

First Presbyterian News

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Lord, You told us, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

The world says, "Blessed are those high on spirits."

You said, "Blessed are those who mourn."

The world says, "Blessed are those who maim and torture."

You said, "Blessed are the meek."

The world says, "Blessed are the arrogant and the strong."

You said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

The world says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for fleeting power and fame."

You said, "Blessed are the merciful."

The world says, "Blessed are the mercenary and punitive."

You said, "Blessed are the pure in heart."

The world says, "Blessed are the hard of hearts."

You said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

The world says, "Blessed are the weapon makers."

You said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

The world says, "Blessed are those who persecute for the sake of riches and race."

You said, "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil about you falsely on my account."

The world says, "Blessed are you when people applaud you and praise you for your own sake."

Help us, Lord, to find our way to You.

- *Marian Wright Edelman, Guide My Feet*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "**When Mountains Listen**"
Mary Banner, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Micah 6:1-8
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 15
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:1-12

Acolytes: *Ben Maxwell, Neil Peterson*

Crucifer: *Jackson Buck*

Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt, Hilda Bradshaw*

After Worship Greeters:

Mac McCorkle (side, front)

Margaret Rubiera (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *John Kelley* (head), *Cris Rivera*

(flowers), *Jon Kimball, Nancy Kost*, David

Lorimer, and *Christyn Klinck*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"*Putting the Narrative to Work*"

This Sunday we will continue our discussion of nature and the Christian story with a panel discussion on Christian ecological responsibilities and opportunities led by *Allen Verhey*. Join us at 9:45 a.m. in Watts Hill Hall for discussion.

Lectionary Class

Is it the rich, the wise, and the powerful who are welcomed and honored in the kingdom of God? No, the rules are reversed: meekness, kindness, humility, and mercy are rewarded. Is this a message of foolishness in the twenty-first century? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

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

We are discussing the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in a study guided by John Timmer's *Four-Dimensional Jesus*. Please join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

FPC'S GOT TALENT!

Please join us for the FPC's Got Talent show THIS Sunday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is a chance for everyone to showcase their God given talents and for our entire community to break bread together. Please join us. Dinner is potluck so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. See you then.

- 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. Tickets will be available at the door and from: www.womensvoiceschorus.org, \$15 adults, \$5 students. FPC members will receive a discount.

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 on Sundays. We meet in the Middle School Youth Room, below the sanctuary.

TRIP TO ISRAEL

In 2000, a group from Judea Reform, Fisher Memorial, and First Presbyterian went to Israel. It was an enriching journey. Another trip is planned for this June. *Joe and Carlisle* plan to make the trip and would enjoy your company. There will be an orientation session before making the trip. If you have a strong interest in making the trip or have questions, call *Joe Harvard* at 489-2812. This is a **LAST CALL** for those who plan to take the trip in June.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

What kinds of requests for help do we field in a typical week at FPC? This past week, we helped find furniture and beds for a single mom with eight children. We helped a displaced 18 year old find shelter and new clothes at Urban Ministries, and use a computer at the library to solicit money to buy a bus ticket back to Montana. A man who sat through worship on Sunday asked for a coat to keep warm, and a member brought him one on Monday. A regular friend with compromised coping skills just wanted to come in and get warm and to possibly take home some "Hispanic food" (We gave him a bag of rice/no beans, he said.). An overdue water bill was paid for a young woman with children, with the help of **Dot Ellis** at Presbyterian Urban Ministries. A hotel bill was paid for a couple with a disabled child in Raleigh, directing them to further help in Wake County. A young couple on the street overnight was helped to find a room by Housing for New Hope. This is a pretty typical week at the back door at FPC. The doorbell rings, and God begins to use our gifts and our talents to feed, clothe, heal, love and restore. **Tammie Lindsay** is our resident social worker eight hours a week; **Bob Yoder** helps on Thursdays; **Valerie McMillian** is constantly connecting people in need to resources. We are grateful to all of our members and partners with a heart for urban ministry.

Our guest preacher on Sunday is **Mary Banner**, former Associate Pastor at FPC, and now a full-time urban minister at DSS, along with husband, **Dan Banner**. Both work full-time with the people of Durham who need special assistance. Mary sings in the choir, and sings with the children during Sunday School every Sunday. It is an honor to welcome her to the pulpit this Sunday.

Blessings,

Marilyn

Our Sympathies

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to:

- The Land family upon the death of **Tina Land**, 94, a long-time FPC member and resident at the Forest at Duke. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at FPC on Thursday, January 27 at 2 p.m., followed by a reception in Watts-Hill Hall;
- **Ruth and Russell Roberson**, upon the death of Ruth's sister, Nancy Haislip Walters, in Greenville, NC;
- **Bill and Debbie Matthews** upon the death of Bill's son-in-law, Stephen McAllister, who lost his three-year battle with melanoma on Sunday.

"Jesus said,

'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

OUR CONCERNS

Our prayers for safe travels go with **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera**, who will be leading their first Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip to Honduras on Friday. This will be the first of two mission trips to Honduras this winter, and members **Mary Jo Keenan, Tom Carsey and Simon Carsey** will be participants in the second trip in March.

Please continue to keep the **McDow family** in your prayers and deeds of love, as little **Florence** improves at home, and as Leslie's father, **Jim Goff**, recovers from surgery at UVA Hospital in Charlottesville.

Hillcrest: **Tom Howerton**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Carol Johnson**

Katherine Carr **Joe Harvard**
Betty Jelstrup

David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High
Jesse D. Smith, Jr., son of Doris Smith

Session Briefs

The Officers (with **Joe Harvard** in attendance) met on January 24. The Session approved the following:

- to send **Lesley Curtis** and **Diane Standaert** as commissioners to the February 19th Presbytery meeting in Wilson at which Phyllis Supple will be installed as Moderator;
- to call a **Congregational Meeting** for February 20th to hear a report on the 2011 Budget and to elect four members at-large from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee;
- to co-host with Duke Divinity School the National Religious Campaign Against Torture on March 25th at FPC;
- to establish a McPherson Lecture Committee and a Flower Committee;
- to allow **Triangle Pastoral Counseling** to rent space in the sanctuary basement for client counseling;
- to move toward a budget for 2011 close to the actual expenditures of 2010, and seek additional funding as needed.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,
Our night to host some fun and fellowship is upon us. This Sunday we will sponsor the FPC talent show. Here's what I need from you, other than you to sign up to show us your talent (which I know all of you have tons of): I need everyone to be sure to bring a potluck dish to share and to plan to arrive AT LEAST 30 minutes early to help set up for the show. The potluck dinner portion of our evening will begin around 6:00 p.m. so please be here between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. to help me. Remember, we will be showing our movies during the talent show and so kudos to everyone who worked on them and especially to **Alex and Jackson Buck** for their gift of time and editing skills. Can't wait to share this fun time with each of you. See you soon. Stay warm.

Rebecca

FPC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

The FPC Day School currently has openings in the 2 year old class. If you know of any families needing daycare for their 2 year old, please contact FPDS Director **Katharine Smith** at 688-8685.

Come eat lunch at Ninth Street Bakery, 136 East Chapel Hill St., on **Wednesday, February 9** to support FPC Day School. Ninth Street Bakery will donate 10% of sales that day to FPDS to assist families who recently lost childcare scholarships.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Flower donors are needed for the month of **February**. Please contact **Susan Thompson** if you would like to donate flowers for worship: 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext. 292 (work).

CROASDAILE DRIVERS

The following persons have agreed to pick up members at Croasdaile Village on Sunday, January 30:

Dan Hudgins and Ann McKown
Miriam Morey

CONGRATULATIONS

The NC Symphony announced the lineup for its Winter Young All-Stars Orchestra, and included in the string section are FPC's own **Rebecca and Emily Telford-Marx!**

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lorraine Davis and Paul McAndrew are happy to announce another grandchild. Their son and daughter-in-law, **Tim McAndrew** and **Jill Feldman** welcomed their new son, **August Caleb McAndrew** into their home on January 18th.

FPC BASKETBALL

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

Remaining Schedule

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 play
8 pm Thurs., February 24 Championship Game

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.

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!

♪ SERAPHIM CHOIR ♪

Seraphim Choir Parents: the children's choir will sing at the service on **Sunday, February 6**. Please remind your children to come to the choir room after the service on Sunday. – **Kathy Parkins**

MALLARME CHAMBER PLAYERS AND DURHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday, February 6

3:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
"Historical Bach ii"

Music of J S Bach performed with Baroque performance practices and instruments

Tickets: \$18 advance

\$20 at the door

<http://www.mallarmemusic.org/purchase.html>
Last year this concert sold out with standing room only! Get your tickets early!

♥ SAVE THE DATE! ♥

PRIME TIMERS' Valentine Gathering
Friday, February 11, 2011

at 7 pm at the home of

Shirley Frederick

3519 Westglen Road

Please join us for a potluck supper and an enjoyable evening!

RSVP: 489-7102 shirleyfred@nc.rr.com

The **Pennies for Hunger** offering received on **Sunday, January 23** totaled: **\$143.00**. Thank you for helping alleviate hunger in our community and around the world.

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