

# First Presbyterian News

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God hates walls and divisions and intends to save the world by breaking them down. If we want to stay close to God, we need to participate in this barrier-breaking project, not frustrate it. Churches, for all their awful mistakes, have a unique power to do that, because God established churches to call into God's service everyone God cares enough about to die for, which is everyone. The community of God has no barriers to membership, not even sin. Christ died for us while we were sinners. He didn't wait until we got over it. – **Barbara G. Wheeler**, *Who Needs the Church?*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 6

*10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and recognition of High School seniors

This Sunday we will acknowledge and honor our graduating high school seniors. Let us send them into this next phase of their lives with words of wisdom, gifts to inspire, or whatever you deem fitting. There are baskets in the foyer for each individual graduate's well wishes.

Sermon: *"Things To Take Along"*  
**Joseph S. Harvard**, preaching

### Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	1 Kings 17:8-24
Psalm Lesson	Psalms 146
Epistle Lesson	Galatians 1:11-24
Gospel Lesson	Luke 7:11-17

Acolytes: **Lily Abels, Jenna Leonard**  
Crucifer: **J L Klinck**  
Narthex Greeters: **Edward & Delia Kwon**  
After Worship Greeters:  
**Jane Brawley** (side, font)  
**Jane Wettach** (Narthex/Main St)  
Ushers: **Scottie Seawell** (head), **Mary Ann Compton, Sarah Todd, Linda Dobson, Mary-Jo Keenan**  
Flower delivery: **Pat Dillon**

## VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

Newcomers' classes will be held beginning with a **Get Acquainted Supper** for participants on **Sunday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m.**, at Joe and Carlisle Harvard's home. Classes will continue on the following Sundays, June 13 and 20 in the Wilson Parlor at FPC beginning at 9:45 a.m. Visitors who want to learn more about FPC or new members who have not attended newcomers classes are cordially invited to participate. Please call the church office at 682-5511 or email **Shirley Frederick** at [s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup> with inquiries or to indicate your interest in participating.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"Doves, Stars, and Flames"*

**Begins Sunday, June 6**

Children, ages 3 to youth, will be hearing stories, playing handbells and drums, singing, and making art projects that have something to do with these great symbols of our faith: doves (peace); stars (light); and flames (theophany). We are always pleased to continue our tradition of Christian Education for children, youth and adults even during the summer months. Members of the Christian Education Committee have written the curriculum for the summer, and are excited about creating a learning and nurturing environment for faith development.

### Summer Reading Series

On **Sunday, June 6**, the **Reverend James Joseph**, former US Ambassador to South Africa, will discuss *Invictus*, the true story of how **Nelson Mandela** used South Africa's national rugby team and the World Cup to unite a nation fractured by decades of apartheid. Join us at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall as we kickoff our summer reading series with an inspiring discussion.

### Lectionary Class

What do we learn from stories of miracles? If we don't see similar miracles in our modern age, does that mean God is no longer acting? Or acting in a different way? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### THE PENTECOST OFFERING:

**\$714.50**

Thank you for your generous giving. If you missed the opportunity to give on Pentecost Sunday and would still like to support children at risk, youth and young adults, please mail or bring your contribution to the church office as soon as possible.

### PENNIES FOR HUNGER

received May 23, 2010:

**\$183.12**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It is good to be home. **Carlisle** and I, along with **Betsey Beach, Karen Crumbliss, Ruth and Russell Roberson**, and 20 other Christians from the US, had an excellent experience on our pilgrimage to visit Russian Christians and to observe the changes in Russia since 1989. It was an enriching experience. We hope to share our reflections with you later.

This Sunday, we shall honor our high school seniors who are graduating this month. This is an important transition in their lives and as their supportive community we share their sense of accomplishment and joy. We also begin the summer program on Sunday morning. Again this year we are discussing books which provide insights into faith. **James Joseph**, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, who was the first US Ambassador to the new South Africa, will discuss a fascinating book, *Invictus*, by **John Carlin**. It was also a well-received movie telling the story of how a rugby team and **Nelson Mandela** played a major role in reconciliation in that country. Jim Joseph worked closely with Nelson Mandela and gives us helpful insight into the story. If you have a book to suggest, please let me know.

Summer is upon us as the temperature moves up. It is my hope that our journey of faith will be strengthened during this time. I hope to see you on Sunday.

**Joe**

## Notes

- ◆ Many thanks to the **Christian Education Committee** for hosting Sunday's Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. If you are a teacher and did not pick up your gift on Sunday, please pick it up in Marilyn's office.
- ◆ The group of FPC members on the pilgrimage to Russia returned safely on Sunday evening after an exhilarating trip.

## PLUMB LINE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Below is the draft list of FPC Core Values Statements. This list was developed through 9 months of storytelling, discussion and discernment by members of the congregation, lay leadership and the Plumb Line Committee. Please send us your thoughts, questions and comments regarding this list either through the links on our website at <http://firstpres-durham.org> or by email, phone call or mail to **Scottie Seawell** at [fseawell@bellsouth.net](mailto:fseawell@bellsouth.net); 918-7067; or the church's mailing address.

### Core Values Statements – DRAFT

#### At First Presbyterian Church:

- ◆ **Faith Exploration**- We welcome and encourage those of all ages and at all points on their faith journey.
- ◆ **Diversity/Inclusiveness** - Our baptism calls us to invite and encourage a diverse and inclusive community.
- ◆ **Worship** - Our corporate worship honors our reformed tradition through strong preaching and a liturgy where the administration of the sacraments invites us as a community to focus on God through our senses, our intellect, and our emotions.
- ◆ **Sense of place in downtown Durham** - We are downtown by history and by choice and committed to addressing the needs of Durham's urban community.
- ◆ **Service, social justice, mission, and advocacy** - We advocate for social justice and respond to the "cry of the poor."
- ◆ **Strong Foundation** - We promote a strong institutional infrastructure by planning for long term needs of our physical plant, good management of our resources, hospitality to the larger community and an effective staff to promote collaborative ministry.
- ◆ **Pastoral Care** - We care for each other, nurturing mind, body, and spirit throughout life's journey.
- ◆ **Our Sense of Community** - We recognize, affirm and rejoice in our faith community.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

- ◆ Congratulations to **Rosemary Seve**, who acquired a driver's license last week!
- ◆ Congratulations to **Betsey Beach** on the birth of a new grandson, **Owen Chandler Stone**, on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta. The parents are **Brian and Eli Stone**.

**Don Jenkins** is at the Pavillion, Room 139.  
**Barbara Fish**                      **Florence McDow**  
**Margaret Rubiera**                      **Josh Stanek**  
**Jerry Tyren**                              **Carolyn Wolfe**  
**Tom Howerton** (Hillcrest)  
**Gregory Dickerson**  
**The Fricks Family**  
**Leigh Knauert Family**

### Added this week:

**Sally Caughman**, Carlisle and Joe's sister-in-law

**Tom, Katherine and Edith Admay**  
**Judy Wood**, mother of Sharon Hirsch, recovering from a serious fall in New Jersey

- ◆ **Mary Booth**, friend of FPC
- ◆ **George Cox**, son of Sarah Cox
- ◆ **Steele and Molly Dewey**, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ◆ **Mandy Hitchcock and Ed Chaney**, friends of Luke and Sherry Everett and Diane Standaert
- ◆ **Brad Holbrook**, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ◆ **Anne Creadick Kennedy**, sister of Nowell Creadick
- ◆ **Joan B. King**, sister-in-law of Mal King
- ◆ **Barb Kurtz**, sister of Joyce Houk
- ◆ **Elizabeth Leathers**, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ◆ **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- ◆ **Stephen McAllister**, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ◆ **Laura Tandler**, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt
- ◆ **Sharon Van Vichten**, friend of Ann Prospero
- ◆ **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson
- ◆ **Muriel Yager**, mother of Patrice Nelson

## FPC MEN'S RETREAT

JUNE 4 - 5, 2010

AVILA RETREAT CENTER, DURHAM  
The following have registered for the men's Retreat: **Jon Abels, Larry Brockman, Joe Harvard, Bill Hendrickson, Andy Henry, Michael Leonard, Paul McAndrew, Sam Miglarese, Carl Rist, Eric Wiebe.**

Contact **Andy Henry** for details:  
[andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov](mailto:andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov)  
(919) 599-9405

The GIRLS SCOUTS OF DURHAM are getting a lot of requests for **Daisy troops**. There aren't any in the downtown area. If you have interest in starting a Daisy and a Brownie Troop at FPC, or perhaps you have experience in Girl Scouts, even 50 or more years ago, please contact **Emily Wilkins**: 282-1188. Emily wants to know what you took away from the experience and is also asking for help with getting a daisy troop started at FPC.

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,

The Gig is up. The folks who lead and organize VCS at Camp New Hope are on to us about the fact that a large percentage of FPC folk like to leave VCS on the last day of camp and go straight out to Maple View farm for an ice cream treat! This pilgrimage of youth, campers and their parents has become a beloved tradition for many of us and I am counting on it again this year. Because we do this, we're not usually around to help out with the clean up, pack up and transport of all the VCS supplies back to WPC. This year, I am asking you all to help with the setting up process for camp. I need as many of you as can, to help out on **Saturday, June 5 at 10 a.m.** by meeting at WPC to organize camp supplies (bring them down from storage). Then again on **Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m.**, I need you to meet at WPC to load up the trucks and move everything out to New Hope Camp and then unpack the trucks. The more of us that participate in this important work, the faster it will go and then we can enjoy guilt free Maple View ice cream on the last day of camp! Hooray!

**This Sunday**, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will leave after church to go to Woodcroft Pool for our end of the year swim party, lovingly hosted by the Moore family. Lunch will be provided; bring your swim suit and a towel.

The 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Fayetteville on Friday, June 11 to visit Fantasy Lake!

*Rebecca*

## Sunday, June 13, 2010 The Triangle Gay Men's Chorus and The Durham Chorale Joint Concert "Chord of Many Strands" 3 PM - FPC sanctuary

Each chorus will perform individual selections, and then combine to present the featured work, "Song of Wisdom," composed by NC native Joseph M. Martin. "Song of Wisdom" is an uplifting choral and instrumental experience based on the popular children's book "Old Turtle" by Douglas Wood. Wood's classic tale is a powerful acknowledgement of God's supreme love for the Earth and all its inhabitants. The text focuses on our understanding of God in a way that is appealing to children and also thought provoking for adults. Discounted adult and children's tickets for FPC members will be available at [www.tgmchorus.org](http://www.tgmchorus.org), and at the door.

NO JUNIOR CHOIR AFTER  
WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 6!

The Premiere of the **Ella Fountain Pratt Legacy Gallery and Annual Awards Ceremony** for the Durham Arts Council's Emerging Artists Program

**Thursday, June 3, 6:30 PM**

Durham Arts Council Building,  
120 Morris Street, Durham  
Tickets: \$50 per person

The program will include music by The Emerging Artists All Stars, a buffet dinner by Mark Day Company, and a special performance by violist Jonathan Bagg and pianist Randall Love of Duke University.

*Save the Date!*

## Sunday, June 20 Annual Church Picnic 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

at the **Piney Woods Shelter**  
400 E. Woodcroft Parkway

Lemonade provided. Each household is asked to bring a favorite picnic dish to share (enough for 10-12 people), plus any outdoor sporting equipment or games you would like to play!

## Week of Mission

The Service and Mission Committee is sponsoring a Week of Mission, **June 19-26**, which coincides with the Durham Summer Service Week for high school youth in our community. Opportunities for service that week will include:

- **Food Bank of Durham** - 20 volunteers needed to fill orders the morning of June 19;
- **Genesis Home** - volunteers to work with children one evening and others to prepare a meal for guests one evening that week;
- **Habitat for Humanity** - volunteers one or both Saturdays to work on one of the houses currently under construction;
- **Urban Ministries of Durham** - volunteers to prepare meals on June 24;
- **Durham CAN** - 4 or 5 volunteers needed to canvass neighborhood around First Presbyterian and identify areas needing improvement;

Other service opportunities are being developed and will be announced. **Please sign-up in the foyer on Sundays, June 6 and 13.** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this week of service.

## Young Families Support Group

NAMI Durham announces a new support group for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents who have or had symptoms of mental illness, regardless of current age and of whether there is a formal diagnosis or not. **The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, starting June 14<sup>th</sup>, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 E. Main St., in downtown Durham.** Co-facilitators, **Dorothy and David Smith**, can be reached at 489-5515 or [das@math.duke.edu](mailto:das@math.duke.edu) for more information, and advance registration is not required.

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