign up to bring a pot of your favorite chili at this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094ea5ae29a57-2ndannual>. All proceeds from the sale of the chili will go to combat hunger right here in Durham! The FPC Youth Council will announce a winner that morning. You can drop off your chili during the Sunday school hour. Chili will be available for sale after worship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY

Monday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m.

FPC's East Parlor

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY LUNCH

Are you interested in exploring what membership involves at First Presbyterian Church? If so, you are invited to a **Membership Inquiry Lunch on Sunday, January 29, following worship in the East Parlor**. At that time you will meet others who are interested in membership, and will learn about upcoming new member classes being offered during the Sunday School hour in February and early March. Please RSVP to the church office, 919-682-5511, or to **Marilyn Hedgpeth** (m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org), if you will be eating with us that day, so we can have enough food for everyone.

LOOKING AHEAD in 2017

January 29 – Fifth Sunday Inter-generational Sunday School

April 9 – Palm Sunday Parade to neighbor churches

April 30 – Fifth Sunday Inter-generational Sunday School

May 7 – Confirmation of youth during 11:00 worship

June 11-14 – Great Big Church Family Festival, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at hosting churches (Dinner and all-family VCS; registration begins February 1)

July 6-9 – Massanetta Middle School Conference

July 23-29 – Montreat Youth Conference



A Card Shower

Our dear member, **Sarah Cox**, will turn 100 years old on **January 26, 2017**. Let's show her how special she is to us by showering her with cards for this birthday milestone! Send cards to:

Sarah Cox
Croasdaile Village Apt A224
2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway
Durham NC 27705.

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to **Tom Carsey**, who has won the **Manning Dauer Award** from the **Southern Political Science Association**, an award presented biennially to a political scientist for exceptional service to the profession.



Many thanks to all the FPC members and spouses who came to provide hospitality and welcome to the "heavenly host" which descended upon FPC yesterday for the MLK celebration. More than **400 people** filled our sanctuary for a service honoring **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** It was wonderful to be able to host them again this year and to be part of that Beloved Community.

Matthew Dickerson thanks all for the offers of golf clubs. He has a set, thanks to your generosity.

Community Invitations from National Alliance on Mental Illness

*NAMI Orange Faith Connections on Mental Illness, Mental Health Community Connections: Children and Youth, and Stand By Me NC are all co-sponsoring an event with the Chapel Hill Public Library on **January 24, 2017 at 6:30-8:00 at the library**. Tim and Dawn Woody will discuss their daughter's mental illness and how they are overcoming the stigma related to it. Patrick Corrigan's book, *Coming Out Proud to Erase the Stigma of Mental Illness*, will be highlighted. Patrick Corrigan is FCoMI's 2017 conference's keynote speaker.*

Faith Connections on Mental Illness

An inter-faith coalition of faith communities dedicated to assisting faith communities in welcoming, including, supporting, educating, and advocating for individuals and families who are living with mental illness.

<http://faithconnectionsonmentalillness.org>

Family-to-Family Free Education Classes provided by National Alliance on Mental Illness

A free series of 12 weekly classes is being offered by trained NAMI members for individuals and families who have family members suffering with mental illness: PTSD, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Panic Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder.

Chapel Hill Area: Sundays, January 6 - March 20, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library

100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill

Contact Nancy Brickman at 919-818-8065 or nbrickman@nc.rr.com

Durham Area: Tuesdays, January 24 - April 11, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3639 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham

Contact Violette Blumenthal at 919-358-6788 or f2fdurham@yahoo.com