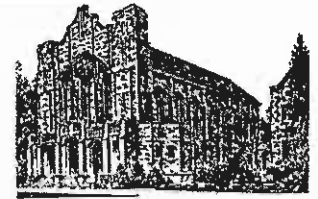


# First Presbyterian News

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Christian faith is a way of life, not an impregnable fortress made up of ideas, not a philosophy, not a grocery list of beliefs.... The Christian religion asks us to place our trust not in ideas and certainly not in ideologies, but in a God who was vulnerable enough to become human and die, and who desires to be present to us in everyday circumstances. And because we are human, it is in the realm of the daily and the mundane that God finds us.

—*Kathleen Norris*, Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality, Saint Mary's college, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1998

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

Sermon:

"Living in the Presence of God"

*Joseph S. Harvard*, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Jer. 29:1, 4-7
Psalms Lesson	Ps. 66:1-12
Epistle Lesson	2 Tim. 2:8-15
Gospel Lesson	Lk. 17:11-19

Acolytes: *Parker Klinck, Caleb Conner*

Crucifer: *Simon Carsey*

Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt, Sarah Todd*

After Worship Greeters:

*Guy Cecelski* (side, font)

*Henry Njoroge* (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Jon Kimball* (head), *Miriam*

*Morey* (flowers delivery), *Joseph Ngumi,*

*Moses Gatheca, Alex Crockett, Mac*

*McCorkle*

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Faith Seeking Understanding:

The Future for Presbyterians

Someone said about the future: "It isn't what it used to be!" This sounds a bit strange because, of course, the future has not yet happened, so how can it not be what it used to be? Can we know anything about the future—for sure? *Allen Verhey* will lead the discussion at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

Sometimes, the Word of God breaks into our lives in miraculous, unexpected ways. At other times, God commands us to live ordinary lives in the place where we find ourselves. But we can always pray, and praise, and give thanks. Join us for discussion at 9:45 a.m. in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Was God testing Abraham's loyalty when asking him to kill his only son? Or can we read this text in another way? Come join us as we discuss this difficult passage at 9:45 a.m. on the second floor of the CE building.

### Hand in Hand/ Crossroads

We are discussing *Becoming Bridges: The Theory and Practice of Diversity* by Gary Commins, who writes about diversity as an intrinsic part of the life of faith and our calling to bridge the things that separate us. Join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor.

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 17

Once again, FPC will join the nation in celebrating the gifts of children in our midst and in advocating for justice in children's rights. Each day in America: 964 babies are born at low birth weight; 1210 babies are born to teen mothers; 2060 babies are born without health insurance; 2175 children are confirmed as abused or neglected; 2692 babies are born in poverty (23% in Durham County). Children's Defense Spokesperson Mariam Wright Edelman said, "It is a spiritually impoverished community that permits infants and children to be the poorest Americans." In response to the high poverty rate in Durham County, a new Early Childhood Faith Initiative has formed that offers resources and materials to people and congregations striving to establish a firm foundation for young children. The group's latest newsletter can be accessed at <http://dpfc.net/EarlyChildhoodFaithInitiative.aspx>

Worship on October 17 will be led by our children, will feature singing by the Cherubim and Seraphim choirs, and will be followed by a child-friendly and healthy lunch of macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, and fruit. There will be activities on the church lawn to help get the kid in all of us moving. Please invite your friends and their children to join us. It's a great occasion to "bring a friend to church."



WORK DAY  
at the  
CHURCH

The Landscaping and Gardening Committee invites you to participate in a **Work Day on Saturday, November 6** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A **planning meeting** will be held on **October 12** at 7 pm at FPC, and a **group tour** of the grounds will be conducted on **Sunday, October 17** after church. Please contact *Barbara Buckley* ([bjbucklev1@verizon.net](mailto:bjbucklev1@verizon.net)) or *Kate Busa* ([katebusa@gmail.com](mailto:katebusa@gmail.com)) for further information.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, October 11

5:30 p.m.: Christian Education

5:30 p.m.: Personnel

6:30 p.m.: Service and Mission

7:30: Worship and the Arts

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

If you have not seen the Everett Habitat Memorial Habitat House, let me encourage you to drive down East Main Street a few blocks past the Durham Rescue Mission and take a right on Young Street. It is the first house on your right. You cannot miss it! Two stories have already been erected. It is amazing!

*Nikitta Jones* and her four children are working beside us, and they are excited! *Nikitta* works the night shift at Duke Hospital, providing health care, and she comes straight to the Habitat construction site from Duke to work with us. Together, we are building a good house which will be a home for a family and strengthen a neighborhood. This is a sign for me of building for hope. It is a sign of God's kingdom breaking into our world.

The arrival of fall weather is a welcomed relief. There are other signs of God's kingdom among us. *Presbyterian Women* had a full house on Monday to study Revelation with *Judy Pidcock*. There are Bible studies led by *Marilyn Hedgpeth* on Friday mornings and Sunday afternoons as well.

The education and youth programs are going strong. Worship is being offered to the praise and glory of God. People are volunteering to serve others and visiting the sick and homebound. I am excited about what God is doing in our midst. I hope you have caught the moving of God's spirit. Join me in worship on Sunday.

*Joe*

## NOTES

- The *youth* had a good experience gleaning on Saturday, and the overnight camp-out for senior high students was a great experience.
- *Rebecca Leonard* is attending a conference sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education in Atlanta this week.
- *Joe Harvard* is attending the Board of Trustees for Columbia Seminary on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to *Abby Faulkner Jones* and *Chris Roser-Jones* on the birth of their daughter. *Juliet Elizabeth Roser Jones* was born October 2.

## OUR CONCERNS

Jeanne Hervey and Carol McKnight are having surgery at Duke this week.

**Admay Family** Katherine Carr  
**Fricks Family** Jim Hawkins  
**Tom Howerton** Don Jenkins  
**Carol Johnson** Knauert Family  
**Florence McDow** Josh Stanek  
 Jerry Tyren

### Added this week:

Frank Bradshaw, brother of Hilda Bradshaw

- ◆ **George Cox**, son of Sarah Cox
- ◆ **Steele and Molly Dewey**, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ◆ **Brad Holbrook**, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ◆ **Diane Houk**, daughter of Joyce Houk
- ◆ **Norma Johnstone**, stepmother of Jancy Strauman
- ◆ **Kris, Joe, Becca and Lauren Juarez**, Vernon Neece's niece and family
- ◆ **Anne Creadick Kennedy**, sister of Nowell Creadick
- ◆ **David Kilpatrick**, grandson of Elizabeth High, deployed in Iraq
- ◆ **Elizabeth Leathers**, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ◆ **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- ◆ **Machua Mbugua**, brother of Mary Gitata
- ◆ **Stephen McAllister**, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ◆ **Jeanine Romines**, mother of Karen Romines
- ◆ **Nancy Sappenfield**, mother of David Sappenfield
- ◆ **Laura Tandler**, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt
- ◆ **Sharon Van Vechten**, friend of Ann Prospero
- ◆ **Samuel Watson**, father of Dale Gaddis
- ◆ **Reverend Bob Wells**, cousin of Bill Hendrickson
- ◆ **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson
- ◆ **Mike Yearwood**, friend of Carol Johnson

## CHERUBIM CHOIR

### FOR 3 TO 6 YEARS OLD

This week, we will try something new with the choir for our youngest children. I will be going into the nursery during church time so that more children can benefit from our music time together. I look forward to seeing your child on Sunday.

*Li-Chen Chin*

## LLAPINGACHO FESTIVAL

### Saturday, October 9

Iglesia Emanuel will serve up another Latino delicacy, llapingacho, an Ecuadorian specialty made with potatoes, cheese and other ingredients on **Saturday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Northgate Presbyterian Church.** All are welcome! For more info, contact **Julio** at 672-4333 jre0412@gmail.com.

## Pennies for Hunger Offering

was received on Sunday, September 26, and totaled **\$271.00**. Thank you for your generous giving to help combat hunger.

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The **Peacemaking Offering** was received last Sunday. If you would like to make a gift, please bring or mail your contribution to the Church office marked "Peacemaking Offering."

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

It's been a fantastic couple of weekends with local mission work and retreating going on, but this Sunday, we're back to the routine youth group schedule. God Squad (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders) will gather from 5:00 – 6:30 pm, and the older youth/name TBD (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) will gather from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Dinner this week is being prepared by our friends in the **Crossroads Fellowship Group**—and I've heard we're in for a real treat. See you Sunday.

*Rebecca*

PS: An extra special kudos to **Larry Brockman, Michael Bacon, and Lenore Champion** for leading the camping retreat on *Friendship and Community*. "The Lord says to love our GOD with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves."

## Saturday, October 9 First Friends Gathering – 6 p.m. (Adults only)

6 p.m. at Eric Wiebe / Cynthia Shimer's  
 1507 Hermitage Court, Durham  
 Please bring salad, dessert, or side  
 RSVP to: [cshimer@hotmail.com](mailto:cshimer@hotmail.com) or call  
 Cynthia at 493-3038

## Tuesday, October 19 FPC International Dinner

6 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall  
 The program will feature a forum on immigration and detention issues.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

### HERITAGE PROJECT

Durham has a rich history during the Civil Rights era which has been captured in the form of oral histories and photos in what is now the Durham Civil Rights Heritage Project. The project features eleven 6' fabric banners containing photos, quotes from interviews with local people, and text recalling Durham's African-American community's history during the Civil Rights movement. **The banners will be on display at FPC through mid-November.** Please take time to read the stories and look at the photographs. You are invited to sign the register and add comments.

## THIRTY DAYS OF SERVICE TO DURHAM

FPC's first week of service in the Durham community, honoring Joe and Carlisle's 30 years of ministry at FPC, was a wonder to behold. We had **39** people peppered around Durham, knitting, reading, gleaning, building, and feeding. Many thanks to all of those who participated. Spots are still open for children, youth, and adults who want to serve. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer. In the weeks ahead, the following opportunities are available:

### Tuesday, October 5

**Weed, Water, Mulch the Community Garden**  
 St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Corner of Main and Dillard Streets  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (please wear close-toed shoes)

### Friday, October 8 & Monday, October 11

**Knit & Crochet at Urban Ministries**  
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with Susan Dunlap

### Saturdays, October 9 & 16

**Build a Habitat House**  
 107 Young Street, Durham  
 Youth over 16 and adults  
 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., or 12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 13

**Sort food donations at Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry**  
 Northgate Presbyterian Church, Roxboro Road  
 Children, youth, adults  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (only need 3 or 4 each week)

### Thursday, October 14

**Serve a healthy breakfast to FPC Day School staff of 15**  
 Children, youth, adults  
 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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