

# First Presbyterian News

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Guiding God, bless us on the road we have chosen to seek your star. Light-shedding God, light up our minds with your truth that lets us ignore the bad-news Herods and keep on going toward that certain glow in the sky of our lives. Beckoning God, help us to bring gifts worthy of the Christ. Then, we too shall be known by you as wise women and men. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

- **Glen E. Rainsley**, The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

**Pennies for Hunger offering**  
will be received during worship.

Sermon: **"God at Work"**

**David Verner**, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 9:1-4
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel Lessons	Matthew 4:12-23

Acolytes: **Grace Abels, Juliana Miglarese**

Crucifer: **Graeme Peterson**,

Greeters: **Judy Pidcock, Elizabeth High**

After Worship Greeters:

**Lesley Curtis** (side, font)

**Leslie Strohm** (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **John Kelley** (head), **Jon Kimball**

(flower delivery), **Jackie Mbah, Michael**

**Bacon**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

"Revisiting the Christian Story"

This Sunday, **Allen Verhey** will continue the discussion of "Nature and the Christian Story." In his new book on this subject, Allen writes: "Christians read scripture in order to remember and that memory is constitutive for identity and determinative for discernment." How can listening to the Christian narrative guide us in living responsibly with nature? Join us at 9:45 a.m. in Watts Hill Hall for discussion.

### Lectionary Class

The Lectionary Class **will not meet** this Sunday, January 23. Class members are encouraged to join another discussion.

### Journeys Class

Jacob and his clan are on the move again. Join Journeys as they continue their discussion of the stories in Genesis. The class meets at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

### Hand in Hand/ Crossroads

What do Catholics Believe? Sam Miglarese will continue our discussion of the Catholic Church and Catholic beliefs. Please join us in the Wilson Parlor at 9:45.

### 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.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Received as of January 17, 2011:  
209 Pledges totaling \$776,948  
representing 88.8% of our goal  
2011 Pledge Goal: \$875,390.

## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

When communities of faith are inviting and relevant, new people will want to come. A good sign of life and health in a church is growth. All it would take for our church to double in size would be for each of us to invite one friend. Won't **YOU** invite a friend to church this Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>?

## 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.

## FPC'S GOT TALENT!

Join us for the youth sponsored FPC's "Got Talent" show and potluck dinner on **Sunday January 30**. Bring your talent to share no matter what it is (there will be tables arranged to showcase some of our talented artists' work). So that we can plan accordingly, either sign up in the foyer this coming Sunday or contact **Rebecca Leonard** 919-682-5511 ext. 222 with a description of your act or medium. We look forward to this fun, intergenerational celebration and opportunity to break bread together. Thanks! - the FPC youth

## 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. For more information call (919) 684-3855 or email: [wvcinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:wvcinfo@yahoo.com). Tickets will be available at the door and from: [www.womensvoiceschorus.org](http://www.womensvoiceschorus.org), \$15 adults, \$5 students. FPC members will receive a discount.

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Since January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Church is in a season of Epiphany, characterized by the revelation of Jesus as God's light to all people. You will notice in worship we use lots of light imagery and mention the recipients of this light frequently...all peoples, all nations, the Gentiles, the world. This past week, we had the opportunity to celebrate and re-ignite the light of justice and non-violence advocated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as he witnessed to Jesus in his preaching and his actions. A community-wide service honoring Dr. King's legacy was hosted by FPC on Monday at noon, and attended by some 400 participants. Representative **David Price** spoke eloquently about Dr. King's influence bringing light to the horrible darkness of last week's mass shooting in Tucson, AZ. Light . . . is witnessing 400 people put aside their differences to come together for one cause: the welfare of all of God's people.

Light . . . is so needed at this time of the year. Many of our church members and friends are "people walking in darkness" during these short, dark days. Depression is rampant, it seems, as those who made it through the holiday season now wrestle with the realities of putting one foot in front of another. Please think about expanding your prayers and deeds of kindness to those who are home-bound and those who seem a little down these days. Trust me, there are many who could use a little light in their lives. Visit, call, take flowers, send cards, take your children with you to bring light. Your outreach will be an epiphany to many.

Our preacher on Sunday is **David Verner**, a Presbyterian minister and colleague of **Homer Ashby's** at Triangle Pastoral Care. David and Sallie are new affiliates to FPC, and we welcome David to our pulpit as another light-bringer.

Grace and peace,

**Marilyn**

## Notes

The Dedication Ceremony for the Everett Habitat House on Saturday was a joyful occasion. We received a gracious welcome by the new owner, **Nikitta Jones** and her Family. The Everett family was present with **Rob Everett** making excellent remarks. **Barbara Fish** gave the family a beautiful afghan. Thanks to **Diane Standaert** for organizing the volunteers. There was a great spirit in the air and it was good having **Carlisle and Joe Harvard** present.

## OUR CONCERNS

Duke Hospital: **Katherine Carr**  
**Florence McDow**

Durham Regional Hospital: **Tina Land**  
Hillcrest: **Anne Martin**, Beth Neece's sister  
**Tom Howerton**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Carol Johnson**

**Sarah Todd** has been transferred to her daughter's home in Rochester, NY to continue her rehabilitation. Her temporary address:  
28 Chelsea Park  
Pittsford NY 14534.

**Lisa Gauldin** **Joe Harvard**  
**Betty Jelstrup**

**Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow  
**Linda Hemminger**, sister of Doris Callaway  
**David Kilpatrick**, grandson of Elizabeth High  
**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).

## SUNDAY DRIVERS

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

January 23

**Alice Raney, Miriam Morey**

January 30

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

## OFFICERS' MEETINGS

The Session and Diaconate will both meet on Monday, January 24. The deacons will meet at 6:00; dinner will be lovingly provided by **Margot Johnson** at 6:30; and following a joint meeting, the Session will convene. Menu for the evening will be quiche and soup. Please call the church office if you will be attending.

Join us for the next

## DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, January 25**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**Bennett Pointe Grill**  
4625 Hillsborough Rd

RSVP to **Harriett Mitchell**: 489-3839

## FPC MEN

All FPC men are invited for breakfast and/or coffee on **Friday, January 28 at 7:45 a.m. at Nosh's Café**, 2812 Erwin Road (near the Duke/VA hospitals). We will discuss the possibility of another retreat or a day of recollection. New faces are welcome!

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Famed film maker Martin Scorsese has got nothing on us. Join us this Sunday as we produce our movies for the FPC's "Got Talent" Show being held on Sunday, January 30. Bring your acting chops and whatever props you think we need for filming with you on Sunday. We will gather at our regular scheduled meeting times and **Barbara Buckley** will lovingly provide dinner for us. See you there.

**Rebecca**

Below are our **SUMMER DATES** so mark your calendars NOW--registration information is coming soon!

- VCS at New Hope Camp- June 20-24
- Massanetta Springs Middle School Youth Conference - July 12-15
- Montreat NC Senior High Youth Conference - July 24-30
- FPC/Mt. Bethel PC local youth mission week - August 8-12

## ALUMINUM CANS DRIVE

Please continue to support the youth of FPC who are helping to build another Habitat House with Youth United of Durham by bringing us your aluminum cans for Habitat. Collection box for cans is in the hall at the CE building stairwell--all collected cans are turned in for cash and presented to Habitat for Humanity Youth United to help raise the needed 50K to begin our build this spring. Thanks for your support. - FPC youth

## YOUTH GROUP MEALS

A WONDERFUL opportunity for you to get to know some of our young members is to provide dinner for the youth groups on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. There are a lot of available Sundays this spring, in which we would need a meal for about 30 people. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Rebecca Leonard** at 919-682-5511 ext. 222 to sign up. Thanks!

## 🎵 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. Questions: contact **Li-Chen Chin** at [hsiaofufu@hotmail.com](mailto:hsiaofufu@hotmail.com).

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Help us reduce mailing costs . . . **HOW?** By receiving the weekly newsletter by email. You can convert to email by calling the church office (682-5511) or emailing either **Shirley** ([s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org)) or **Valerie** ([v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org)) and confirming your correct email address. An added benefit will be that you will receive your newsletter on Tuesday of each week!

## FPC BASKETBALL

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

### January Schedule

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

## 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. The group will be discussing The Future of Faith by Harvey Cox. Newcomers are welcome to come. R.S.V.P. to Lee at 682-3461, or [halfcourt@nc.rr.com](mailto:halfcourt@nc.rr.com).

## PRESBYTERY EVENT

The Presbytery of New Hope is sponsoring a two-day conference on church development at Triangle Presbyterian Church in Durham that is FREE. The event will take place on January 25-26 with lunch included both days. Presbytery is asking that each church send a team to the conference, which will be led by **Dr. Stan Ott**, Director of the Vital Churches Institute. FPC is trying to recruit a team to go. If you would be interested in attending on behalf of our church, please contact Marilyn.

**MANY THANKS** to the FPC members who helped host the MLK city-wide event on Monday at our church. Those who welcomed the large crowd of 400 included: **Harriet Mitchell, Joyce Houk, Homer Ashby, Paul Cornsweet, Leslie Shaw, Margaret Keller, Jo and George Bernhardt, Sue and John Fricks, Kathy Parkins, Tom Bloom, the Klinck family and the Henry family**. Thanks to all!

## "LEARN BY HEART"

ADD THE MISSING WORDS

### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in \_\_\_\_\_ the Father \_\_\_\_\_, Maker of heaven and \_\_\_\_\_, And in Jesus Christ his \_\_\_\_\_ Son our Lord; who was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_ Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he \_\_\_\_\_ into hell; the third day he \_\_\_\_\_ again from the dead; he \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven, and \_\_\_\_\_ on the right hand of God the \_\_\_\_\_ Almighty; from thence he shall come to \_\_\_\_\_ the quick and the dead. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Ghost; the holy \_\_\_\_\_ Church; the \_\_\_\_\_ of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Remember to bring your Pennies for Hunger offering this Sunday!**

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