

First Presbyterian Church



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September 1, 2015

Sunday, September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Out of Bounds"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Proverbs 22: 1-12, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 125
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7: 24-37

Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **To be determined**

Ushers: **Jo Bernhardt** (Head), **Kit Law** (flower delivery), **Kathy Conner**, **Sherry Everett**, **Brianna Honea**, **Talitha Kwon**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This Sunday is our last Sunday of using TED Talks as a focal point of discussion. As we venture into the politics of the Middle East in worship, come and hear A.J. Jacobs talk about his humble quest to live the ultimate biblical life for one year: *My Year of Living Biblically*. The class meets in Watts Hill Hall at 9:45. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

Rich people: have they been justly rewarded for a righteous life? Or are they blasphemous oppressors? You can find both attitudes in our readings this week (and possibly in our political discourse). Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will read and discuss selected chapters of Psalms and Proverbs this fall. All are welcome to join the discussion. Class meets at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building, classroom at end of hall.

SCRATCH Young Adults Class

How do our surroundings shape our spirit? What does Jesus have to do with gentrification? This fall the SCRATCH young adults group will be looking at the history of FPC Durham in hopes of better understanding where we are today. All are welcome to join as we discuss the theology of place and what it means to be a disciple of Christ at the corner of Roxboro and Main. **This Sunday, we are meeting at 9:45 at SCRATCH Bakery** (111 W. Orange).

Family Matters Class

Parents with young-ish children -- generally elementary age and younger, but we're not picky!! -- join us for a low-key, pleasant class where we share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture (stand-alone lessons). Class meets at 9:45; **this week we are in room 208.**

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women in a weekly quest and discussion on spiritual formation. Class meets at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

NEW FALL BOOK STUDY

"The Road to Character"

The Friday/Sunday study group will reconvene this year with a look at *New York Times* columnist David Brooks' new book, *The Road to Character*. Brooks explores what it means to cultivate an inner life. He says, "Occasionally, even today, you come across certain people who seem to possess an impressive inner cohesion. They are not leading fragmented, scattered lives. ... Their virtues are not the blooming virtues you see in smart college students; they are the ripening virtues you see in people who have lived a little and have learned from joy and pain." Men and women are welcome to join either group for a six-week study beginning **Friday, September 11** at 10:30 a.m. in room 208 at the church, or **Sunday, September 13** at 3:00 p.m. at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activities Room. You may either acquire your own copy of the book or contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you need a copy.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays,

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

in the Choir Room (Childcare provided)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sunday, September 13

following worship in the choir room

ADULT HANDBELLS

Monday, September 14

5:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room

YOUTH HANDBELLS

Monday, September 20

following worship in the Bell Choir room

SCRIPTURE

READERS' GROUP

Are you interested in Scripture reading training? What are your preferred times for six sessions, Sunday morning or Monday evening? To sign up, please contact the church office or **Steve Rimmer** at 919-529-2235 or csrimmer@nc.rr.com.

KUDOS to the *Christian Education*

Committee for a wonderful Kick-Off to the spiritual nurture programs in the church for 2015-2016. The theme for our year is: **God's Great Garden**. Copies of the brochure outlining all the classes for the fall are on the table in the foyer and narthex. FPC is grateful for all who have stepped forward as teachers, youth advisors and support personnel to the educational ministries of the church. Members of the CE Committee include: **Emily Durham** (and **Carlo Diy**), **Marcia, Bill and David Lorimer, Jon Abels, Dawn Carsey, Katharine Whitmore, Sarah Finbow** and **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It was so moving on Sunday to ordain and install our new class of ruling elders and deacons. One might say it was almost like a wedding, where vows were exchanged, "I do's" were voiced, and beautiful music was played. As **Sam Miglarese** noted, the most amazing moment was when those formerly ordained streamed forward to lay hands on the new officers in a move of solidarity, and a sharing of wisdom, spirit, and power with them. I'm inclined to say that more than half of the saints of the church (and all of the great cloud of witnesses beyond) came forward to pass the mantle to the new officers, like Elijah to Elisha, and to pray for a double portion of God's spirit to inspire their work in the coming days. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve as ruling elders and deacons for the coming year:

Ruling Elders

Al Arrowood

Wes Carson

Lenore Champion

Aurelia Klink

Talitha Kwon

Miriam Morey

Gerald Postema

Caroline Rourk

Eric Wiebe

Jane Williams

Deacons

Chris Brown

Amy Dillon

Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey

Michael Honeycutt

Almira Mbah

Carter Momsen-Hudson

Karen Swope

Julie Whiddon

Jennie Zehmer

And FPC also dedicated our new teachers, youth advisors, and support personnel in the service on Sunday. I am equally thankful to these saints who have said "yes" to the educational ministry of this church. This Sunday was a visible sign of the invisible grace that calls all of us equally to be ministers in the neighbor-love and caring way of Jesus. Thank you all for your partnership in the Gospel from this day forward.

Blessings,

Marilyn

NOTES

Many thanks to **Bill and Jane Brown** for hosting First Friends at their home, and to **Jerry Postema and Leslie Winner** for hosting Primetimers at their home on Saturday night.

Congratulations to the five choir families who are expecting babies in the coming year: **John Brantley and Katharine Higgins, Kit and Julia Law, Gray and Amy Wilson, Kevin and Kim Kaufeld,** and **Pete and Sarah Finbow**. Send in the substitute sopranos!

Congratulations to **Arthur Clark**, upon the publication of his new book: *The Eyes of the Tiger: China, 1944-1945*, which is the story of his war experience. The book is available on Amazon, and we are hopeful that FPC can host a book-signing event in the near future.

WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Sunday, September 6

2:00 p.m. at The Forest at Duke

Wes Carson will lead the worship.

Steve Rimmer will give the meditation

All are welcome!



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

BOOK GROUP

The Things that Matter Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 8** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Marila Stone** (111 Westside Drive, Chapel Hill) to discuss, The Future of Faith by Harvey Cox. **Lee Courtland** will lead the discussion. Please let Marila know you will be attending: marilacordeiro@hotmail.com, phone 919-260-6061. Lee would like a ride if anyone would be able to pick her up.

CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, **September 14 at 10:30 a.m.** in the East Parlor. Study books have arrived. Please pick up a copy from **Shirley Frederick's** office on your next visit to the church.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, is recovering at home

Minnie Cameron **Nowell Creadick**
Paul Cornsweet **Dewey Lawson**
Ann Prospero **Sophie Snell**

Brookdale Senior Living
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
Pavilion: **Anne Davis**,
Bob Rankin, **Jerry Tyren**

Hillcrest:
Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Richard Hays**, friend of FPC
- **Howard Knickerbocker** and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpath
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht
- **Virgil Yalong**, cousin of Lyn Francisco

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

It was so great to see so many familiar faces this past Sunday as we met in our new Sunday School classes and started the year together! Youth group will begin on September 13th with a party from 6-8! See you then!

Blessings,
Sarah

VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

A class for visitors/newcomers to First Presbyterian is being planned for individuals who want to learn more about the ministry and mission of our congregation. The first class will begin on Sunday, September 20 following the morning worship service. Subsequent classes will be held on the following three Sundays, September 27, and October 4 and 11 during the Sunday school hour at 9:45 am. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES



Annual Beach Trip
September 11-13

See the EVITE. Contact **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** or **Kathy Conner** if you have questions or need more details about the trip.

YOUNG ADULTS

PICNIC POTLUCK

Saturday, September 19
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Stagville

hosted by
Alex and Caroline Stayer Brewington
More details forthcoming



Saturday, September 12
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Contact **Barbara Buckley** for more info:
919-402-8551 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com

YOUTH WORSHIP BULLETIN

Friends,
We are in need of someone who is willing to create the youth worship bulletin each week. The task is NOT creating the bulletin from scratch. It is a matter of re-formatting a Microsoft Word document and copy/pasting some links from a website that has already designed puzzles that go with the lectionary each week. The task takes about 30 minutes, and is done on Wednesday or Thursday with a firm deadline of Friday morning. Training and support available! Please contact **Dawn Carsey** by email if you have interest: dailybread88@hotmail.com

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

On Sunday we celebrated the start of a new year of Sunday School and other Christian Education offerings at FPC. This vital ministry serves our entire congregation and is supported by your pledge dollars through the purchase of curriculum and other resources used by the many talented and dedicated volunteers who serve as teachers, mentors, and leaders. This is one more example of how your generosity is making a difference in the lives of both children and adults.

WALK-IN MINISTRY

The following are needed at this time:

For Blessing Bags

Snack crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese), small bottles of water, small boxes of dried fruit (raisins, etc.) or applesauce squeeze pouches

For Toiletry Bags

Travel sizes of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hand lotion

Your continued generosity appreciated.

KID'S CLOTHING NEEDED

A single mother of four with two school-aged children needs help with back-to-school (fall) clothes and shoes for a **boy** and **girl**. Sizes needed are 6x, 6 regular or 7 slim in jeans, and size 13 or 13 1/2 in shoes. Boy sneakers are especially needed. New or gently used items are appreciated. Feel free to bring donations to the church. Please label your donation packages as "Kid's clothing." Thank you.

SACRED VISITATIONS

Join faith communities around Durham for a week of interfaith hospitality and learning. Experience the spiritual practices of your neighbors with time for questions and conversation! RSVP required for each separate event. Please visit this webpage: <http://www.dcia.org/sacred-visitations-fall2015/> for details about each event and to register to attend.

SEPTEMBER DATES

Monday, Sept. 28 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Sukkot Service at Beth El Synagogue

Wednesday, Sept. 30 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study at Mount Gilead Baptist Church

October dates are forthcoming.

HABITAT MISSION TRIPS

Once again, **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera** will be leading two trips with Habitat for Humanity to Honduras in early 2016. If your heart yearns to serve others, we encourage you to consider joining one of these wonderful 10-day trips. We will work hard building houses but also have multiple opportunities to visit orphanages, a home for the elderly, and a family-owned coffee farm. Dates: **January 22 – 31** and **February 5 – 14**. All-inclusive price: \$1,800. As you help change lives, you may find that it is your life that is being most strongly impacted. Contact Margaret for more information at margaretmr29@gmail.com

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