

First Presbyterian News

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ESTABLISHED 1871

When we understand great faith as the persistent creativity to bring about the good, the ranks of the saints swell with a different crowd of people. There is a research doctor with his eyeball glued to the microscope, a community organizer in the back of the hall urging voices not used to talking, a teacher finding a way into a closed mind, a banker figuring out how to get a loan to a woman on the edge of qualification, a salesperson dedicated to the customer, etc. In fact, great faith belongs to all of us when we remind each other of the deeper truth of who we are, and compassion flows from us into situations where it is deeply needed.

- *John Shea, On Earth As It Is In Heaven*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
Sermon: "The Outsider"
Sam R. Miglarese, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Isaiah 56: 1-7
Epistle Lesson	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
New Testament	Matthew 15: 21-28

Coasdaile Drivers: **Jean Cary**
George Danser

Crucifer: **Brent Curtis**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters:

Lesley Curtis (font),

Leslie Strohm (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: **Bill Brown** (head), **Lin Bentel**,
Joy Kerner (flowers), **Margaret Wabera**,
Alex Crockett, **Mary Ann Compton**

Communion Servers:

Bread: **Guy Cecelski** (Process), **Andy Widmark**, **Jane Wettach** (head elder),
Lesley Curtis

Cup: **Lea Bingham**, **Leslie Strohm**,
Scottie Seawell (Process), **Sharon Hirsch**

Shepherds: **Bill Hendrickson** (font aisle),
Mac McCorkle (center aisle), **Phyllis Verhey** (pulpit aisle), **Jane Brawley** (replenish elements)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praying in Color

YELLOW is the color for Sunday, August 14, and day when we'll hear the story of the day the sun stood still, eat yellow cupcakes, pray yellow flower prayers and go bananas! **Bill and Jane Brown** will be providing leadership.

Summer Reading Series

This Sunday **Candice Provey**, FPC's Minister to Young Adults, will lead a discussion on Hannah Coulter: A Novel by Wendell Berry. In this story, Hannah Coulter, an elderly woman, twice widowed, recounts the love she has for the land on which she and her family farmed for decades. Her life spans through the Great Depression, World War II, the postwar industrialization of agriculture, and urban flight. Her story is that of loss and adaptation to change over time. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for what promises to be an insightful discussion.

Lectionary Class

How can we understand God's great mercy? Because Joseph, understanding God's purpose, forgave the brothers who sold him into slavery, a family and a nation were saved. Does that mercy extend beyond the children of Israel? "God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

AVILA WOMEN'S RETREAT

*When Angels Do Not Come to Lunch:
The Art of Everyday Living*

Please be in prayer for the women who are participating in this year's retreat at Avila. **Candice Provey**, FPC's newly appointed minister to young adults will lead the program, focusing upon Proverbs and the wisdom therein. Participants will look at what "fear of the Lord" might mean, and at the meaning of the personification of wisdom as a woman. In addition to Candice, participants include: **Jean Wilson**, **Carol Wills**, **Kerry Holbrook**, **Sharon Hirsch**, **Deborah Momsen-Hudson**, **Ann Driscoll**, **Susan Seahorn**, **Jean Cary**, **Cecelia Moore**, **Ann Prospero**, **Katharine Whitmore** and **Barbara Fish**. Those who have not paid should make their check for \$50 payable to FPC / Women's Retreat. Registration is now closed. Next year's dates will be announced soon for those who want to attend in the future.

NEW OFFICERS EXAMINATION

Newly elected officers (Class of 2014 elders and deacons) will meet with the **Session** on **Monday, August 15** for examination. Supper will be provided at 6:00 p.m. New officers will be ordained and installed during worship on **Sunday, August 21**.

THIRD FRIDAY EVENT

August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Bibis Ellison, a North Carolina native, is a veteran, seasoned performer with a powerful voice. She specializes in the reinterpretation of classic songs from Etta James to Patti Smith to Beyoncé, and has traveled the US and Mexico performing both originals and covers. Triangle Arts and Entertainment identifies Bibis as a "powerhouse singer." She will be performing folk and soul originals. The event is free and open to the public.



NEWCOMERS' CLASSES

A new series of Newcomers' classes are planned for the upcoming weeks. A Get - Acquainted supper for participants in these classes is planned for Sunday evening, **August 21 at 6:00 pm at Joe and Carlisle Harvard's home**, 124 Monticello Avenue. Visitors who are interested in exploring membership at FPC or any members who have not had the opportunity to attend the classes in the past are cordially invited to participate. Please contact **Shirley Frederick** at s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org or 682-5511 to indicate your plans to attend.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

As we approach the end of what used to be called those "lazy days" of summer, I hope that you and your loved ones were able to take some time away to rest and renew yourselves for what promises—as always—to be a very busy fall. Let the cycle of fall programs begin!

The summer at First Presbyterian was a good one: Vacation Church School, youth retreats at Massanetta and Montreat, the Avila women's retreat, Men of Faith preparing to discuss Of Gods and Men. My favorite program was the Summer Reading Series. I hope the summer did provide you time for leisure reading as it did for me. I really enjoyed what Joe arranged for our reading pleasure and discussion this summer. Though I did little travel this summer, I have travelled into many places through great summer reads: Emily Dickinson, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Wolfe, Margaret Mitchell, and Pauli Murray.

As we close out the more relaxed pace of the summer holidays, I invite you to continue to listen closely to what it is that the Church wishes to teach us during this "ordinary time." There is no holiday from the Christian life; or, at least, there should not be a sense of "taking off" from our membership in the Christian community. Rather, the more leisurely pace of this time of year is a wonderful opportunity to attend even more carefully to the nurture and refreshment of our spiritual selves. The scripture lessons from Matthew in these coming weeks offer us an overview of what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus, a committed disciple in the midst of a society whose values are too often contrary to the Gospel. Let us make this "ordinary time" a season of growth and renewal as the summer merges into fall.

Sam Miglarese

Upcoming Events at FPC

Sunday, August 21

Ordination & Installation of New Officers
11:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, August 28 - OWL Day

*Sunday School Flying Up and
Teacher Dedication during worship*

Teacher Training at 12 noon
(Lunch provided)

Sunday, September 11

10th Anniversary of September 11 Tragedy
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Worship

OUR CONCERNS

Mercy Ndambiri is recovering from surgery at home.

Elizabeth Usher, sister of **Anne Davis**, remains hospitalized in New Bern following surgery.

Margaret Boswell **Hilda Bradshaw**
Peggy Hammond **Tom Howerton**
Carol Johnson **Florence McDow**
David Parkins **Ann Prospero**
Mozette Rollins

- **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
- **Steve Emrich**, friend of FPC's men's basketball team
- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Lucy Hanchey**, baby at Watts Street Baptist
- **Michael Honeycutt, son of Maxie Honeycutt**
- **Frances Kennedy**, mother of Emily Wilkins
- **Mary-Jo Kreger**, sister of Phyllis Verhey
- **Susanne Matheny**, friend of Carol Wills
- **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

DROUGHT RELIEF



PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) is responding in Kenya and other Horn of Africa countries affected by drought as a member of the ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance. A preliminary international ACT appeal has been issued for more than \$12 million to provide drought-affected households with relief food, water and other life supporting services to enable them to meet their basic needs. ACT members are also undertaking emergency livestock interventions targeting pastoralists with the aim of providing targeted families with emergency safety nets and cushioning them from the adverse impact of the drought. FPC's **Service and Mission Committee** is asking that you consider sharing your financial blessings as part of FPC's year-long campaign to raise awareness about hunger locally and around the world. Please mail or bring your contributions to the church this week, if possible. Make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church**, memo: **Drought Relief**. Your support is appreciated.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,
There's nothing happening with the youth group this weekend; however, go ahead and put on your calendar today to plan to attend an All-Call youth group planning meeting from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday August 21**. This will be your opportunity to meet with me and the youth advisors, to tell us what you hope we'll be doing this year and to hear all about what's already in the works! Until then, stay cool and check out the lost and found at FPC (located in the volunteer's office) because a lot of items have been turned in and I wonder if they belong to YOU!

Love ya!

Rebecca

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

SUMMER POTLUCK

First Friends and Families will gather on **Saturday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of **Rebecca Leonard** at 605 E. Lavender Ave. 27704 unless it's raining. If it rains, we will gather at the church*. Please bring a potluck dish to share and a chair for lounging. Ham, rolls, and tea will be provided. *If we gather at the church, bring a board game in lieu of a chair.

Celebrate the end
of summer!



FIRST FRIENDS BEACH RETREAT

September 9 – 11, 2011

Contact **Kathy Conner** to say you are coming or for more info: 382-6332 or kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com

CROASDAILE VILLAGE

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

Aug 21 **Dan Hudgins**
Aug 28 **Mary-Jo Keenan**

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, August 23

11:30 a.m.

Neo China Restaurant
4015 University Drive, Durham

Hosted by **John Kerr**
Please RSVP to the church:
682-5511

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Beth Eisenson**, 1423 Acadia Street, to discuss [In Sorcery's Shadow: Apprenticeship Among the Songhay of Niger](#) by Paul Stoller and Cheryl Oakes. Please RSVP to Beth at 688-5818, or heisenson@aol.com.

NEEDED: A FEW GOOD

CARETAKERS

Did you know that FPC is blessed with 18 members who are 90+ years old. These people are our pearls of great price, and of great value to our church. Would you like to participate in a birthday club, where we honor their birthdays, and remind the church how these members have been involved in the life of the church throughout their lives? Already we have six people who have volunteered to be a one-on-one friend to one of these members. Those who have volunteered include: **Barbara Fish, Felicia Sprincenatu, Joanne Harrar, Joy Kerner, Barbara Gerwe and Margaret Keller**. We certainly could use another 12 volunteers to share this privilege. Here is what would be required of volunteers:

- 1) Send a card, visit or call your 90+ member on his/her birthday;
- 2) Notify the clergy of your friend's birthday, and perhaps we can come celebrate with you (or bring communion);
- 3) Arrange a ride to the semi-annual senior adult luncheon, if he/she would like to attend;
- 4) Make sure the church is aware of the pastoral needs of you 90+ friend, and of the history of his/her involvement in the life of the church.

Those in our congregation who are 90+ or about to turn 90 include: **Carl Beery, Mary Clark, Sarah Cox, George Crane, Margaret Davis, Tom Howerton, Don Jenkins, Jane Jordan, Muriel Kirkland, Anne Leathers, Peaches McPherson, Pat Predmore, Mozette Rollins, Walter Shackelford, Walter Smith, Randall McLeod, Berniece Daddario, and Jerry Tyren**.

OWL DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

It's time to crank up Sunday School again for all ages, meet new teachers, "fly up" to our



new classes, and begin anew the quest for "wisdom": hence the name, OWL DAY!

Come hungry for a *free* breakfast of cereal, bagels and cream cheese, and fruit at 9:45 sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. We'll entertain all things OWL (WOL, according to Pooh Corner; Hedwig, according to Harry Potter!), and celebrate the beginning of wisdom that keeps us grounded in faith. All Sunday School teachers will be dedicated during worship, as will the other talented educators in our midst. (Teacher training will take place immediately following worship, with lunch and childcare provided, until 1:30 p.m.)

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