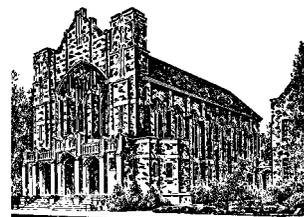


First Presbyterian Church



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May 19, 2015

Sunday, May 24

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
10:55 a.m.
Announcements
11:00 a.m. Worship
and Holy Communion



In celebration of Pentecost, **please wear red, orange or yellow this Sunday.** The **PCUSA Pentecost Offering** (benefits programs for children at risk, youth and young adults) and the **Hunger for Change Offering** will be received. Please give generously! **Red, orange and yellow popsicles** will be provided following worship.

Sermon: "At That Point"
Cheryl B. Henry, preaching

Worship Texts

Gospel Lesson	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Acts of the Apostles	Acts 2:1-21
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:22-27

Acolytes: **Almira Mbah, Ana Profeta**
Crucifer: **Ben Conner**
Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**
Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez,**
Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters:

Emily Durham (rear/narthex)
Harold Dunlap (side/font)

Ushers: **Lyn Williams** (head), **George Danser** (flowers), **Cris Rivera, Luke Everett**

Communion Elders:

Head / Replenish elements – **Alice Raney**
Bread 1/Process - **Laura Hanson**
Bread 2- **Emily Durham**
Bread 3- **Tom Bacon**
Bread 4- **Kate Busa**
Cup1/Process- **Marcia Lorimer**
Cup 2- **Sharon Hirsch**
Cup 3- **Barbara Gerwe**
Cup 4- **Peter Compton**
Shepherd Center- **Sydney Curtis**
Shepherd Font- **Beth Eisenson**
Shepherd Pulpit- **Wes Carson**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Howard Eisenson, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Lincoln Community Health Center, is our guest presenter this week. Lincoln has been providing primary and preventive care, including a wide range of services, to the Durham community since 1971. Come and hear about this remarkable healing ministry in our midst. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

What gifts does the Spirit bring to you? Fluency in other languages? Bold, prophetic preaching? Insight into divine truth? How will you use your gifts? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys is discussing the closing chapters of 1 Corinthians. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Thoughts for next year" 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** and meets at 9:45, in a lower level classroom.

"INVITE A FRIEND"

SUNDAY

"Invite a friend" Sunday is this Sunday, May 24. It is also Pentecost, the day when we will celebrate the birth of the church. What a wonderful time to share your worship experience with your friends and neighbors! Won't YOU reach out and touch someone with the good news of God's welcoming love?



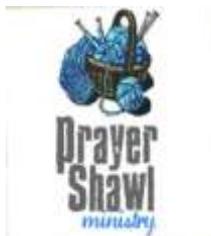
This week, you will receive in the mail the **Time and Talent form** that allows you to indicate how you would like to contribute to the life of the church over the coming year in one or more of its various ministries. **Please complete a form for each member of your family (including youth and children) and bring them to church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, or mail them back in the envelope provided.** We need everyone to make a commitment as to how you wish to contribute to the life and work of First Presbyterian in the coming year.

CLASS OF 2015

Students graduating from high school or college in 2015 will be acknowledged in worship on June 7th.



Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info for the graduation insert to **Valerie McMillian** in the church office by May 24th: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. High School seniors, please include post-graduation plans such as where you will attend college, or travel to, or if you will be working / beginning a career, etc.



The **Prayer Shawl Group** will have a brief meeting in the Chapel after worship on **this Sunday, May 24.**

The **Young Adults** gathered at the home of **Jenna Kneepkens** on Saturday evening to say farewell to **Jon and Christina Nelson** and help Jenna celebrate her birthday. Many thanks to Jenna for hosting!

HELP FOR NEPAL

If you would like to contribute to the relief effort in Nepal, go online to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/nepal-earthquake-april-2015/> to make a donation.

FROM THE PARISH ASSOCIATE

Dear friends,

Recently I came across something called the "New Church Planters Axiom." It goes like this: If you start a church, you may not get disciples. But if you begin with disciples, you may get a church.

That axiom holds a lot of truth not just for new church plants, but for old churches planted over a century ago as well! Here at First Pres, it is a reminder that before we are Christ's church, we must first be Jesus' disciples: disciples called to hear and meditate regularly upon the living word of God in scripture; disciples who long to pray without ceasing and worship the Creator of all that is; disciples who act with the steadfast love and faithfulness of God who whispered our names and showed us a love that is beyond our full understanding of it.

As Pentecost bears down upon us again this year, let us remember the wisdom of the New Church Planter's Axiom, even though we are a not-so-new church. And as we renew our discipleship, may the Spirit that calls us to be Jesus' disciples show us also our calling to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this place, at this time.

Courage and faith in all things,

Cherrie

SESSION BRIEFS

May 18, 2015

- Urged to attend County Commission meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, May 31 when discussion concerning development of affordable housing in the parking lot between FPC and St. Phillip's will be on the agenda
- FPC submitted its application to become a Living Wage Certified Employer
- Continued on-going conversation on Black Lives Matter initiatives. Two FPC members have agreed to serve on NCCU Campus Ministry board.
- Visiting teams are worshipping and connecting with downtown churches this summer.
- We need to continue to invest our energy to improve housing, education, support of fair police policy, and voter registration.
- Pastoral staff provided list of the many activities they have been involved with beginning in January 2015.
- Two or more volunteers needed to help at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 28 when FPC co-sponsors the Presbytery meeting. Please call the church office (919-682-5511) if you can help with parking or lunch that day.

Submitted by **Barbara Gerwe**, Clerk



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 25** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Potenciana Perez Francisco**, grandmother of **Lyn Francisco**, who celebrates her 102nd birthday today!

Bruce Foster Momsen, father of Deborah Momsen-Hudson, recovering from surgery at home

Wajid Bangura, grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

Edward Kwon **Mercy Ndambiri**
Ann Prospero

Brookdale Senior Living

(formerly Carolina House of Durham):
Julian Boswell

Clare Bridge (CPHL): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

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

Hillcrest:

Dewey Lawson
Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke:

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

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Patricia Adcock**, mother of Catherine Admay
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Becky Brown**, mother of Amy Sanchez
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Geneva Day**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Louise Miglarese**, mother of Sam Miglarese
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Doug Oldenburg**, former moderator of the PCUSA and former president of Columbia Theological Seminary
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth
- **Virgil Yalong**, uncle of Lyn Francisco

INTERFAITH HABITAT BUILD

Habitat still has four opportunities to put faith into action with our friends from various spiritual and faith communities with our quarterly HABITAT INTERFAITH BUILD. Please join us from **12:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21** at 1113 Rosedale Avenue, Durham. At 12:30 p.m., prayers for peace and remembrance will be led by **Rabbi Greyber** from Beth El Synagogue, a representative from the W. Deen Mohammed Islamic Center, **Reverend Spencer Bradford** from Durham Mennonite Church and Durham Congregations in Action and the **Reverend Joseph Harvard**, retired pastor of FPC and board member of DCIA.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

It is hard to believe the year is coming to a close! I am so excited to celebrate our seniors this coming Sunday night and for all of the amazing plans we have for this summer! Thank you to the **Abels family** for providing the meal at our end of the year party!

Blessings,
Sarah

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 26
11:30 a.m.

Bleu Olive Mediterranean Bistro

1821 Hillandale Road, Durham
Harriett Mitchell is arranging!
RSVP to Harriett: 919-489-3839
or the church office: 919-682-5511

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will have a potluck supper and book selection meeting on **Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of **Barbara Gerwe** (2704 Trailwood Drive, Croasdaile). We will be selecting books from three categories: fiction, non-fiction, and religion / spirituality. Please bring no more than a total of three recommendations. Please, please, please let Barbara know if you will be coming (bebegerwe@gmail.com). In July, we will be discussing *My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS*. **Dale Gaddis** will be hosting the July 14th meeting and **Mary-Jo Keenan** will lead the discussion.

LIVING WAGE CERTIFIED

First Presbyterian Church has applied to be "living wage certified" as part of a new effort in Durham that seeks to identify, acknowledge, and celebrate businesses that pay all of their employees a living wage. Launched in March 2015, the Durham Living Wage Project has now certified over 50 businesses and nonprofits in Durham that pay at least the living wage standard of \$12.33/hour established by ordinance by the Durham City and County. Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) has already been certified, but **First Presbyterian will be the first living wage certified congregation in Durham.** The Durham Living Wage Project is a voluntary employer certification program that is sponsored by the People's Alliance Fund. The program is modeled after a successful effort in Asheville led by Just Economics that has already certified more than 375 local businesses. For more information, contact **Carl Rist** (rist@frontier.com) or go to: www.durhamlivingwage.org

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Bob Yoder is leading a book study on Charles Sheldon's book *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?* It takes place at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activity Room from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The first three chapters will be discussed on **Sunday, May 24**. Books are \$12.00 each (large print). The novel has its roots in the Social Gospel Movement. This progressive Protestant movement influenced churches to develop various theologies including a social outreach to the problems of today's society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINALE

Sunday, May 31
9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

All classes are invited to attend this end-of-the-year BREAKFAST celebration and teacher appreciation event!



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

VCS camp runs June 15-19, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, even for one day, please fill out a volunteer form from the table in the foyer and return it to the church office. Adults are needed to shepherd groups of eight children.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

... for College and High School students
Would you like to enhance your resume? We are looking for substitute office volunteers during the summer months when some of our regular volunteers are on vacation. Tasks include answering the phone and the door bell, helping with mailings and directing visitors to meeting rooms. For more information contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org

HOUSING NEEDED

Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF) will be training and mentoring 25 "Into the Fields" interns and five "Sowing Seeds for Change" fellows this summer and is looking for host families in the Raleigh / Durham area. They will have their own transportation. If interested in hosting a student, please contact **Ramon Zepeda** at 919-660-0704 or send an email to: ramon.zepeda@duke.edu

Remember to bring your Pentecost and Hunger for Change offerings to worship on Sunday!

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