

First Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2015



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Sunday, July 12

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

Sermon: "Come As You Are"

The **Rev. Dr. G. Wilson Gunn**, General

Presbyter of the National Capital Presbytery will be our guest this Sunday. Wilson grew up in Arkansas, matriculated at Davidson College (BA), Duke University (M.Div.



and Th.M.), and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (PhD). Prior to coming to the National Capital Presbytery to serve as its General Presbyter, Gunn served pastorates in North Carolina and Virginia (including two new church developments) for 20 years before entering executive service in Grace Presbytery (NE Texas area).

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 25:1-9
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:1-12
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 24

Crossdale Driver: **To be determined**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Michael Schultz (rear/narthex)

Wes Carson (side/front)

Ushers: **Paul Cornsweet** (head), **Kit Law** (flowers), **Luke Everett, Mary Ann Compton, Margaret Keller**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This week we welcome our guest preacher, **Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn**, General Presbyter of the National Capital Presbytery in Washington, D.C. Wilson is the son-in-law of our member **Julian Boswell**. Wilson's topic during Sunday School will be our church history and our current Reformation. Class begins at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall, and all are welcome.

Lectionary Class

How do we respond when we encounter God's goodness? With dedication to carry out God's will? With rejoicing and praise? Perhaps even with exuberant dancing? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap** and meets at 9:45 in the lower level classroom.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN / YOUTH

Kindergarten and up
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

July 12 – "Charlotte's Web"

Meet in Room 205 of the CE building to watch and discuss the movie, then enjoy a snack. Three year olds through rising K's meet in the Playroom. The nursery is open for younger children. Older youth can join the Lectionary Class or Faith and Community Class.

Report from the PNC

As of the end of June the committee has reviewed 105 PIFs and met about 35 times. So where are we in the search process for a Head of Staff? We have pared down the list to ten or so of those we consider the strongest candidates (and there are many strong candidates) and have interviewed most of them by Skype. We will interview several more candidates this way in mid-July. These interviews combined with the evaluations of PIFs and what we consider "deep dives" – listening to sermons, reading web sites, and gathering information as best we can while maintaining confidentiality - will be the basis for selecting three or four candidates. At that time we will send teams of committee members to visit home churches or have candidates visit Durham. The next step will be in-person interviews and reference checks.

On June 24 we met with **Katie Crowe** from Trinity Avenue PC who is our liaison with Presbytery to talk about the process. She assured us that the committee is "on track" in terms of where we are and she encouraged us to not hurry the process. To some it may seem that we are working very slowly, but our goal has always been to "get it right" – and this takes time and careful deliberation. Again, we ask for your prayers and support.

Submitted by **Phyllis Supple**
for the Pastor Nominating Committee

FPC HOSTING

MEDICARE BASICS SEMINAR

Friday, July 17

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The N.C. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and Durham nonprofit Senior PharmAssist are presenting a "Medicare Basics" seminar at First Presbyterian for individuals who would like to learn more about Medicare and the options available. Caregivers who would like to better understand Medicare are also welcome. To register, call 919-682-5511 or email **Lyn Francisco** at l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org.

FPC Co-Hosting

PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Presbytery of New Hope needs help with its next gathering on **Tuesday, July 28 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham**. Volunteers are needed to help with parking from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Others are needed to help with lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and to sing in the choir for worship from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **If you could help in any of these areas, please call or email the church office. It would be helpful to have at least four members of FPC for each area.**

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday weekend, enjoying the best that America has to offer: food, friends, families, fireworks, parades, concerts, etc. My husband and I always enjoy the secular holidays because there are no religious strings attached in our separation of church and state country; no special services we have to perform; no moral obligations. But there always are options that call us to faithful response, even on secular holidays.

And so one option we pursued was to respond to the invitation of the Institute of Turkish Studies, a group of Sunni Muslims in Cary, to join with them for a break-the-fast information session and authentic Turkish Ramadan dinner (after sundown). We watched a documentary about one of their leaders, Fethullah Gullen, called "Love Is A Verb" about Gullen's call to service, to lift up the dignity of all people internationally. It was quite powerful to see the outreach and service which this man has inspired. And then we were invited to observe their call to prayer at sundown, followed by dinner outside, under the stars with their members. We were quite moved by their hospitality and kindness, and their genuine desire to be understood and respected. And it was amazing how similar we all looked under God's canopy of stars!

Their invitation to eat together continues through July 18 when Ramadan, their holy month, officially ends. If you would like to attend one of their "tent dinners", you are invited to the Cary Town Center parking lot at 8:00 p.m. on July 10 and 11. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience America, the melting pot, at its best.

Peace,

Marilyn

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEES

Reminder to all FPC committee chairs and program staff: An annual report summary for your respective

committee or area of ministry is due to Valerie in the church office by **July 31**. If you need to see a past year's report or have questions, contact **Valerie** by email: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. Summaries should be sent electronically.

FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Everyday Saints"

July 31 (6pm) – August 1 (3pm)

Avila Conference Center, Durham

Led by **Cherrie Henry / Susan Dunlap**

Cost: \$75 (scholarships available)

Please register by July 22

To register, contact **Valerie McMillian** in the church office at 919-682-5511 or by email: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org

SUNDAY, JULY 12



3:00 p.m. at
Croasdaile Village
Bob Yoder will lead the
Communion in the chapel.
(No Book Study)

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **John and Betsy Robinson** the death of John's father **Bill Robinson** on July 3. A Memorial Service was held at Highland Presbyterian Church (Fayetteville) on July 6th.

OUR CONCERNS

Wajid Bangura, infant grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

Guy Cecelski **Bette Conroy**
Mercy Ndambiri

Brookdale Senior Living
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
Pavilion: **Anne Davis, Ann Prospero**
Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Dewey Lawson
Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

- **Patricia Adcock**, mother of Catherine Admay
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Becky Brown**, mother of Amy Sanchez
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth

Dear friends,

Talitha and I would like to thank all those who attended my husband's funeral. It was the most beautiful service I ever attended. We also are grateful for all the cards expressing support and sympathy at this time of sorrow. You have been a wonderful family to Edward and us, closer and more carrying than our real family. We appreciate all you have done for us during Edward's long battle with cancer. You were part of his victories and strength. With all our hearts, thank you!

Talitha and Delia Kwon



THESE DAYS

Extra copies of the summer quarter have arrived. **Bob Yoder** wrote meditations for September 13-19. Read and enjoy!

YOUTH NEWS

July 9-12
Middle School Youth Conference
in Massanetta Springs

July 26 – August 1
High School Youth Conference
in Montreat

Contact **Sarah Finbow** for details.

SCRATCH/

YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

Friday, July 17

6:30 p.m. at the home of
David Lorimer

200 W. Woodcroft Pkwy. #61-D
Please respond to the EVITE.

FIRST FRIENDS AND

FAMILIES POTLUCK

Saturday, July 18

5:30 p.m. at the Momsen-Hudsons
Use this address: 3814 St Marys Road
Balloons will be on the mailbox!
Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.

For more info contact Deborah at:
919-732-9595 or
dmomsenhusdon@gmail.com
Please respond to the EVITE.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dale Gaddis** (912 Urban Avenue) to discuss My Own Country, by Abraham Verghese. Please let Dale know if you plan to come.



DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, July 28

11:30 a.m. at Bennett Pointe Grill
4625 Hillsborough Rd

RSVP to **Maxie Honeycutt**
(919-286-4680)
or call the Church office:
919-682-5511.

JAZZ CONCERT

Vocalist **Lois Deloatch** and pianist **Ernest Turner** will be in concert performing jazz, blues and spirituals at the beautiful (historic) **St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough** at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, July 19**. For more information: <http://stmatthewshillsborough.dionc.org/>
Open to the public - \$15 at the door.



ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 12

- **6:00 pm**
Ecumenical Service
Union Baptist Church
1200 Trade Street

Monday, July 13

- **8:00 am**
Press Conference
US District Courthouse
251 N. Main Street
- **10:00 am-4:00 pm**
Teach-Ins
Goler Memorial
A.M.E. Zion Church
630 N. Patterson Avenue

July 13 • 5:00 pm March and Rally

Corpening Plaza • 231 W. 1st Street
Winston-Salem

"Democracy is under attack in North Carolina.

We need people of moral conscience to tell the nation *we will not sit by while our voting rights, won with the blood sweat and tears of our ancestors, are being trampled.* Fifty years after Blood Sunday and the passage of the Voting Rights Act, new extreme attacks on voting rights go before a federal court in Winston-Salem on July 13. We cannot remain silent. We must stand together and march to defend our democracy.
Join us on July 13!"

— *The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II*
NC NAACP President

FPC's Kate Busa and her husband Bill will be attending and invite you to join them!

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