

First Presbyterian News

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We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; It comes through the tireless effort of men and women willing to be co-workers with God, and without the hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

- *Martin Luther King Jr.* Letter from the Birmingham Jail

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Join us in Watts-Hill Hall following worship.

Sermon: "If Not Now . . . When?"

Deborah Mullen, preaching



The Reverend Dr. Deborah Mullen

is a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is presently Dean of Faculty and

Executive Vice President of the Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta and Professor of Church History.

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel Lesson	John 1:43-51

Acolytes: *Leo Kerner, Talitha Kwon*

Crucifer: *James Compton*

Crossdaile Driver: *Mary-Jo Keenan*

Narthex Greeter: *Minnie Cameron*

After Worship: *Scottie Seawell* (side, font)

Margaret Rubiera (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Susan Seahorn* (head), *Julie Maxwell* (flowers delivery), *Mary-Jo Keenan, Leslie Shaw*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Discussion Class

"Occupy the Gospel:

The Politics of Jesus"

"Occupy" is a word that has taken on new meaning as the Occupy Wall Street movement spreads across the US. How does all this relate to the Gospel?

Deborah Mullen is a minister in the Presbyterian Church who serves as Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Church History at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. On Sunday, she will discuss the way in which life and the teachings of Jesus connect with the concerns and vision of the Occupy Wall Street movement. All adults are invited to join us for discussion at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

When Nathanael was called, he was skeptical. When Samuel was called, he was confused. How will you respond when God calls you? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom.



"The Dream Lives: Second Chances, Restored Vision and New Hope in a Broken Society" is the 2012 theme for Durham's 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

Wednesday, January 11 at 12 Noon

Durham City/County Employees

Civic Celebration (FPC sanctuary)

Monday, January 16

Annual MLK March and Rally

Begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, 411 West Chapel Hill Street, to FPC. Program begins at 11:15 a.m. (FPC sanctuary)

To see a listing of other area events go to:

<http://durhammlkcommittee.weebly.com/>



"America the Beautiful Mosaic"

A WINTER CONCERT BY

WOMEN'S VOICES CHORUS

What is American music? This concert features exciting music from diverse American cultures: Native American, African American, Jewish American, Latino, Shaker, and other traditions, with many pieces by contemporary American female composers. Two dates, two locations: **Saturday, January 21, 2012, 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church** AND **Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 3pm, University United Methodist Church, 150 East Franklin St, Chapel Hill.** Tickets will be available at the door and at their website: www.womensvoiceschorus.org, \$15 adults, \$5 students. FPC members get a discounted adult ticket rate of \$12 (\$5 for children).

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



A copy of FPC's service and mission brochure listing opportunities to help the community in 2012 are now available. Contact Valerie in the church office to obtain a copy by electronic mail: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. Copies will also be available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the good birthday wishes I received on Sunday. It was enjoyable to celebrate my birthday with many of you in worship. Remembering our baptisms and coming to the Lord's Table together take us to the heart of the faith we share.

Birthdays provide a time to reflect on where we have been and what lies ahead. I was born into a segregated society. Carlisle and I got married in the month of the March on Washington when Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged us to share his dream for a different America. This weekend we pause as a nation to remember the legacy those who worked for justice and freedom left us, and to consider the challenges before us.

I am deeply grateful that the *Reverend Deborah Mullen* will be our guest on Sunday to lead us in the observance of MLK Weekend. She is an insightful leader in the church. She has just returned from Kenya with other church leaders. Deborah has a distinguished career as a teacher of church history. I hope you will join me in welcoming her to FPC.

We have a new tradition at FPC. On the third Sunday of each month, you are invited to share lunch with other members of the congregation. In a congregation in which we live across the Triangle, such occasions give us a chance to get to know each other better. This is an essential ingredient in building what Martin Luther King called "the Beloved Community." I hope to share this special occasion with you.

Joe

The Church Office and Day School will be CLOSED on **Monday, January 16, 2012** in observance of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Former members, *Greg and Julie Elliott*, and their daughters, *Victoria and Annalise*, are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their new son and brother, *Micah Wallace*. Micah was born at 3:26 a.m. on Christmas day weighing 10 lbs, 3 oz and measuring 22 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. The Elliotts live in Malvern, PA.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Received as of **January 8, 2012:**
188 Pledges totaling **\$768,436.31** representing **93%** of our 2012 goal
Please remember to mail or bring your completed pledge card and the Time and Talent sheets to the church office.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to:

- the **Curtis family** on the death of Brent's father, **Charles Curtis**;
- the **Buck/Champion family** on the death of **Susan Buck's** brother, David Buck;
- the **Bacon family** on the death of Ellen's sister, **Mary Causey**.

"Jesus said,

"I am the resurrection and the life."

OUR CONCERNS

Margaret Boswell **Bob Graper**
Tom Howerton **Diana Hyland Huggin**
Don Jenkins **Carol Johnson**
Florence McDow **Carol McKnight**
David Parkins **Mozette Rollins**
Sarah Todd (Hillcrest, room 1305)
Jerry Tyren

- **Michael Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard
- **Chester Bisette**, grandfather of Abi Bisette
- **Kate Crockett**, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Dwight Huntley**, father of Lesley Curtis
- **Rolf Olsen**, friend of Bob and Lina Yoder
- ♦ **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson



DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 24

11:30 a.m. - *Bullock's Barbecue*
3330 Quebec St, Durham

Hosted by **Elizabeth High and John Kerr**
RSVP to **Elizabeth: 489-2780**.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to join a group of FPC folks who create prayer shawls for our



pastoral care ministry? We also make scarves for confirmands and high school graduates, and afghans for new Habitat for Humanity homeowners. Our next meeting will be after church on **Sunday, February 19**, when members of the group will bring bag lunches and spend about an hour in conversation and prayer for intended recipients. If you would like to join us or have questions, please contact **Barbara Fish**, 688-9125 or barb2fish@yahoo.com. If you have knitting or crocheting supplies that you would like to donate, we would be delighted to receive them.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Last Sunday during worship we celebrated the baptism of Jesus and were reminded of what our own baptisms means for us as the body of Christ. One of the newest members into our church family will be arriving soon; baby Hansel is due to make his/her appearance at the end of this month.

This Sunday from 6-8 p.m. we will ALL gather for a baby shower/dinner to celebrate with **Emily and Drew** and to make plain that we are here for them, and their baby, as Christ calls us to be. So, please bring diapers, baby formula or new or gently used winter children's clothing (sizes 2T and up) to donate to *The Welcome Baby Giving Closet* in honor of the Hansel family. You are also welcome, but not expected, to bring a gift for baby Hansel; they are registered at *buybuy BABY* and *Pottery Barn Kids*. Can't wait to celebrate with each of you! See you Sunday.

Rebecca

PS: Youth group advisors and any interested parents/youth are encouraged to attend a 2012 planning meeting **THIS Sunday** after worship.



This year FPC has **two teams** in the Hope Valley Baptist Church adult basketball league. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym. Come support FPC's teams!

January Games Schedule

Thur Jan 12	7 PM	FPC1 vs Triangle PC
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster2
Thur Jan 19	7 PM	FPC2 vs Hope Valley BC
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster2
Mon Jan 23	8 PM	FPC1 vs FPC2
Thur Jan 26	7 PM	FPC2 vs Hope Valley BC
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster1

INVITATIONS

"The South in Black and White"

A community course taught by **Dr. Tim Tyson and Mary D. Williams** at the American Tobacco Campus
Tuesday evenings
Beginning January 17
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Registration options at southinblackandwhite.wordpress.com.

A Faith Connections Conference
"Healing Toward Wholeness: Our Faith Communities and Mental Illness"
Friday, March 2, 2012
9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
St. Thomas More Catholic Community
940 Carmichael St, Chapel Hill
For more information call Wake AHEC at (919) 350-8547 or (866) 341-1814

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It was a full-house in Sunday School last Sunday, which is a joy to behold. Many thanks to all the teachers who returned and welcomed everyone with open arms. We now have five strong adult Sunday School classes (see front page sidebar). If you are interested in joining one of these groups, now is the time to visit and to experience the phenomena of small group learning.

Save these Dates . . .

Babies' Night Out – February 16

(Come meet our newest babies, toddlers and their families)

Vacation Church School

June 18 – 22

Massanetta Youth Conference

July 12 -15

Montreat Youth Conference

July 22-28

Avila Women's Retreat

August 3-4

Youth Summer Service Camps

(TBA)

KUDOS TO CARE-GIVERS!

FPC has an excellent team of child care-givers/sitters who are very dedicated to the care of our younger children during Sunday School and worship, choir rehearsal, and special events. Under the leadership of **Momoka Matsunami**, this team of workers shows up tirelessly every Sunday with smiles on their faces, and a genuine concern for our children. Please take a moment of time to show them your appreciation and to wish them a Happy New Year. Folks, we could not be church without them. They are excellent at what they do. And they made commitments to be apart from their families so they could work for us on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Our child care-givers are: **Eleftheria Mantzouka, Matt Scott, Khyati Patel, Milena Marcato**, and **Kerry Holbrook**. We are so grateful for their support and love of FPC's children and families.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

FPC members and friends are invited to donate flowers for worship to mark a special occasion, or in honor /memory of a loved one. Persons with standing reservations for a specific Sunday should contact **Susan Thompson** to confirm their intent to donate flowers in 2012. Susan may be contacted at 361-8868 x 292 (work) or 477-0425 (home).

The **DCIA Annual Banquet** will be Tuesday, January 24 at 6 :00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 82 Kimberly Drive. **The Reverend William Barber**, President of NC NAACP, will be speaking. Music by *United Voices of Praise*. Seed Money and CROP Hunger Walk Funds will be awarded.

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