

# First Presbyterian News

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In this account, these are the essentials: the angel, or God, appears to Moses in fire in the midst of the bush, and Moses turns aside to see. But there is something unusual about the way the narrator tells the story. For a moment, we get to hear what Moses is thinking. For an instant, we are inside Moses' head, as he decides to turn away from his father-in-law's flock and leave them behind. . . . Moreover (and this is even more rare), we are given an indication of how God thinks: "And when the Lord saw that he had turned aside, God called him from inside the bush, and he said, 'Moses, Moses!'" Evidently it is Moses' conscious resolve to turn away from the task at hand and investigate "this great sight" that prompts God to speak to him for the first time. **Ellen Davis** – *Getting Involved with God*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OWL DAY

(Weather Permitting)

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.)**

### Lectionary Class

God spoke words of command to Moses from the burning bush, and Moses argued. Jesus told the disciples some things they didn't want to hear, and Peter argued. Do we have the right to argue with a divine message? Do we have the nerve? Join us for a brief discussion in the East Parlor after the OWL Day festivities (weather permitting).

**11:00 a.m.** Worship and Dedication of Teaching Ministry Workers

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

Sermon: "**Words That Widen**"  
**Marilyn T. Hedgpath**, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm Lesson	105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Epistle Lesson	Romans 12:1-3, 9-21
New Testament	Matthew 16:21-28

Acolytes: **Leo Kerner, Jack Brigman**  
Crucifer: **Corey Allen**

Crossdaile Driver: **Mary-Jo Keenan**

Narthex Greeter: **Sarah Todd**

After Worship Greeters:

**Peter Fish** (font)

**Phyllis Verhey** (Narthex, Main St)

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

**Klinck** (flowers), **Nancy Kost, David**

**Lorimer, Dale Gaddis, Carolyn Merritt**

### INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

We are gearing up for a new year on the church calendar. This week marks the last few days of summer vacation for students in the traditional year in the public schools. During the summer months families may have moved into your neighborhood from other cities and states. Are they looking for a church home? This coming **Sunday, August 28**, at FPC children will meet their new teachers and be introduced to their new classrooms. A free breakfast will be served at 9:45 prior to the "fly up" to new classes. During the worship service the new roster of Sunday school teachers will be recognized. **Please plan to come and invite a friend, neighbor or colleague to worship with this community of faith!**

### NEWCOMERS' CLASSES

The Sunday evening, August 21 supper for newcomers at the Harvard's home was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts for a number of the invited guests. Membership classes, including a get acquainted time, will be held on **Sundays, September 11 and 18** following the morning worship service. The classes will convene in the East Parlor of the Church house and will include a light lunch for participants. 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](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org) or 682-5511 to indicate your plans to attend.

### Save the Date!

## Sunday, September 11

10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your loving concern, cards and prayers during my mother's illness and passing away.

Your support is greatly appreciated by me as well as **Tabitha** and **Edward**. Your kind thoughts meant so much to me.

- **Delia Kwon**



### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Amy Allen and Gray Wilson** who were married on August 6 at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

### FROM THE

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Well, it looks like Hurricane Irene is rolling our way, and regardless of *our* plans for the weekend, the point of (God's) order seems to necessitate that we stop and pray for those who might happen to find themselves in harm's way and prepare to be church to those in need: those who live on the coast, immediately, and next, those who live in low-lying areas prone to flooding. I'm wondering, if the "wise" thing to do under these conditions, might be for FPC to postpone "Owl Day" - when we get wise, fly up to our next grade level of classes, and dedicate our teachers - until September and focus on riding out Hurricane Irene this Sunday, and preparing to be helpful. If so, I suggest we bring bottles of Clorox, rubber gloves, large garbage bags, hand sanitizer and paper towels to the church when we come, and we'll assemble clean-up kits to share with our neighbors once the storm subsides. Stay tuned! We'll put out an APB if this is going to be our new plan.

I had a wonderful week of continuing education at Chautauqua Institute in New York last week, and am excited about sharing some of the exciting learnings of the week with you. As our schools and universities crank back up, our new church officers take their places of leadership, and our Sunday School classes fill up again, may we all seek God's wisdom for weathering both external and internal storms with empathy and great compassion. Stay safe, and I hope to see you Sunday.

**Marilyn**

### NOTES

- **Daytimers** had a lovely gathering at Neo China today. Many thanks to **John Kerr** for hosting.
- Happy Birthday to **Robert Daye** on August 28<sup>th</sup>!
- Due to forecasted severe weather for this weekend, the Memorial Service for **Elizabeth Usher**, has been postponed. You will be informed when it has been rescheduled.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Adam and Holly Buchanan** on the birth of a son. **Gavin Hudson Buchanan** was born August 11<sup>th</sup> at Duke Hospital. Mom and baby are doing well. Gavin joins big sister **Megan!**

## OUR CONCERNS

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

### Added this week:

*Murphy family*, friends of the Brown family

- *Chester Bissette*, grandfather of Abi Bissette
- *Sarah McCracken Cobb*, sister of Mary Ann Compton
- *Val Cottle* (and family), cousin of Brent Curtis
- *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
- *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

Greetings Church friends,

As you know, the beginning of the school and church year is upon us. I need your help again this year. It is important to the youth leadership that we have a simple, nutritious, and filling meal to serve the youth when they come for fellowship events on Sunday evenings. I am looking for individuals and families to volunteer to provide dinner for about 30 people on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. when we meet here at the church.

If you are willing and able to help with this, please contact me via email:

[r.leonard@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:r.leonard@firstpres-durham.org) or call 682-5511 ext. 213 to choose a date that works best for you. Thanks SO much for your ongoing support of our young people of FPC!

- *Rebecca Leonard*



**Kitchen Help**

## BIBLES NEEDED

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.



## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

It was an inspired gathering, yesterday afternoon, of advisors, youth and a parent to discuss plans for the FPC youth groups for 2011-2012. Thanks to everyone who stayed for lunch and participated in planning. We have a fantastic year of mission, exploration, recreation and worship ahead for us all!

This **Sunday is OWL Sunday** (weather permitting), and the beginning of Sunday School for the year. Plan to come for a yummy breakfast and then a fun introduction to your class and teachers.

There will be **no formal youth groups until Sunday, September 11** (a Birthday Bash for EVERYONE) but if you all want to get together for fun and fellowship, on your own, please DO!

Also, check out the **bulletin board** in the church foyer and our **calendar online** at [http://www.google.com/calendar/FPC\\_Durham\\_YOUTH](http://www.google.com/calendar/FPC_Durham_YOUTH). Soon, you'll begin to receive our **weekly e-newsletter** and NOW you can find out about happenings at our **Facebook page**, FPC Durham Youth!! There are no excuses for not knowing what's happening at FPC with all the ways to find out!!!

Finally, **THIS week we start crucifer and acolyte duties again**. You should have received a copy of the schedule but if you haven't let me know.

Love and peace to everyone.

*Rebecca*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:heisenson@aol.com).

## FPC MEN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**6:30 p.m. at the Rists' home**

809 Watts Street, Durham

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](mailto:rist@frontier.com).

*Save the Date!*

**PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK**  
**Saturday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.**  
at the home of *Harriett Mitchell*  
3402 Ogburn Court, Durham

This "Remembering the 1960s" fellowship event is being co-hosted by *Harriett Mitchell* and *Ruth and Russell Roberson*

What are your biggest health concerns?  
Share your thoughts at

## COMMUNITY LISTENING

### SESSIONS

**Thursday, September 1**

6 – 7:30 p.m. - South Regional Library  
4505 S. Alston Avenue, Durham

**Tuesday, September 13**

6 – 7:30 p.m. - Little River Community Center  
8305 Roxboro Road, Bahama

**Monday, September 19**

6 – 7:30 p.m. - East Regional Library  
211 Lick Creek Lane, Durham

Come hear about and discuss findings from the 2011 Community Health Assessment and select the top health issues for Durham County. Free dinner served!

Contact *Mel Downey-Piper* by email at [mpiper@durhamcountync.gov](mailto:mpiper@durhamcountync.gov) or call 560-7833 for more information.

## ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS:

### WHAT TO EXPECT

**Thursday, September 8**  
**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Southwest Regional Library**  
3605 Shannon Rd

Learn what can occur at different stages of Alzheimer's and get advice on managing care of the disease from Lisa Gwyther with The Duke Family Support Program.

Sponsored by the Durham County Library  
For more info call: 560-8590

*"Because You Have Never Died Before: spiritual issues at end of life"*

featuring

**The Reverend Dr. Kathleen Rusnak**, nationally renowned Hospice educator, teacher and clinician

**Tuesday, September 13**  
**8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Millennium Hotel**

2800 Campus Drive, Durham

**Registration fee: \$125**

(Fee includes education sessions, materials, refreshments and lunch)

Call 919-479-0399 for more information.

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Remember to bring your Pennies for Hunger offering on Sunday!

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