

First Presbyterian News

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Although it belongs to the core of a Christian spirituality to reach out to strangers and invite them into our lives, it is important to realize clearly that our spontaneous feelings toward strangers are quite ambivalent. Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is one of the richest biblical terms that can deepen and broaden our insight into our relationships to our fellow human beings.

- *Henri J. M. Nouwen, Reaching Out*

SUNDAY, JULY 18

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Practicing Hospitality"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

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| Old Testament | Amos 8:1-12 |
| Psalms Lesson | Psalms 52 |
| Epistle Lesson | Hebrews 13:1-3 |
| Gospel Lesson | Luke 10:38-42 |

Narthex Greeters: **Hilda Bradshaw**,
Minnie Cameron

After Worship Greeters:

Leslie Strohm (side, font)

Scottie Seawell (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **John Kelley** (head usher),

Carolyn Merritt (flowers), **Joseph**

Ngumi, **Jackie Mbah**, **Jody Maxwell**,

Walt Barron

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will continue to focus on STARS, by reviewing the Christmas story as told in Matthew, where a star figures prominently. We'll take a field trip to follow the star, bake some cookies, and make star prints with sponges. **Kerry Holbrook and Tamzin Kinnebrew** will be providing leadership. All children and youth are invited to join us.

LECTIONARY CLASS

The prophet Amos condemned Israel not only for their personal immoralities but also for their unfair business practices. Is the conduct of business an appropriate concern for religion? 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUMMER READING SERIES

"RECONSTRUCTION AND REDEMPTION"

Jim Wise will discuss his new book,

Murder in the Courthouse—

Reconstruction and Redemption in the

North Carolina Piedmont, on Sunday at

9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. Wise has been

a reporter, editor and columnist for

newspapers in Durham for more than 28

years. His specialty is local and Southern

history. It has been said that Wise's history

is "an honorable book about dishonorable

men." The book provides a glimpse into

the difficult road towards redemption in the

post Civil War South. All are welcome.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Urban Ministries will be moving six (6) families from the shelter into other housing over the next couple of weeks and as a result have a great need for gently used or new household items and furniture. Specific needs right now include:

9 Dressers 7 Children's beds

1 Adult bed and box spring Couch

Pots and Pans Cooking Utensils

Dishes/silverware Comforters

Crib Sheet Set Sheets Towels

Stroller Washcloths TV Computer

Stroller Lamps Kitchen table/chairs

Washer /Dryer 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.



FPC is also helping Genesis Home again this year to provide school supplies for the children. The following are needed:

Backpacks for Girls, ages 5-17

(they have enough for boys)

Pens - red & blue Pencil Top Erasers

Glue Sticks Pocket Dividers

Pocket Folders with Brackets

Fine Tip Washable Markers

Pencil Pouches or Boxes

Black & White Composition Notebooks

2 inch and 3 inch 3-ring Binders

Bring the supplies to FPC by August 1.

Contact Dale Gaddis if you have questions:

687-4324 or dalegaddis@earthlink.net.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The \$15,000 needed to acquire the Steward Fund matching grant for the Robinson Everett Habitat House has been pledged or contributed!!! This means we can begin to build in the fall because we have the \$50,000 to sponsor a home. The Everett family and I are deeply grateful for the generosity of this congregation, along with friends of the Everetts. The home will be built in the heart of Durham as a reflection of Robinson's big heart as a disciple of Christ and his love for this city.

You as a congregation also possess a big heart and strong commitment to serve Christ in the heart of Durham. Over the first six months of 2010 we have received over \$37,000 in special offerings, memorials, and contributions, for mission work to respond to Christ's call to help those in need. (See box below.) It is an amazing outpouring of your response to the work God has called us to do together. At the same time, you have continued to fulfill your pledges to the operating budget. I am moved by your faithfulness and thankful to be one of your pastors.

Last Sunday, we read from the Prophet Amos that God used a plumb line to measure the faithfulness of God's people. We have been considering what God expects from us in terms of the core values which serve as a theological basis for our community of faith.

We explored compassion last Sunday, reflected in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This week we shall consider God's call to us to be a welcoming community. Practicing hospitality is at the heart of being a faithful congregation.

Showing up for worship is also an essential practice of the Christian life. I encourage you to be present on Sunday mornings whenever possible. Your presence in worship enriches our community. I hope to see you this Sunday.

Joe

Special Offerings and Contributions to First Presbyterian Church for Mission

January – July, 2010

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| Food Bank of NC | \$435.00 |
| One Great Hours of Sharing | \$6,596.00 |
| Pentecost Offering | \$884.00 |
| Haiti Relief (Memorial Gifts for Arabella Meadows-Rogers included) | \$6,905.00 |
| Robinson Everett Habitat House | \$15,055.00 |
| Pennies for Hunger | \$1,954.00 |
| Crop Walk | \$5,424.00 |
| Total | \$37,253.00 |

NOTES

- The **Presbytery of New Hope** will meet at First church, Rocky Mount on Tuesday, July 20.
- Happy Birthday to **Kathy Parkins** on July 14.
- There **will not** be a **Forest at Duke Worship and Communion** service during the month of July.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Lynn Hays** and family on the death of her husband and FPC member, **Bob Hays**, on July 13.

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

CONCERNS

Sandra King is a patient at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Admay Family **Barbara Fish**
Fricks Family **Don Jenkins**
Florence McDow **Josh Stanek**
Jerry Tyren **Carolyn Wolfe**
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
- ♦ **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 Tandler**, 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

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, July 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Bullock's Barbecue

3330 Quebec St, Durham

Confirm plans to attend to **David Garrison** (252) 885-2771, or beginning July 23, call **Helen Garrison** at 697-5819 or call the Church office: 682-5511.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER

received on Sunday, June 28:
\$284.00.

Thank you for your generous giving to help combat hunger locally and around the world!

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

God is good and ever present for sure, but in the 'thin space' that is 'Netta', God's love abounds and is reflective in everything we do and on the face of everyone present. What a blessing it was to attend this year's conference with **Jim Johnson, Corey Allen, JL Klinck, Jane Carsey, Rosie Johnson, Lilly Abels and Marilyn Hedgpeth** (who is there for two weeks as a workshop director!). Thank you for being the amazing children of God that you are and for making this year's trip an unforgettable experience. Check out the youth bulletin board for pictures of our FUN trip.

FPC was the recipient of a book titled *The Springs Flow On: a History of the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center Harrisonburg, VA*, which I will place in the foyer for a while for anyone at FPC who is interested in learning more about this wonderful PCUSA camp. Please feel free to have a look!

This Sunday, 'Emily's Book Group' (for rising 8th- college freshmen) will meet again at Francesca's on 9th Street at 5:00 p.m. The discussion will be on movements 2 and 3 of Rob Bell's book *Velvet Elvis*, and all rising 6th and 7th graders are invited to join me at Northgate's Movie Theatre from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to see 'Despicable Me' rated PG. Hope to see everyone who's in town on Sunday!

Love and peace ya'll,
Rebecca Leonard

Save the date!

Saturday, August 14
at 6 p.m.

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES at the Momsen-Hudsons

3814 St Marys Rd Hillsborough
732-9595

RSVP: dmomsenhudson@gmail.com

Potluck Meal Bring Lawn Chairs
Hope to see everyone there!

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September is approaching --our annual beach trip month! Please reply ASAP to Christyn Klinck (cfklinck@gmail.com) with your preference for dates and the one with the most votes will be chosen. Send your preference from the choices below, and put "FF beach" in the subject line of your reply.
Sept. 3-6 (Labor Day weekend)
Sept. 10-12 Sept. 17-19

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).

GREETINGS FROM

MASSANETTA . . . where I am between sessions of two middle school conferences of 225 middlers, each . . . and their leaders. FPC youth and leaders just finished a full four days here, and I want to report that they were a blessing to all who met them. Many thanks to **Rebecca Leonard** and **Jim Johnson** (3rd year) for chaperoning, and to the youth, **JL Klinck, Rosalie Johnson, Jane Carsey, Lily Abels, and Corey Allen**, who were fantastic participants in the event. Ask them about their week, and I bet they will talk about meeting at the spring, making lots of new friends, hair don'ts, crazy long days, cheese, and a new understanding about what it means to not conform to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. I'm here on staff for one more conference, and will be back in Durham on Friday. I am grateful to FPC for allowing me to participate in the wider church in this transformative way.

Peace,
Marilyn

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. Please consider joining us for a time of deepening our faith and friendships. For more info, contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** at 682-5511.

ANNUAL REPORT

It's time to prepare your annual summary of accomplishments for the 2009-2010 church year and your goals for the 2010-2011 church year. All FPC committee chairpersons and ministry staff are asked to submit an annual summary (electronically) to the church office by **July 31, 2010**. If you need a copy of a past year's report, please contact Valerie in the Church office: 682-5511 or v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

A Trip to the Ball Game



5:05 P.M.

FPC AT DURHAM BULLS GAME
Tickets will be available at the church soon!

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