

First Presbyterian News

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Prayer is not a way to get what we want to happen I think that prayer may be less about asking for the things we are attached to than it is about relinquishing our attachments in some way. It can take us beyond fear, which is an attachment It can help us remember the nature of the world and the nature of life When we pray, we don't change the world, we change ourselves. We move from an individual, isolated making things-happen kind of consciousness to a connection on the deepest level with the largest possible reality When we pray, we stop trying to control life and remember that we belong to life. It is an opportunity to experience humility and recognize grace.

- *Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, Kitchen Table Wisdom, Stories that Heal*

SUNDAY, JULY 25

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

The **Pennies for Hunger offering** will be received during worship.

Sermon: "When You Pray"

Mary H. Banner, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 85
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 2:6-19
Gospel Lesson	Luke 11:1-13

Narthex Greeters: **Sarah Todd**,
Judy Pidcock

After Worship Greeters:

Sharon Hirsch (side, font)

Tom Bacon (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **John Kelley** (head), **Michael Bacon**, **Jim Seitzer**, **Judy Pidcock**,
Mary Ann Compton, **Henry Njoroge**

"INVITE A FRIEND

TO CHURCH" SUNDAY

Summertime . . . when families are on the move and new faces appear in work places. Is there a new family in your neighborhood, or a new colleague at work? Have you thought about inviting them to worship at FPC? **Sunday, July 25 is "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday. Won't YOU?**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, Children's Sunday School will continue to think about STARS, talking about the Epiphany story, and making placemats to be used on Epiphany day in January 2011. We'll go camping in the desert, tell stories about the desert, and make scratch paper stars of five and six points. **Joy Kerner and Celia Dickerson** will be providing leadership. All children and youth are invited to join us.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUMMER READING SERIES

"The Irony of American History"

This Sunday, Mac McCorkle will lead a discussion on **The Irony of American History** by Reinhold Niebuhr at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. Niebuhr began as a pastor to a congregation in Detroit and then taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York for thirty-two years. *The Irony of American History* was written at the end of World War II as the United States came of age as a world power. It still speaks to issues of power and justice. Because of his insights, Niebuhr was adviser to presidents, politicians, and preachers. Mac has served as a political consultant and now teaches courses in politics at Duke and UNC Chapel Hill. Mac studied Niebuhr as a fellow at the Center of Theological Inquiry at Princeton University in 2009.

LECTIONARY CLASS

The prophet Hosea was told to enact in his own family the sins of the nation. Are we called to that sort of personal, public demonstration of God's role in our lives? Is that part of the life of a Christian? 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.

ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARIES DUE SOON!

Attention Committee Chairpersons and Ministry Staff: Time is drawing nigh to submit your annual summary of accomplishments for the 2009-2010 church year and your goals for the 2010-2011 church year. The deadline is **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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Mary Holmes Banner will be our preacher this Sunday. The timing is significant because this is taking place the day before the 18th anniversary of her ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Mary was ordained at First Presbyterian Church on July 26, 1992. She has a rich history of service with our congregation, serving as head of Presbyterian Urban Ministry from 1983-2001.

There was a period, 1992-1993, when Mary served as interim associate pastor for us. She later served two interims in Ohio before returning to North Carolina to be the interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Smithfield, NC. In November, 2009, she joined the staff of the Department of Social Services of Durham County working with at-risk adults.

Mary volunteers her time to work with us at FPC in ministry to the homeless. She also sings in the choir for us. Along with her husband, **Dan Banner**, who is a deacon, they contribute in many ways to our life together. Please join me in giving thanks to God and Mary for her valuable ministry, as we welcome her back to the pulpit at FPC.

Carlisle and I are in Montreat this week where I am on the leadership team for a conference on "Welcoming the Stranger: Presbyterian Responses to Immigrant Communities." Leading theologians and practitioners are discussing ways we can respond to God's lead in this crucial area. This is relevant to helping us respond faithfully to the new immigrants in our midst. I keep you in my prayers and ask for your prayers. Carlisle and I are deeply grateful for your love and support at the death of our beloved sister-in-law.

With gratitude,

Joe

BRIEFS from the 219th General Assembly

Among the assembly's decisions – pending ratification by presbyteries – are the **addition of the Belhar Confession to The Book of Confessions**, a **revised form of government**, and **new language concerning ordination standards**. These items give a clear signal that we are a church that is not afraid to change – an important perspective to have in these days of great change in the church and the world. The assembly celebrated and was greatly encouraged by the **commissioning of 122 young adult volunteers and 17 new mission workers for service around the globe**. Commissioners voted unanimously to **renew the call to "Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide"** and were inspired by the stories (<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/evangelism>) of congregations that are growing in evangelism, discipleship, diversity, and servant-hood. They celebrated the generosity of Presbyterians who have contributed more than **\$10.5 million to relief and redevelopment work in Haiti** in the wake of January's devastating earthquake. The assembly also **engaged in discussion about significant matters of faith and life – justice and peace in the Middle East, and civil union and marriage**, to name just a few. Information on the more than 300 assembly actions is available at <http://pc-biz.org>. Answers to questions that have already garnered media attention are available online (www.pcusa.org/ga219).

NOTES

It was good to have **Liz Usher** and **Anne Davis** in worship on Sunday.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the **Harvard Family** on the death of Carlisle's sister-in-law, **Sally Caughman** on July 15.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

FPC AT DURHAM BULLS GAME
Tickets will be available for purchase at the church following worship on Sunday. Contact **Alice Raney** for more information.

OUR CONCERNS

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

Admay Family	Fricks Family
Tom Howerton	Don Jenkins
Florence McDow	Josh Stanek
Jerry Tyren	Carolyn Wolfe
Leigh Knauert Family	

Added this week:

John Morey and **Arlene Morey**,
Robin Morey's father and grandmother
Machua Mbugua, brother of Mary Gitata

- ◆ **Mary Booth**, friend of FPC
- ◆ **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 Vechten**, 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 697-5810 or the Church office: 682-5511.

FPC MEN

The men of FPC are invited to **Nosh's Café on Friday, July 30, starting between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.** for breakfast and/or coffee. We will be hearing about vacations or vacation plans. All are welcome to join us!

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

As the summer months continue, some of you have started school again, some of you are traveling who knows where, and some of you are home trying to stay cool with nothing much to do. I hope all of you are doing well and remembering God loves you!

This Sunday, the Senior High youth will be traveling to Montreat for the Conference "In These Waters." **Jim Johnson** will be our adult male chaperone. **Dawn Carsey** is going as our 'house mom', and **Christyn Klinck** will be our 'cook'. We will be well taken care of! ☺ We will leave from FPC at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, so see you then. **REMEMBER**, to get on the van, you've got to have turned in all your paperwork and payments, and **PLEASE** check your registration packets for guidelines on packing.

I also wanted to go ahead and mention some dates that I hope all of you will put on your calendar now for the fall:

September 5 - Youth Kick Off Celebration after church

October 22-24 - Presbytery-wide Senior High Youth Conference at Camp Don Lee

November 12-14 - Synod-wide conference on church leadership for any senior high youth or adult at Massanetta.

Peace to each of you,

Rebecca Leonard

YOUTH BOOK CLUB

We've been having some great discussions while reading Rob Bell's **Velvet Elvis**. Thanks to **Sydney** and **Anna** for coming this week. **We will not meet this coming Sunday, July 25**, as so many of you will be at Montreat, and Drew and I will be working on moving into our new home! But we will reconvene **Sunday, August 1, at 5:00 p.m. at Francesca's**, having read through Movement Six. Can't wait to see everyone!

- **Emily Hansel**

*** NEW OFFICERS ***

Orientation Class (last one)

Sunday, August 1
following 11:00 a.m. worship



Meet with Session

Monday, August 16
6:30 p.m. Supper
7:00 p.m. Meeting



Ordination and Installation

Sunday, August 22
during the 11 a.m. worship

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Saturday, August 14 at 6 p.m.

at the **Momsen-Hudsons' home**
3814 St Mary's Rd, Hillsborough

Bring lawn chairs & potluck meal

RSVP: dmomsenudson@gmail.com



Save the Date!

First Friends at the Beach!

September 10-12

RSVP to Kathy Conner: 382-6332 or
kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

for Sundays, August 22 and August 29. Please contact **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext 292 (work) if you would like to donate flowers for worship.

FPC is helping **GENESIS HOME** 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** for more info:

687-4324 or dalegaddis@earthlink.net.

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. Look who's going this year: **Marilyn Hedgpeth, Katharine Whitmore, Susan Seahorn, Carol Wills, Carol Johnson, Barbara Fish, Ann Driscoll, Mary-Jo Keenan and others**. 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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We are very grateful to the Great Harvest Bread Company in Chapel Hill for again donating the ceremonial loaf of bread for our Communion services this past year and to **Marila Stone** and others who have brought it to us faithfully every Communion Sunday.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PENNIES FOR HUNGER OFFERING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY!

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