

First Presbyterian News

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Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *Dag Hammarskjöld* (1905–1961)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Reverent Hearts"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 111
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:21-28
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Acolyte: *Ben Maxwell*

Crucifer: *Jackson Buck*

Crossdale Driver: *Jean Cary/George Danser*

Narthex Greeters: *Hilda Bradshaw,*

Linn Lopez

After Worship: *Jean Wilson* (side, font)

Jon Abels Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Susan Seahorn* (head), *Christyn*

Klinck (flowers), *Amy Sanchez, Patricia*
Ashby

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

There's the Old Salem that we thought we knew: the colonial settlement of the early Protestant Moravian immigrants in Winston-Salem, NC. And there is the new Old Salem that has emerged recently through the voices of the slave narratives, church records, and archaeological findings there. On this cusp of Black History Month, *Marilyn Hedgpeth*, our hybrid Presbyterian/Moravian, will make a presentation, "The Resegregation of Salem", a cautionary tale of a phenomena that occurred there prior to the Civil War, and the theological and social forces that caused its occurrence. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for this enlightening discussion.

Lectionary Class

Where does knowledge come from? Is it simply the accumulation of learned facts? Does knowledge give you authority? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor. *Bob Adams* will lead the discussion.

Adult Discussion Class

This class is open to any adult and meets in the Wilson Parlor at 9:45.

Starting from Scratch Class

The young adults will continue their study of the Genesis creation narratives with a closer look at the seventh day and the role of sabbath in our lives. This is part one of a series on *Food and Fidelity: the ethics of how we eat and how we love*. All young adults (20- and 30-somethings) are welcome to join us.

Women's Spiritual Formation

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

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

A series of Newcomers' Classes will begin with a **Get Acquainted Supper** for participants on **Sunday evening, January 29 at 6 p.m. at Joe and Carlisle Harvard's home**. Classes will continue on the following Sunday mornings February 5th, 12th, and 19th in the Wilson Parlor of the Church House at FPC beginning at 9:45. Visitors who are interested in exploring membership at FPC or new members who have not had the opportunity to attend the Newcomers classes in the past are cordially invited to participate. Please call the church office at 682-5511 or email *Shirley Frederick* at s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org by January 26th with inquiries or to indicate your interest in participating.

SALUTE A SENIOR

Sarah Cox will celebrate her 95th birthday on Thursday, January 26. Mrs. Cox, raised in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, moved to Durham with her husband in 1952. She joined FPC in the late 1950's. She and her husband raised two sons in Durham. She was a young woman during the time of the depression and recalled hard times but also the kindness that was shared between families as everyone struggled through those years together. When I visited Mrs. Cox I noticed beautiful acrylic paintings she had painted in her younger years, displaying places she loved such as Ocracoke Island, her native Illinois and beautiful fall colors of North Carolina. Sarah attributes her longevity to remaining socially active, her mid-western upbringing which included fresh produce from the garden, and genetics. Together we honor the life of Sarah Cox and wish her all the best on her 95th birthday!

- submitted by *Joy Kerner*

2012 Pledge Update

As of	January 23, 2012
# Pledges	205
Amount	\$800,976.31
Percentage of	96.71%
Core budget	\$828,182.98

HUNGER FOR CHANGE

Offering received on
Sunday, January 22, 2012
totaled: **\$482.00.**

Thank you for your generous giving!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Several members have commented that our conversations with *Bruce Rigdon* were insightful and opened new avenues of theological reflection. Over 30 people attended the gathering on Monday which was co-sponsored by the Presbytery of New Hope. Many of those who attended were from Presbyterian Churches in the area. It was also good to develop new friendships. The pastor of St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Durham, *Father James Berends*, expressed deep appreciation for the occasion and for Bruce's understanding of and appreciation for the Orthodox tradition.

Experiences such as these are important reminders that the body of Christ is larger than our congregation and denomination. We are bound together with sisters and brothers in this community and around the globe. Jesus prayed that his followers might be one so that the world may believe. (John 17: 11)

Our divisions are a sad reminder that we have fallen short of Christ's vision. Tonight some of us will gather with people of faith from over 60 congregations in Durham at the DCIA Annual Banquet to celebrate our solidarity in serving others. FPC was a founding congregation of Durham Congregations In Action.

This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the church around the world. Please join me in praying that we may be instruments of God's reconciling love in reaching out to those from whom we are separated. Such a step towards overcoming divisions can be a powerful witness to a divided world that God's steadfast love has the power to bring us together. "O God, Please let it be so!"

Joe

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

Monday, January 30

6:00 p.m. Diaconate
6:30 p.m. Joint Officers' Supper
7:00 p.m. Joint Officers
7:45 p.m. Session

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to *Chris and Meredith Brown* on the birth of a son. *Logan Turner Brown*, was born January 16th, and to *Jeremy Ramont* and *Jen McGonigle* on the birth of a daughter. *Cordelia Jean Ramont* was born January 23rd. She joins big sister *Maddie*.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Sarah Todd** has returned to her home!
- **Joanne Harrar** will have cataract surgery this week.
- **Jane Brawley** is recovering at home from knee surgery.
- Please be in prayer for **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera** as they lead a Habitat for Humanity group to Honduras this week for a 10 day mission trip. **Mary Jo Keenan** and her daughter, **Kelsey Osmon**, are among the participants.

Margaret Boswell **Tom Howerton**
Diana Hyland Huggin **Don Jenkins**
Carol Johnson **Florence McDow**
Carol McKnight **David Parkins**
Mozette Rollins **Jerry Tyren**
Added this week:

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George Telford, Sr., father of George Telford

- **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
- **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson

FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

Nosh's Café (2812 Erwin Road)

Friday, January 27

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Drop by and stay as long as you can.

PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 P.M. at the home of

Jean and Chuck Wilson

25 Pennington Place, Durham

RSVP to Jean: 403-7333 or
jwilson2253@nc.rr.com

Try something new night:

BABIES' NIGHT OUT

Thursday, February 16

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Join us for an intergenerational event to meet our youngest new members. Anyone who would like to come "ooh and ahh" over these babies and perhaps get to hold one is most welcome. It's a good chance to help these new parents bond, and take note of FPC's wealth of support.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Join us this Sunday for part II of FPC's youth Claymation! **Marki Watson** and Co. will be bringing back our clay/art pieces that she is firing this week at her school for us to glaze and complete! We will also, time permitting, watch "The Creation" which is an artistic clay animation interpretation of the amazing poem by **James Weldon Johnson** based on the Genesis story. So, see you Sunday evening for regular scheduled youth group!

Peace ya'll,
Rebecca

PS. Get ready, 'cause we're gonna be making soup on Saturday, February 4 from 3-5 p.m. for our annual Souper Bowl Sunday.

Catch our youth in action on "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY!

A variety of homemade soups, provided by the youth of the church, will be available for purchase following Sunday School and worship on **Sunday, February 5**. The money raised will be used to combat hunger in our community and around the world. Dine in and take out will be available.



INVITATIONS

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

Continuing education credit available



Monday, February 13

"Organ Composers of Color"

An Organ Recital by Chapter Members

7:30 p.m.

Watts Street Baptist Church

800 Watts Street, Durham

Event is organized and sponsored by the Durham-Chapel Hill chapter of the American Guild of Organists in honor of Black History Month. FPC's own **Tom Bloom** and **Lyn Francisco** plan to participate.

Save the Date

2012 McPHERSON

LECTURESHIP

FEBRUARY 26, 2012

featuring **Martha Moore-Keish**,
an outstanding young theologian in the
Presbyterian Church (USA).

TRAVEL SEMINAR PLANNED

Carlisle Harvard will be assisting **Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon** on a travel seminar entitled "From Constantinople to Kiev: The History of Eastern Christianity and the Diverse Challenge of Modernity" from **April 26 – May 10, 2012**. If you are interested in participating, please email Carlisle Harvard at ccharvard@gmail.com for details on the trip.

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 by telephone at 361-8868 x292 (work) or 477-0425 (home).



This year FPC has **two teams** in the Hope Valley Baptist Church adult basketball league. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road). Come support FPC's teams!

Remaining Games Schedule

Thur Jan 26	7 PM	FPC1 vs Hope Valley
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster 1
Thur Feb 2	7 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster 1
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Triangle PC
Mon Feb 6	7 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster 2
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Triangle PC
Thur Feb 9	7 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster 2
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Hope Valley
Thur Feb 16	8 PM	FPC1 vs FPC2
Mon Feb 20	7 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster1
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Hope Valley

Vacation Church School 2012

June 18 - 22

Registration forms are available
from the table in the foyer.

Early registration is open to host
churches until **April 1, 2012**.

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