

First Presbyterian News

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Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are awed by your wondrous works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. For all your majesty we praise you; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, that you want to know us, that you come to care for us, sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen. – Book of Common Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Where God Hangs Out"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 28:10-22
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:12-25

Crossdale Driver: **Dan Hudgins**

Crucifer: **David Smith**

Narthex Greeters: **Minnie Cameron**

After Worship Greeters:

Guy Cecelski (font / Side)

Henry Njoroge (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: **Nancy Kost** (head), **Delia Kwon**,
David Lorimer, **Mary Jo Keenan**, **Linda Dobson**

"PRAYING IN COLOR"

This Sunday is **BLUE** day in Summer Sunday School. Wear blue if you like and meet us in the **blue** room. We will be praying for our friends, near and far. We will cut chains of paper dolls and "do" some music and more.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Reading Series

"The Legacy of Pauli Murray"

The Summer Reading Series continues on Sunday with a discussion on The Dream is Freedom: Pauli Murray and American Democratic Faith by Sarah Azaransky. This discussion will be led by **Barbara Lau**. Pauli Murray (1910-1995) was a poet, lawyer, activist, and the first female African-American Episcopal priest. Examining Murray's body of published and unpublished writing, Azaransky traces the development of Murray's thought over 50 years. Barbara Lau, director of the Pauli Murray Project, is an award-winning exhibition curator and children's book author and has more than 20 years of professional experience as a folklorist, oral historian, teacher, curator, radio producer, and consultant and has served as the Community Documentary Projects director at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

When Jacob woke from his dream, he realized that God was in the very place he chose to sleep. Is God in the place where you are? Are you aware of God's presence? 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 spiritual formation at 9:45, Middle School classroom.



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

The Presbyterian History and Reformed Theology Lecture Series
presents

TIES THAT BIND:

The Presbyterian Church and Race
July 18-21, 2011

at the Montreat Conference Center
Joe Harvard is a conference planner. Participants will be **Tim Tyson**, **Joseph Roberts**, **Barbara Campbell Davis**, **Jimmie Hawkins**, and **Mary D. Williams**. For more information contact the Montreat Conference Center.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This morning I gathered in the church parking lot with a group of our middle school young people as they prepared to leave in a van for a week in Massanetta Springs, Virginia. We had a prayer together before they departed with **Brent Curtis** and **Rebecca Leonard** as advisors. They will join **Marilyn Hedgpeth** and **James Compton** who are already there. It is my prayer that this experience will make a difference in their lives.

This morning I remembered being in their place, a bit hesitant and hopeful in leaving the familiar for a new setting among strangers. I also remember some of the significant experiences and relationships that were gifts to me by attending "church camp" as a youth. There were times in which God worked in my life in ways that had a profound impact on my faith journey.

I am hopeful that our young people and leaders will have some transforming experiences in the days ahead. Please join me in praying for them that God will be at work in their lives. It is also my hope that God will be at work in your life this week and that we will be open to what God is doing among us. On Sunday we shall pause in worship to reflect on the awesome ways God works. I hope to see you.

Joe

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Lela Mae Mellin** and **Charles Dory Mellin** during worship on Sunday. Lela Mae and Charles are the children of **Todd Mellin and Wellins King**, and the grandchildren of **Mal King**.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Mercy Ndambiri** on the unexpected death of close family friend, **Waiyaki Njoroge**, son of **Dr. Joe and Wambui Njoroge**.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

The **Presbytery of New Hope** has a new home. The Presbytery Office has moved from Rocky Mount to 2022 McDonald Lane in Raleigh, on the campus of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. **Barbara Campbell Davis** retired on June 30th as Executive Presbyter, and effective July 1, **Ted Churn**, a Presbyterian Pastor, is the interim presbytery executive. The Presbytery of New Hope will meet next Tuesday, July 19 at Triangle Presbyterian Church in Durham. **Phyllis Supple** is serving as moderator of the Presbytery this year.

OUR CONCERNS

Delia Kwon's mother, **Melania Calinescu** is ill in Bucharest, Romania. Delia will leave this week to be with her mother.

Peggy Hammond is recuperating from surgery at Hillcrest.

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

- **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-Jo Kreger**, sister of Phyllis Verhey
- **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

HELP 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.



DAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Friday, July 15 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. will be Chick-Fil-A on Hillsborough Street's night to benefit the First Presbyterian Day School. Church members are invited to join Day School families for dinner there, with a portion of all sales graciously being donated to the Day School.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Well we're off . . . Massanetta Middle School Conference Bound! We will be having a ball this week, energizing, singing, playing and praying, too! Think of us on our adventure and as we travel. Those going this year are; **Ben Maxwell, Carter Momsen-Hudson, Leo Kerner, Nathan Creadick, Jenna Leonard, Juliana Miglarese, Talitha Kwon, Grace Abels and Brent Curtis**. Of course we will be seeing **James Compton** and **Marilyn Hedgpeth** who are already there preparing to lead the conference!

This **Saturday, July 16**, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. is an inside workday at FPC. The Property Committee needs our help so get out of bed, put on your dungarees and join us to help clean and make FPC as beautiful as can be!

And finally, on **Sunday, July 17** we will have another gathering of the Senior High Book Club at Francesca's on Ninth St, 5:00 p.m. See you there! Hugs to all,

Rebecca

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Thanks for another great turn out for book club. It was wonderful to see new faces, and reunite with our old friend Gavin, as we discussed how characters redeemed themselves. Next up: good and evil - but not just the obvious, let's especially think about what happens when evil comes to power and becomes the status quo. See you Sunday at 5 p.m. at Francesca's!

Emily

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



BULL MOON RIDE

Join Wool E. Bull and Habitat 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 more information and to register go to:
<http://www.active.com/cycling/durham-nc/habitat-bull-moon-bike-ride-2011?cmp=10-1>

ANNUAL REPORT

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: 682-5511 ext. 215 or send an email to: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

CROASDAILE VILLAGE

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

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.

Miguel and I have been so touched by the outpouring of love and support from our wonderful First Pres family these last few weeks. We thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, emails, and gestures of caring that you have lavished on us. I feel sure that my recovery is going all the more smoothly because you have reminded us that we are part of a remarkable community of friends.



With deep gratitude,
Margaret Rubiera

Flower donors are needed during the summer. If you would like to donate flowers to honor the memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion, please contact **Susan Thompson**: 361-8868 ext 292 (work) or 477-0425 (home).

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