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The real faith issue that runs through the Old and New Testaments is that of trust. The story is about a God who made promises to the Israelites – made a covenant with them – and expected, in return, that they keep some promises about justice, mercy, and faithfulness, in return. In this covenantal sense, biblical faith is as far as possible from modernist notions of a *propositional* faith: rather, it is about sticking with one lover rather than running off with another. It is about being a true bride for Christ, about troth rather than truth. – *John Suk, Not Sure*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Newcomers' Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Thomas the Train Moments"
Homer Ashby, preaching

Children's Choir members need to come to the Choir Room immediately following worship **THIS SUNDAY**. **Youth**, who are playing bells, please come to the Bell Choir room.

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 22:1-15
Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel Lesson	Mark 10:17-31

Acolytes: *Lily Abels, Jane Carsey*

Crucifer: *Kennedy Wilkins*

Crossdaile Driver: *Paul Cornsweet*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship: *Kate Busa* (side/font)

Lea Bingham (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Cris Rivera* (head usher), *Carol*

Wills (flowers), *Karen Romines*,

Margaret Wabera, Alec Bethune, Anna

Kasibhatla, Lyn Williams

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

FAITH AND COMMUNITY CLASS

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

This Sunday, the **Reverend Patrice Nelson**, Executive Director of Urban Ministry of Durham, will be our guest to bring us up to date on what's happening in our neighborhood. "We are ending chronic homelessness by helping our neighbors get the food, clothing, and shelter they need." This is the mission of Urban Ministry of Durham. How is it going and how can we be more helpful? Join us for a good conversation at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

LECTIONARY CLASS

We know that God gives good gifts to us. But sometimes it seems that God demands that we give up things that are dear to us. Is suffering or poverty required? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

JOURNEYS

The Journeys Class is exploring Liberation and Feminist Theology this Fall. Our readings thus far come from Inheriting our Mothers' Gardens, ed. Isazi-Dias, Cannon, et al. We welcome you to our conversations in the bell choir room upstairs at the end of the hall.

PARENTAL WISDOM

This class for new parents, parents-to-be, or parents who haven't figured it all out yet, meets in room 203 of the education building at 9:45. This is an opportunity to meet other puzzled parents and to form bonds of fellowship that will last a lifetime.

PC(USA) KENYA MISSION NETWORK CONFERENCE

FPC is hosting the annual gathering of the Kenya Mission Network, an interrelated association of Presbyteries, Churches, individuals, and mission agencies that are partnered in missions between the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and the Presbyterian Church (USA). **To sign up to volunteer at the Conference go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EABAC28A75-kenya/1438266.**

Thursday, October 11

7 p.m. Keynote Address

"*Presbyterians Do Mission in Partnership*"

Speaker: **Debbie Braaksma**.

Africa Area Coordinator, World Mission

Friday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Keynote Address

"*Presbyterians Do Mission in Partnership*"

Speaker: **Reverend Thegu Mutahi**,

Deputy Secretary General, PCEA

7:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

NEWCOMER CLASSES

A series of Newcomer Classes has begun. The next two classes will meet on **Sundays, October 14 and 21** in the Church parlor of FPC beginning at **9:45 a.m.** Visitors who are interested in exploring membership at FPC or new members who have not attended the newcomer's classes in the past are cordially invited to participate.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class had a wonderful outing last Friday to the Shabbat service at Judea Reform. We are grateful to **Rabbi John Friedman** and **Rabbi Leah Berkowitz** for hosting us, and to **Mary-Jo Keenan** and **Sheila Miglarese** for travel arrangements. For Sunday's discussion of our roots in Judaism, we thank our visitors: **Lily Tendler** and **Susan Spratt**. This week we will be in the basement classroom with **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** leading our discussion of "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt". Mentors are always more than welcome to join the group.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Downtown Durham is drawing people from far and near. The same is true of FPC. You may have noticed that in the past year we have been asked to host three gatherings for the Presbyterian Church, USA of folks from across the country. This weekend the Kenyan Mission Network will meet at FPC. The group consists of individuals and congregations who are engaged in ministry in Kenya. There will be representatives from the Presbyterian Church in Kenyan coming to the gathering. You may know that there are more Presbyterians in Kenya than the US. This is a special opportunity for us because our Kenyan members have enriched our life by their presence and involvement in our congregation. I encourage you to attend the gathering which begins on Thursday evening. Contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** for information about the various events including worship and meals. We also need some more volunteers to help offer hospitality. Please let **Cris Rivera** know of your availability.

I regret that I will not be able to participate as **Carlisle** and I will be in South Carolina for the wedding of our son, **Bankston**, on Saturday. This is a joyful time for us. He was confirmed in FPC and comes back often to worship. This congregation has been significant in his life and we are all grateful for your love and support. Please keep us in your prayers and you will be in ours.

Joe

OUR SYMPATHIES

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

- **Bob Kever** and family on the death of his wife and FPC member, **Ellen Kever** on October 5th;
- **Elizabeth High** and family on the death of her brother, **Glynn Hadskey**, on October 8th in Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
- **Shirley Frederick** on the death of her brother-in-law, **Walter Jubinsky**, in New Jersey on October 8th.

October 21: National Children's Sabbath

Please join us on Sunday, October 21, when we will commemorate the National Children's Sabbath through worship, feasting, and outreach. Worship will be led in music and in liturgy by our FPC children and youth, and will include the installation of our new youth minister, **Sarah Finbow**. Lunch will be picnic-style on the lawn, with bag lunches provided by **Cris Rivera**. Please bring blankets or towels to sit on while you enjoy your lunch. A bake sale/cake walk will be sponsored by the youth as a fund-raiser for youth scholarships. **If you would like to bake cakes, brownies, or cookies for the event, please notify the church office before that Sunday.** Linking our worship to mission, the Christian Education Committee is asking that everyone bring one of the following items, which will be assembled into packets for new mothers to be distributed by Healthy Families of Durham: **board books, baby shampoo, baby soap, baby wipes, pacifiers, sippy cups, bibs and rattles.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Jeanne Hervey**, recovering from surgery.
- **Andrew Dummer** is recovering at home from surgery.
- **Bob Rankin**, recovering at Croasdaile.
- **David Garrison**, at Unihealth Post Acute Care (3100 Erwin Rd, Durham)

Katherine Carr **Helen Garrison**
Jim Hedrick **Diana Huggin**
Ann Majestic **Mozette Rollins**
Chris Wehrman

Croasdaile Village

Don Jenkins (Pavilion, E-116)
Carol Johnson (Friendship, D-120)
Jerry Tyren (Pavilion, E-205)

Hillcrest Convalescent

Tom Howerton
Randall and Connie McLeod

The Forest at Duke

Peaches McPherson (Holbrook Center)
Ken Goldner
Ruth Mary Meyer

- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Willa Eichost**, friend of Alissa Miles
- **Betsy Euler**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Worth Hudson**, father of Tyler Momsen-Hudson
- **Nancy Lewis**, friend of **Bill Hendrickson** and **Sally Feather**
- **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- **Linda Momsen**, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Nants Reynolds**, sister of Joe Harvard
- **Katie Warren**, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson
- **Wyndel Watson**, father of Kathy Conner
- **Kemper Foy Zeigler**, friend of Joe and Carlisle Harvard

JOINT OFFICER MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:00 p.m. Diaconate
6:30 p.m. Joint Officers' Supper
7:00 p.m. Joint Officers
7:30 p.m. Session

SENIORS FALL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 24

11:30 a.m. gathering

12 Noon Luncheon

Presenter: **James "Mickey" Efird**
"The Question of Authority"

YOUTH GROUP

Dear Friends,

God is truly alive in our Youth group!! I am so excited for all of the things that fall has in store for our Youth! Mark your calendars for **October 20th**. We will be going to a **Haunted Corn Maze** at McKee's Cedar Creek farm. We will need some **parent drivers** so please talk to me about details! The cost is **\$10 a person!** Please let me know if you can join us so we will have a ride for everyone!

October 21st is Children's Sabbath and my Installation as Youth Minister! Please wear your Tie-Dye Shirts to worship and join us after worship for a **Bake Sale/Cakewalk!** *Everyone* is invited to bring baked goods and participate in the game! Donations will help to fund our trips this summer including a service trip for the high school youth!

Thank you **Bingham/Dilworth** family for providing out meal this past Sunday! We are looking forward to another fantastic Sunday with a meal provided by the **Mbah** family this week!

Sarah Finbow



Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the **socks drive** for Project Homeless Connect being held on Thursday, October 11 at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

The **expectant mother** had a baby boy on October 4th. She is very appreciative of the baby and toddler items she received. Her son remains in the hospital but is expected to be released soon. The family remains in a state of homelessness and appreciates your continued prayers and on-going support.

The **former homeless couple** needing household furnishings is very grateful for the bed and bath linens and kitchen items that were donated.

Sunday, October 28

FPC will worship at Trinity United Methodist Church at **11 a.m.** in a celebration of music event.



FPC LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING COMMITTEE

invites you to participate in a workday
Saturday, October 13

9:00 a.m. til 12 noon

Please bring hand tools, tarps, shovels and rakes. Please contact **Barbara Buckley** at bjbuckley1@frontier.com for more information.

World Premieres!

The Chamber Choir of the Choral Society of Durham and members of the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham

Sunday, October 21

4:00 p.m. – FPC sanctuary

A free concert with the Ciompi Quartet and pianist Randall Love

Rodney Wynkoop and the Choral Society Chamber Choir are proud to present the world premieres of two works by local composers. Bill Robinson's Mantra Cantata is a setting of three Sanskrit devotional texts for chorus, string orchestra, and piano. Paul Leary's Cries of Revelation, for soprano and tenor soloists, chorus, string orchestra, horn, piano, and six-channel electronics, uses texts from the Book of Revelation and 19th-century Scottish mystic Margaret McDonald. Also on the program is Leary's Against My Love, a setting of Shakespeare's Sonnet 63 for chorus and string quartet. Robinson is on the NCSU physics faculty, and Leary holds a Ph.D. in composition from Duke.

DURHAM CAN

"SOULS TO THE POLLS"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

A non-partisan march of souls to the Durham Board of Elections

2:00 p.m. Gather at FPC

2:20 p.m. March down Main Street led by Durham's clergy to the polling site at the Museum of Durham History (Old Bus Station), 501 W. Main St.

2:45 p.m. Vote

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