

First Presbyterian News

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God saw our brokenness and sought to extricate us from it—but only with our cooperation. God will not cajole or bully us, but wants to woo us for our own sakes. . . . The Bible is the story of God's attempt to effect atonement, to bring us back to our intended condition of relatedness. God was in Christ, reconciling the world to God. God sent Jesus, who would fling out his arms on the cross as if to embrace us. God wants to draw us back into an intimate relationship and so bring to unity all that has become disunited. This was God's intention from the beginning. And each of us is called to be an ally of God in this work of reconciliation.

- *Desmond Tutu*

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion
Sermon: "Family Reunions"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 25:19-34; 33:1-11
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 119:105-112
Gospel Lesson	2 Corinthians 5:16- 21
Epistle Lesson	Matthew 5:23-24

Crossdale Driver: *Mary-Jo Keenan*

Crucifer: *Jane Brawley*

Narthex Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt*
Sarah Todd

After Worship Greeters:

Dawn Carsey (font / Side)

Diane Standaert (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: *Nancy Kost* (head), *Alice Raney* (flowers), *John Kelley*, *Bill Brown*, *Dale Gaddis*, *Mary Ann Compton*

Communion Elders:

Bread: *Dawn Carsey* (B1, Process),

Andy Henry (B2), *Carl Rist* (B3),

Bill Hendrickson (B4 – gluten free)

Cup: *Peter Fish* (C1, Process),

Margaret Rubiera (C2),

Sharon Hirsch (C3),

Leslie Strohm (C4, Head)

Shepherds: *Joseph Ngumi* (Font aisle),

Lea Bingham (center aisle),

Henry Njoroge (pulpit aisle),

Lesley Curtis (replenish elements)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Reading Series

"The Best of Enemies"

This Sunday, *Ann Atwater* will be our guest to discuss The Best of Enemies: Race and Redemption in the New South by Osha Gray Davidson. It is the story of *Ann Atwater* and *C. P. Ellis* who met in Durham on opposite sides of the public school education issue. It is about an amazing set of transformations in their lives and the city of Durham. Historian *David Cecelski*, author of Along Freedom Road, will be a conversation partner. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for what promises to be an excellent discussion.

Lectionary Class

Our roots give us strength and sustenance in difficult times. Where are we rooted? In our families? In our own wealth and abilities? 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 this class in a discussion of spiritual formation at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom. All women are welcome to join the on-going discussion.



THIRD FRIDAY EVENT

JULY 15 AT 7:00 PM

Jon Shain is a veteran singer-songwriter from Chapel Hill who's been turning heads for years with his words, his fiery acoustic guitar work, and his evolved musical style - combining improvised piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing, and ragtime. The concert will be held in FPC's sanctuary, and is free and open to the public.

FPC 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. 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. 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

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Praying in Color"

This Sunday wear **red** if you like and come to the **RED** room for Sunday School on Sunday. We will learn about the use of the color **red** in the church, blow **red** paint with straws to make a cool design, create a doodle prayer, make a chalice out of Model Magic, and eat watermelon.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Carlisle and I returned on Saturday after an enjoyable week at Litchfield Beach with members of our family on Carlisle's side. She is one of six children and at one point there were over 40 of us for dinner. The group is spread out in age and geography. It is good to have time together.

At the end of the week before saying a blessing at our last dinner with the group, I mentioned how sacred our time together is. *Wright Caughman*, my brother-in-law doctor at Emory who is a Presbyterian elder, reminded us all of the sacredness of being at table, eating and drinking together. Thank God for lay theologians who provide valuable insights.

It was good being back in worship on Sunday at FPC. This Sunday we shall come to the table of our Lord as a church family. It will be a sacred occasion. There will also be a baptism of *Mal King's* grandchildren. I am looking forward to our church family gathering at table and font to affirm our faith in God's promises.

This week *Marilyn Hedgpeth* is providing leadership to middle schoolers at Massanetta Springs. *James Compton* is serving as a counselor. Our youth and leader will join them next week. Keep them in your prayers.

Joe

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Bob and Lina Yoder* on the death of their nephew, *Randy Cruz*, who died of brain cancer on June 28th in the Philippines.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to *Tamzin Kinnebrew* and *Joseph Kinnett* who announced their engagement to be married. Tamzin is a newly elected deacon and sings in the choir at FPC.

Summer Participation at FPC
During the summer months as members take vacations, your presence in worship and your contributions are helpful in support of the life and ministries of FPC.
Remember the church this summer!



The crepe myrtles at the church
are in full bloom and beautiful.
Don't miss them this year!

OUR CONCERNS

Peggy Hammond is having surgery at Duke on July 7.

Margaret Boswell and **Anne Davis** are in the Pavilion at Croasdaile.

Margaret Rubiera is recovering at home after surgery at Duke.

Neal and Emily Wilkins are on a month-long trip to Senegal.

Hilda Bradshaw **Katie Hirsch**
Tom Howerton (Hillcrest)

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

Mozette Rollins

Added this week:

Mary-Jo Kreger, sister of Phyllis Verhey

- **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
- **Zac Moretz** (and family), friend of Celia Dickerson
- **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 over the summer as an office volunteer, please call **Shirley Frederick** at 682-5511 or send an email to: s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org.



Attention Committee Chairpersons and Ministry Staff: **2010-2011 Annual Report summaries** are due by **July 31st**. Please contact **Valerie McMillian** in the church office if you need assistance: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

YOUTH NEWS

Greetings everyone!

Hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July weekend! The lazy hazy days of summer are certainly upon us and the heat makes me thankful for places of cool retreat. One such retreat will be this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at Francesca's on Ninth Street where the Senior High youth will gather with Emily (see separate article below) for our book group and a yummy gelato. I hope to see you all there. Our middle school youth conference begins next week on Tuesday, July 12. All the Middlers attending this year's conference will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the FPC parking lot to take off on our big adventure. Please remember to bring your medical forms and money for lunch for the trip. If anyone's got any questions about the trip, please give me a call 919-801-3095.



Looking forward to a fun summer with you all. Hugs!

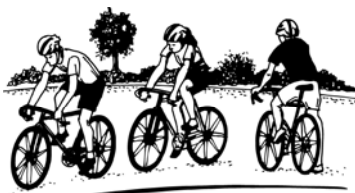
Rebecca Leonard

EMILY'S BOOK CLUB

We had a great first meeting of Emily's Book Club! Thanks to everyone for coming out. I enjoyed catching up and hearing about how your summers have been going, and talking a little HP. As you read this week, don't forget to focus on the themes of **redemption** and **sacrifice**. We'll get into a good discussion on how they appear throughout *Deathly Hallows* when we meet again this **Sunday, July 10, at 5:00 at Francesca's Café**.

Emily Hansel

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>

CROASDAILE VILLAGE

Need a Ride?



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

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

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. 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.

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.



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