

First Presbyterian News

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There is perhaps a wider and more basic need to affirm simple friendship as a Christian vocation. It is a declining commodity in our society thanks to a combination of ever-increasing pressures on people's time, the trend towards more privatized and individualized lifestyles, and the breakdown of bonds of trust and affection in families and communities. More and more people are isolated, and at the same time there seem to be fewer and fewer people with the time and the ability simply to sit and listen. There is a whole theology of friendship to be explored and promoted. It is beautifully expressed in Ecclesiastes 6: 14-16:

A friend is a secure shelter; whoever finds one, finds a treasure.

A faithful friend is beyond price; there is no measure of his worth.

A faithful friend is an elixir of life, found only by those who fear the Lord.

In its availability and vulnerability friendship of any really meaningful kind is a costly rather than an easy option.

- Ian Bradley, [Colonies of Heaven](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Angels Rush In"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Gospel Lesson	Romans 7:15-25a
Epistle Lesson	Matthew 14:22-31

Crossdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeter: *Edward and Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters:

Bill Hendrickson (font / Side)

Carl Rist (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: *Nancy Kost* (head usher), *Delia Kwon* (flowers), *Joy Kerner*, *Leslie Shaw*, *Alex Crockett*, *George Bernhardt*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praying in Color

Wear **GREEN** this Sunday, the liturgical color for Ordinary Time, and the theme color for Summer Sunday School. Children will gather in the green room, take a look at the Lord as Shepherd of all of our animal friends (Psalm 23), and talk about care for endangered species. We'll also doodle prayers for pets and animals whom we love and care for. Snacks: Granny Smith apples, sliced cucumbers, and various veggies. *Marilyn Hedgpeth* will be your teacher du jour.

Summer Reading Series

Civil War Legacy

The Summer Reading Series continues on Sunday with a discussion of The Legacy of the Civil War by Robert Penn Warren. Warren wrote this book in 1961 in commemoration of the centennial of the war. This year is the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. July 1st is also the anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg (1863). The Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln will also be discussed. The class will be led by *Joe Harvard* and *Sam Miglarese*. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

We go through our daily life, eating and drinking, working and relaxing, living alone or in families, sometimes doing good, sometimes not.... Is God involved? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

Please join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor for a continued discussion of Islam.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads the class in a discussion of spiritual formation at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom.



The Church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

"INSIDE" WORKDAY

"Many hands make light the work" and have a lot of fun doing it, too. 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. 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 in the lobby, and church house; clearing all stairwells, and general "redding up." We can get all of this done with enough helpers. 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

Copies of the THESE DAYS devotional book for **July – September 2011** are available from the table in the foyer. Regular and large print copies are available. Pick up a copy on your next visit to the church.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Rosemary Seve* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Bernard Mutyambai*, who died in Machakos, Kenya on June 21st.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

... to *Dan Hudgins* who received the Thomas R. Howerton Award for Leadership presented by Senior PharmAssist on June 23rd. *Margaret Keller* has also received this award named for our own *Tom Howerton*. Senior PharmAssist helps seniors get the medications they need and assists in managing them. *Marie Sappenfield* and *Wendy McCorkle* serve on the board of Senior PharmAssist.

... to *Jim and Jacque Robins* on the marriage of their granddaughter, *Katherine MacKenzie Robins* to *Braxton Craven Wall*, on June 25th in Raleigh.

2010-2011 Annual Report summaries are due by **July 31st**.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends (and I don't mean that lightly),

To be called a "friend in Christ" is indeed a high calling. It means being sensitive to the needs of one another. It means being responsive to the needs of one another. It means being ready and willing to be Christ for one another. And it means being ready and willing to allow others to be Christ to us.

Vacation Church School last week at Camp New Hope was a wonderful confluence of friends. I am grateful to friends who ministered to 160 children, 60 youth, 100 adult volunteers, and who allowed them to minister to us. I am grateful to friends who drove carpools, who contributed financial aid (\$1,350 in scholarship funds), who donated bathing suits, who volunteered as readers, crafts-persons, small group leaders, and helped with set up and clean up for the week. It was a costly venture, but one in which friendships were deepened as we were there for one another. The Youth Summer Service Camp last week and this week is another situation where friendships are being forged. *Christyn Klinck* and *Brent Curtis* have done an excellent job in building relationships around service opportunities in our city, and I am grateful to those who have helped behind the scenes with financial support and supplies for this group.

And lastly, we are all in the midst of Week of Mission, sponsored by FPC's Service and Mission Committee. While our immediate task at hand is to reach out to the community around us, please do not overlook the friendships that are being formed as we work together, in Christ, to show love to God's world. In your attention to "task" this week, please do not neglect the important "friends in Christ" with whom you are rubbing elbows. To whom are you ministering, and who is ministering to you?

Grace and peace,
Marilyn

NOTES

- Many thanks to all who supported FPC's Youth recent Book Drive for the East Durham Children's Initiative. More than 100 books were collected.
- **Daytimers'** had a lovely luncheon at Piper's Deli today. Many thanks to *Harriett Mitchell* and *Mildred Hamby* for coordinating.

OUR CONCERNS

Hilda Bradshaw
Carol Johnson
David Parkins
Mozette Rollins
Tom Howerton (Hillcrest)

Katie Hirsch
Florence McDow
Ann Prospero
Margaret Rubiera

Added this week:

Zac Moretz (and family),
friend of Celia Dickerson

- *Mike Atkins*, friend of Rebecca Leonard
- *Chester Bissette*, grandfather of Abi Bissette
- *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
- *Lucy Hanchey*, baby at Watts Street Baptist
- *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
- *Kemper Foy Zeigler*, friend of Joe and Carlisle Harvard

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.

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 at Croasdaile.

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

YOUTH NEWS



Friends,

Greetings from Litchfield Beach SC where I am vacationing with my extended family. I hope your summer's going well. Next week I will be sending out all the information about our youth conference in Montreat so keep an eye out for that.

See you Sunday! Love, *Rebecca*

WOMEN'S RETREAT

This year's Women's Retreat will be held **August 12-13 at the Avila Retreat Center** in northern Durham, 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY

Have you ever wanted to serve the larger church? Now is your opportunity. The Presbytery of New Hope is taking nominations from congregations to be members of committees for the next three years. If you enjoy, and would be willing and available to serve, your skills might be needed in serving on Presbytery Council, within the Leadership Division, in the Outreach Ministries Division, the Division for Congregational Ministry, or on other committees. With *Barbara Campbell Davis* retiring after 19 years of service, and with the adoption of the new Form of Government for the PC (USA), the Presbytery is in a very interesting time of transition. If you would like to have voice in the decisions determining the future direction of the Presbytery, please consider where you might be called to serve. Contact *Joe Harvard* or *Marilyn Hedgpeth* if you would like to see a full listing of the committees, or put your hat in the ring.

Beloved FPC friends,

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and expressions of condolence after my mother's recent death. We felt uplifted and strengthened by your support. Blessings to all,



Sue and John Fricks

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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>

After a long wait for a visa, *Josh, Kim and Mahalia Vis*

have arrived in Brazil. Josh sent the following note and request for our prayer support:



We have been here almost three weeks and we are doing very well. We live in a neighborhood called Rudge Ramos (pronounced Hooji Hamos). The Methodist University where I will be working is just a few blocks away and there are many places to shop and eat nearby. It is a very quaint, albeit crowded, neighborhood. We like it very much.

Mahalia is attending school in the mornings. They only speak Portuguese at the school, but she doesn't seem to mind. Plus, soon she too will be speaking Portuguese.

Kim and I have begun working with a tutor and are beginning to learn the language. It has been fun. Carlos, a Master's student from Colombia who is writing his thesis on eschatology, has been a Godsend. He greeted us at the airport and has been so generous to us. He speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French, and thankfully, English. He is kind and funny and patient. He has been Jesus in the flesh for us.

I continue to work on my dissertation and I could really use the church's prayers on this and language acquisition. We may be spending a few months in Brasilia, beginning at the end of September. There is a good language program there. While the program would certainly be helpful to Kim and me, we worry about moving Mahalia again. Pray for wisdom about this.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your love and support. Please check our blog if you want to get some more frequent updates about our time here.

Josh Vis

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