

First Presbyterian News

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God is generous. God's generosity spills over the levees we have built to contain it and surges mercifully over the landscape of human life. The rush of God's generosity bears away in its flood every rickety shack built on human schemes of merit and this world's view of goodness. Whose spirit can match the mercy of God? Finally, only one human being was capable of that – Jesus. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. . . ." - **Thomas G. Long**, Matthew

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Disruptive Grace"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching



Please join us for lunch following worship.

RSVP requested. Suggested Donation:

\$7/adult \$4/child (ages 4-10)

\$20 maximum per household

Please call the church office (682-5511) to make a reservation for your family.

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Epistle Lesson	Phil. 1:21-30
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 20:1-16

Acolytes: **Peter Compton**,
Nathan Creadick

Crucifer: **James Compton**

Narthen Greeter: **Minnie Cameron**

After Worship Greeters:

Luke Everett (rear / narthex)

Kate Busa (side, font)

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

Pat Dillon (flowers), **Guy Cecelski**,

Alex Bethune, **Margaret Wabera**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Faith and Community Class "The Help"

This Sunday "The Help," a dramatic film adaptation of Kathryn Stockett's 2009 novel, *The Help*, will be the focus of discussion. **Homer Ashby** and **Margaret Smith** will lead the discussion. The popular novel and movie, set in Mississippi in the 1960s, is a story told by a young white woman. It recounts the experiences of black women who were domestic helpers. Please join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 for what promises to be an enlightening discussion.

Lectionary Class

What do we deserve? Are we "entitled" to the daily bread that we pray for? Do we deserve a greater reward than others because we have been faithful and obedient for many years? 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 (Mormonism). All are welcome. Join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

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!

GROWING TOGETHER '11

Saturday, September 17, 2011

9:00 – 3:30 p.m.

White Memorial Presbyterian

1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh

Registration \$25, Childcare \$10

(Please bring a bag lunch for each child)

Allen Verhey and **Joe Harvard** will teach a class on Ephesians in the afternoon.

THE NEWCOMERS CLASS

We will complete our class discussion on **Sunday, September 18** in the East Parlor of the Church house **following worship**.

FPC SERVICE & MISSION

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.



CARDS FOR NC INMATES

FPC sends handmade Christmas cards to all of NC's death row inmates each year. Please join us for dessert and card-making! You can decorate and/or write messages; we'll have all the supplies.

Monday, September 19

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

at the Human Kindness Foundation,
4312 Etta Rd, Durham

Call **Catherine Miller** for more information: 919-218-8291.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

Monday, September 26

6:00 p.m. Diaconate

6:30 p.m. Supper for Joint Officers

7:00 p.m. Joint Officers Meeting

7:30 p.m. Session

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

Flower donors are needed for Sundays in October. If you would like to donate flowers for worship in honor or memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion, please call **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext. 292 (work).

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

On Monday, I received a note from **Bill Bell**, the mayor of Durham. He had attended the Interfaith Service on 9/11 and wanted to thank me for the service. On Saturday, he attended a meeting at FPC. Mayor Bell expressed gratitude to us for opening our church to the community.

Monday night, FPC was again full of people. Four committees of the Session were holding their monthly meetings. At the same time the **Durham Choral Society** was registering over 200 people in the foyer for auditions, and then holding a rehearsal in the sanctuary. The sound of beautiful music filled the church.

The **Property Committee** was one of the committees meeting. They were considering a long list of repairs and improvements. What an excellent job they do under the leadership of **Kate Busa**. It is not easy or inexpensive to maintain our church buildings. In the 2011 Annual Report (which I hope you will read) on the last page, there is a list of 50 groups in our community who used our church during the past year. Our church building is an essential part of our mission because it allows us to provide hospitality to our neighbors and to contribute to the building up of the Beloved Community in Durham. Thanks for your generous support of this ministry.

On Sunday after worship we shall gather for lunch in Watts-Hill Hall. **Margot Johnson** will prepare the meal. What a gift she is. I hope to see you at what **Rabbi John Friedman** called "the central religious address in Durham."

Joe

SALUTING A SENIOR

Although she joined our congregation only after she moved to Durham in 1987, **Margaret Davis** says she was "born a Presbyterian". Her family's home in Matthews, NC was across the street from the Matthews Presbyterian Church where they were members, and she remembers being dressed for church and taken to the front porch to sit carefully in her "Sunday clothes" until everyone was ready to walk across the street. After moving to Charlotte and her marriage, Margaret joined the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church and was an active member there for many years. After she moved to Durham to be closer to family, she was a weekly volunteer in the church office and a regular participant in worship and other church events. More recently she's not been able to be out and about easily, but enjoys visitors at the Forest at Duke where she's lived for several years, and visitors enjoy lively stories stretching over her long history as a Presbyterian. On Thursday, Margaret will celebrate her 99th birthday, granting her a position of honor as FPC's most senior member.

OUR CONCERNS

Jerry Tyren is a patient at Duke Hospital.
Margaret Boswell *Peggy Hammond*
Tom Howerton *Carol Johnson*
Florence McDow *David Parkins*
Mozette Rollins
Added this week:
Rolf Olsen, friend of Bob and Lina Yoder
Elizabeth Leathers, daughter-in-law of
Anne Leathers

- *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
- *Kate Crockett*, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett
- *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

FPC MEN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
6:30 p.m. at the Rists' home
809 Watts Street, Durham
Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to
Carl Rist at rist@frontier.com.

PRIMETIMERS FALL 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
and let her know what you will bring.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Howdy everyone!

Well, it's FINALLY time for us to start regular scheduled youth group! Beginning this **Sunday, September 18**, all the current 6th-8th graders will meet from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. All the 9th-12th graders will meet from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be lovingly provided by the **Abels** family from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

This week we will begin a two part series discussing the sacraments. This Sunday we will focus on Communion. Please bring old magazines to share (that you don't mind being cut into pieces). We are going to have a great time around the table! See you Sunday.

Joy,
Rebecca

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 *Sydnor Patrick*
RSVP to Sydnor: 493-7031

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

"Psalms For What Keeps You Up At Night"

Mom's Bible Study Group
Beginning Friday, September 16
FPC – Christian Education Building,
Second floor classroom
Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Croasdaile Bible Study Group
Beginning Sunday, September 18
Croasdaile Village
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.

 **The Lamb's Net-Coffee**

Presents

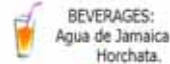
TACO FESTIVAL



TACOS:
Asada,
Chicken
Vegetarian.



Chopped fruit
Snow Cone



BEVERAGES:
Agua de Jamaica
Horchata.



Everything
\$1 each



LIVE TRADITIONAL
MEXICAN MUSIC

Saturday, September 17, 2011

6:00 p.m.

2504 N. Roxboro St, Durham, NC 27704
information (919) 672-4333

GREEK CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The biggest 3-day GREEK cultural festival in the area will be held again this year at the Raleigh State Fairgrounds – Expo Center! You will enjoy the Greek food, orzo, lamb, mousaka, baklava, name it... all sorts of deserts to taste there and take home, finikia, loukoumades, see arts and crafts, and hear lots of music and dancing. Opa and Viva Hellas!

Friday, September 16
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday, September 17
11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday, September 18
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

General Admission: \$3.00
Seniors and Ages 13-18: \$2.00
Children under 13: FREE

A portion of the proceeds to benefit
Habitat for Humanity.

CONSTITUTION DAY 2011 Saturday, September 17

Churches in our community will be ringing their bells at 4 p.m. in observance of the U.S. Constitution's 224th birthday!

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