

First Presbyterian News

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"Do this in remembrance of me," said Jesus at the Last Supper. "Do this in remembrance of me," says the minister at the eucharist. And so we do, but the doing is not all ours. God does something through our own doing, moving in divine freedom to unite our full humanity to the fullness of Christ. Sometimes this happens over time, as the Holy Spirit gradually draws us into closer union with the One who gave us birth, who feeds us with his own body, and who beckons to us from the brightness of divine glory at the end of time. – **Martha L. Moore-Keish**, Do This in Remembrance of Me

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26



McPherson Lectureship "The Table That Divides and Unites Us"



Guest Lecturer:

Martha L. Moore-Keish
Associate Professor of Theology
Columbia Theological Seminary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

New members will be received during worship. The Hunger for Change offering will also be received.

Sermon: "Water and the Spirit"

(Text: Mark 1:9–15)

Acolytes: **Eleanor & Gwendolyn Dilworth**

Crucifer: **Sydney Curtis**

Croasdaile Driver: **Mary-Jo Keenan**

Narthex Greeters: **Elizabeth High**

Linn Lopez

After Worship: **Jane Brawley** (side, font)

Guy Cecelski (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Cris Rivera** (head), **Pat Dillon**

(flowers), **Miriam Morey**, **Yao Kudadze**

McPherson Lectureship

Adult Sunday School Class

"The Lord's Supper: Sign of Unity or Weapon of War?"

Martha Moore-Keish will lead a discussion of ways the Lord's Table has brought Christians together and how it has separated us. The Table has been particularly important in relations between Protestants and Catholics. There is also the question of what the Table means in a world of many religions. Martha has done a lot of work on the role of ritual in the theology and practice of the Christian community. She represents the Presbyterian Church in conversations with Roman Catholics about the sacraments. All adult classes are invited to join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Sunday, February 26

McPherson Lectureship Event

A Covered Dish Supper

for Young Adults

6:00 p.m. at the Harvards' home

"A Conversation Around the Table"

Monday, February 27

McPherson Lectureship Event

Clergy Gathering

10:00 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

(Lunch provided – RSVP: 682-5511)

"Is There Really One Lord's Supper?"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

at Trinity United Methodist

**210 N. Church Street,
downtown Durham**



Jennifer Copeland, the United Methodist Chaplain for Duke University and Executive Director of the

Duke Wesley Fellowship, will give a homily. A light lunch will be served at noon. Worship begins at 12:30 p.m. at Trinity. The service is open to the public.

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m. at FPC

Join FPC for an evening 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

"Show Me the Way"

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at FPC

(Second Floor of Education Building)

Childcare provided

Sundays at Croasdaile Village

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (Heritage Hall)

Text: Henri Nouwen's *Show Me The Way: Daily Lenten Readings*. Books are available from **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

EFIRD LECTURES

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.

LENTEN COMMUNION

Wednesday Evenings

March 7 and 21

6 p.m. Worship in the FPC sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Light Supper in Watts-Hill Hall

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 19, the following were elected at large to the Nominating Committee for officers: **Lily Abels, Dorothy Graham, Jay Klinck and Joseph Ngumi**. They join officers **Bill Hendrickson** (chair), **Margaret Rubiera** (elder) and **Julie Maxwell** (deacon) on the Committee.

The 2012 operating budget for FPC was also presented by **Andy Widmark**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to DSA junior, **Alex Buck**, who earned a silver medal in diving at the NC High School Athletic Association 1A/2A Swimming and Diving Championships recently at Pullen Park.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to those who worked so hard to help us host the Presbytery meeting on Saturday. 400 Presbyterians from this area were our guests. I have received many expressions of gratitude for the hospitality experienced by those who attended. Many of our members helped and I am grateful to each of you. **Michael Bacon** did an excellent job as chair of the host committee. **Dawn Carsey** organized lunch for the 400! The choir gave us great leadership in worship. It was a real pleasure to co-host the meeting with Covenant Presbyterian Church who supplied a number of volunteers.

This week I hope you will join me in welcoming **Martha Moore-Keish** as our 2012 McPherson lecturer. Martha grew up in the First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee where I served as a pastor. She studied at Harvard and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, and earned her PhD. from Emory. She and husband Chris, with their two daughters, live in Decatur where she teaches theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. She is considered one of the outstanding young leaders in the church. I look forward to having her with us and hope you will join me in extending FPC hospitality to her.

Joe

SALUTING A SENIOR!

Happy Birthday, Peaches! **Peaches McPherson** was raised and married in Baltimore. She and husband, Sam, moved to Durham in 1948. Sam was born and baptized at FPC and Peaches joined as soon as they moved back to town. All four of their children were baptized at FPC and their three daughters were all married here.

Peaches has always been active in the church and is most proud of having the opportunity to serve as an elder and for being awarded the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership in 1986. She also remembers serving "loads" of meals! Peaches and her family established the endowment for the McPherson Lectureship in 1999, honoring Dr. and Mrs. S.D. McPherson, Sr. and Dr. Sam McPherson, Jr.

In addition to all of this, Peaches was WOC (circle leader numerous times as well as President for two years in the 80's and a delegate to Montreat twice. Peaches chaired the transition committee of WOC during the reunification of Presbyterian Church U.S. and PC(USA) and creation of the New Hope Presbytery. Peaches and her family have been an integral part of FPC and a great asset.

Remember to bring your Hunger for Change offering to worship on Sunday!

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Bob Singdahlsen and family** on the death of his wife and former member of FPC, **Julie Singdahlsen**. Julie died February 16 in Brevard NC. A memorial service was held at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church on February 19th.

OUR CONCERNS

Florence McDow is in pediatric ICU at Duke. **David Garrison** is in ICU at Duke. **George Telford, Sr.** is hospitalized in Charlottesville, VA.

Woody Morgan, father of Doris Callaway, is a patient at Duke.

Dwight Huntley, father of Lesley Curtis, is in hospice care.

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

Added this week:

Kim Mayo, friend of Barbara Fish

- **Chester Bissette**, grandfather of Abi Bissette
- **Cory and Zuzana**, friends of Kate Busa
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Kibaara Kinya**, uncle, of Mercy Ndambiri
- **Rosalind Mutua**, sister of Mercy Ndambiri
- **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Friday, February 24

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION
Nosh's Café (2812 Erwin Road)
Drop by and stay as long as you can.

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 28

11:30 a.m. at Piper's Deli

3219 Old Chapel Hill Road

RSVP to Harriett: 489-3839

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES



GAME NIGHT / MEAL DRIVE

Join us for fun and food at FPC 6 p.m., **Saturday, February 25** at the church. Bring a game to play, a potluck dish to share, and a simple frozen main dish in a disposable container for the meal ministry. RSVP to Christyn: cfklinck@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Thank you to everyone who supported me in my absence from church Sunday while I was home sick. It meant a lot to me to know that my responsibilities with Sunday School, worship and youth group were being taken care of by many loving and capable people! Thank you!

This **Friday-Saturday** we will be participating in a 24-hour famine and spiritual retreat. Fasting, for all 6-12th graders who want to participate, begins at 12 noon Friday (on your honor) and we will gather in the evening at 6 p.m. at FPC for an overnight retreat. Please bring sleeping bag, PJ's, toothbrush, beverage (sans soda) to share with others, a change of clothes for working in the St. Philips community garden, and whatever else you may need for the famine. On Saturday at noon we will have a "Break-the-Fast luncheon." **Parents, this is a pot-luck luncheon and everyone is invited to come and bring a dish to share.** Please bring plenty as everyone will certainly be hungry!

I look forward to this spiritual retreat with each of you. Let me know if you have any questions about this youth event. There will be **no youth group Sunday evening** (February 26) so everyone can attend the Habitat Interfaith Community Blessing of the Build at 3:00 p.m. in honor of **Joe Harvard!**

Peace,
Rebecca

AN ABUNDANCE OF BABIES

Many thanks to **Dawn Carsey** and the Christian Education Committee for the wonderful "Babies' Night Out" event last Thursday. More than 50 people attended and had the opportunity to meet and greet our newest parents.

Some of our youngest members in

attendance included:

Cordelia Ramont, David Armstrong, Logan Brown, John Hansel, Millie Admay, Isaac Law, Sydney O'Neill, Daniel Short, Clara Danser, Jack Miles, Colin Bethune, Mannix and Connor O'Neill, Cary Johnson, Vanessa Armstrong, along with their brilliant and extremely-gifted (and tired) parents and grandparents. Also in attendance were teen members of FPC who are willing to serve as baby sitters, if needed, and a representative from FPC's regular Sunday childcare-givers, **Milena**, who wanted to meet her up and coming charges. It was a great way to celebrate the baby boom that FPC has been experiencing this year. Thanks be to God!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BLESSING OF THE BUILD

Sunday, February 26, 3:00 p.m.

1103 Taylor Street

This week marks the start of the Habitat House we are rehabbing for a family from Burma to honor the service of **Rabbi John Freedman, Bishop Elroy Lewis, Rev. Mel Watts**, and our own pastor, **Joe Harvard**. The project will kick off this coming Sunday with the Blessing of the Build, to be held at the house at 1103 Taylor Street, in east Durham near the Golden Belt complex. We hope to have a good turnout from all four congregations for the blessing, which is always a very meaningful experience.

We had originally thought that work on the house would start this Thursday, but we will not start until **Thursday, March 1**. Work days at the site will include Thursday afternoons from 12:30-3:30, a morning and afternoon shift on Saturday, and an afternoon shift on Sunday. FPC is taking the lead in recruiting volunteers for Thursday afternoons, though volunteers are welcome for any of the four shifts.

Sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday before and after church, and there will soon be an on-line sign up option. Also, if you wish to contribute to the costs of the project, please send in your contribution with a check to the church indicating it is for the Interfaith Habitat Build.

Please join us in this service opportunity to provide an affordable house for a family in our community and to honor Joe and his colleagues who have done so much for us and for Durham.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Malissa and Russ Kilpatrick (daughter and son-in-law of **Elizabeth High**) will leave April 14 on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. In the past they have taken medications, personal care kits, baby onesies, formula and diapers, and reading eyeglasses. If you have any items you can donate toward this mission outreach including sandwich-sized baggies, paper lunch bags, wash cloths, individual shampoos and soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste, please bring them to FPC.

Elizabeth will see that they are given to Malissa and Russ. A collection box will be in the foyer during the month of March for any donations. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in the Dominican Republic.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss John Grisham's The Confession on **March 13** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Ann Driscoll**. The discussion will be led by **Marila Stone**.

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