

First Presbyterian News

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"He (Jesus) is the one to whom every knee shall bow (Phil. 2: 10-11) as well as the one who took the form of a servant and was obedient to the death of the cross (Phil. 2: 6-8). Indeed, as Paul stresses, he is the first *because* he did the second. In his appearing we find neither a dualist rejection of the present world nor simply his arrival like a spaceman into the present world but rather the *transformation* of the present world, and ourselves within it, so that it will at last be put to rights and we with it. Death and decay will be overcome, and God will be all in all." - *N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

New members will be received.

The Hunger for Change offering

will be received during worship.

Sermon: "*Mind-Fullness*"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 17:1-7
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16
Epistle Lesson	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 21:23-32

Acolytes: *Rosa Ramirez, Aurelia Klinck*

Crucifer: *Neil Peterson*

Crossdaile Driver: *Dan Hudgins*

Narthex Greeter: *Sarah Todd*

After Worship Greeters:

Jean Cary (rear / narthex)

Jane Browley (side, front)

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

Ashby (flowers), *Dale Gaddis, Lin Bentel,*

Nancy Kost

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"The Help: The Conversation Continues"

There have been requests to continue the helpful conversations began last Sunday on "The Help." *Margaret Smith*, good friend of FPC and musician for Fisher Memorial, has agreed to be with us again this Sunday. We will begin by following up on insights and comments from last Sunday, and then we will discuss other questions and reflections. *Joe Harvard* will moderate. Join us for conversation at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

How do we recognize authority? Did Moses act with authority? Did Jesus? Where did they get their authority? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

Have you wondered how the Bible hangs together, or how to make sense of it all? The Bible isn't a set of separate books: it's a compelling drama that unfolds from beginning to end. We are currently studying The True Story of the Whole World: Finding Your Place in the Biblical Drama by Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen. This book unfolds Scripture in six "acts" from the establishment of God's kingdom to the "return of the King." Join us for discussion 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!

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Research shows that at any given moment in time, 2 to 5% of the people in any given community are looking for a church home. Research also shows that the majority of people who find a new church come initially because **someone** invited them. Let's all give it a try! Invite a friend to worship with you at FPC this **Sunday, September 25!**

VISITORS

New members will be received into the congregation on **Sunday, September 25th**. If you are interested in uniting with this congregation and have not been contacted, please call Shirley Frederick at 682-5511 or 489-7102.

PROPERTY TOUR

FOR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Have you wondered where the chapel is located? Or the Watts-Hill Fellowship Hall? Or the choir room? Visitors and recent new members are invited to participate in a tour of the church property this coming **Sunday, September 25th**. Please meet **Shirley Frederick** in the foyer (located off the parking lot at the rear of the church) at **10:00 a.m.** The tour will last approximately 30 minutes. Call the church office at 682-5511 with any questions.

SALUTING A SENIOR

Randall McLeod, long-time FPC member, celebrates his 90th birthday this month. Randall is a born and bred Presbyterian. His father was a Presbyterian minister and the first President of Presbyterian Junior College for Men in Maxton, NC, which later became St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. His career in Durham centered on a printing company that he and his wife Connie owned and operated on Parrish Street, which was eventually moved to Morris Street. Randall was known as a "printer's printer" because no job was too complicated or too difficult for him to complete on time and at the highest level of quality. He was a true professional who handled print jobs for some of the largest corporations in Durham, including Central Carolina Bank. **Randall and Connie** were introduced to the First Presbyterian Church community by friend and business colleague, John Kerr. They joined First Presbyterian Church on May 31, 1964 and have been members ever since. Randall served on the Diaconate for a number of years, and for 30+ years he printed the bulletin every week for the FPC Sunday worship service. Many thanks and **Happy Birthday to Randall McLeod—90 years young on September 19!**

These Days devotional books for the fourth quarter of 2011 are available for pick up in the church foyer and Narthex.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

I confess that I seldom read our FPC annual report from cover to cover, although it would be a good spiritual discipline, to be sure. And since I do not read it all, I am assuming (perhaps falsely) that neither do others. So, I wanted to lift up one foci I noted in this past year's annual report concerning FPC's educational ministry, and project it into the future: the spiritual nurture of our special-needs children. Something very beautiful has been going on in the K/1 Sunday School class, where the various needs of all of the children have been carefully addressed so that the class might become an organic whole. The teachers, **Katherine Whitmore, Nancy Kost, Julie Maxwell, Kerry Holbrook** and **Matt Scott** met with an inclusionist from the Durham Public Schools to learn how to weave the needs of many children together to make a beautiful tapestry class. And amazingly, it has worked!

This stunning experience of collaboration has made me mindful of other special-needs children in our community, who are being turned away from churches that consider their children to be "disruptive". And so I ask, what would be the "mind of Christ" concerning this matter? Wasn't Jesus, himself, the master inclusionist? Frankly, I think this is our next frontier as church: reaching out to special-needs children, youth, and adults. Because if we don't, then who will? As a diminishing budget cuts services to many, they come to church asking if there is a place for them here? Is there? I hope you will join me on Sunday, so that together, we might seek the mind of Christ.

Shalom,

Marilyn

NOTES

- Congratulations to **Sarah Todd** and **Bet Lawson** who received this year's Presbyterian Women Life Member Award.
- Happy Birthday to **Muriel Kirkland**, who on September 22 will celebrate her 93rd birthday.
- The **Prime Timers** had an enjoyable evening on Saturday at **Harriett Mitchell's** home. Thanks to **Harriett, Ruth and Russell Roberson** for hosting.
- The **Crossroad** group of young adults had a good gathering at the **Harvards'** home on Sunday evening.

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

OUR CONCERNS

Sue Fricks is home recovering from surgery.
Jerry Tyren is recovering in the Pavilion.

Margaret Boswell **Tom Howerton**
Carol Johnson **Florence McDow**
David Parkins **Mozette Rollins**

- **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
- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Elizabeth Leathers**, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- **Murphy family**, friends of the Brown family
- **Rolf Olsen**, friend of Bob and Lina Yoder
- **Mary Russell Roberson**, daughter of Ruth and Russell Roberson
- **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson
- **Kemper Foy Zeigler**, friend of Joe and Carlisle Harvard

CROASDAILE VILLAGE

The following persons have agreed to provide Sunday transportation to and from worship for members at Croasdaile.

October 2 **Miriam Morey**
October 9 **Dan Hudgins**
October 16 **Miriam Morey**
October 23 **Miriam Morey**
October 30 **Dan Hudgins**

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

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

"WHAT LOVE IS"

Sunday, September 23

6 p.m. at Duke's Nasher Museum auditorium
"WHAT LOVE IS: The Duke Pathfinders 50" is a documentary that follows cancer patients through a two-year program designed to provide a better way of life and death for cancer patients. **Ann Majestic** is in the film. Guest of Honor: **Mary D. B. T. Semans**. Q&A, with a reception to follow! Event is free and open to the public.

Join us for the next

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 27

11:30 a.m. - Bennett Pointe Grill
RSVP to **Sydnor: 493-7031**

Save the Date

Wednesday, October 19

SENIORS FALL LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. - Reception in East Parlor

12 Noon - Lunch in Watts-Hill Hall

Joe and Carlisle Harvard will report on their trip to Turkey.

RSVP to the church office: **682-5511**

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

What a glorious example of community Sunday night's youth group proved to be! It was a fun and exciting beginning to our new year of fellowship together! Next week, we will continue our discussion of sacraments and talk about baptism. We will have fun but we will also have a serious conversation asking why, as a community of God, this is such a holy and sacred spiritual ritual for us. I recommend that you wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet (or consider bringing a change of clothes).

Middler parents, I sent home with your child(ren) the information for our presbytery-wide Fall Retreat at Camp Don Lee, for middle school youth. Please look over these materials and return the forms and payment by October 2. This will be our first time, in years, attending a presbytery-sponsored retreat, and I would love to have us all attend! I am looking for an adult male chaperone and some parent drivers to participate. If you're interested, please let me know.

Peace,

Rebecca

LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Come to the Lunch & Learn Session on **Tuesday, September 27**, on "Child Abuse and Congregations". Ted Whiteside with Durham's Partnership for Children will present an overview on what is child abuse, what are the indicators of possible abuse, and what is the reporting process.

On **Tuesday, October 11**, the Lunch & Learn session will address: "How Child Abuse and Trauma Impacts Early Development" presented by George (Tripp) Ake with Duke Center for Child and Family Health. This session will address how abuse and neglect impact early child development in young children.

The time is 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Soul Cafe, Duke Memorial UMC, 504 W. Chapel Hill Street. These workshops are free and open to the public. Bring your lunch, beverages will be provided. Sessions sponsored by Durham's Partnership for Children & End Poverty Durham. RSVPs to Winnie Morgan at 732-1524, winniewmorgan@juno.com

HABITAT BUILDING TRIP TO HONDURAS If you are looking for an unforgettable, challenging way to share God's love, consider joining Habitat for Humanity for a 10-day building trip in Honduras. While there, we will provide tangible, hands-on help for our Honduran brothers and sisters, while developing amazing relationships that transcend cultural and language barriers. As you labor and serve, you may just find that the life being changed is yours.

Dates of 2012 trips

January 27 – February 5 (led by **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera**)

March 2 – 11 (led by **David and Jessie Larkins**)

Cost: \$1,900 (includes air fare, transportation, meals and lodging within Honduras)

For more information, contact Margaret at: mrubiera@triad.rr.com, or 425-1413.

HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

We celebrated two recent events: our 4th annual retreat at Camp Albemarle, with a record attendance of close to 75 people! The topic was "The Marriage and Family I Desire", and the many couples and singles who attended expressed that these workshops made a big impact on them. Many of our families look forward to this annual getaway as their main vacation opportunity. Thanks a million to Triangle Presbyterian for once again allowing us to provide transportation to many families.

We also presented a liturgical dance performance entitled "Creation in Motion", choreographed by Bethany Innes of Blacknall Presbyterian and performed by members of both Blacknall and Iglesia Emanuel's Wednesday night Kids' Club. The performance was attended by about 200 people and followed by a community meal complete with food pantry distribution. Thank you to Blacknall for this exciting collaboration and to **Amanda Diekman** for her great work with the younger children. – **Julio Ramirez-Eve**

COMMUNITY INVITATIONS

**All of Us North Carolina:
Moving our people to vote "No!" like
we're building a justice movement
Saturday, September 24
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church

People of all ages welcome.

Wheelchair-accessible.

Spanish-English interpretation available.

Free and meaningful childcare.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner by Vimala's Curryblossom Café of Chapel Hill, no charge, donations welcome.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Participatory workshop (interested children welcome & childcare also available)

Sponsored by All of Us NC, Southerners On New Ground, Immigrants and Allies United for Justice, and NC Dream Team

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Halloween Bike Ride Fundraiser

October 29, 9:00 a.m.

31, 62, 100-mile routes

from the Durham Bulls Athletic Park

Registration fee required.

www.durhambabitat.org/colunteer/bike.html

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