

# First Presbyterian News

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From the denomination's viewpoint, Youth Sunday, or officially, Young People in the Church Sunday, is a special designation to encourage the congregation to pause and celebrate the particular gifts of young people in the life of the church . . . . Its purpose is not to form some kind of checklist so the congregation can say, "There, we've done that emphasis. Whew! Glad that's over with for the year!" . . . Youth ministry happens wherever and whenever young people are involved in the life of the church . . . . A youth group is only one component of a dynamic ministry with youth . . . . So, involve young people everywhere: worship, mission, governance, education, fellowship, you name it. . . . I am convinced it is crucial for the future of the church.

- *Rodger Nishioka*

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER / MOTHER'S DAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

**Sermon:**

*"Open your eyes to arrive on time"*

*James Compton, preaching*

### Worship Texts

Acts of the Apostles	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Epistle Lesson	1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel Lesson	Luke 24:13-35

Acolytes: *Juliana Miglarese, Almira Mbah*

Crucifer: *Bonnie Creadick*

Narthex Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt, Hilda Bradshaw*

After Worship Greeters:

*Jane Brawley* (side, font)

*Jane Wettach* (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Michael Bacon* (head usher),

*Bill Brown* (flowers) and *FPC Youth*

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer:*

*An attempt to understand him*

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer* is one of the most influential pastors and teachers in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He remains a valuable resource in understanding the Christian faith. We will begin a conversation about his significance for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join us at 9:45 a.m. as we begin this new series.

### Lectionary Class

Now that we have heard the Easter message, what should we do? Do the familiar stories leave us unchanged? Or do we get up and go somewhere with them? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Hand In Hand Class

We are currently studying John Timmer's *Four-Dimensional Jesus*. Please join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

### Journeys Class

How radical was Jesus? Was he really a game changer for first century Judaism? Journeys will read and discuss Hebrews to help answer some of these questions. Join us at 9:45 on the second floor of the education building.

### Women's Spiritual Formation

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



Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and **join us for lunch following worship on Mother's Day.**

Call 682-5511 to make a reservation for your family. Cost: \$20 max per family. Menu will include items for younger appetites.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Congratulations to the following members who were elected on Sunday, May 1 to serve as officers for the Class of 2014:

### Elders

*Jon Abels*

*Kate Busa*

*Jean Cary*

*Luke Everett*

*Anthony Kamau*

*Mal King*

*Lisa Rist*

### Deacons

*Torrell Armstrong*

*Pat Ashby*

*Alec Bethune*

*John Cowden*

*Tamzin Kinnebrew*

*Julie Maxwell*

*Leslie Shaw*

### Youth Officers

*Guy Cecelski*

*James Compton*

*Graeme Peterson*

## Confirmation Class

### Affirmed and Confirmed

Congratulations to the group of eighth and ninth graders who completed the year-long course of confirmation study and who were affirmed and confirmed this past Sunday in worship.

Those who were affirmed included:

**Corey Allen, Benjamin Conner, Jane Carsey, and Catie Brockman.** Those who were confirmed included: **JL Klinck, Henry Fisher, Gwendolyn Dilworth, Ben Brigman, Rosie Johnson, Megan Champion, Neil Peterson, Anna Kasibhatla and Rachel Boyle.** Two members previously confirmed were **Sydney Curtis and Lily Abels.** It was a great day in the life of FPC.

Many thanks to the mentors who accompanied the youth through this process: **Homer Ashby, Jane Brawley, Kathy Conner, Jon Abels, Jancy Strauman, George Danser, Lenore Champion, Rebecca Leonard, Lenore Champion, Mac McCorkle, Wendy McCorkle, Brent Curtis, Cherrie Henry, David Smith, and Emily Hansel.** And kudos to those who helped teach the Confirmation Class and to the parents who gave a great reception following worship on Sunday.

## FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Friends,

Last Sunday, we affirmed and confirmed 15 of our youth who have spent the past year studying theology, church polity, world religion, faith and spirituality more intently than I might argue many of us have in years! We also installed three senior high youth into positions of church leadership as elder and deacons. This Sunday, we will be led in worship by youth who have been faithfully involved in the life of FPC by attending Sunday School, youth groups, serving as acolytes, crucifers, liturgists, officers and who've been passionately engaged in mission work.

I am proud to be a part of a church community who holds dear their baptismal commitments to support, nurture, guide and encourage our young people. I personally consider it a privilege to work beside these amazing members of our congregation as they grow up and grow in faith surrounded by the love of FPC.

There are also many adults who dedicate themselves to the ministry of our young people. **Lenore Champion, Jancy Strauman, Emily Hansel and Brent Curtis** are our weekly advisors. **Jim Johnson and Michael Bacon** have attended conferences and retreats with us. We owe these remarkable members a debt of gratitude because the ministry to these energetic young people is as equally exhausting as it is exciting!

Please join us Sunday for a very special day of worship in praise and love of God and all the women who have nurtured and loved us, be it mom or friend!

Peace,

**Rebecca**

## Special Events at FPC

### HEROES OF CONSCIENCE

Sunday, May 8 at 7:00 pm

at FPC - Watts-Hill Hall

*Heroes of Conscience* is a unique concert / documentary that honors the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and other members of the German Resistance during World War II. **Joe Robinson** produced the concert and will introduce it on Sunday. The event is free and open to the public.

### THIRD FRIDAY EVENT

FPC returns to Third Friday Durham with a series of summer concerts. The first on **May 20 at 7 p.m.** features **Andrew Snee** and **Robert Graham** of the acoustic rock duo **Sad Magazine**. They are both guitarists / songwriters with a rich history in the Triangle music community. (Andrew is also a member of the Durham group Sea Cow with our own **Jody Maxwell**, drummer). The concert is free and open to the public.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Joyce Ogu** on the death of her father, **Hubert Mbagu**, in Killimanjaro, Tanzania.

*“Jesus said,  
‘I am the resurrection and the life.’”*

## OUR CONCERNS

**Bob Adams**, recovering from surgery  
**Florence McDow**, patient at Duke Hospital  
**Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson, beginning a clinical trial for inoperable pancreatic cancer

**Mary Russell Roberson**, daughter of Ruth and Russell Roberson

**Tom Howerton**  
**David Parkins**  
**Sarah Todd**

**Carol Johnson**  
**Ann Prospero**  
**Allen Verhey**

**Mike Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard  
**Chester Bisette**, grandfather of Abi Bisette

**Sarah McCracken Cobb**, sister of Mary Ann Compton

**George Cox**, son of Sarah Cox

**Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis

**Denise Duffy**, sister of Andy Henry

**Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow

**Frances Kennedy**, mother of Emily Wilkins

**Jesse D. Smith, Jr.**, son of Doris Smith

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new, short-term Bible study will look at the book of Jonah. Our only curriculum will be the Bible this time, so come prepared to dig into the text. The **Friday morning class** will meet from 10:30 a.m. – noon, beginning on May 13, and run through June 3. Childcare can be arranged for the Friday class if you will let Marilyn know. The **Sunday class at Croasdaile** will meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30–5:00, beginning May 22 – June 12.

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VCS at Camp New Hope, June 20-24, is overflowing with campers signed up to attend. We are in desperate need of adult volunteers. If you can give two or three days of your time, from 9–2, to work directly with children, please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

If you would like to sponsor a child from Iglesia Emanuel for the week for \$50, please let Marilyn know. A check to FPC for \$50, earmarked VCS scholarship, would be wonderful.

## BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Sally Ensor**, 12 Sweetbriar Lane, Chapel Hill. **Lee**

**Courtland** will lead a discussion of **Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese. RSVP to Sally: densor1736@aol.com. Newcomers and occasional participants are welcome!

## YOUTH NEWS

Hey everyone! I want to remind each of you about the rehearsal for youth Sunday **THIS SATURDAY (May 7) from 3 – 5 p.m.** Everyone needs to be in attendance, no matter how ‘big’ or ‘small’ you see your role in Sunday’s worship! On Sunday we will not have evening youth group so you can spend the afternoon and evening with your MOM telling her repeatedly how wonderful she is!!! See you Saturday!

**Rebecca**

## BOOK DRIVE



**David Reece**, the Director of the East Durham Children’s Initiative visited FPC’s Faith and Community Sunday school class last Fall and made a real impact on many people, particularly, **Libby Gulley**. Libby and the youth of FPC have partnered in response to the EDCI’s need for support. We will be facilitating a BOOK DRIVE from May 15<sup>th</sup> until June 19<sup>th</sup> in which contributions of gently used children’s books, picture books, parenting books and monetary donations toward refurbished computers will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Now’s the time to dust off and clear out your old bookshelves and give those unused books to the children and families of the EDCI who really need them! Learn more about EDCI at <http://eastdurhamchildrensinitiative.org/>.

There will be more information forthcoming! Thanks everyone!

- the FPC youth

## MAY’S

### “LEARN BY HEART” The Books of the Bible

#### OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS	EZRA	JOEL
EXODUS	NEHEMIAH	AMOS
LEVITICUS	ESTHER	OBADIAH
NUMBERS	JOB	JONAH
DEUTERONOMY	PSALMS	MICAH
JOSHUA	PROVERBS	NAHUM
JUDGES	ECCLESIASTES	HABAKKUK
RUTH	SONG OF SONGS	ZEPHANIAH
1 SAMUEL	ISAIAH	HAGGAI
2 SAMUEL	JEREMIAH	ZECHARIAH
1 KINGS	LAMENTATIONS	MALACHI
2 KINGS	EZEKIEL	
1 CHRONICLES	DANIEL	
2 CHRONICLES	HOSEA	

#### NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW	EPHESIANS	HEBREWS
MARK	PHILIPPIANS	JAMES
LUKE	COLOSSIANS	1 PETER
JOHN	1 THESSALONIANS	2 PETER
ACTS	2 THESSALONIANS	1 JOHN
ROMANS	1 TIMOTHY	2 JOHN
1 CORINTHIANS	2 TIMOTHY	3 JOHN
2 CORINTHIANS	TITUS	JUDE
GALATIANS	PHILEMON	REVELATION

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**One Great Hour of Sharing:**  
\$6,293.20

**Maundy Thursday**  
(New Hope Presbytery for Disaster Relief):  
\$1,106.00

**Pennies for Hunger:**  
\$341.00

Thank you for your generous giving! If you missed the opportunity to give to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you can still contribute by mailing or bringing your offering to the church next week.

## DURHAM’S EARLY CHILDHOOD FAITH INITIATIVE’S LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

**Tuesday, May 10**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Duke Memorial UMC  
504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham

**Anna Berkeley**, Inclusion Consultant,  
Durham Inclusion Support Services presents

**“Welcoming Autistic Children  
to Faith Classrooms”**

Remember to bring your lunch.  
Beverages provided.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

11:30 A.M. – RECEPTION

12 NOON – LUNCHEON

## SENIORS SPRING LUNCHEON

Program: **Margaret and Tom Keller** will present a report on their recent trip to Morocco. Please join us!



## FLOWER DONOR

needed for worship on Sunday, **May 22**. Contact **Susan Thompson** for more information: 477-0425 or 361-8868 ext 292.



Students known to be graduating from high school or an undergraduate or graduate degree program in 2011 will be acknowledged during worship on **Sunday, June 5**. Please provide the student’s name, school, and degree earned to **Valerie McMillian** or **Shirley Frederick** in the church office by Friday, May 27. You may also email the info to: [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

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