

First Presbyterian News

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God is a mystery that is utterly beyond our limited human comprehension and containment. All images of God are inadequate; all of our categories are too small. Any attempts to make God fit our values and our projects renders God into little more than an idol that we have made with our hands. Yet, God is not unknowable. This mystery reaches out to us, constantly seeks to encounter us as the Trinity Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. – *William H. Willimon*



JUNE 19, 2011

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon:

"Blessed Trinity: Holy Community"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 8
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 28:16-20
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Acolytes: *Juliana Miglarese, Aurelia Klinck*
Crucifer: *Kennedy Wilkins*
Croasdale Driver: *Jean Cary*
Narthex Greeter: *Minnie Cameron*
After Worship Greeters:

Scottie Seawell (font / Side)

Sharon Hirsch (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: *Alice Raney* (head), *Rob Everett*
(Flowers), *Kate Strauman, Cecelia Moore*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praying in Color

Wear **YELLOW** this Sunday, and bring your children to the YELLOW ROOM upstairs for yellow prayers. We'll brainstorm about yellow things that make us happy and give us a sunny outlook on life, and we'll take a look at Psalm 96, and hear it sung by Michael W. Smith as we doodle in yellow and pray while doodling. Snacks: cornbread and butter, which the children make themselves. *Emily and Neal Wilkins* will be leading the class.

Summer Reading Series

This Sunday our Summer Reading Series continues with some poetry reading and a discussion of "End of Summer" poetry by Emily Dickinson. *Lea Bingham*, FPC member who chairs the English Department and teaches literature at Durham Tech, will lead the discussion. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

St. Patrick wrote "I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness of the Creator of Creation." How can we understand the paradox and the power of trinity? Are there clues in scripture to help us resolve threeness versus oneness? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys / Hand-in-Hand

Journeys and the Hand-in-Hand Classes are combining for the summer using materials from the *Thoughtful Christian* website. We are currently discussing Islam. Please join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor as we continue our discussion of Islam. All are welcome.

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!



Sunday, June 19

Annual Father's Day and
Congregational 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.

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 call *Shirley Frederick* at 682-5511 or send an email to: s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org.

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

Tuesday, June 21

6:00 PM (Dinner provided)

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

Monday, June 20

6:00 PM *Diaconate*

6:30 PM **Supper for Officers**

7:00 PM **Joint Officers**

7:30 PM *Session*

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us, and I have not noticed that "the living is any easier", as the song puts it. We are continuing at a swift pace in the life and ministry of FPC. Next week is Vacation Church School at Camp New Hope. There is a wonderful group of young people attending and volunteering including 30 children from Emanuel Iglesia. *Marilyn Hedgpeth* needs some help with transportation. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Summer Service Camps for youth led by *Brent Curtis* and *Christyn Klinck* will run the next two weeks. This provides an excellent opportunity for young people to make a difference in the lives of others. The Week of Mission is scheduled for June 25 – July 3 and provides good ways for us to practice our faith.

The Summer Book Series got off to a great start with *Sam Miglarese's* discussion of Thomas Wolfe. This Sunday, *Lea Bingham*, an elder and professor of English Literature will discuss *Last Summer Poems* by *Emily Dickinson*. We shall reflect together what it means to worship "God in three Persons, blessed Trinity." *Barbara Campbell Davis*, our retiring Presbytery Executive, will be our guest on Sunday. It is my hope and prayer that in the midst of our goings and comings we will take time to be still and know that God is God.

Joe

NOTES

Abby, Chris and Juliet Jones are moving to Pittsburgh where Chris will continue a medical fellowship and Abby, who just graduated from Duke's Law School, has accepted a job clerking for a judge. Abby and Chris came to FPC in 2005 and Abby has served as a deacon and chaired the Pastoral Care Committee at FPC. Abby and Juliet were last year's Christmas pageant Mary and Baby Jesus. We wish them our best and pray for their journey.

OUR SYMPATHIES

We note the deaths of former member *Martha Boone McGarry*, daughter of *D.L. Boone and Elinor Dunham Boone*, in Chevy Chase, MD on May 30, 2011 and *Anne Oller Durden*, wife of *Robert (Bob) Durden*, on June 10, 2011 in Durham.

OUR CONCERNS

Carol Wills, patient at Duke Hospital
Hilda Bradshaw and *Tom Howerton* are at Hillcrest.

Added this week:

Lucy Hanchey, baby at Watts Street Baptist
Kemper Foy Zeigler, friend of the Harvards

Dan Banner
Carol Johnson
David Parkins
Mozette Rollins

Katie Hirsch
Florence McDow
Ann Prospero
Margaret Rubiera

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

It was a joy to kick off the summer and end a year of youth group with you on Sunday at the pool party. Pentecost, as the Church's birthday, is an opportunity to start anew with the gift of the Holy Spirit, the winds beneath our wings (to borrow from Joe's sermon). I honestly can't think of a better way to start the summer season! We will be very busy this summer with VCS next week; the Week of Mission follows the next week. In July we've got youth conferences at Massanetta and Montreat. We'll also enjoy book group gatherings and movie nights along with a trip to Fantasy Lake! **This Sunday** is our annual Father's Day church picnic. Join us, along with your family, for this wonderful tradition in celebration of dad! See you Sunday.

Rebecca

PS: Please plan to be at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, June 18** to help load the VCS supplies and take to New Hope Camp. The more people helping the less time it'll take AND if we help out this Saturday, we'll be able to go for our annual ice cream run at the end of camp:-)

FIRST FRIENDS

Lawn Party & Potluck

Saturday, June 18 at 6:00 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, Durham

Please bring your favorite dish to share!

RSVP to Beth: 688-5818 or

heisenson@aol.com

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

PIPER'S DELI

3219 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham

Hostesses: **Mildred Hamby / Harriett Mitchell**

RSVP to Harriett at 489-3839

or the Church office: 682-5511

AVILA WOMEN'S RETREAT

It's not too early to make reservations for the annual Women's Retreat at the Avila Retreat Center north of Durham. This year's retreat will be held **August 12-13**, and will be a time of friendship-making, study and prayer. Cost of the overnight retreat is \$50, with checks made to FPC: women's retreat. As always, scholarships are available. Contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** with any questions.

FPC WEEK OF MISSION

Saturday, June 25

West End Neighborhood Community Garden (707 Kent St.)

St. Phillip's Community Garden (403 E. Main St.)

Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, June 26

Bring non-perishable food items to church for Emanuel Iglesia and receive a returnable grocery bag!

Monday, June 27

Provide lunch for Summer Service Week Youth Camp

Read to the children at the First Presbyterian Day School

Provide snack break for Day School teachers

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4 – 6 PM, Emanuel Iglesia Food Bank Prepare food bags for distribution and help serve a meal. Families welcome!

Thursday, June 30

Provide lunch for Summer Service Week Camp

1 – 3 PM Help supervise Summer Service Week Campers while they clean up Ellerbee Creek area

Read to the children at the First Presbyterian Day School

Provide snack break for Day School teachers

Friday, July 1

8:30 – Noon Trail Clearing and Maintenance, Ellerbee Creek Watershed Association at the Glennstone Nature Preserve. Families Welcome!

Plan/Prep Pool Party/Celebration for Summer Service Week Youth Campers

Read to the children at the First Presbyterian Day School

Sunday, July 3

Bring non-perishable food items to church for Emanuel Iglesia and receive a returnable grocery bag!

BENEFIT CONCERT

for Durham's

Youth Summer Service Weeks

Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m.

at Durham Friends Meeting House

404 Alexander Drive (the Quakers)

on Duke's Central Campus . . .

featuring the cool vocal harmonies of

Pandora, the smokin' hot strings of

The Lucky Strikes, the searing

harmonica riffs of **Terry Allebaugh**,

and the refreshing voices of

Leslie and Brent Curtis.

Admission is free;

Donations gladly accepted.

THANK YOU for sponsoring the

Durham Summer Service Week again this

summer! This year's DSSW will operate

two, one-week sessions from June 19 to

July 1. Nine FPC youth and three adults will

be participating! You can help by donating

ramp-building supplies and by

participating in the DSSW opportunities

available during the Week of Mission.

Please contact **Brent Curtis** (806-1577) if

you have decking wood or other building

wood which might be useful. Thank you for

your support of DSSW!

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