

First Presbyterian News

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Pentecost is an occasion when the spirit of God – the same spirit that blew the waters back in creation and in exodus – pushes against our controlled world, subverts our patterns of knowledge and certitude, and opens the way for the rule of God among us. Some of us wait with eager longing for that windy subversion because we are weary of the way the world is. Some of us resist the wind, for we have our world organized as we wish it. Most of us, I imagine, are deeply ambivalent about the coming of the spirit, wanting newness and fearing the loss of the tried and true. . . . And then comes the invasive force of the wind of God! It is the wind that proceeds from the eternal Father and from the crucified-risen Son. We find ourselves on the receiving end, addressed, summoned, and freshly empowered. – *Walter Brueggemann*



SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Wear red, yellow or orange to celebrate Pentecost! The Pentecost Offering will be received during worship.

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School
"Praying in Color"

The color for the day is red.

11:00 a.m.

Worship and Holy Communion
Sermon: "Who Needs a Church?"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Book of Acts	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel Lesson	John 14:15-27
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Acolytes: *Catie Brockman*,
Bonnie Creadick

Crucifer: *JL Klinck*

Crossdale Driver: *Jean Cary*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters:

Peter Fish (font / Side)

Phyllis Verhey (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: *Alice Raney* (head), *Margaret*

Wabera (Flowers), *Nancy Kost*, *Susan*

Seahorn, *Keith Merritt*, *Leslie Shaw*

Communion Servers:

Bread: *Margaret Ruberia* (B1, PB),

Peter Fish (B2, H), *Leslie Strohm* (B3),

Diane Standaert (B4)

Cup: *Jean Wilson* (C1, PC),

Phyllis Verhey (C2), *Andy Widmark* (C3),

Henry Njoroge (C4)

Shepherds: *Andy Henry* (Font aisle),

Carl Rist (Center aisle), *Scottie Seawell*

(Pulpit aisle), *Jane Brawley* (A1)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Reading Series

The summer reading program begins with an introduction to Thomas Wolfe, North Carolina's favorite literary son. **Sam Miglarese** will lead the discussion. The selection recommended is *The Lost Boy*, a four-part fictionalized memoir about Wolfe's search for his older brother, Grover, who died of typhoid fever at the World's Fair in St. Louis when he was only four and Grover 12. Sam is very knowledgeable about Thomas Wolfe so you will want to be present for his presentation. Come join us at 9:45am in Watts-Hill Hall. The text of the novella can be found at this link: <http://www.daily-pulp.com/literature/the-lost-boy/>.

Lectionary Class

What gifts does the Spirit bring to you? Prophetic powers? Deep insight? Fluency in other languages? Do you think your spiritual gifts could get you into trouble? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

VIOLIN RECITAL

Rebecca Telford-Marx's Senior Recital will be held at FPC on **Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

FPC WEEK OF MISSION

See the enclosed flyer for service opportunities during FPC's Week of Mission. Sign up following worship or contact **Sharon Hirsch**: hirschnc@earthlink.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Church office is currently in need of persons to answer the phone and doorbell for the morning shift (9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.) on any **Monday, Thursday and Friday**. If you can help fill these vacancies as an office volunteer, please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org.



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. **Scholarship donations** are still needed for Iglesia Emanuel's campers, \$50 per child. Make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church**.

NEW SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

RED: is the color for this Sunday, as we begin a new unit of study for the summer, based on the book *Praying in Color*. Children having completed Kindergarten – 5th Grade will meet in the Red Room upstairs to celebrate Pentecost by making streamers and shakers, and eating a snack of strawberries and red grapes. **Jon and Kim Abels** will be leading this group, while ages 3-5 will meet in the playroom. The youth will be making a banner in the Youth Room downstairs. Next Sunday's helpers will be **Emily and Neal Wilkins** (yellow). We still need classroom helpers for June 26 (blue); July 3 (green), and August 7 (red).

Adult Discussion Class

Journeys and the Hand-in-Hand classes are combining for the summer. They will begin with a discussion on Islam using materials from the *Thoughtful Christian* website. What do Muslims believe? Where did Islam originate? What similarities and differences are there between Christianity and Islam? How can Christians and Muslims best relate to one another? Please join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor for discussion. All are welcome.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Carlisle and I had an excellent trip to Turkey. It is good to be home. We are grateful for your prayers and interests. Turkey is where the early church grew and for 1,000 years Constantinople (now Istanbul) was the center of the Christian Church. It is rich in history. The story of Pentecost in Acts 2 reports the presence of people from Cappadocia. Our visit to that region was memorable. We look forward to sharing our trip with you.

On Sunday, we shall observe the birth of the church. Pentecost is one of the major festival days in the Church year. The liturgical color is red. It is a time to celebrate the gift of God's Spirit to bring us together and to empower us to be instruments of God's love and justice. My hope is that you will be present on this special day as we gather at the Lord's Table.

Last Sunday was an exciting day at FPC as we baptized **Njoki Mbugua** and acknowledged the baptism of **Ella Horrigan**. We also celebrated with our high school graduates who are an impressive group! It was good to be back in your company and this Sunday promises to be a special day at FPC.

Joe

NOTES

- The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Leone Njoki Mbugua** on Sunday during worship. Njoki is the daughter of **Bernard Kimani** and **Grace Mbugua**. **Ella Hope Horrigan**, daughter of **Shaun and Laura Horrigan**, who was baptized at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, was blessed at FPC during worship on Sunday.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the baskets for our graduating High School Seniors. This wonderful yearly tradition has helped us send many high school graduates into life with the affirmation that they are loved by their church family! We actually had some former basket recipients (who are now college graduates) in worship with us this Sunday. What a joy the circling process is! Thanks again for all you do to love and nurture each other as follower's of Christ.
- Congratulations to **Jared Rist** who was valedictorian at Riverside High School. FPC had two valedictorians this year!
- Check out last Sunday's bulletin insert "Meet Our Graduates" on the table in the foyer for our list of high school graduates and their plans for the future!

KUDOS to Leslie Curtis and the Christian Education Committee for a wonderful end-of-year breakfast and program last Sunday! All of our teachers and helpers were gifted with a potted plant, and those who were not here can pick up their yellow or purple plant in the foyer. We'll keep them watered for you.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Greg and Lissa Everett** on the birth of a son. **James Holmes Everett** was born Thursday, May 18. He joins big sister, **Emma Claire**.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for **George Cox**, son of **Sarah Cox**, will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. at FPC.

OUR CONCERNS

Katie Hirsch, UNC Hospital
Carol Wills, Duke Hospital

Hilda Bradshaw and **Tom Howerton** are at Hillcrest.

Dan Banner **Carol Johnson**
Florence McDow **David Parkins**
Ann Prospero

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

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet for a pot luck supper on **Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM** to select books to discuss in the coming year. **Barbara Gerwe** will host the gathering in her home at 2704 Trailwood Drive. Newcomers are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring light summer fare and recommendations for three books. Please RSVP to Barbara at 382-8787, or bebegerwe@gmail.com.

THIRD FRIDAY EVENT

Plan to attend the next downtown Durham Third Friday concert on **Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Featured this month is **J. Kutchma** on acoustic guitar. His music ranges from country to blues to gospel to rock. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a friend to this outstanding performance!

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Sunday is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit bringing us new life! Have you ever thought of yourself as more of a spiritual being than a religious one? When you have doubts of faith but believe in 'something unexplainable,' have you ever wondered if maybe it was God? Remember, we say we believe in a Triune God, three in one, God, Son AND Holy Spirit! What about those goose bumps you get when something amazing happens? Could it be God in the form of the Holy Spirit reminding you that we no longer have to settle for the mundane in life but instead we can know, feel, sense, and see the transforming and creative love of God?

For the past couple of Sundays during the Children's Time in worship, we've talked about where in our lives we might encounter water, and think of it like the claiming waters of our baptism, the ocean, the bathtub, a hot-tub and a pool!!! In celebration of the end of our fabulous year together and in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, we will have a pool party this Sunday from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Homestead Heights Swim Association. **Please bring your swim stuff to church** and we'll caravan over after worship and dive head first into the renewing waters! See you there!

Rebecca

PS: I need volunteer drivers for the pool party.

FIRST FRIENDS

Lawn Party & Potluck
Saturday, June 18 at 6 p.m.
at **Christyn & Jay Klinck's** home
3224 Pinafore, Durham
RSVP: cfklinck@gmail.com or 402-1951

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



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!

LAST CALL FOR BOOKS . . .

FPCs Youth are facilitating a **BOOK DRIVE** to benefit the EDCI (East Durham Children's Initiative) through **Sunday, June 19**. Thank you to everyone who brought in gently used children's books, picture books, parenting books and monetary donations toward refurbished computers for the EDCI Book Drive.

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

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**

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

PIPER'S DELI
3219 Old Chapel Hill Rd
Hostesses:
Mildred Hamby and **Harriett Mitchell**
RSVP to Harriett at 489-3839
or the Church office: 682-5511

CROASDALE DRIVERS

June 19 **Jean Cary**
June 26 **Mary-Jo Keenan**

SAVE THE DATE!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 12-13, 2011
AVILA CONFERENCE CENTER

Dear Friends of First Presbyterian Church,
I want to thank you all for the support and encouragement for mom. Your prayers have been appreciated and I know have been a part of mom's recovery.



Praise God from whom all blessing flow!

Love,
Dottie Hussey,
Charlie and Charlie III

Remember to bring your **Pentecost Offering** this Sunday to support ministry programs in the Presbyterian Church for at-risk children and young adults!

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