

First Presbyterian News

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Who is a Christian? A Christian testifies to something that has happened to us and to our world. The gospel is more than personal and it is never private. The good news has got to be shared in order to be kept. We are witnesses. – **William H. Willimon**

SUNDAY, MAY 20

7th Sunday of Easter

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
There will be a Congregational Meeting prior to worship. The Handbell Choir is playing for worship and new members will be received.

Sermon: "Can I Get A Witness?"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts:

NT Lesson	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 1
Gospel Lesson	John 17:6-19
Epistle Lesson	1 John 5:9-13

Acolyte: **Catie Brockman**

Crucifer: to be assigned

Crossdaile Driver: to be assigned

Narthex Greeters: **Hilda Bradshaw**,
Minnie Cameron

After Worship Greeters:

Jon Abels (side, font)

Kate Busa (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Alec Bethune** (head usher),

George Bernhardt (flower delivery), **Joy Kerner**, **Susan Seahorn**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of FPC has called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 20** to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect officers.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will have a brief meeting on Sunday, May 20, after worship in the East Parlor.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"The Christian Art of Dying"

This Sunday, **Allen Verhey**, professor of ethics at Duke Divinity School, will continue a discussion of his book, [The Christian Art of Dying: Learning from Jesus](#). He will discuss the story of Jesus as a paradigm for a faithful dying and with the practices of the church that support dying well and caring well for the dying. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$15 each). Please join us.

Lectionary Class

Do you belong to the world? Which is more real for you, the world of work and shopping and elections and daily concerns, or the world of God's truth? Or is there a difference? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

We will continue our study of Isaiah this Sunday in the Adult Discussion class. We will start with what some people call Isaiah II (i.e., chapter 40). We will meet in the last room on the second floor of the education wing.

Starting from Scratch Class

We will continue our look at love and land in Song of Songs. Join us at 9:45, second floor of the CE building.

RECEPTION HONORING YOUTH MINISTER

There will be a reception in Watts-Hill Hall on this **Sunday, May 20**, following worship to honor **Rebecca Leonard** for her excellent leadership to FPC's youth and their families. Rebecca has accepted a position with Habitat for Humanity of Durham as the Faith Relations and Youth Programs Coordinator. Her last official Sunday as FPC's Minister to Youth and their Families will be June 3. Please join us in thanking Rebecca for a job well done!

The **NEWCOMERS CLASS** will hold the last class of this series on Sunday, **May 20** in the Wilson Parlor beginning at 9:45 a.m. New members will be welcomed into the congregation during the morning worship. Please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org with inquiries about membership at FPC.



We have begun the fun part of our interfaith build at **1103 Taylor Street**, redoing the exterior and the interior of the house. Volunteers are needed on **Thursday afternoons, Saturday mornings / afternoons, and Sunday afternoons**. Please sign up in the foyer after worship on Sundays. If you are 16 or older you may help with the build. We also need help with meals and snacks on Saturdays for those of you who are not able to work at the site. Contact **Sharon Hirsch** (hirschnc@earthlink.net) or **Tom Bacon** (tom_bacon@med.unc.edu) with questions and to sign up to help. We hope to see you at the work site!

CONGRATULATIONS

... to **Valentine Ndambiri**, daughter of **Mercy Ndambiri**, who won a national award in orchestra at Riverside High School. Valentine is an accomplished violinist. Congratulations, Valentine!
... to **Abi Bisette**, daughter of **Cherrie Henry** and step-daughter of **Andy Henry**, who recently graduated from Warren Wilson College, and who won a second-place award from the *Presbyterian Outlook* for an essay she wrote on what it meant for her to attend a PC(USA) college. Abi recently was quoted in an article about Student Action Farmworkers, a Presbyterian Hunger Program recognized by **President Obama** for its outstanding work. AND, her picture was on the front page of the *Asheville Times*. Congratulations, Abi!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The **Fishes** and **Harvards** were sitting on the front row at FPC last Sunday. In the past two weeks, we had been together in historic places of worship in Kiev and Istanbul. We had a great trip which we hope to share with you soon. Thanks for your prayers.

On Sunday it was good to be at home, being led in worship by our youth. What an amazing service! Our youth give me great hope that our future is in good hands. Thanks to all who participated in worship on Sunday, and the Mothers' Day lunch was enjoyable. What a delightful homecoming!

The Session of FPC has called a Congregational Meeting for this Sunday before worship to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and elect new officers. The committee has worked hard on your behalf. It is interesting that a lesson for Sunday from the Book of Acts tells about the first disciples choosing a replacement for Judas. It says that they "cast lots" between Justus and Matthias "and the lot fell on Matthias." We don't do it that way in the Presbyterian Church! We pray that God's Spirit will guide us in the process, and God has been faithful to raise up women and men to lead us.

On Sunday, we shall also receive new members and celebrate the sacrament of baptism. We will also gather after worship to express our gratitude to **Rebecca Leonard** for her excellent leadership of our youth ministry over ten years. It promises to be another good day at FPC, and I hope to share it with you.

Joe

NOTES

- **Candice Provey** has accepted the call to be the assistant chaplain to students at Yale University. June 10th will be her last Sunday with us. Congratulations to Candice, but we shall miss her!
- Thanks to **Margot Johnson**, **Nancy Kost**, **Paul Cornsweet**, **George Kirschmann**, **Will McDow**, **Dan Hudgins**, **Linda Dobson**, and others who helped to put together a wonderful Mother's Day luncheon on Sunday.
- **Ryan Nilsen** is leaving tomorrow for Belfast, Ireland, where he will be the site coordinator for Duke Engage in Northern Ireland for two months.

ART EXHIBIT TOURS

The Unweavings ® art exhibit, "On Wings of Prayer" by **Laurie Wohl**, is open at FPC and available to the public for tours on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. through May 25th**. Time is running out to view these one of a kind fiber uweavings up close and in person.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 21

6:00 p.m. Deacons

6:30 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Joint Officers

7:30 p.m. Session

SALUTING A SENIOR

Congratulations to **Tom Howerton**, who celebrated his 91st birthday on May 9. Born in Durham, Tom joined First Presbyterian Church when he married Martha, also a Durham native. He had a long career in health administration as the chief executive of Watts Hospital and Durham Regional Hospital and as president of the Hospital Association of North Carolina. During World War II, Tom was a U.S. Army major at the Norwich 64th General Hospital in England and was there during the D-Day invasion in 1944. At First Presbyterian, Tom has been an elder, chaired the Worship Committee and sang in the choir. We thank God for Tom's long life and his devoted service to his country, his community, and his church.

--Submitted by **Barbara and Peter Fish**

OUR CONCERNS

David Garrison, a patient at Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

Peaches McPherson, in the Holbrook Center at The Forest at Duke.

Katherine Carr, home after a hospital stay.

Franklin Sesay has heart surgery pending.

Traveling mercies for **Ryan Nilsen**.

Gwen Cleary

Jim Hedrick

Henry Njoroge

Sarah Todd

Helen Garrison

Diana Huggin

Mozette Rollins

Hillcrest Convalescent:

Tom Howerton

Connie and Randall McLeod

Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

Croasdaille Village:

Don Jenkins (Pavilion, E-116)

Carol Johnson (Friendship, D-120)

Jerry Tyren (Pavilion, E-205)

• **Mike Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard

• **Chester Bisette**, grandfather of Abi Bisette

• **Toni Bloom**, mother of Tom Bloom

• **Kate Crockett**, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett

• **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis

• **Denise Duffy**, sister of Andy Henry

• **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow

• **Worth Hudson**, father of Tyler Momsen-Hudson

• **Dwight Huntley**, father of Lesley Curtis

• **Kibaara Kinya**, uncle of Mercy Ndambiri

• **Karla Koll**, friend of Emily Wilkins

• **Eleanor Martin**, mother of Margaret Rubiera

• **Kim Mayo**, friend of Barbara Fish

• **Woody Morgan**, father of Doris Callaway

• **Ruth Reed**, mother-in-law of Mary-Jo Keenan

• **Nants Reynolds**, sister of Joe Harvard

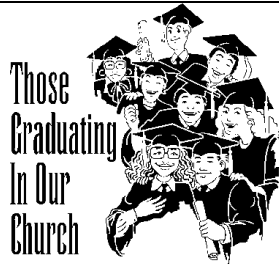
YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

To all of you, special children of the Covenant, you make my soul soar and my heart so proud! Sunday's youth-led worship was beautiful. Thank you to everyone who participated and to everyone who was present on this special Mother's Day occasion. To have been my last youth Sunday as your youth minister, I couldn't have been more pleased. My tell tale sign that the Holy Spirit was present—you know, when the hairs on my arms stand on end — spoke volumes to me. Thanks to all of you. And a special thanks to **Lenore Champion** and **Brent Curtis** for their leadership throughout the whole planning, practicing and proceeding. You all are wonderful!

Sunday, May 20 will be our last regularly scheduled youth group before summer break. Middlers will meet from 5 - 6:30 p.m. and Senior Highs will meet from 6 - 8 p.m. Please bring with you three to five addresses of people who love you and will want to support your efforts, financially, with this year's Youth United for Habitat home build. Part of what we will do Sunday evening is write letters to these special people. We will also write our elected officials, advocating for affordable housing in our city, state, country, and world! We'll play some games and watch a brief video, too! Can't wait to share this special time with you! See you Sunday!

Rebecca



Students known to be graduating from high school or an undergraduate or graduate degree program in 2012 will be acknowledged during worship on **Sunday, June 3**. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree earned to **Valerie** or **Shirley** in the church office by **Friday, May 25**. You may also email the info to: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. Baskets will be in the foyer on Sunday for our high school seniors: **Talia Rice**, **Guy Cecelski**, **Valentine Ndambiri**, **Emily Telford-Marx** and **Colin Wiebe**. Members and friends are invited to fill the baskets with well wishes and gifts to take into the next chapter in life.

FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, MAY 25

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Nosh's Café – 2812 Erwin Road

Please come by and stay as long as you can.

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 22

at 11:30 a.m.

Neo China Restaurant

4015 University Drive, Durham

Please reply to **John Kerr**, host:
(919-384-2821) or FPC (919-682-5511).

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High School Youth - Listen Up!

Save the Date!

Friday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m.

at the home of the Miglareses

A Celebration in Honor
of our Youth Minister,
Rebecca Leonard

Invitations are in the mail from the

Miglareses and Straumans who

"team teach" with Rebecca in the

High Schoolers Sunday School Class

Please RSVP!

Sam and Sheila, Jancy and Tim

SUNDAY SCHOOL WRAP-UP

TEACHER APPRECIATION

On **Sunday, June 3**, we will honor our FPC teachers with a breakfast in Watts-Hill Hall, and with presentations by each Sunday School class. There will be no regular Sunday School that day (except the nursery), as all are invited to celebrate the end of a wonderful year of "wisdom" and spiritual nurture in our Christian Education Programs. The breakfast is free, and all are encouraged to come and thank our teachers, and get a sneak preview of summer Sunday School.

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Join us for a kid-friendly gathering at the home of **Joy and Mike Kerner**

Watch for details



Jimani, Dominican Republic was greatly blessed by the generous donations of personal care items from the members of FPC. Jimani, the town closest to Haiti, is still inundated by displaced Haitians from the 2010 earthquake, even after half the town was washed away in a flood in 2004. We saw 500 patients, **plus** family members, in clinic set up in the Episcopal Church. Several thousand dollars worth of medicine was given out, but the real draw was the "*Jabon*" (soap) - the gift bags and the glasses. Up until the end, the children were still asking for toothbrushes. Thank you so much for everything you sent along that made this mission trip a success to the glory of God!

- **Russ and Malissa (High) Kilpatrick**
(family of Elizabeth High)

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