

First Presbyterian News

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At the heart of the Christian faith is God's call of ordinary people. Therefore, we do not come to Jesus with our questions. "Who are you and what can you do for me?" but rather Jesus comes to us with his question. "Will you follow me and walk my way?" Shall we lay aside our misgivings, our doubts, and questions and follow? - *William H. Willimon*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship with a Service of installation and Ordination of New Officers
Sermon: "Asking Questions"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 1:8 – 2:10
Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 11:13-16; 12:1-2
New Testament	Matthew 16:13-20

Croasdalle Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Crucifer: *J. L. Klinck*

Narthex Greeter: *Minnie Cameron*

After Worship Greeters:

Mac McCorkle (font)

Margaret Rubiera (Narthex, Main St)

Ushers: *Bill Brown* (head), *David*

Lorimer (flowers), *Christyn Klinck*, *Kate Strauman*, *Alice Raney*, *Linda Dobson*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praying in Color

This Sunday the color is **BLUE**. *Bob and Lina Yoder* will lead the children in a discussion of Lamentations and what to do when you have the "blues" – feelings of sadness or experience the loss of a friend or pet. The children will sing, make musical instruments, and enjoy snacks.

Summer Reading Series

"Carolina for Kibera"

The Summer Reading Series continues on Sunday with a discussion on It Happened on the Way to War by former Marine, Rye Barcott. While an undergrad at the UNC - Chapel Hill, author Rye Barcott co-founded the non-governmental organization Carolina for Kibera (CFK) with two people he had met in Nairobi, Kenya. He wrote about their experiences in establishing CFK, the environment in which it was established, and the participatory development movement, in which CFK is considered a pioneer. This discussion will be led by FPC member *Dan Hudgins*, and *Julie Goldberg*, a recent Master of Social Work (MSW) graduate of the UNC School of Social Work who personally knows the author and his work in Kibera.

Lectioary Class

Do the people around you know who you are? Do you know who you are? You might be a humble baby in a basket, as Pharaoh's daughter thought about Moses, or you might be the leader of a nation. How will you use your gifts and your identity? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

Spiritual but not religious. We will be discussing this recent trend in our culture and what it means for us. Please join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor. All are welcome.

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 will be held in the FPC sanctuary and 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.

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.)

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class on spiritual formation on Sundays at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom located below the sanctuary. New faces always welcome!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

Summer vacation is rapidly coming to an end as university students begin the fall semester and year-round schools reopen. It has been a quick summer with a full agenda of church camps and conferences. It is time to begin a new program year in the life and ministry of FPC. I encourage you to be engaged in the teaching, learning, and service ministries of our congregation.

Regular attendance at worship is an important way to practice your faith. This Sunday we shall install a new class of elders and deacons, as well as express our gratitude to those who are finishing a term of service. It is a significant transition in our life together.

The Session met with the new officers last night, and I was impressed by the gifts and experiences they bring to give leadership at FPC. They will need our support to strengthen our ministry. A great way to show your support is by showing up this Sunday to encourage the new officers as they take office. I hope to see you on Sunday.

Joe

NOTES

Marilyn and Hedge are attending a conference in Chautauqua, NY this week as guests of King's Daughters.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to . . .

- *Anne Davis* on the death of her sister, *Elizabeth Usher*, in New Bern NC, on August 16. A Memorial Service will be held in Savannah, GA on Saturday and at FPC at a later date.
- *Anne Williams* on the death of her sister, *Mary Sundman* in Basel, Switzerland.

Drought Relief to Africa

Contributions received through Friday, August 12: **\$1330.00**. Thank you for your contributions. We will continue to receive your donations through the end of August.

PUPUSA FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 20 at 6 p.m.

Iglesia Emanuel / Northgate Presbyterian Church located at 2504 N. Roxboro St.
Join us for authentic Salvadorian food!

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 11

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

This service will be held in FPC's sanctuary and is open to the public.

OUR CONCERNS

Margaret Boswell *Sherry Everett*
Peggy Hammond *Tom Howerton*
Carol Johnson *Florence McDow*
Mercy Ndambiri *David Parkins*
Mozette Rollins

Added this week:

Val Cottle, cousin of Brent Curtis

- *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*
- *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

Dear Church family,

I am very privileged to be a part of this community of faith. Your love and caring demonstrated in the many phone calls, and cards during my recent family losses have been of great comfort to me. But what I have appreciated most are the hugs. May God bless you for all the ways you have demonstrated the love of Jesus to me. *Joyce Houk*



Dear Church family,

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, flowers and many prayers for my family and me during my sister, Elizabeth Usher's illness. Her children and I appreciate your loving concern. I am grateful to be a part of this caring community of friends.

Anne Davis

Remember to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday for the Iglesia Emanuel Food Bank!

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Join me **THIS Sunday**, (August 21) from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the church for a youth group planning meeting. All advisors, interested youth and parents and any other interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend this informal gathering to discuss the youth group plans for the 2011-2012 year. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to me at r.leonard@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511 ext 213 to let me know if you are able to come! Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Rebecca

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

SERVICE AND MISSION

Do you have a LARGE PRINT Bible that you no longer use or need? Would you be willing to purchase one for someone in need? Durham Urban Ministries is in need of LARGE PRINT Bibles for their clients who attend Bible study. Any large print English translation will be welcomed. Please bring the Bible or your donation to FPC. For more information, contact *Valerie McMillian* in the church office.



GRAPES ANYONE?

Delicious muscatine and scuppernong grapes will arrive in Durham from Georgia this week as part of **Fisher Memorial United Holy Church's Annual Grape Sale**. Grapes can be purchased at Fisher Memorial on the following schedule:

Sat., August 20 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sun., August 21 (after Fisher's worship)

Mon., August 22 (by delivery).

Call: 682-7416 or 606-4038 for more info.

Sold in 2 pound bags or by the case

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Celebrate the end of summer!



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

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.

FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Nosh's Café (2812 Erwin Road)

Drop by and stay as long as you can.

New faces welcome!



FPC MEN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6:30 P.M.

at the Rists' home - 809 Watts Street



Please join the FPC men for a viewing of the recent movie "Of Gods and Men," a French film about a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community who, under threat by fundamentalist terrorists, must decide whether to leave or stay. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to *Carl Rist* at rist@frontier.com.

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