

First Presbyterian News

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ESTABLISHED 1871

Bonhoeffer ended a letter to his parents from prison in 1943 with these words:

It is Monday, and I was just sitting down to a dinner of turnips and potatoes when a parcel you sent me by Ruth arrived. Such things give me greater joy than I can say. Although I am utterly convinced that nothing can break the bonds between us, I seem to need some outward token or sign to reassure me. In this way, material things become the vehicles of spiritual realities. I suppose it is rather like the felt need in our religion for sacraments. Such ordinary things speak to us in extraordinary ways of the resurrection of Christ. –Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

SUNDAY, MAY 22

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship, Baptism,
and Holy Communion

The Pennies for Hunger offering will be received during worship.

Sermon: "Life Among the Believers"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
Book of Acts	Acts 2:37-44
Gospel Lesson	John 14:1-10

ACOLYTES: Benjamin Connor,
Gwendolyn Dilworth

CRUCIFER: Sydney Curtis

NARTHEX GREETER: Maxie Honeycutt

AFTER WORSHIP GREETERS:

To be assigned (side, font)

Lea Bingham (Narthex/Main St)

USHERS: Christyn Klinck (head), Cris Rivera (flowers), Abby Faulkner, Bill Brown, Linda Dobson, Miriam Morey

COMMUNION ELDERS:

Bread: Jane Wettach (B1), Jane Brawley (B2), Lea Bingham (B3, process bread), Dawn Carsey (B4, head elder)

Cup: Joseph Ngumi (C1), Lesley Curtis (C2, process cup), Leslie Strohm (C3), Bill Hendrickson (C4)

Shepherds: Guy Cecelski (pulpit aisle), Sharon Hirsch (center aisle), Peter Fish (font aisle)

Replenish elements: Carl Rist

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"I was hungry and you . . ."

What is our responsibility as Christians to respond to a hungry world? The Service and Mission Committee invite you to join us as we discuss ways to respond. You will learn about Café Justo. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectinary Class

The exhilaration of Easter is fading into memory, and we are left with more mundane matters. Will our faith help us grow in holiness and do great works? Will it preserve us in times of uncertainty and suffering? 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

What is the Trinity? How did Christ's message change 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.

THIRD FRIDAY EVENT

First Presbyterian returns to Third Friday Durham with a series of summer concerts. The first on **May 20 at 7 PM** 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. Please plan to come (children are welcome) and invite your friends and colleagues.

Book Sales Helping to Feed the Hungry

The commentary on Ephesians authored by **Joe Harvard** and **Allen Verhey** will be available for purchase following worship again this Sunday. The book will be available for \$30 (a \$5 discount) and all the proceeds will be donated to Durham Urban Ministries, where monies will be matched by other funds. Each book sold will provide \$60 to feed the hungry.

CAFÉ JUSTO

One-pound bags of whole-bean "Café Justo" are available for purchase for the next several Sundays. The original Café Justo, medium roast and dark roast, is \$10. The larger bean, Marago, dark roast, is \$14. Ground and decaf coffee are also available on special order. Contact **John Fricks**, 490-0601. The Café Justo Cooperative grew out of Frontero de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry in Agua Prieta, Sonora, and Douglas, Arizona. Learn more during the Faith and Community class on Sunday, May 22.

BOOK DRIVE

We are facilitating a BOOK DRIVE to benefit the EDCI (East Durham Children's Initiative) now until June 19th 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. Learn more about EDCI at <http://eastdurhamchildrensinitiative.org/>. Books can be left on the bookshelf in the foyer at FPC!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

"In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world" (W-1.1001). These words from the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, USA, define Christian worship. It is an essential practice of our faith and we offer our worship to the glory and praise of God.

At the heart of our life together is the worship service. It has been said that every Sunday is "a little Easter" as we celebrate the power of God's love even over death. In worship we can bring the hopes and fears of our lives before God and seek to make some sense of the insanity of the world in the light of "the Word of the Lord". In the Book of Acts, we read how the believers were baptized, gathered together for instruction in the faith, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. The community cared for each other. Worship prepared them for service in the world.

On Sunday we shall gather as the first believers did and we shall observe the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. It is a joy to worship with you. As the Psalmist put it so well, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

Joe

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Juliet Elizabeth Roser Jones** on last Sunday. Juliet is the daughter of **Abigail Faulkner Jones** and **Chris Roser Jones**. This Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of **Justin Bennett Miles**, son of **Justin and Alissa Miles**. Justin and Alissa, natives of South Carolina and both graduates of the University of South Carolina, joined FPC in 2009. Justin is a senior systems engineer with REM Services, Inc. Alissa, who has served as a volunteer at FPC's front desk, is home with little Jackson, who was born December 18, 2010.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Lanny Pratt** on the death of his cousin **Betty Hyde's** husband and Presbyterian pastor, **the Reverend Harold Edward Hyde, Jr.**, on May 9th in Southern Pines NC.

"Jesus said,

'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

OUR CONCERNS

Kate Crockett, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett

Florence McDow, patient at Duke Hospital

Tom Howerton

Carol Johnson

David Parkins

Ann Prospero

Allen Verhey

Mike Atkins, friend of Rebecca Leonard

Chester Bisette, grandfather of Abi Bisette

Sarah McCracken Cobb, sister of Mary Ann Compton

Donald Davis, brother of Lorraine Davis

Denise Duffy, sister of Andy Henry

Jim Goff, father of Leslie McDow

Frances Kennedy, mother of Emily Wilkins

Mary Russell Roberson, daughter of Ruth and Russell Roberson

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

Karen Wolcott, cousin of Jean Wilson

NEW BIBLE STUDY

"JONAH"

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, through June 3. Childcare can be arranged for the Friday class if you will let **Marilyn Hedgpath** know.

The **Sunday class at Croasdaile** will meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30–5:00, through June 12.

The LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING COMMITTEE

invites you to a workday on **Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. till noon**. Please bring tools for weeding and pruning. We also need a strong individual to dig out two small dead trees in the Memorial Garden. Contact **Barbara Buckley** (bjbuckley1@frontier.com) or **Kate Busa** (katebusa@gmail.com) for more info.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Hi Ya, everybody!

Well, if you're reading this online then you get the newsletter in time for me to remind you that tonight, Tuesday, May 17 from 5 – 8 p.m. will be CIT and youth training for Vacation Church School over at Westminster Presbyterian Church. PLEASE plan to be present! If you get the newsletter in the mail then it's too late but hopefully you got my email and text reminders! It's obviously very important for you to be at this training! Don't worry, dinner will be provided!

This coming Sunday, May 22, we will have our regularly scheduled youth group evening. **God Squad** is meeting from 5-6:30 p.m. and **Iter** is meeting from 6 – 8 p.m. Dinner, will be lovingly provided by **Margot and Jim Johnson** (and **Carrie**, too) at 6 p.m. for everyone. Hope to see you there!

Rebecca Leonard

Ps. To find out a list of the end of the year activities, check out the FPC youth Google calendar - look up FPC Durham YOUTH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRAND FINALE AND BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, June 5**, all Sunday School classes are invited to Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 a.m. for a congregational breakfast (free, sponsored by CE Committee) and a time of celebration and thanksgiving for FPC's educational ministry. In keeping with this year's theme, "Learning by Heart", each of the children's classes will be asked to present something they have learned by heart this year, be it song, Bible verse, prayer, or creed. All teachers, troubadours, superintendents, nursery workers, and support personnel will be recognized and will receive a small token of the church's appreciation. Please join us for this celebration.

Sunday School will NOT end on June 5th. Summer Sunday School, "Praying In Color", runs from June 12 - August 21. Stay tuned!

VIOLIN RECITAL

Rebecca Telford-Marx's Senior Recital has been scheduled at FPC for **Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Save the Date

PRIMETIMERS GATHERING FRIDAY, JUNE 17

7 p.m. at the home of
Howard and Beth Eisenson
Watch for details

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
PENNIES FOR HUNGER OFFERING
ON SUNDAY!

Friends,

This year seven of our young people will be graduating from local high schools with plans to attend college in the fall. These young people are: **Simon Carsey, Adam Ewald, Elizabeth Klinck, Edwin Mwangi, Jared Rist, Kate Strauman and Rebecca Telford-Marx**. Many years ago we started a tradition of providing high school graduates with a laundry basket filled with heart-felt gifts (poems, encouraging words, candy, items to take to college, gift cards etc.) from the community of faith here at FPC. You will find baskets in the foyer for dropping off your gifts or well wishes. These baskets will be presented to our young people on Senior Recognition Sunday, June 5 during worship. Thanks for your continued love and support of our young people especially as they face the daunting, yet exciting, transition from leaving home to undergraduate school!



Students known to be graduating from an undergraduate or graduate degree program in 2011 will also be acknowledged during worship on **June 5th**. Please provide the college 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.

RACE FOR THE CURE

Breast cancer has affected many First Pres. families. This year, the Race for the Cure will take place in Raleigh on Saturday morning, **June 11**. Although we are not forming an official team, a number of us will be walking and/or running in the event. If you would like to participate or make a contribution, please visit the web site, <http://www.komennctriangle.org/> or contact Barbara Fish, 688-9125 or barb2fish@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

WEEK OF MISSION JUNE 27 - JULY 1

Service opportunities will include community gardening, serving meals, volunteering in the Day School, Habitat and more. Look for sign-up sheets beginning June 5th. We will also be holding a non-perishable food drive!

ORGAN RECITAL

DAVID DURKOP

Minister of Music at Grace Baptist Church
Sunday, May 22

3:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church
(on Mangum Street at Trinity Avenue)

This is a free event and a reception will follow. Call (919) 688-6765 for more info.

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