

First Presbyterian News



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What do we do with Jesus? We follow him! That is the message of Easter. As we follow Jesus we are an Easter People. His way consists of compassion and justice. Following him will provoke us to question our core values, our ways of measuring happiness and success, the purpose of our lives, and our family, personal, church and national priorities. Following Jesus will transform us into those who know what to do with Jesus. And that is exactly what he asked us to do - follow him! – **Roland Perdue**, Interim Pastor, White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

Sermon: "Transformations"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

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| Acts of Apostles | Acts 9:1-20 |
| Psalm Lesson | Psalm 30 |
| Gospel Lesson | John 21:1-19 |

Acolytes: **Anna Kasibhatla, Sidney Curtis**

Crucifer: **Graeme Peterson**

Narthex Greeters: **Abby Faulkner
Minnie Cameron**

After Worship Greeters:

Mac McCorkle (side, font)

Mary-Jo Keenan (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Rob Everett** (head usher), **Joy Kerner** (flower delivery), **Simon Carsey, Nancy Kost, Matthew Hirsch**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"Who is Barbara Brown Taylor?"

An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith is the latest book by our 2010

McPherson Lecturer, **Barbara Brown**

Taylor. The book has received numerous awards and been on the bestseller list of the New York Times. **Candice Ryals** and **Joe Harvard** will lead a discussion of this fascinating book. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall on Sunday.

Lectionary Class

A voice speaks with authority, and whether its message is mundane ("Cast your nets on the other side of the boat") or accusatory ("Why do you persecute me?"), something in the voice makes us listen and obey. Have you ever heard that voice? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will discuss the theology and ethics of **Reinhold Niebuhr** over the next two months. All are welcome to join us for the discussion. We meet on the second floor of the CE building, classroom at end of the hall.

Hand In Hand Class

The Hand in Hand class is discussing Richard Foster's *Christian Reflections on Money, Sex & Power*. Join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Join us at 9:45 in the Middle School Youth room for a discussion of spiritual formation topics. **Susan Dunlap** leads the discussion.

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP



2010 Lecturer:

Barbara Brown Taylor,

the Butman Professor of Religion at Piedmont College, Demorest, GA, and Adjunct Professor of Spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA.

Sunday, April 25

9:45 a.m.—Adult Sunday School

"An Altar in the World"

11:00 a.m.—Worship

Sermon: "Lady Lazarus"

7:00 p.m.—Community Forum

"The Gospel in the Flesh:

What the Body Knows about God"

Monday, April 26

10:30 a.m.—Clergy Lunch

"Words that Make God Real"

The students and board of Westminster Fellowship at Duke University invite you to

A Celebration of Ministry

Cheryl Barton Henry

Sunday, April 18

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at **First Presbyterian Church**

Join us as we say farewell to **Cherrie**, honor her 15 years with Westminster Fellowship, and bless her future ministry.

RSVP requested. Please call the church office (682-5511) if you plan to attend.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

received on

Easter Sunday, April 4

(including contributions for Easter lilies)

\$5,911.26.

Thank you for your generous giving! If you missed the opportunity on Easter Sunday to give you may bring or mail your offering to the Church office this week. Make check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and memo: One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Easter is the season when we celebrate the new thing that God has done in raising Jesus Christ. Christianity affirms that God is about new beginnings. This means that we are not captives to the past. Old wounds can be healed, sin forgiven, wrongs righted.

This also means that our lives can be renewed and that God calls the church to begin anew. At FPC we are seeking to discover through the Plumb Line Committee what new things God is doing among us. This new creation is always built on the past. We are seeking to remember who we are and to affirm our core values. This process belongs to the whole congregation and we need your prayers and your participation.

The Scriptures for Sunday are about new beginnings in the lives of two main characters in the Bible. The implications for our lives are significant. On Sunday afternoon there is a reception to honor the ministry of **Cherrie Henry** for 15 years as Presbyterian Campus Minister at Duke. In this capacity, she has encouraged students to discover the new thing God is doing in their lives. Let us seek to be faithful to the God of new beginnings.

Joe

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to **Emily Walter-Ryan and Drew Hansel**, who were married at FPC on Saturday. Emily is a newer member of our church, and has contributed to the life of the church as a youth advisor. We pray our blessings upon their marriage.
- Congratulations to **Katherine Carr** who celebrated her 85th birthday on April 12th, and to **Bobby Rankin** who celebrates his 70th birthday on April 13th (today).

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- **Fred and Jami Wise** on the death of Fred's grandmother, **Louise Wise**, in Atlanta;
- **Laura Hanson, David Cecelski, Vera and Guy** on the death of Laura's grandmother, **Mary Hanson**, in Kansas.

"Jesus said,

'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend **Helder K. Suh**, who was installed Sunday as the new pastor at the North Carolina Korean Presbyterian Church in Durham. **Marilyn Hedgpeth** took part in his installation, having known Helder since their studies together at Columbia Seminary. Also present at the installation service were **Youngshik Joo** and **Juhee Maeng** and their daughter, **Eunsong**, regular visitors here at FPC. Music at the service was provided by their remarkable youth orchestra, and the service itself was followed by a wonderful Korean meal prepared by church members.

OUR CONCERNS

Muriel Kirkland
Florence McDow

Trish Cates
Josh Stanek

Carolyn Wolfe

Gregory Dickerson (Matthews, NC)
Leigh Knauert Family (Denver, CO)

- ◆ **Mary Booth**, friend of FPC
- ◆ **George Cox**, son of Sarah Cox
- ◆ **Brad Holbrook**, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ◆ **Joe Juarez**, Vern Neece's niece's husband
- ◆ **Joan B. King**, sister-in-law of Mal King
- ◆ **Susan and Frank Kozoman**, friends of Ellen Young
- ◆ **Elizabeth Leathers**, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ◆ **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- ◆ **Stephen McAllister**, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ◆ **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson

MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

at Nosh's Café

Friday, April 23

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO SPRINGTIME!

PRIME TIMERS

COVERED DISH SUPPER

at the home of

Bill and Sally Hendrickson

2219 Lawrence Road

Friday, April, 23, 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the colorful display of azaleas surrounding their home!

Call Sally or Bill at 644-0677 to RSVP and indicate the dish you will bring.

VOCAL RECITAL

Friday, April 23, 2010

8:00 p.m. at FPC

Kristen Blackman, soprano

Erica Dunkle, mezzo-soprano

with **Scott Hill**, harpsichord

Robbie Link, viola da gamba

John Orluk, lute **Jane Lynch**, organ

Sarah Griffin, violin

Repertoire to include works by Bach, Handel, Monteverdi, Purcell, Dowland, and a newly commissioned work from

Paul Leary. **Free admission!**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

SENIOR LUNCHEON

11:30 A.M. – RECEPTION

12 NOON - LUNCHEON

Our own **Pat Brisley**, RN, will tell us about her life and work in Saudi Arabia.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

As Youth Sunday, May 9th, quickly approaches, we are in the midst of planning, organizing and preparing for the opportunity to lead FPC in holy worship. **We've accomplished a great deal so far, but there's more to be done.**

Join us this Sunday for regular scheduled youth group, as we make stoles to wear on Youth Sunday. The stoles that ministers wear are, as hopefully you remember, symbols of the 'yoke' or work (often difficult) that ministers perform in their vocations as well as visual reminders of the liturgical season we are celebrating.

A life dedicated to Christ, and to shepherding others in a life of Christ, was never said to be an easy task. As we 'try on' the task of leading worship for our church family on youth Sunday, we have the opportunity and privilege to embrace this part of Christ's ministry.

With hope and Easter blessings,

Rebecca Leonard

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FOR 2010-2011

Believe it or not, it is now time to begin recruiting Sunday School teachers for the upcoming school year. Current teachers will be receiving calls and contacts from the Christian Education Committee in the coming weeks. We have an excellent teaching staff of 50 individuals, who take turns participating in the spiritual nurture of our congregation and visitors. It is our hope to keep this cadre of disciples large, so that the work does not fall to a faithful few. If you would be willing to teach again next year, please let **Marilyn Hedgpeh, Katharine Whitmore, Lesley Curtis, or Dawn Carsey** know. If you have never taught before, but would like to venture into teaching either children, youth, or adults, please let us know as well, and we would be happy to use you next year. And, as we have said before, we can always use a few good MEN teachers.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Cantari Spring Concert:

"Through the Eyes of the Poet"

4:00 p.m. – FPC Sanctuary

The **THINGS THAT MATTER**

BOOK GROUP will meet on **Tuesday, May 11** at the home of **Sally Ensor** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss the book *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Iglesia Emanuel and Northgate Presbyterian continue to supply 30 families per week with groceries, while feeding 80+ people a hot meal. There are two ways to support this effort. First, we always appreciate your donations of canned food, rice, beans and other staples. Secondly, a monetary donation of \$20 is enough to provide packages of food for about five families. You can make checks payable to: **First Presbyterian Church**, memo: **Iglesia Emanuel Food Bank**. Thank you so much for your continued support of this ministry!

—**Julio Ramirez-Eve**, pastor

DURHAM COUNTY DSS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION WALK Thursday, April 22

Registration (\$2.00 per walker) begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Street DSS Building. Walkers will start at the Main Street building and walk to the Duke Street DSS Building. A brief rest and refreshments will be provided at the Duke Street location. For more info contact **Tammy Casto-Yelton** (560-8434)

THE 2010 CENSUS

Census workers will visit households that do not return their form to take a count in person. Remember, the success of the 2010 Census is in our hands. For more information, visit the web site: 2010census.gov. or call the local census office: (919) 348-1348.

STEP INTO AFRICA

The YMCA of downtown Durham is sponsoring an educational exhibit of the AIDS crisis in Africa from April 25-May 2. The exhibit features a 3,600 foot walk-through- experience, fashioned after an African village. Visitors wear headphones and walk in the steps of a child affected by AIDS. Following the experience, visitors are invited to take action through advocacy, prayer, and giving opportunities. The exhibit is sponsored by World Vision. To reserve FREE tickets, either pick them up now at the YMCA, or go on-line at www.worldvisionexperience.org/durham.

Dear FPC members,

Thank you for your willingness to be my advocate and support for "Leaps and Bounds". It was a pleasure performing at FPC - it was a beautiful setting and the individuals I encountered were so generous and hospitable. Please pass my thanks along to **Katharine Whitmore, Sydney Curtis, Jane and Dawn Carsey**.

Peace,

Tevyn East

(Tevyn performed her dance theatre production in our sanctuary during Lent.)

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