

# First Presbyterian Church



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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

An annual meeting of the congregation has been called for **this Sunday, March 15 during lunch in Watts-Hill Hall** to celebrate the adoption of the 2015 Operating Budget and the 2014 Statistical Report, and to hear an update from the Pastor Nominating Committee. **Cris Rivera** is cooking. So, get a plate, find a seat, and join the celebration of the good health of our church. Donations will be accepted for meal.

**Sunday, March 15**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.**

**Announcements – 10:55 a.m.**

**Worship and Baptism - 11:00 a.m.**

**Ingram "Hedge" Hedgpeth**, preaching

### Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel Lesson	John 3:14-21

Acolytes: **Riley Pienkowski, Sophie Wilkins**

Crucifer: **Charlotte Maxwell**

Crossdale Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Minnie Cameron, Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters:

**Barbara Gerwe** (rear/narthex)

**Mary Gitata** (side/font)

Ushers: **Sherry Everett** (head), **Tim**

**Strauman** (flowers), **Keith Merritt, Susan Seahorn, Emily Wilkins, Jeanne Hervey**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

Continuing our study of some of the important themes of Lent, **Sam Miglarese** will lead a discussion of "conversion" and what it means for believers and unbelievers. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

### Lectionary Class

What does it take to remove our sins? Surely there is a price we must pay or a difficult task we must perform or a punishment we must endure, in order to be forgiven. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Come and explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that addresses divisions within the church and the meaning of Christ's crucifixion. Newcomers are encouraged to join the discussion. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

### Scratch Class

Young adults have begun a new series from the lectionary-based online resource, **Faith Element**. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

### Family Matters Class

"Welcoming a new pet to the family" (Seamless Faith, Chapter 3, p.56) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the Resource Room.

### Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap**. Join us at 9:45, lower level classroom.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will meet upstairs in our "café" to discuss "Life in the Church", and our upcoming trip to the Sikh Gurderwara on March 22. Mentors are invited to join us.

## SCRIPTURE READERS' GROUP

Members, representative of the congregation, young, old and in-between, are being trained to read the scripture for the Sunday worship services. **Training is taking place at 9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor again THIS SUNDAY, March 15.** For more information, contact **Steve Rimmer** at 919-529-2235 or csrimmer@nc.rr.com.



## SLIDE SHOW

**Wednesday, March 11**

**6:10 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**

**David and Judy Smith** will present a slide show of photos from their recent trip to Tasmania and New Zealand. Bring your own snack / munchies. Brownies and lemonade will be provided.

## FREE YOGA CLASS

**Wednesday, March 11**

**7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**

Certified Yoga instructor **Brianna Honea** will lead us in a fun yoga class. Wear non-restrictive clothing, bring a bottle of water, and remember to eat light up to two hours before the class.



## MIDWEEK COMMUNION

**Wednesday, March 18**

**6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The March 18<sup>th</sup> family-friendly Taizé prayer service with Holy Communion will be led by **Cherrie Henry**. At 6:30 we will enjoy a light supper in Watts-Hill Hall. Students from Durham's Northern High School Culinary Program will provide the meal. All are welcome.

## EFIRD LECTURES

**Thursdays in March**

10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon in Watts-Hill Hall  
**Dr. James (Mickey) Efird**, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Duke Divinity School, will present a series of lectures on the four gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus. The lectures are free and open to the public.



## A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Officers' Nomination forms (with instructions) will be in this Sunday's worship bulletins. Please give prayerful consideration to who should serve in the Class of 2018 (ruling elders and deacons). Place your completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office by the **deadline of Sunday, March 29.**

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose love endures forever," the Psalmist says. Therefore, I want to give thanks to the following people and groups of people within our congregation: to **Barbara Gerwe** and **Kate Busa**, who served as commissioners to Presbytery in Greenville last week (on a Saturday); to **Jon Nelson, Peter Fish** and **Sarah Finbow**, who led a beautiful contemplative Lenten service last Wednesday night; to the **Northern High School Culinary Class**, who are providing our evening meals during Lent as part of their practicum; to **Marie Sappenfield, Mary Jo Keenan, Bob Yoder** and **Jo Bernhardt** for ministering to those who come to our door; to **Cherrie and Andy Henry** for hosting the Scratch group and to **Deborah and Tyler Momsen-Hudson** for hosting First Friends; to the wonderful guest choir from Muskingam College, who sang beautifully on Sunday; and to all who volunteered or participated in Saturday's Florence Forth race in remembrance of **Florence McDow**, and to benefit others who suffer from auto-immune encephalitis. **Will, Leslie and Laura Mish McDow** have turned their tragic loss into a life-giving event. We live in an amazingly-gifted community.

This Sunday we welcome to the pulpit a personal favorite of mine, my husband, **Ingram Hedgpeth**, or Hedge, as he is called. Hedge is the Head of Staff at Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church in north Durham, serving there since 2002. Originally from Lumberton, NC, Hedge is a graduate of Wake Forest University, and of Columbia Theological Seminary. He served two churches in West Virginia, before coming to Durham. Hedge is a fierce competitor, who will beat you at any game; a bang-up drummer, who can lay down any beat by ear; and a gifted preacher. The last time he was in our pulpit was to preach for my installation in 2004. I hear his sermons every week, and I'm so glad you'll have the opportunity to hear him preach this Sunday. We also will baptize **Juliet Bethune**, daughter of **Alec and Rachel Bethune**, sister to **Colin**.

Remember – lunch after worship, with a short congregational meeting during lunch. **Cris Rivera** is cooking!

See you Sunday,

*Marilyn*

**EASTER LILIES** will grace our sanctuary again this year. If you would like to honor someone or remember someone in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, fill out an Easter lily card

(available in the bulletin this Sunday) and return it with your donation (any amount) to the Church office **by Sunday, March 29**. Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo: Lilies. Donations over and above the amount needed to purchase lilies will be given to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.



## OUR CONCERNS

**Added this week:**  
**Mercy Ndambiri**

**Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece  
Traveling mercies for Duke's Presbyterian  
Campus Ministry 28 students and three  
leaders who are on a mission trip to  
Jamaica this week

**Dewey Lawson**, in rehab at Duke Regional

**Nowell Creadick**                      **Edward Kwon**  
**Ann Prospero**                         **Jacque Robins**

**Carolina House** (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

**Clare Bridge** (Chapel Hill): **Helen Garrison**

**Coasdaile Village:**

Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren**  
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever, Anne Davis**

**Hillcrest: Randall McLeod**

**The Forest at Duke:**

**Fran Bryant**                              **Joan Englund**  
**Ken Goldner**                          **Peaches McPherson**

**Treyburn** (Peak Resources):

**Sara Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece

- **Stuart Bethune**, father of Alec Bethune
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Norma Cardoni**, mother of Sheila Breitweiser
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Dorothy Jennette**, mother of Katharine Smith
- **Anne Lawson**, mother of Dewey Lawson
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

(Rain date: March 28)

**9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**

We will be pruning the roses on Saturday.  
Contact **Barbara Buckley** for more info:  
919-402-8551 or [bjbuckley1@frontier.com](mailto:bjbuckley1@frontier.com)

## PRIMETIMERS / SCRATCH

**Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday, March 21**

**6:30 p.m. at the home of**  
**Jean and Chuck Wilson**

**Remember to RSVP: 919-403-7333**

Please let Jean know what you will bring.  
Carpooling recommended. If your favorite  
local basketball team happens to be playing  
in the NCAA tournament that evening, there  
will be a TV available to check on scores.

Join us for the next

**Daytimers' Luncheon**

**Tuesday, March 24**

**11:30 a.m. at Neo China**

4015 University Drive

**Hosted by Carol McKnight**

RSVP to Carol: 919-419-0670

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

This past Sunday the youth continued  
our Lenten practice of service by  
participating in the Florence Forth race on  
Saturday and making blessing bags with  
messages of hope on Sunday. This week  
we are looking forward to a high school  
lock-in on Friday night and only the middle  
school youth group on Sunday!

Blessings,  
Sarah

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

**June 15 – 19, 2015**

**8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**at Camp New Hope**

(for ages 4-18; childcare for volunteers)

## MUSIC CAMP

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**at First Presbyterian, Durham**

Following Vacation Church School each day,  
FPC will offer an extended-day Music Camp  
for ages 6 -11 at the church. Camp is for  
FPC member families only and is limited to  
10 students each day. Cost is \$15/day.

**The registration deadline is April 14.**  
**Registration forms are available at the**  
**church, will be mailed to parents, and**  
**are online from FPC's website.**

## SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

**WEEKLY GATHERING**

**7:30 PM on Tuesdays**

at Social Games and Brew  
(downtown Durham)

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

**\*\*\* DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED \*\*\***

**DAY HIKE / TRIP TO HANGING ROCK**

**8:00 a.m. 'til early evening**

Will you need a ride? Let **Cherrie Henry**  
or **David Lorimer** know and they will  
investigate the rental of a  
van.



The family of **BJ Seitzer**  
thanks the members of First  
Presbyterian Church for

their prayers and support during these past  
difficult days. We truly have a loving and  
caring congregation. - **Jim Seitzer**

**Leslie, Will, and Laura McDow** thank all  
the First Presbyterian runners, walkers,  
volunteers and supporters who helped make  
Florence Forth such a great success. You  
helped raise over \$60,000 for the Auto-  
immune Encephalitis Alliance and helped  
raise awareness among 1100 community  
participants. Thank you for supporting us  
this past weekend and these past years.

## NEW PARKING DECK? Are you concerned about creating affordable

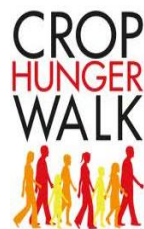
housing downtown? Did you know that the County plans to develop the parking lot  
between our church and St. Phillips into a parking deck? We're meeting with our friends  
at St. Phillips on **Sunday, March 22 at 12:30** (before the CROP Walk) to find out more  
about the County's plans and how we can, together, influence the development of that  
property and others near us. This is part of our work with Durham CAN. Join us! If you  
have questions, ask **Susan Dunlap, Jancy Strauman, Tom Bacon, Kate Busa, Lea**  
**Bingham** or **Sharon Hirsch**.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Deacons are recruiting members of  
the congregation who are willing to  
volunteer for various needs around the  
congregation. Volunteers may serve on a  
one time-basis, or as much as they would  
like. Currently, the church needs help with  
the following:

- Congregational lunches (set-up, clean-up, etc.);
- Drivers to and from church for members who cannot drive.

If you are interested in volunteering with  
congregation lunches or as a driver,  
please email **Lucie House**  
[luciehouse@gmail.com](mailto:luciehouse@gmail.com) or  
**Johanna Bernhardt**  
[Johanna.bernhardt@gmail.com](mailto:Johanna.bernhardt@gmail.com).



**Walker signups will**  
**continue this Sunday,**  
**March 15 in the foyer**  
**after worship.** Not able to  
walk this year? That's okay;  
you can sponsor a walker!  
This year's walk is **Sunday,**  
**March 22 at 2:30 p.m.**

starting in front of Duke Chapel. For more  
information, join FPC's team, or sponsor a  
walker, go to:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc) .

## HOPE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

of Holland, MI

**Sunday, March 15**

**5:00 p.m.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

(1200 Cornwallis Rd, Durham)

**Free admission; open to the public!**

## BEER AND HYMNS

**Sunday, March 15**

**7:00 p.m. at Fullsteam Brewery**

(726 Rigsbee Ave, downtown Durham)

"A Community Sing" led by Jesse James  
Deconto of the "The Pinkerton Raid."  
We get together, drink beer, and sing  
songs. Hymns from the "Old Country,"  
and old, country hymns.

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

The Triangle chapter of Bread for the World  
will be hosting the 2015 statewide  
convention at **Raleigh's Highland United**  
**Methodist Church on Saturday, March**  
**28.** Bread for the World trains citizens to  
become advocates and partners in the effort  
to end poverty and hunger at home and  
abroad. To learn more go to:

[breadfortheworldraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:breadfortheworldraleigh@gmail.com).

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