

First Presbyterian News

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Sometimes our healing and help come to us from unexpected sources. God sends us help, but not always from where we expected to receive help. Jesus Christ came to us; God in a form we did not expect. We must forego our prejudices of just how God must act and pray for the openness to the movements of God among us. – *William H. Willimon*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

The **Bell Choir** will play during worship. There will be a brief meeting of the **parents of middle school and senior high youth** after worship in the Wilson Parlor with **Rebecca Leonard**.

Sermon: "Finding Healing and Hope in Unexpected Places"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 30
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:40-45
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Acolytes: **Jenna Leonard, Rosa Ramirez**

Crucifer: **Benjamin Conner**

Croasdaile Driver: **Dan Hudgins**

Narthex Greeters: **Hilda Bradshaw, Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship: **Anthony Kamau** (side, font)
Bill Hendrickson (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Cris Rivera** (head), **Margaret Wabera** (flowers), **Leslie Shaw, Joy Kerner, Susan Seahorn, Alice Rainey**

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

Classes for newcomers and any member who would like to attend will continue on Sunday, **February 12** in the Wilson Parlor at 9:45 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"*Between a Church and a Hard Place*"

This Sunday, **Andrew Park** will lead a discussion on his book, *Between a Church and a Hard Place*. Raised in a faith-free family, his desire to find the answers to his children's questions about religion led him to explore what it means to embrace faith while still being a good role model. Park, who lives in Chapel Hill, is a former correspondent for *Business Week* whose work has appeared in other national publications. Join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

"If you choose, you can make me clean."
The leper came with complete faith in Jesus' ability. Do we have that kind of faith? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

This class **will meet this Sunday on the second floor** of the Education building at 9:45.

Starting from Scratch Class

The young adults will continue discussing how Israel's experience of manna from heaven shaped their economy and life together, and how it might challenge ours today. Join us at 9:45 on the second floor of the Christian education building.

Women's Spiritual Formation

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

at Trinity United Methodist
210 N. Church Street, Durham

Join us for worship including the imposition of ashes. **Jennifer Copeland**, the United Methodist Chaplain for Duke University and Executive Director of the Duke Wesley Fellowship, will be preaching. A light lunch will be served at noon. Worship begins at 12:30 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m. at FPC

Join us for a service of worship with the imposition of ashes and celebration of the Lord's Supper. **Candice Provey** will give a homily. Childcare will be provided. A light supper will be served following worship in Watts-Hill Hall. The service is open to the public.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Lent is on the horizon, and many Christians like to honor the season with intentional spiritual reflection or discipline. You are invited to step into Lent by participating in a group reading of Henri Nouwen's *Show Me The Way: Daily Lenten Readings*. We will read each day's offering, individually, and come together for a time of sharing, discussion of the biblical texts, and prayer, on a weekly basis. We will also hear a report on the life of Henri Nouwen. One study group will meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m., with childcare provided, and the other will meet at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall activity room on Sunday's at 3 p.m. Books are available, by request, from **Marilyn Hedgpeth**. Books cost \$15, for those who are able to pay. But all are welcome to participate. Our Lenten study begins on **Friday, February 24** (and **Sunday, February 26**), and continues through Friday, April 6, which is Good Friday. Following the last class, we will participate in the Stations of the Cross procession at noon.

EFIRD LECTURES

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join us at FPC from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in Watts-Hill Hall for a series of weekly lectures on the Gospel of Mark given by Dr. James "Mickey" Efird. The lectures are free and open to the public.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Last weekend, the youth of our church prepared soup for the congregation in order to raise funds to alleviate hunger. I was at the church on Saturday afternoon as young people, with some adult assistance, were chopping onions (in tears!), sweet potatoes, cheese and lots of other good ingredients. Others were mixing and stirring in big pots. The aromas from the kitchen were a preview of the delicious soups on the way.

It was clear to me that our young people were doing something important and enjoying it. They were putting their faith into action. **J.L. Klinck** told us in church on Sunday that for so many other young people to be hungry is not acceptable. Those of us who believe God's love was most evident in Jesus who fed the hungry, are called to share with those in need. Their effort raised \$1,300! Deep gratitude to these young people and their leaders for leading us in this important ministry.

Some more good news about our community: last year we received 40 new members, 13 infants and children and one adult were baptized. **Jean Cary**, the Clerk of Session, shared this in the Annual Statistical Report to the Presbytery approved by the Session. Faithful discipleship is measured by working to end hunger and growing numbers of new disciples. These are signs of a vital congregation.

Joe

THANK YOU!
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... to everyone who supported the 'Soup'er Bowl of Caring Fundraiser this year. Together we raised **\$1,300** to help combat hunger in our community! Being a part of a church that loves each other and our neighbors as Christ commanded is such a privilege and a joy. Together, we WILL make a difference! Thanks again.

-The FPC Youth

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 19** at the beginning of worship to hear a report from the Budget Committee and elect four people to serve at-large on the Nominating Committee for officers. **Nomination ballots** for the at-large positions will be in the worship bulletin this Sunday. **The deadline is February 12, 2012.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FPC will host the Presbytery of New Hope meeting on **Saturday, February 18**. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, February 17** (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) to help with set up and throughout the day on Saturday to help with parking, registration, refreshments and clean up, as well as serve as greeters and ushers. If you are available to serve, please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548A4A622A57-feb18presbytery>. If you have questions, please e-mail **Michael Bacon**: baconmt@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Connell Fullenkamp** and co-author **Sunil Sharma** who won the International Centre for Financial Regulation-Financial Times Research Prize 2011. Their paper topic: "What does good regulation look like?"

OUR CONCERNS

Florence McDow is having a bone marrow transplant this week.

Margaret Boswell **Tom Howerton**
Diana Hyland Huggin **Don Jenkins**
Carol Johnson **Carol McKnight**
David Parkins **Mozette Rollins**
Sarah Todd **Jerry Tyren**

Added this week:

Rosalind Mutua, sister, and **Kibaara Kinya**, uncle, of Mercy Ndambiri in Nairobi Hospital

- **Michael Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard
- **Chester Bisette**, grandfather of Abi Bisette
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Dwight Huntley**, father of Lesley Curtis
- **George Telford, Sr.**, father of George Telford
- **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson

Dear Friends,

Thankfully, our granddaughter **Kate Crockett** seems to be well



on the road to recovery! We want to express our family's deep gratitude to the staff and members for your prayers and expressions of concern. Truly, we ARE a caring church. - **Alex and Becky**

PRIME TIMERS

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

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. No sit-down meal, but portable food provided.

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.** at the home of **Lee Courtland** (915 Monmouth Ave, Durham) to discuss selected stories from Mattaponi Queen: Stories by Belle Boggs and Quickening Stories by Liza Wieland. **Celia Dickerson** will lead the discussion.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Kudos to everyone who played a part in this weekend's 'Soup'er Bowl of Caring fundraiser. You helped raise \$1300 for local hunger relief with FBCENC!!! Also, a big shout out and THANKS to **Dawn Carsey**, who really helped so much with the preparing of the soup this year. Thank you Dawn - you're the best!

This Sunday—first, send your parents to see me in the Wilson parlor right after worship, and secondly, we will have regular scheduled youth group from 5-8 p.m. With our congregation about to begin a Habitat for Humanity Build to honor Reverend Harvard (along with three of his amazing friends in ministry) AND with Youth United's home kick-off later this month, we've got some fun, educational and advocating activities to do to get us pumped and ready to wield that theological hammer in partnership with Habitat! Join the fun—see you then!

Peace, my friends!

Rebecca

PS: I also want to put on your radar our 24-hour famine...for all middle school and senior high youth of FPC. From 6pm Friday, Feb. 24th- 12 noon Saturday, Feb. 25th (on your honor fasting from 12 noon on the 24th). EVERYONE is invited to attend the break-the-fast!!! Check out our Google calendar for all the other coming activities.



Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road).

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

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 28

11:30 a.m. at Piper's Deli
 3219 Old Chapel Hill Road
 Hosted by Mildred Hamby
 and Harriett Mitchell

RSVP to Harriett: 489-3839



CAROL JOHNSON
 Friendship Hall D-120
 2600 Croasdaile Farm Pky
 Durham NC 27705
 (919) 384-3104

KATY, WALT, RUBY & DOT BARRON
 1302 Calhoun Street
 New Orleans, LA 70118
 (919) 308-3277

FPC MEAL MINISTRY

We need volunteers to provide meals for families with new babies or other needs for meal support. Would you be willing to provide a meal every month or two? We would like to have a list of people willing to support our faith community in this way. The meals can be very simple but they make a big difference to the families that receive the support. If you are interested, please contact **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** at 417-8664 or dmomsen@fpc.org. Thank you!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 18 - 22

Registration forms are available from the table in the foyer. Early registration is open to children of host churches until **April 1, 2012**.



Sunday, April 1

(Palm Sunday)

Begins at 2:30 p.m.
 from Duke Chapel

Participation includes walking, monetarily sponsoring a walker, praying for the hungry, the CROP walkers and sponsors. Sign up to participate at:

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/FPCdurham>.

~ INVITATIONS ~

Monday, February 13

"Organ Composers of Color"

An Organ Recital by Chapter Members
7:30 p.m. at Watts Street Baptist
 800 Watts Street, Durham

FPC's own **Tom Bloom** and **Lyn Francisco** plan to participate.

Sponsored by the Durham-Chapel Hill chapter of the American Guild of Organists in honor of Black History Month.

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Winter 2012 Blood Drive

Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

St. Philips' Episcopal Church

To schedule your life-saving appointment, contact Pam Denning at 477-9677 or DenningP@usa.redcross.org.

TRAVEL SEMINAR PLANNED

Carlisle Harvard will be assisting **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, email Carlisle for details at ccharvard@gmail.com.

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

FEBRUARY 26 - 27, 2012

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

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