

First Presbyterian News

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One participates his or her way into the faith community. One is shaped by the liturgy in which one participates. One is shaped without necessarily knowing it and without necessarily being able to explain what is happening. No other aspect of the life of the congregation can provide this experience of being formed into the community of faith.

- *Carolyn Harden Engelhardt*, "No Substitutes! Worship and Education," *Reach*, p. 6

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

This Sunday, worship will be led by our children and youth followed by a picnic on the lawn. Please invite your friends and their children to join us. It's a great occasion to "bring a friend to church."



Sermon:

"Time Out – For Praise"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Jeremiah 31: 27-34
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 100
Gospel Lesson	Luke 19: 28-40

Acolytes: *Jack and Benjamin Brigman*

Crucifer: *Graeme Peterson*

Greeters: *Minnie Cameron, Linn Lopez*

After Worship Greeters:

Jane Brawley (side, font)

Jane Wettach (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Jon Kimball* (head), *Simon Carsey* (flower delivery), *Jim Seitzer*, *Mary Ann Compton*, *Michael Bacon*, *Henry Njoroge*

♪ CHILDREN'S CHOIRS ♪

Parents of children (ages 6-11) in the Seraphim Choir: Please remind your children that after Sunday School they need to gather with *Kathy Parkins* in the choir area in the sanctuary so that they can help lead the worship service.
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Parents of children (ages 3-5) in the Cherubim Choir: *Li-Chen Chin* will be meeting with the younger children (ages 3-5) during the 11:00 a.m. service.
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The children's choirs will not meet following worship due to the lunch.

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 **tour** of the grounds will be conducted this **Sunday, October 17** after church. Contact *Kate Busa* (katebusa@gmail.com) or *Barbara Buckley* (bjbuckley1@verizon.net) or for further information.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Rebecca Telford-Marx**, who has been selected as a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Rebecca is a senior at Jordan High School. And congratulations to **Jared Rist**, who recently received WRAL's Extra Effort Award as an outstanding scholar and athlete. Jared is ranked number 1 in his class at Riverside High School, where he also plays soccer.

Tuesday, October 19

FPC International Dinner "Immigrant Neighbors Behind Bars - Responding faithfully" 6 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Join us for a helpful discussion of this critical issue in our community. Meal will be prepared by members of Iglesia Emanuel. (\$7 adults, \$2 kids, \$16 for a family) RSVP requested: (919) 682-5511.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class Faith Seeking Understanding:

What does the Bible say about the nature of the Church? What do our confessions say about the Church? We will continue our study of Theology for Presbyterians using texts from I Corinthians, Ephesians, and "A Brief Statement of Faith." All are welcome to attend this time for reflection and discussion in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

What assurance do we have that our persistence in prayer will be rewarded? Is God still in covenant with us? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

God had covenants with Adam and Noah. Does he need yet another one with Abraham? Join Journeys at 9:45 on the second floor of the education building – classroom at the end of the hall to discuss this question and how Abraham's life and covenant are still relevant today.

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 in the Wilson Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation

All women are invited to participate in this time of prayer, sharing our lives, and exploring the disciplines and practices of Christian spirituality. Join *Susan Dunlap* at 9:45 in the Middle School Youth room (former Bell Choir room). Check out our blog at: <http://sjd4.wordpress.com/>.

The Annual FPC youth **Haunted House** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 30 from 6 - 8 p.m.** All are welcome! Admittance to this year's Victorian-themed Haunted House (which the youth will happily modify for younger participants) is a canned food item for the Iglesia Emanuel Food Bank. Treats will be provided. Hope to see you there.

"LEARN BY HEART"

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia; Alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

This Sunday we will commemorate the National Children's Sabbath by enjoying worship led primarily by our youth and children. On our rolls, FPC has more than 150 baptized members under the age of 18, which is such a blessing to our church. Certainly they are cute, and we enjoy their vibrant comments during worship's Time with Children. But they are also very close to God and very wise, and we would be wise to learn from them about what it means to live in the presence of God. This past Sunday, I learned that *Ari Stob*, age 3, refers to baptism as "bathtism", which assures me that he understands what is going on quite well.

On Sunday morning, we will begin worship the way our middle schoolers and youth begin their worship services at Massanetta and Montreat in the summer, with some warm-up music that engages entire bodies in the act of praise. Then some of our children will lead us in song, and others will serve as liturgists. Following worship, everyone is invited to **bring a blanket or towel**, grab a bag lunch (free, provided by the CE Committee) in Watts-Hill Hall and come outside for a picnic on the green. Hopefully, it will be a beautiful fall day, and we can sit and talk while the children disappear into the magnolia tree, play on the playground, or chalk the sidewalk. It should be a great opportunity to praise God, to celebrate the gift of young people in our congregation, and to affirm our youngest members as "beloved children of God". I look forward to worshiping with you, and to our fellowship on the green! Blessings,

Marilyn

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for *Nelly Njeri Njoroge* on Sunday during worship. Nelly is the daughter of *Janet Maina Njoroge and Peter Muchuku*.

NOTES

- **First Friends** had an enjoyable evening at the *Wiebe/Shimers* on Saturday evening. Thanks for your hospitality.
- **Swahili Worship:** The prayer and singing in Swahili for our African community went well on Sunday. The next gathering will be November 14.
- Happy Birthday to **Rebecca Leonard** on October 12th.
- Copies of Session's proclamation honoring *Joe and Carlisle Harvard* are available from the table in the foyer.

OUR CONCERNS

Carol McKnight is recovering from surgery at Duke.

Jeanne Hervey is recovering at home.

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:

Bill Lorimer, Sr., father of Bill Lorimer, Jr.
Edward Mungai, friend of Mercy Ndambiri

♦ **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

♦ **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

The Things That Matter Book Group

will meet again on **November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Marila Stone** (111 Westside Drive, Chapel Hill) to discuss Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do by Mickel Sandel. New readers are welcome.

BENEFIT CONCERT

On **Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** Jazz for Peace featuring Singer / Pianist / Composer **Rick DellaRatta**, considered by many to be one of the finest jazz artists performing today, will perform a special Benefit Concert for YO:Durham at The Beyú Jazz Caffé located at 335 W. Main Street, downtown Durham.

The PEACEMAKING OFFERING received on **Sunday, October 3** totaled: **\$1,438.00**. You can still make a contribution. Make checks payable to FPC, memo: Peacemaking.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Sunday is Children's Sabbath and in the PCUSA's theme for this year's observance is "Blessed to Be a Blessing: Lifting Up the Next Generation".

We are all invited through worship, prayer, and action to affirm children as the primary blessing God has given us and commit together to end child poverty. By our support of Habitat for Humanity Youth United, we are - one safe, affordable house at a time - helping to ensure a family this type of security. As we continue to work hard to advocate for children and families in this way, we must help raise the necessary resources to build our next planned house. SO, bring in your baked goods on Sunday for an FPC - HFH Youth United fundraiser bake sale. And we will continue to do what we can to respond to God with thanksgiving for the blessing of children.

We will gather Sunday evening, from 5-8 p.m., for regular scheduled youth group fellowship.

See you then.

Rebecca



ALL are welcome to spend an afternoon with Mark Devries author of Sustainable Youth Ministry on **Sunday, November 7 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.** and then to stay for a **David Lamotte** concert (\$10) from 6-8:30 p.m. at FPC of Raleigh. For more information or to sign up to attend, contact **Rebecca Leonard** at 919-682-5511 ext. 222.

First Friends, Crossroads, and the Hand-in-Hand Class

are invited for lunch at

St. Philip's Community Garden Harvest Celebration

Saturday, October 23

12 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

corner of Main and Dillard Streets

Bring a pie to share!

Help celebrate the 2nd year in the community garden by enjoying a harvest meal and live music with our downtown neighbors in the garden. We'll join friends from Oldham Towers and Urban ministries along with folks from St. Philip's. In case of rain the luncheon will be rescheduled.

Please RSVP to **Christyn Klinck** at cfklinck@gmail.com if you can attend.

CIVIL RIGHTS BANNERS

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 also invited to sign the register and add comments.**

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

The Durham Interfaith Disaster Relief (DIDR) organization is planning some disaster relief training. If you are interested in learning more about disaster preparation and relief efforts contact **Lanny Pratt**: lwpratt2@mac.com.

THIRTY DAYS OF SERVICE TO DURHAM

Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer: (919) 682-5511.

The following opportunities remain:

Fridays and Mondays in October

Knit & Crochet at Durham Urban Ministries

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with Susan Dunlap

Saturdays, October 16, 23 & 30

Build a Habitat House

107 Young Street, Durham

Youth over 16 and adults

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., or 12:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, October 19 & 26

Read to Four-year-olds at FPC Day School

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Thursdays, October 14, 21 & 28

Serve a healthy breakfast to FPC Day School staff of 15

Children, youth, adults

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 30

Sort food donations at Food Bank of Durham

12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Children, youth and adult

You can wear costumes!

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