

# First Presbyterian News

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There is another element that must be present in our struggle that then makes our resistance and non-violence truly meaningful. That element is reconciliation. Our ultimate end must be the creation of the beloved community.

- *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* April 15, 1960, Raleigh, NC

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Expanding Our Response to God's Call"

*Homer Ashby*, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 49:1-7
Gospel Lessons	John 1:29-42

Acolytes: *Leo Kerner, Erin Boyle*

Crucifer: *Simon Carsey*

Greeter: *Abby Jones, Minnie Cameron*

After Worship Greeters:

*Lanny Pratt* (side, font)

*Lea Bingham* (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: to be assigned

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

"Nature and the Christian Story"

*Allen Verhey*, professor of Christian ethics at Duke University will lead a three-week study on the Bible and the ecological crisis beginning this Sunday. Allen recently published Nature and Altering It which explores how the Christian narrative has been used and misused in our understanding of environment. On Sunday, Allen will discuss "Every Ethos Implies a Mythos: Some Myths Ripe for Doubt". What are some of the stories in our cultural heritage that have shaped our attitudes to nature? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

God calls someone - to be a prophet, a psalmist, a disciple, an apostle - and suddenly a life is transformed. There may be release from danger or trouble; there may be renewed strength; there is always awareness of a new task to be done. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Journeys will discuss forgiveness and vengeance. Are they reading a spicy crime novel? No, actually it's the reunion of Jacob and Esau, and what events are set off when Dinah ventures into the big town. Join us at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

### Hand in Hand/ Crossroads

Join us as we continue our discussion of Becoming Bridges: The Theory and Practice of Diversity by Gary Commins. Class meets at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

### Women's Spiritual Formation

*Susan Dunlap* invites women to participate in this time of prayer, sharing our lives, and exploring the disciplines and practices of Christian spirituality at 9:45. We meet in the Middle School Youth Room, below the sanctuary.



## Robinson Everett Memorial Habitat House Dedication Service

Saturday, January 15  
at 12 noon

102 S. Young Street, Durham



Martin Luther King, Jr.  
remembered

## Wednesday, January 12

### Durham City/County Employees MLK Civic Celebration

(FPC sanctuary, 12 noon)

*Dr. David Forbes*, preaching

Pastor, Christian Faith Baptist Church, Raleigh

## Monday, January 17

### Annual MLK March and Rally

Begins at 10 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, 411 West Chapel Hill Street, to First Presbyterian Church.

Program begins at 11 a.m. and will feature the Durham Youth Choir (FPC sanctuary)

### Durham MLK Day of Service Food Pantry Collection

Bring your non-perishable food items to the Durham Center for Senior Life  
406 Rigsbee Avenue  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Want to collect or help sort donations?  
Call 919-225-1103.

## CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Jane Brawley

upon the installation of their daughter, *Anna Brawley*, as Rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Florence, AL. Anna was installed on Thursday, January 6, Epiphany; Robert preached, and Jane helped serve communion. We pray that her ministry there will be a blessing to her congregants, and that she, too, will be blessed.

**MANY THANKS** to *Barbara Fish* and the prayer shawl ministry group for the lovely red scarves knitted and prayed over for the members of the confirmation class. And we are grateful, too, to parents of the confirmands, who hosted a reception in their honor following worship. Those "affirmed" in worship on Sunday included: *Sydney Curtis, Ben Brigman, Gwendolyn Dilworth, John Kirschmann, Benjamin Conner, Henry Fisher, Corey Allen, Rosie Johnson, Rachel Boyle, Jane Carsey, Lily Abels, Neil Peterson, Megan Champion, JL Klinck, Catie Brockman, and Anna Kasibhatla.*

## FROM THE PREACHER

Each of us is called by God in a unique and particular way. A big part of the Christian life is to discern what that call is and to faithfully respond to it. Our own faith development as well as events in the world may change the focus and form of our response. We can see such changing focus and form in the ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was initially called to be the pastor of a congregation in Montgomery Alabama; then he was called to be the leader of the bus boycott in Montgomery; from there he was called to be the figurative head of the civil rights movement in the United States; and from there he was called to be an advocate for peace and justice throughout the world. We, like Dr. King, are always being challenged to expand our response to God's call in order to faithfully contribute to the establishment of God's realm here on earth. Or to put it in Dr. King's words, to faithfully contribute to the establishment of the "beloved community" here on earth.

Today's social realities and events within the past week make clear that we have not achieved God's beloved community. Clearly there is more that we need to be and do. There needs to be an expansion of our vision and an expansion of our response to God's call upon us. So what are the particular ways that we need to respond to God's call in order to make real God's beloved community, here and now, today? This Sunday at First Presbyterian Church and in activities across Durham throughout the next few days we will have an opportunity to think together about these things.

*Homer Ashby*

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to:

. . . *Hilda Bradshaw* on the death of her brother, *Frank Bradshaw*, in Clinton NC on January 5<sup>th</sup>;

. . . *Mercy Ndambiri* on the death of her friend, *George Ombati Nyangena*, at Duke on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

*"Jesus said,*

*'I am the resurrection and the life.'"*

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

**"GRATITUDE TO GOD PROMPTS A GENEROUS SPIRIT"**

Received as of January 10, 2011:

208 Pledges totaling \$774,748

representing 88.5% of our goal

2011 Pledge Goal: \$875,390.

Please remember to mail or bring your completed pledge card and the Time and Talent sheets to the church office.

## OUR CONCERNS

**Jim Koehneke**, Duke Hospital,  
recovering from back surgery  
**Florence McDow**, Duke Hospital  
**Carol Johnson**, Pavilion (Croasdaile)  
**Sarah Todd**, Hillcrest (Room 2318)  
**Ann Martin**, (sister of Beth Neece)  
recovering at Hillcrest  
**Lisa Gauldin**      **Joe Harvard**  
                                 **Betty Jelstrup**

### Added this week:

**Jesse D. Smith, Jr.**, son of Doris Smith

## FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

FPC members and friends are invited to donate flowers for worship in 2011. You may donate flowers 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 2011. Susan may be contacted as follows: 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext. 292 (work).

## BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet **Tuesday, February 8** at 7 p.m. at the home of **Lee Courtland**, 915 Monmouth Avenue, to discuss The Future of Faith by Harvey Cox.

## SUNDAY DRIVERS

The following persons have agreed to pick up members at Croasdaile Village on Sundays for worship:

January 16

**Dan Hudgins and Ann McKown**  
**Miriam Morey**

January 23

**Alice Raney, Miriam Morey**

January 30

**Dan Hudgins and Ann McKown**  
**Miriam Morey**

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

### OPPORTUNITY

Beginning January 21/23, there will be two new short-term Bible study classes forming. The topic will be *What Is the Kingdom?*, a six -week course using the Kerygma Bible and Theology Curriculum. The Friday Mom's Class meet will meet from 10:30 – noon (with childcare provided) from January 21 – February 25. The Sunday Bible Study meets at Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall from 3 p.m. – 4:30 from January 23 – February 27. Cost of the books is \$10. All are welcome. Please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you would like to join either group at 682-5511.

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Join us Sunday evening for regular scheduled youth group. God Squad will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. and Iiter will meet from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be lovingly prepared by **Bob and Lina Yoder**. Hope to see you there.

**Rebecca**

**PS** - Now's the time to start getting your TALENT ready because our youth - sponsored community- wide talent show is scheduled for Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>!

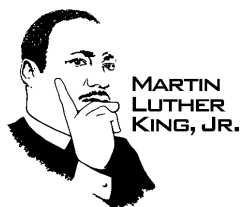
## FPC BASKETBALL

Thanks to the excellent contributions of some new players (**Gray Wilson** and **Bill Brown**), young talent (**Jared Rist** and **Adam Ewald**), and the old guys (**Adam Buchanan, Reuben Stob, Walt Barron, Frankie Thompson, Julio Ramirez-Eve, Carl Rist**), the First Presbyterian basketball team picked up wins in our first two games of the year this week, both against Presbyterian brethren. Though we have not traditionally been a fast starting team, we won on Tuesday 43 - 28 (I think) against a new team from Triangle Presbyterian, and then on Thursday against Westminster Presbyterian #1, 49-42. Our somewhat rusty play was given inspiration by some loyal fans who came to watch, including **Joyce Houk, Harriett Mitchell, Shirley Frederick and Amy Allen**. Our next game is **Thursday, January 13 at 9 p.m.** against the mighty Westminster #2 team. - **Carl Rist**

Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym. Come support FPC's team!

### Remaining Schedule

9 pm Thurs., January 13 vs. Westminster II  
8 pm Tues., January 18 vs. Hope Valley II  
7 pm Thurs., January 20 vs. Hope Valley I  
7 pm Thurs., January 27 vs. Triangle Pres  
9 pm Tues., February 1 vs. Westminster I  
7 pm Thurs., February 3 vs. Westminster II  
8 pm Thurs., February 10 vs. Hope Valley II  
9 pm Tues., February 15 vs. Hope Valley I  
8 pm Tues., February 22 Tournament  
8 pm Thurs., February 24 Championship



MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING, JR.

The Church Office and Day School will be CLOSED on **Monday, January 17, 2011** in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

## GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!



FPC youth are sponsoring a church-wide **Talent Show with a Potluck Sunday, January 30** from 6-8 p.m. ALL ages are welcome to participate. Contact **Rebecca Leonard** for more information.

## ♪ CHERUBIM CHOIR ♪

Children between the ages of 3 to 6 are invited to attend a 20-minute session of music, play, and fun during worship in the education building. We will learn fundamentals of music such as beats and meters as well as develop critical skills such as listening and counting, through a playful environment. The first session in 2011 will start on **Sunday, January 16**. Questions: contact **Li-Chen Chin** at hsaiofufu@hotmail.com.

### "LEARN BY HEART"

#### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Women's Voices Chorus

presents a winter concert

*"Almae Matres: Our Nourishing Mothers"*

**Saturday, January 29, 2011**

**4 p.m. - FPC sanctuary**

Lullabies, requiems, and odes of praise are all included in this 90-minute concert which honors all the aspects of motherhood. The program features works by Brahms, Palestrina, and Poulenc, as well as gospel, folk, Yiddish, and African music. Deborah Coclanis will accompany on piano and **Kathy Parkins** on organ. For more information call (919) 684-3855 or email: wvcinfo@yahoo.com. Tickets will be available at the door and via the website at [www.womensvoiceschorus.org](http://www.womensvoiceschorus.org), \$15 adults, \$5 students. FPC members will receive a discount.

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