

# First Presbyterian News

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No matter how dark and widespread the shadows of death, God is with us. To guide us. To comfort us. . . . And to point us to the day when all sit at table together, when former enemies become friends, when abundance overflows and covers the earth. We are bearers of a dream, a vision that refuses to be distorted by hatred, anger, and fear; a dream of forgiveness, love, and righteousness. - **Jack Stotts**, (From an address delivered 28 September 2001)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship and Communion



On Sunday we will observe World Communion Sunday. We will join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity that we find at the Table of the Lord. We will also receive the **Peacemaking Offering** which supports a variety of peacemaking efforts locally and throughout the world. Please read the enclosed brochure for more information. **Youth from the Jewish Confirmation Class** will join us.

Sermon: "**The Table of Hope**"

**Joseph S. Harvard**, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 19
Epistle Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 21: 33-46

Acolytes: **Juliana Miglarese, Ben Maxwell**  
Crucifer: **J. L. Klinck**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Edward and Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

**Jon Abels** (rear / narthex)

**Kate Busa** (side, font)

Ushers: **Cris Rivera** (head), **Jon Abels** (flowers), **Leslie Shaw, Christyn Klinck, Nancy Kost, Julie Maxwell**

Communion Elders:

Bread: **Scottie Seawell** (B1, process),

**Dawn Carsey** (B2, head), **Mal King**

(B3), **Jane Brawley** (B4)

Cup: **Jon Abels** (C1, process), **Luke**

**Everett** (C2), **Lisa Rist** (C3), **Bill**

**Hendrickson** (C4)

Shepherds: **Mac McCorkle** (font aisle),

**Leslie Strohm** (center aisle), **Guy**

**Cecelski** (pulpit aisle), **Anthony Kamau**

(replenish elements)

### PEACEMAKERS VISIT

University Presbyterian and Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian churches will jointly host two visitors from Guatemala, **Juana Herlinda Yac Salanic** and **Karla Koll**, who are traveling around the U.S. as part of the PCUSA's International Peacemakers tour. On **Sunday, October 2**, they will help lead the 8:30 service at University Presbyterian in Chapel Hill and the 10:30 service at Chapel in the Pines in northern Chatham County. Juana is the first female elder in the Getsemani Presbyterian Church in Pachaj, Cantel, and will share some of the challenges faced by indigenous women and men in Guatemala, and how changes can help all move forward. Karla, professor at Latin American Biblical University, is a powerful and gifted theologian who works with her students to explore the call to be a part of God's mission today in contexts of violence and corruption. For more info contact **Emily Wilkins**: 943-5085.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Faith and Community Class

##### 'Living Without Enemies'

Living Without Enemies, a book in which the unique story of a community's journey to overcome violence through four levels of social engagement, will be the focus of discussion on Sunday. **Marcia Owen**, who co-authored the book with **Samuel Wells**, will lead the discussion. In this book, Marcia and Sam offer deep insights into what it would take to overcome powerlessness, transcend fear, and engage in radical acceptance in our dangerous world. Marcia, a graduate of Hillside High School and Duke University, is executive director of the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND), a non-profit organization actively seeking an end to violence in our community. She is also a lay leader in the local United Methodist Church. Marcia's experiences in being present for prayer vigils for local victims of gun violence has opened her eyes to the beauty of simply being present, and that to truly love others as God loves us means living without enemies and taking steps towards reconciliation. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

#### Lectionary Class

Paul came to a point where he considered that everything that had defined his early life - his ancestry, his zealous devotion to the law - was worthless and could be discarded, because he had found something much better. What defines your life? What could you "regard as rubbish" and leave behind? 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!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE

##### Thursday - Saturday, November 3-5

FPC is hosting the annual conference for the Covenant Network for Presbyterians. We need registration table, greeters, and ushers for worship on all three days as well as helpers for the Thursday and Friday dinners. We are also looking for childcare providers and folks to be on-call for medical assistance if necessary. Also pre-conference volunteers are needed from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday to prepare the conference packets and set-up rooms. Contact **Cris Rivera**: call 382-5520 or email: [m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu). You can also sign-up after worship.

### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday at FPC. It is one of the most meaningful services in the church year as we gather with Christians from around the globe on this day to demonstrate our unity and to affirm God's vision of a world at peace. Think about it! Throughout the day people around the world are at the Lord's Table.

We are blessed at FPC with members who have come from north, south, east and west. If you are from another country, let me encourage you to wear native dress this Sunday. There will be guests with us from the Jewish confirmation class. It is always enjoyable to have them with us. They will stay following worship for lunch with our young people and to talk together about our faith traditions.

How we need to be reminded of God's vision for peace on earth in the divided and violent world in which we live! The Peacemaking Offering will be received during the service. I encourage you to consider making a generous contribution to efforts at home and abroad to work for peace. I invite you to join me at the Table that spans the globe and offers us a hopeful vision of God's good future.

*Joe*

### NOTES

- **These Days** devotional books for the fourth quarter of 2011 are available for pick up in the church foyer and Narthex. Regular and large print copies are available while supplies last.
- **Hunger for Change offering** received on Sunday, September 25 totaled: **\$456.45. Thank you!**

### OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the following:

- **Bruce and Katy Loeblich** on the death of Bruce's grandmother, **Eva Loeblich**, in Toledo, Ohio on September 16<sup>th</sup>;
- **Ed and Caroline Pritchett** on the death of Ed's brother, **Clark Pritchett**, on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio;
- **The family of Ron Bradshaw**, former member of FPC and brother-in-law of **Hilda Bradshaw**, who died on September 25<sup>th</sup> in Durham;
- **Anne Leathers** and **Cathy and Caesar Guarjardo** on the death of Anne's daughter-in-law, **Elizabeth Leathers**, on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Durham.

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH

On **Sunday, October 16**, FPC will observe Children's Sabbath. Our youth and children will participate in worship; Bibles will be presented to our third and fourth graders; and everyone is invited to a fellowship picnic on the lawn following worship.

## SALUTING A SENIOR

Happy birthday to **Muriel Kirkland**, who turned 93 on September 22<sup>nd</sup>! Muriel spent the first part of her life in New Jersey, but moved to Durham with her family when she was eleven. She has been a faithful member of First Presbyterian for over fifty years. She raised her three children in the church, all of whom were engaged in various church activities. Muriel continues to be an active church member and appreciates the wonderful diversity of our congregation. We are thankful for Muriel and wish her a very happy birthday!

## OUR CONCERNS

**Margaret Boswell**  
**Tom Howerton**  
**Florence McDow**  
**Mozette Rollins**

**Sue Fricks**  
**Carol Johnson**  
**David Parkins**  
**Jerry Tyren**

- **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
- **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

## Habitat for Humanity Halloween Bike Ride October 29, 9:00 a.m.

This is a fundraiser. Registration fee required.  
[www.durhambabitat.org/colunteer/bike.html](http://www.durhambabitat.org/colunteer/bike.html)

*Save the Date*  
**Thursday, October 20**  
**Try Something New Event**  
6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall  
**Dinner and Speaker:**  
**Welcoming Special Needs Children**  
Adults, children and youth are invited.  
Childcare provided.

## PANTRY HELP NEEDED

The food pantry operated by Iglesia Emanuel is an outreach ministry of that congregation. Each week some 80 families receive food from the pantry. Members of FPC can join with Iglesia Emanuel in this ministry and support the food pantry in two ways. First, bring non-perishable food items to FPC on Sundays and place them in the box in the lobby. Secondly, consider volunteering on Wednesday afternoons at Emanuel to fill bags and help with bag distribution. Call Julio Ramirez at 672-4333 for more info on helping the pantry.

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Join us this Sunday after worship for lunch and conversation with the youth of Jewish Community. This annual luncheon always proves to be a fun and informative time for both the youth of FPC and Judea Reform so you will NOT want to miss it. We will also make a point of sitting with our Jewish friends in worship! Please let me know that you'll be staying so I can know how much pizza to order. Parents, you are welcome to join us or bring a picnic lunch for the rest of your family to enjoy in the parlor. The luncheon tends to last about an hour and a half. Thanks and see you Sunday. Peace,

*Rebecca*

PS. There will be no evening youth group in light of our luncheon.

## DAY SCHOOL OPENINGS

FPC's Day School currently has openings in the 2's, 3's, and 4's classroom. If you know of anyone with a child who would benefit from full-day, five-star childcare, please contact **Katharine Smith**, Day School Director, at 688-8685.

## 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**. Call **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext. 292 (work) for more information.

*Save the Date*

**Wednesday, October 19**

## SENIORS FALL LUNCHEON

**11:30 a.m. – Reception in East Parlor**  
**12 Noon - Lunch in Watts-Hill Hall**

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

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

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please welcome the following who joined FPC on Sunday, September 25, 2011:

**Amy and Rob Harkey**, 203 Sir William Lane, Rolesville, NC 27571, Amy – (919) 413 3233; Rob – (919) 601-0992 are in the process of adopting a daughter, Fredah, from Uganda. Amy was raised in Pottstown, PA and is a graduate of UNC-Wilmington. She is employed with National Transformer Sales in Raleigh, NC. Amy's interests include music and photography and she also engages in community service projects. Rob grew up in Orlando, FL. He earned an undergraduate degree from Davidson College and a master's in architecture from NCSU. He works with PBC & L Architects in Raleigh, NC. Rob's leisure time activities include art, music and sports. Amy and Rob are joining FPC by re-affirmation of faith.

**Jinhwa Jeong**, 6664 Lewey Drive, Cary, NC 27519, (919) 267-9017, is married to FPC member, Harrison Kim. Jinhwa is a native of Seoul, Korea and moved to the area following her marriage in 2009. She is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University with a B.S. in accounting. Jinhwa is employed by American Kobe Beef. Her spare time activities include biking, water skiing, golfing, and community volunteering. Jinhwa is joining FPC by re-affirmation of faith.

**Sue and Lee Murphy**, 2701 Pickett Road, Apt. 3026, 27705, (919) 490-6028 moved to the Forest at Duke within the past year from Maryland. Sue was raised in Rye, NY, earned a B.A. from Duke University and an MBA from the University of Baltimore. During her full-time professional career she was a foreign language administrator and is currently teaching Spanish at Durham Tech. Attending concerts and the opera and playing bridge are some of her favorite activities. Lee grew up in Buffalo, NY. His formal education includes degrees from St. Bonaventure University, Canisius College and the State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to retirement, Lee spent his career in education, including education of the deaf. He is presently teaching part-time with Strayer University and Durham Tech. The Murphy's family includes four adult children. Sue and Lee are joining FPC by transfer of their membership from Ashland Presbyterian Church, Cockeysville, MD.

**Carol Wills**, 5419 Guess Road, 27712, (919) 259-4305, has lived in Durham since 1983. Her childhood was spent in Knoxville, TN. She has studied at the University of Tennessee, Quinnipiac College, the University of New Hampshire and also taken courses at Duke Continuing Education. During her time in Durham, Carol worked for 17 years at the Independent Weekly, as an administrative assistant to Joe Harvard, and ended her working career at Duke University. Following her retirement from Duke, Carol has served as a weekly volunteer in the church office and also sings in the church choir. Carol is the mother of two adult daughters and the proud grandmother of 5-year-old, Beatrice. Pet sitting, reading, sewing and needlework projects occupy her spare time. Carol is joining FPC by re-affirmation of faith.

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