

First Presbyterian News

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Compassion is not covered by the word "pity," nor by the word "sympathy." Pity has the connotation of too much distance. Sympathy gives the impression of separation. Compassion shows you that your neighbor is a person who shares humanity with you. This partnership cuts through all walls which might have kept you separate. Compassion is daring to acknowledge our mutual destiny so that we might move forward together into the place which God is showing us.

– **Henri J. M Nouwen**, with Open Hands

SUNDAY, JULY 11

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m.

Worship and Holy Communion

Sermon: "What Is So Good About the Good Samaritan?"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Amos 7:7-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 82
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:25-37

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt**,
Hilda Bradshaw

After Worship Greeters:

Matthew Hirsch (side, font)

Barbara Buckley (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **John Kelley** (head), **Alice Raney**, **Jim Johnson** (flowers),
Carlisle Harvard, **Alex Crockett**,
Michael Bacon, **Jim Seitzer**

Communion Elders:

Bread: **Caroline Rourk** (Process),

Anthony Kamau, **Mal King**,

Barbara Buckley (Head elder)

Cup: **Mac McCorkle** (process),

Mary-Jo Keenan, **Jane Brawley**,
Leslie Strohm

Shepherds: **Joseph Ngumi** (font aisle),

Jody Maxwell (center aisle),

Dawn Carsey (pulpit aisle),

Lesley Curtis (replenish elements)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School this week will continue our focus upon STARS. We will look at the Abraham story in Genesis 15 and God's promise to make his descendants as numerous as the stars. We will make a huge chain of stars to drape the ceiling, travel to the basement to lie in the dark and look at the stars, and make some stars out of dough. **Judy Pidcock**, **Jim Peterson** and **Dawn Carsey** will be providing leadership. Children and youth are invited to join us.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Summer Reading Series

"Picking Cotton"

Dan Hudgins will lead a discussion on Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino, Ronald Cotton, and Erin Torneo at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. *Picking Cotton* tells the true story of someone who was accused of a crime. While maintaining his innocence, he was sentenced to life in prison. After 11 years, DNA test proved his innocence. After his release, he met his accuser, and a relationship began that changed both their lives. *Picking Cotton* challenges our ideas of memory and judgment while demonstrating the profound nature of grace and the healing power of forgiveness. **Dan Hudgins** is a member of FPC and teaches in the School of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill. He was the Director of the Durham County Department of Social Services for 27 years until his retirement in 2004.

Lectionary Class

How do you react to criticism? The prophet Amos had a harsh message of condemnation for the people of Israel. Jesus, in his time, often used gentler parables to make a similar point about the need to change our lives. How did their hearers respond? How would you? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

The **Hand-in-Hand / Crossroads Class** is meeting over the summer. Join us in the Wilson Parlor at 9:45.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Carlisle and I have just returned from a relaxing and enjoyable week at the beach with family. We participated in the wedding of **Greg Everett** to **Lissa Holmes** on Friday and Saturday in Conway, SC. It was a joyful event with a lot of family support. Greg and Lissa will be living in Durham.

In these experiences Carlisle and I are reminded with gratitude about the important connection with family and friends which enrich our lives. The ties that bind us to God and to each other are precious and need to be nourished. Worship is an essential ingredient in our common life. Let me encourage you to be present whenever possible during the summer for the worship of God. Your presence is important to us. This Sunday we shall gather at the Table of our Lord.

Marilyn Hedgpeth is at Massanetta Springs, VA this week leading a youth conference. She will be joined by **Rebecca Leonard** and our youth on Thursday. Keep them in your prayers.

Let me also ask you to pray for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA meeting this week in Minneapolis. Presbyterians from around the country and around the world are gathered to seek God's guidance and direction for our denomination. May God bless and strengthen our life and witness.

Joe

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Everett and **Lissa Holmes** were married on Saturday, July 3 in Conway, SC. **Rob and Luke Everett** were best men and **Elizabeth and Sherry Everett** read scripture. **Joe Harvard** officiated.



Michael Majestic and **Nicole Baptista** were married on Saturday, July 3 in Ispwich, MA. **Catherine Majestic** was a bridesmaid. **Sam Miglarese** officiated.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Paul Baldasare** and **Jane Wettach**, **Gabe and Leah Baldasare** on the death of Paul's mother, **Edna Baldasare** on June 30th in Chapel Hill. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. at FPC on Saturday, July 10.

"Jesus said,
'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

DAY SCHOOL GETS 5-STAR RATING

Once again, the FPC Day School has earned the coveted 5-star rating, the highest rating possible for a childcare facility. **Katharine Smith**, director, said that the Day School scored a 15, the highest score attainable, and that she was very pleased with the certification process. She wanted to thank all of the church members with young children for their patience and sacrifices, while the rooms downstairs in the Education Building have been under tight scrutiny. Now that the certification program is over, the Day School and Sunday School should be able to relax a little more with sharing space. Congratulations to the Day School, a 30-year on-going mission project of FPC.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

A Trip to the
Ball Game



5:05 P.M.

FPC AT DURHAM BULLS GAME

Tickets will be available for purchase
at the church soon!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Admay Family
Fricks Family
Don Jenkins
Josh Stanek
Carolyn Wolfe
Barbara Fish
Florence McDow
Sandra King
Jerry Tyren
Don Jenkins
Tom Howerton (Hillcrest)
Leigh Knauert Family

- ◆ **Mary Booth**, friend of FPC
- ◆ **Sally Caughman**, Carlisle and Joe Harvard's sister-in-law
- ◆ **George Cox**, son of Sarah Cox
- ◆ **Steele and Molly Dewey**, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ◆ **Jane Gardner**, former FPC member
- ◆ **Brad Holbrook**, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ◆ **Anne Creadick Kennedy**, sister of Nowell Creadick
- ◆ **Joan B. King**, sister-in-law of Mal King
- ◆ **Barb Kurtz**, sister of Joyce Houk
- ◆ **Elizabeth Leathers**, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ◆ **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- ◆ **Stephen McAllister**, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ◆ **Laura Tendler**, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt
- ◆ **Sharon Van Vichten**, friend of Ann Prospero
- ◆ **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson
- ◆ **Judy Wood**, mother of Sharon Hirsch
- ◆ **Muriel Yager**, mother of Patrice Nelson

The Things That Matter

Book Group will meet at the home of **Delia Kwon** (10 Bravehart Court, 27713) on **Tuesday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m.**, to discuss *The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa and Asia* by Philip Jenkins. Contact Delia to RSVP and get directions to her house: 206-4347 or delmelkwon@hotmail.com. Newcomers are welcome!

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

We had a great book club meeting last week at Francesca's - with yummy gelato! Thanks to **Corey, JL, Elizabeth, Jane, Lily, Haley, Sydney,** and **Jackson** for coming. We will meet again on Sunday, July 11, same time and place: 5 – 6 p.m. at Francesca's Dessert Cafe. We'll be discussing the welcome and movement one of our book *Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell. Mark or jot down anything that catches your attention - any "I never thought about it like that" moments, or anything you strongly agree or disagree with, anything to enhance the discussion! Can't wait to see everyone :) - **Emily Hansel**

YOUTH NEWS

Howdy everyone,

This is an exciting week for many of us as we head up to Massanetta Springs in Virginia for the annual Middle School Youth Conference. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 8 at FPC for our trip. We'll return on Sunday, July 11 hopefully in time for Emily's next Book Club which will be meeting at Francesca's on Ninth St. from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. There, Emily will lead a continued discussion of the book *Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell. I certainly hope all of you in town will plan to be there!

Peace y'all!

Rebecca Leonard

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

Donors are needed to provide worship flowers for Sundays in August. If you

would like to remember or honor a friend or loved one, or acknowledge a birthday, baptism or anniversary, please contact **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext 292 (work).



3429 Hillsborough Rd.*Durham*
919-382-9399/8157
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Please join the



**Friday, July 16, from
5:00pm – 8:00pm,
at Chick-fil-A
at Hillsborough Rd.**

**Bring this card and a portion of the amount
you spend will help support First
Presbyterian Day School**

**Valid at Chick-fil-A at Hillsborough Rd. Only.
Located in the Kroger Shopping center.
Chick-fil-A is closed on Sundays.**

This card is an advertisement
and not a coupon/discount card.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Urban Ministries of Durham is moving six families out into other housing. What this means, functionally, is that there is a great need for household items and furniture. Specific needs right now include:

9 Dressers **7 Children's beds**
1 Adult bed **1 box spring**
Pots and Pans **Cooking Utensils**
Dishes/silverware **Comforters**
Crib Sheet Set

Sheets/Towels/Washcloths
TV Computer **Kitchen table/chairs**
Couch **Washer and Dryer** **Lamps**
Stroller **Toaster** **Iron/Board**

Please email Ken at Urban Ministries: kmauney@umdurham.org if you are able to help out with any of the above needed items.

Save the Date

Tuesday, July 27

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

at 11:30 a.m.

Bullock's Barbecue

3330 Quebec St, Durham

WOMEN'S RETREAT

How Do You Solve

a Problem Like . . . ?

The FPC Annual Women's Retreat is being planned for **August 6-7** at the Avila Retreat Center north of Durham. It's 21 hours of well-spent time for reflection and prayer. It's time to form deeper friendships with the women we greet in church once a week. Who's going this year: **Marilyn Hedgpeth, Katharine Whitmore, Susan Seahorn, Carol Wills, Carol Johnson, Barbara Fish . . . and others.** The cost is \$50 payable to the church, earmarked "Women's Retreat." Please consider joining us for a time of deepening our faith and friendships. For more info, contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** at 682-5511.

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Barbara Gerwe and **Katherine Miller** also helped prepare and serve dinner to youth at Duke's Youth Academy last week during FPC's Week of Mission.



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