

# First Presbyterian News

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I used to think that the angels in the Bible began their messages with "Do not be afraid" because their appearance was so frightening. But I have come to think differently. I suspect that they begin this way because the quieting of fear is required in order to hear and do what God asks of us. Fear makes it difficult to embrace the vulnerability involved in discipleship; it tempts us to replace Jesus' ethic of risk with an epic of security. In the end, following Jesus requires that we step our "into faith's daring." **Scott Bader-Saye**, [Following Jesus in a Culture of fear](#)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Sermon: "**Putting Fear In Its Place**"

**Joseph S. Harvard**, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 114
Epistle Lesson	Roman 14:1-12
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 18:21-35

Acolytes: **Eleanor Dilworth**, **Parker Klinck**

Crucifer: **Sydney Curtis**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt**,  
**Hilda Bradshaw**

After Worship Greeter: **Jean Cary**

Ushers: **Michael Bacon** (head usher),

**Leslie Shaw**, **Susan Seahorn**,

**Lin Bentel**, **Nancy Kost**

Communion Elders:

Bread: **Lea Bingham** (B1),

**Margaret Rubiera** (B2),

**Phyllis Mac McCorkle** (B3, process),

**Leslie Strohm** (B4)

Cup: **Henry Njoroge** (C1, process),

**Mal King** (C2),

**Kate Busa** (C3),

**Phyllis Verhey** (C4)

Shepherds: **Bill Hendrickson** (font aisle),

**Guy Cecelski** (center aisle),

**Jane Brawley** (pulpit aisle),

**Diane Standaert** (Head, replenish)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

#### "Lucky Girl"

On Sunday, Dr. Charles Hammond will discuss the amazing book, "Lucky Girl", written by his daughter, **Sharon Hammond McAlaster**. Sharon died before the book was complete so her father, who headed the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke for 22 years, finished it. Charlie and Peggy Hammond have been members of FPC for many years, serving in many capacities. Charles writes in the Preface, "This story is a story of dealing with many problems. It brings hope for one's future despite issues and losses that may await each of us." Please join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for what promises to be a rich discussion.

#### Lectionary Class

The story of the escape of the Israelites from Egypt through the Red Sea is one of the most memorable and exciting in the Bible. What is its relevance for us today? Does God intervene miraculously in battles in our time? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

#### Adult Discussion Class

We will be continuing our discussion of the history and beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). All are welcome. Join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

## Sunday, September 11

### Community-Wide Events

Habitat for Humanity Build  
Join Habitat for Humanity for a special volunteer opportunity commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We need 10-15 volunteers so if you are interested, please contact **Rebecca Leonard** 919-682-5511 ext. 213 to sign up!



Durham Interfaith Community  
Service for Remembrance,  
Comfort, and Hope

This service will be held at 7 p.m. in FPC's sanctuary and is open to the public. This event is being sponsored by Durham Congregations in Action.

### OUR CONCERNS

**Jerry Tyren** is a patient at Duke Hospital.

**Kate Crockett**, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett, is a patient at Duke Hospital.

<b>Margaret Boswell</b>	<b>Peggy Hammond</b>
<b>Tom Howerton</b>	<b>Carol Johnson</b>
<b>Florence McDow</b>	<b>Mercy Ndambiri</b>
<b>David Parkins</b>	<b>Mozette Rollins</b>

- **Chester Bissette**, grandfather of Abi Bissette
- **Toni Bloom**, mother of Tom Bloom
- **Mary Causey**, sister of Ellen Bacon
- **Sarah McCracken Cobb**, sister of Mary Ann Compton
- **Val Cottle** (and family), cousin of Brent Curtis
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **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
- **Murphy family**, friends of the Brown family
- **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

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

You undoubtedly remember where you were on September 11, 2001, when you heard about a plane crashing into a sky scraper in New York City. It was a day that changed us in ways that we are still discovering.

I was preparing to host a luncheon at the church for new pastors in the community. This is an annual event **Rabbi John Friedman**, **Bishop Elroy Lewis** and I have been hosting for many years. As you can imagine it was a lunch we will never forget. It was a helpful time of prayer and support which led to an interfaith worship service that evening at FPC. The sanctuary was packed with a diverse congregation. Our differences seemed insignificant in the light of what brought us together. People still stop me on the street or in a store to tell me they were present and how much the service meant to them. It was also broadcast live on WUNC.

You may remember how important it was around 9/11 to be with those you cared about and loved. This Sunday, on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, we shall gather at 11 a.m. to worship God and come to the Lord's Table together. At 7 p.m. Sunday evening, there will be an interfaith service with our neighbors in the sanctuary of FPC. This will be good company on this day of remembrance.

*Joe*

## NOTES

It was good to have former members of the Luke-Acts Group with us on Sunday: **Al and Judy Arrowwood**, **Tom and Alice Davis**, **Gail and David Hester**, **Jim and Nancy Roche**, **Jane and Larry Cain**, and **Kathie Williams**.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Sara Neece** and **Aaron Silletto** who were married at FPC on Sunday, September 4.

## ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to **Michael Bacon** who has announced that he and **Kathryn Lester** (Youth minister at Trinity Ave Presbyterian Church, Durham) became engaged on September 3.

**NEWCOMERS CLASSES** will be held on **Sundays, September 11 and 18**

**following worship**. The classes will convene in the East Parlor of the Church house and will include a light lunch for participants. Visitors interested in exploring membership at FPC or any members who have not attended the classes are invited. Contact **Shirley Frederick** at 682-5511 or [s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org) to indicate your plans to attend.

## FALL BIBLE STUDIES

*"Psalms For What Keeps You Up At Night"*

### Mom's Study Group

**Beginning Friday, September 16**

FPC - CE Building, second floor  
Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

### Croasdaile Study Group

**Beginning Sunday, September 18**

Croasdaile Heritage Hall Activities Room  
Sundays from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Both of these Bible studies will look at psalms that ground us, psalms that address our stages of disorientation, such as anger, depression, abandonment, shame humiliation, grief, and death, and psalms that speak of God's greater wisdom and that re-ground us. Please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you are interested in joining either group.

## FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

*Celebrate the end of summer!*

BEACH RETREAT

**September 9 – 11, 2011**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle and Bible Study

**Monday, September 12**

**10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon**

*"Confessing the Beatitudes"*

Bible study will be led by **Judy Pidcock** again this year. All women of FPC are invited to this first meeting to pick up your study book for the year and to renew acquaintances. We will meet in the East Parlor. Light refreshments provided.

## BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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 [beisenson@aol.com](mailto:beisenson@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).

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Join me this Sunday for a special Habitat Build from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at 1103 Worth Street to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 (please RSVP to me 919-801-3095 so I know you will be there). Also, on Sunday evening there will be an interfaith worship service at FPC at 7 p.m. which I hope you will attend. I know many of you are headed to the coast with the First Friends fellowship. I will be with you in spirit. Hoping you will have a great time! See you Sunday.

Peace,

**Rebecca**

## PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK

**Saturday, September 17**

**at 6:30 p.m.**

at the home of **Harriett Mitchell**  
3402 Ogburn Court, Durham

**RSVP to Ruth: \*949-2106** or

[ruthroberson@gmail.com](mailto:ruthroberson@gmail.com)

and let her know what you will bring.

This fellowship event is being co-hosted by **Harriett Mitchell** and **Ruth and Russell Roberson**.

\*Note: this is a corrected phone number.

Join us for the next

## DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, September 27**

11:30 a.m.

Bennett Pointe Grill

4625 Hillsborough Rd

Hosted by

**Maxie Honeycutt** and **Syndor Patrick**

**RSVP to Syndor: 493-7031**

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR

### IGLESIA FOOD PANTRY

As we continue our focus on hunger and our response as a faith community, we are paying particular attention this month to Durham and how hunger affects the children of our area. Last week the nation's largest hunger relief organization, the Inter-faith Food Shuttle and Feeding America, released a new study showing that in the greater Triangle area nearly one in four children live at risk of hunger. The food pantry at Iglesia Emanuel meets a critical need in serving families who have had their lives disrupted by the current recession. Please bring non-perishable food items to the church and leave them in the designated place in the foyer. This food meets a critical need in our sister congregation and community.

## 2010-2011

### FPC Annual Report

Copies are available in the church foyer. If you prefer an electronic copy, one can be sent via email. Please contact **Valerie McMillian** in the church office: 682-5511 or [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

## COMMUNITY INVITATIONS

What are your biggest health concerns?

Share your thoughts at

COMMUNITY LISTENING

SESSIONS

**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

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

## FAITH INSTITUTE

ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

**Pre-Conference Tours of Agencies**

**Thursday, September 8**

**3:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

hosted by Durham County Main Library

**Workshops, Stories & Action Steps**

**Friday, September 9**

**8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St.  
Event is co-sponsored by the Coalition to End Homelessness in Durham, DCIA, Durham Cares and Union Baptist Church.

**Registration: \$15** (deadline September 5)

Register electronically at:  
[faithinstituteonhomelessnessandpoverty.eventbrite.com](http://faithinstituteonhomelessnessandpoverty.eventbrite.com).

For more info contact Tamaira Johnson at 489-6282 x 101 or send an email to: [tamaira@housingfornewhope.org](mailto:tamaira@housingfornewhope.org).

## 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

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