

First Presbyterian News

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This one (parable) is about the embullience of the lord's joy at throwing his money around. It is the theme of the divine party again, the party that lurks beneath the surface of history and calls only for a recognition by faith....The only reason that judgment comes into it at all is the sad fact that there will always be dummies who refuse to trust a good thing when it's handed to them on a platter. - **Robert Capon**, *The Parables of Judgment*

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRAND FINALE
AND CONGREGATIONAL
BREAKFAST



This Sunday, all Sunday School classes are invited to Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 a.m. for a congregational breakfast (free, sponsored by the Christian Education 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 present something they have learned by heart this year. All teachers, troubadours, superintendents, nursery workers, and support personnel will be recognized and given a small token of appreciation. Please join us for this celebration.

Note: the **Journeys Class** will meet to finish up their reading and discussion of Hebrews.

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism
Recognition of High School Graduates
Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship for a time of celebrating with our graduates. Refreshments provided.
Sermon: *"The Gift of Being Average"*
Marilyn T. Hedgpeh, preaching

Worship Texts	
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35
Book of Acts	Acts 1: 6-14
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25:14-30

ACOLYTES: **Lily Abels, Jenna Leonard**

CRUCIFER: **Simon Carsey**

NARTHEX GREETERS:

Edward and Delia Kwon

AFTER WORSHIP GREETERS:

Mac McCorkle (font / Side)

Margaret Rubiera (Narthex, Main St)

USHERS: **Alice Raney** (head), **Kate**

Strauman (flowers), **Delia Kwon, Cris**

Rivera, Miriam Morey, Kennedy Wilkins

CROASDAILE DRIVER: **Mirian Morey**

The **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will have a brief meeting on Sunday at 10:40 a.m. in the East Parlor.

Service and Mission

SWIMSUITS NEEDED FOR
VCS CAMPERS

Many of the children at Iglesia Emanuel do not have swimsuits for the summer. FPC will be glad to take your "gently used" children's bathing suits, all sizes, to distribute to our friends at Iglesia Emanuel before Vacation Church School begins on June 20. Please bring them to the church office, or give them to Marilyn. Thanks.

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 by contacting **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.

BOOK DRIVE CONTINUES

FPC's Youth 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. Thank you to everyone who's brought in books for the EDCI Book Drive. We've already received hundreds of books but we're still collecting them. Donations can be left on the bookshelf in the foyer at FPC!

Pentecost
Sunday, June 12

Wear **red, yellow or orange** to
celebrate Pentecost!

Summer Sunday School, "Praying in Color," will begin on June 12th.

The color for the day is **red**.

Save the Date!
**CHURCH
PICNIC**

Sunday, June 19

Annual Father's Day Picnic

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Piney Woods Park
Each household is asked to bring a favorite picnic dish to share, plus any outdoor sporting equipment or games you would like to play!

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

On Sunday we will honor our seven high school graduates, (**Simon Carsey, Adam Ewald, Elizabeth Klinck, Edwin Mwangi, Jared Rist, Kate Strauman, Rebecca Telford-Marx**), who will be leaving the nest of home soon for various colleges. And we will be baptizing **Njoki Mbugua**, the daughter of **Laurence Kimani and Grace Mbugua** (cousin of **Mary Gitata**), and recognizing the recent baptism of another baby, **Ella Horrigan**, daughter of **Shaun and Laura Horrigan**, who was baptized in the Catholic Church of Shaun's family. Seven older children are branching out from the church family; two little ones are putting down roots in the faith community. It's a day of great celebration.

Honestly, though, I wish I could be as smart and as gifted as some of our graduates, who excel in academics, music, soccer, and in many other areas. One graduate even managed to make straight A's all the way through primary and secondary school. But not everyone, myself included, can be so brilliant and so talented.

I hope you will join me on Sunday for a little comfort and joy in celebrating "The Gift of Being Average" and God's grace that invites all of us to the party of faith. **Joe and Carlisle** will be back with many stories to share, too.

Blessings,
Marilyn

NOTES

- **Joe and Carlisle** send greetings from Turkey. They are in Ephesus today and have visited many of the churches in Asia Minor of the New Testament. They return home on Saturday.
- Regarding **Amendment 10-A**, changes in the language of the PC(USA) ordination standard, FPC's Session is making available two letters and *Frequently Asked Questions* for the congregation. Copies can be found on the table in the church foyer.
- Congratulations to **Jim and BJ Seitzer**, who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Sunday.
- Traveling mercies to **Elizabeth Sudduth** who moves to Decatur, GA this week to assume a teaching position at Georgia-Gwinnett College.
- Kudos to **Rebecca Telford-Marx** for her achievement as one of eight Durham Public School students recognized for making straight A's throughout her entire high school career! Congratulations, also, to **JL Klinck** for achieving all A's this past school year!

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **David, Marie and Laura Sappenfield** on the death of David's mother, **Nancy Sappenfield** on May 25 and to **Emily and Mike Wilson** on the death of Emily's grandmother, **Helen Adams**, in Laurinburg, NC on May 26.

A Memorial Service for **George Cox**, son of **Sarah Cox**, will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. at FPC. **Correction:** It is George's brother David who is pictured as a child in a choir robe on the bulletin board in the foyer.

OUR CONCERNS

Duke Hospital: **Ann Prospero (Room 8319)**

Hillcrest: **Hilda Bradshaw
Tom Howerton**

Home: **Dan Banner Carol Johnson
Florence McDow David Parkins**

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

Sarah McCracken Cobb, sister of Mary Ann Compton

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

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 OFFICERS' TRAINING

Monday, June 6

6 PM (Dinner provided)

Tuesday, June 14

7 PM (No dinner)

Tuesday, June 21

6 PM (Dinner provided)

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

Monday, June 20

6 PM **Diaconate**

6:30 PM **Supper for Officers**

7 PM **Joint Officers**

7:30 PM **Session**

PRIMETIMERS GATHERING

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

6:30 p.m. at the home of

Howard and Beth Eisenson

1423 Acadia Street

Please bring your favorite dish to share!

RSVP to Beth: 688-5818 or

heisenson@aol.com



Vacation Church School

June 20- 24

Camp New Hope and Conference Center Scholarship

donations are still needed for children from Iglesia Emanuel, \$50 per child.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Sunday's youth fellowship was a wonderful spirit-filled evening with a lot of love and grace oozing all over the place. Thanks for making it one of the best youth group evenings ever! Our summer youth programs are beginning and we will be gathering periodically for book and movie groups. More information on this will be forthcoming. Of course we've also got VCS and our conferences happening before you know it.

Join us **this Sunday** as we acknowledge and honor our graduating high school seniors! We'll enjoy light refreshments in Watts-Hill Hall following worship.

Our 'End of the Year' Pool Party/Picnic will be combined with our annual Pentecost Party on **next Sunday, June 12** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Homestead Heights Swim Association. Love ya,

Rebecca

PS: A reminder of our summer hiatus from crucifer and acolyte responsibilities beginning Sunday, June 26. Our schedule for next year will be published in late August.

FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES EVENTS

Lawn Party & Potluck

Saturday, June 18 at 6 p.m.

at **Christyn & Jay Klincks**

3224 Pinafore; Durham

RSVP: cfklinck@gmail.com or 402-1951

Summer Potluck

Saturday, August 13 at p.m.

at **Rebecca Leonard's home**

605 E Lavender Ave, Durham

r.leonard@firstpres-durham.org

801-3095

Annual Beach Trip

September 9-11

Contact **Kathy Conner** for more info:

382-6332 or kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 12-13, 2011

AVILA CONFERENCE CENTER

FLOWER DONORS needed for worship on the following Sundays: **June 12, 19 and 26**. Contact **Susan Thompson** if you would like to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, or to mark a special anniversary or event: 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext 292 (work).

VIOLIN RECITAL

Rebecca Telford-Marx's Senior Recital has been scheduled at FPC for **Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

DURHAM CAN

Public Delegates Assembly

Sunday, June 5

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

We start on time and finish on time

****Gathering begins at 2:30PM ****

Watts Street Baptist Church

800 Watts Street, Durham

CROASDAILE DRIVERS

June 5

Miriam Morey

June 12

Dawn Carsey

June 19

Dawn Carsey

June 26

Mary-Jo Keenan

July 3

Miriam Morey

July 10

Mary-Jo Keenan

July 17

driver needed

July 31

Miriam Morey

Aug. 7

Miriam Morey

Aug 14

Dawn Carey

Aug 21

driver needed

Aug 28

Mary-Jo Keenan

RACE FOR THE CURE

Breast cancer has affected many FPC 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.

FPC WEEK OF MISSION

JUNE 27 - JULY 1

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

DURHAM YOUTH SUMMER

SERVICES CAMP

June 19 – 24 and June 26 – July 1

Contact **Christyn Klinck** or **Brent Curtis** for more information.



Remember to bring gifts of encouragement for our high school graduates who will be recognized on Sunday! Please place items in their baskets in the foyer before worship.

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