

First Presbyterian News

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Faith is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," says the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:1). . . . Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. Tillich said that doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith. – **Frederick Buechner**, *Wishful Thinking*

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

The **Pennies for Hunger offering** will be received on Sunday during worship.

Sermon: "**Fit to be Tied**"

Candice Ryals Provey, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 13
Gospel Lesson	Romans 6:12-23
Epistle Lesson	Matthew 10:40-42

Crossdale Driver: **Mary-Jo Keenan**

Narthex Greeter: **Sarah Todd**

After Worship Greeters:

Andy Henry (font / Side)

Andy Widmark (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: **Alice Raney** (head), **Pat Dillon**,

Jon Kimball (flower delivery),

Margaret Wabera, **Mary Ann Compton**,

Sophie Wilkins

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praying in Color

Wear **BLUE** Sunday Summer Sunday School's theme next weekend is Praying in Color: **BLUE**. We'll talk about God's blue sky and blue sea, make blue windsocks, eat blueberries and blueberry bars, and read the story of the ascension, where Jesus is lifted up into the wild blue yonder.

Summer Reading Series

"Eating Animals"

FPC's Summer Reading Series continues this Sunday with a discussion of Eating Animals by Jonathan Safran Foer, the assigned summer reading at UNC and Duke. The book has been described as "a surprising but characteristically brilliant memoir-investigation, boasting an exhaustively-argued account of one person's decade-long struggle with vegetarianism." **Kim Abels**, director of the Writing Center at UNC Chapel Hill and a member of FPC, will lead the discussion. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

Does God ask us to do impossible things? Are we required to live a perfect life, or to give up what is most dear to us? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

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 in the Wilson Parlor for a discussion of Islam. All are welcome.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Join us at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom for a discussion of spiritual formation topics. **Susan Dunlap** leads the discussion. New faces are welcome!

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 26 is a designated "Invite a friend to church" Sunday. Do you know of someone who needs a place to express gratitude for joy or happiness, or someone who is experiencing a personal difficulty, or is in need of some spiritual nurturing, or who might be expanded by uplifted prayer and community worship? Won't **YOU** invite them to come and worship with us at FPC? It might help them to set a new direction for their lives.

FPC WEEK OF MISSION

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

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 FPC and receive a reusable grocery bag!

Monday, June 27

Provide lunch for Summer Service Youth
Read to the children at the FPC Day School
Provide snack break for Day School teachers

Tuesday, June 28

Provide lunch for Summer Service Youth
Read to the children at the FPC Day School
Provide snack break for Day School teachers

Wednesday, June 29

Provide lunch for Summer Service Youth
Read to the children at the FPC Day School
Provide snack break for Day School teachers

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 Youth
1 – 3 PM Help supervise Summer Service youth while they clean up Ellerbee Creek
Read to the children at the FPC Day School
Provide snack break for Day School teachers

Friday, July 1

8:30 – Noon Trail Clearing and Maintenance, Ellerbe Creek at the Glennstone Nature Preserve.

Families Welcome!

Plan/Prep Pool Party/Celebration for

Summer Service Week Youth

Read to the children at the FPC Day School

Sunday, July 3

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Vacation Church School is off to a great start at Camp New Hope. Many of our children, youth, and adults are engaged in the study of the story of Jonah and the whale. **Marilyn Hedgpeth**, along with **Rebecca Hutto** from Mt. Bethel Presbyterian, wrote the curriculum, and **Rebecca Leonard** is doing the music. Thanks to all who are contributing to make it a good experience.

Next week is a Week of Mission at FPC. I encourage you to volunteer in a service project to make a difference. The Youth Summer Service Camp is underway as young people are repairing homes in the community. There will be another session next week.

Last Thursday I joined the Crossroads group in serving a meal to families at the Genesis Home. **Sherry Honeycutt Everett** organized a delicious meal which was enjoyable. A resident family from Genesis Home came to Sunday School and worship. It was good to have these new friends join us.

It is also good to welcome **Candice Ryals Provey** back to FPC after a sojourn in NYC. She worked in the Broadway Presbyterian Church last year. She joined us at the Genesis Home meal on Thursday and is teaching at VCS this week. It is great to have involved with us. She interned with us while at Duke Divinity School. The Session has offered her a part-time position working with young adults and participating in the teaching and visitation ministries of FPC. She will preach for us this Sunday. I will be on vacation with my family but you will be in my prayers.

Joe

NOTES

- **Primetimers** had a wonderful evening on Saturday at the Eisenson's home. Many thanks to **Howard and Beth** for hosting.
- **First Friends** families enjoyed an fun evening at the Klincks on Saturday. Many thanks to **Christyn, Jay, Elizabeth, JL, Parker and Aurelia** for hosting.
- It was good to have **Barbara Campbell Davis** worship with us on Sunday.
- Many thanks to **Alice Raney** and the **Fellowship Committee** for hosting our **Annual Father's Day Picnic** at Piney Woods Park. The heat did not keep us from enjoying delicious food and having fun!

OUR CONCERNS

Hillcrest: **Tom Howerton**

Hilda Bradshaw is recovering at home.

Katie Hirsch

Florence McDow

Ann Prospero

Margaret Rubiera

Carol Johnson

David Parkins

Mozette Rollins

YOUTH NEWS

Emily's Book Club for High School Youth starts this **Sunday, June 26**. Our book selection for this summer is *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. We'll meet at our old haunt, **Francesca's Cafe on Ninth Street, at 5:00 p.m.** for gelato and discussion. Go ahead and start reading if you like, but there's no need to be at a certain chapter. Can't wait to see everyone! - *Emily Hansel*

FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION
at Nosh's Café
2812 Erwin Road, Durham
Friday, June 24
7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Drop by and stay as long as you can.
New faces welcome!

BENEFIT CONCERT

Support Durham's
Youth Summer Service Weeks
Saturday, June 25
7 p.m. at the Durham Friends Meeting House (the Quakers)
404 Alexander Dr (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.*

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
11:30 A.M. AT PIPER'S DELI
3219 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham
Hostesses: **Mildred Hamby / Harriett Mitchell**
RSVP to **Harriett Mitchell** at 489-3839
or the Church office: 682-5511

WOMEN'S RETREAT

This year's Women'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.

VCS AT CAMP NEW HOPE

Vacation Church School at Camp New Hope is going well, with 160 children, 60 youth helpers, and over 100 volunteers from our six sponsoring congregations. Campers are studying Jonah, and what happens when he emerges from the waters, making connections to baptism, too. Many thanks to those who contributed scholarship funding for our friends from Iglesia Emanuel (\$1,300), donated bathing suits, drove children, or volunteered in any way. And as always, thanks for sharing the precious blessing of your children.

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet **Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. **Delia Kwon** will host the meeting at her home, 10 Braveheart Court. Please RSVP to Delia at 206-4347, or delmelkwon@hotmail.com. Newcomers and occasional participants are welcome.

CHURCH WORKDAY

The Property Committee has an inside workday scheduled for **Saturday, July 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the church. Please consider joining us. Many hands make light work and have a lot of fun doing it, too. The tasks we will be taking on are: dusting; cleaning the stair rail in the church house; deep cleaning of the church house bathrooms and others if time permits; window washing, lobby, and church house; clearing all stairwells, and general "redding up." We can get all of this done with enough help. I will be sure that we have lots of Murphy's oil soap, Windex, and plenty of cleaning/dusting cloths. Hope to see you there!

- **Kate Busa**, Property Committee Chair

FPC's Session is making available to the congregation information regarding **Amendment**

10-A, changes in the language of the PC(USA) ordination standard. Copies can be found on the table in the church foyer.



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 or 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.



CROASDAILE VILLAGE



The following persons have agreed to provide Sunday transportation to and from worship for members who live at Croasdaile Village.

July 3	Miriam Morey
July 10	Mary-Jo Keenan
July 17	Dan Hudgins
July 24	Dan Hudgins
July 31	Miriam Morey
Aug. 7	Miriam Morey
Aug 14	Jean Cary/ George Danser
Aug 21	Dan Hudgins
Aug 28	Mary-Jo Keenan

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Calling all Cyclists . . .

BULL MOON RIDE

Join Wool E. Bull and Habitat for Humanity for a unique night ride for cyclists of all abilities

Saturday, July 16
Begins at 8:30 p.m. at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park

Enjoy a 10-mile city tour with an optional 8-mile route through scenic downtown, around Duke Chapel, and along the American Tobacco Trail.

Registration fee required for adults and children who participate.

For registration information go to:
<http://www.active.com/cycling/durham-nc/habitat-bull-moon-bike-ride-2011?cmp=10-1>

Remember to bring your **Pennies for Hunger Offering** to worship on Sunday!

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