

First Presbyterian News

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All Saints' Sunday is a wonderful time in the life of a congregation to attend to dimensions of the faith often neglected or relegated to funeral meditations. For a church that exists in a consumeristic society so present-oriented, so eager to forget the past and so unwilling to face what seems like an uncertain future, the themes of this day are needed. They point us beyond our individualism and parochialism. They remind us of our connectedness to a great company of God's people of every age and generation, in whom we are included as sisters and brothers. The themes of this day have the power to reshape our identity, to teach us who we are and what we are about. – *Beverly R. Gaventa*, *Texts for Preaching*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

All Saints' Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

The youth from Judea Reform
Congregation will worship with us!

Sermon: "For All the Saints"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 116
Epistle Lesson	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Lesson	Luke 19:1-10

Acolytes: *Jancy Strauman*,
Lenore Champion

Crucifer: *Rebecca Leonard*

Greeters: *Hilda Bradshaw*,
Maxie Honeycutt

After Worship Greeters:

Lanny Pratt (side, font)

Lea Bingham (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Jon Kimball* (head), *Caroline Rourk*,
Simon Carsey (flowers), *Delia Kown*,
Henry Njoroge, *Miriam Morey*,
Rob Everett

Communion elders:

Bread: *Dawn Carsey* (process), *Andy Henry*,
Peter Fish, *Bill Hendrickson*

Cup: *Mac McCorkle* (process),
Margaret Rubiera, *Sharon Hirsch*,
Leslie Strohm (Head elder)

Shepherds: *Joseph Ngumi* (font aisle),
Jean Wilson (center aisle), *Henry Njoroge*
(pulpit aisle)

Presbyterian Women

Monday, November 1

at 10:30 a.m.

Circle Meeting and Bible study
led by *Judy Pidcock*

Seniors Fall Luncheon Wednesday, November 3

11:30 a.m. Reception (East Parlor)

12 Noon Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

"Medicines, Management and Access"

Speaker: *Gina Upchurch*,

Executive Director of Senior PharmAssist
Suggested donation for the meal: \$7.00.

**Please RSVP to the church office:
682-5511.** Please also let us know
if you will need transportation.

FPC Work Day

Saturday, November 6

The Landscaping and Gardening
Committee invites you to participate in a
Work Day on Saturday, November 6 from
9 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact *Kate Busa*
(katebusa@gmail.com) or *Barbara
Buckley* (bjbuckley1@verizon.net) for
further information.



STEWARDSHIP SEASON

As co-chairs of this year's
stewardship campaign, we look forward to
launching the 2011 campaign this Sunday,
October 31. The theme for this year's
campaign is **"Gratitude to God
Prompts a Generous Spirit."** This is
drawn from 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 and
reflects a recognition that, even in these
uncertain and difficult economic times,
there is much for which we all can feel
grateful to God. Moreover, in these
challenging times, the work of the church
is more critical than ever. We look
forward to elaborating on this theme
during the campaign.

The stewardship campaign will run
through the first three Sundays in
November, culminating with Dedication
Sunday on November 21. **The Annual
Congregational Dinner will be on
Monday, November 15.** Please mark
your calendars and look for an invitation
coming in the mail soon. In the
meantime, we would like to ask each of
you to give prayerful consideration to how
you might contribute to the life and health
of First Presbyterian Church through your
time, talents and financial resources.

We look forward to continuing the
conversation in the coming weeks.

Respectfully,

Carl and Lisa Rist



PLEASE join us, and bring a friend, for the
3rd annual **FPC youth Haunted House
on Saturday, October 30** from 6:00 -
8:00 pm. **Please enter FPC through
the Dayschool entrance** (which will be
marked) and note that our gathering will
begin in the chapel this year. Treats and
tricks will be provided for everyone. A
'less scary' version of our Victorian-
themed haunted house will be available
for guests who would prefer it. Please
bring a canned food item as your
admission ticket. Thanks, the FPC youth

"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 PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The celebration for *Phyllis Kort* was
an enjoyable occasion on Sunday. She is
a well-deserving recipient of the
Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life
Member award. It was good to thank her
for a job well done. The Personnel
Committee has decided not to replace her
at this time, but we are working with the
deacons and elders to ensure that
ministry to our seniors continues to
receive our attention.

In her remarks to the congregation,
Phyllis talked about her good memories of
those who have joined the saints "who
from their labors rest." I share her deep
gratitude for all those who have enriched
our lives by their presence among us.
This Sunday we shall remember and give
thanks for all those who have joined the
church triumphant during the past year.

If you have a friend or relative you
want included in the necrology on
Sunday, please call the church office by
Friday morning. It will be good to gather
at the Table of our Lord to affirm our faith
in the communion of the saints.

With gratitude,

Joe

The **Pennies for Hunger Offering**
received on October 24 totaled **\$210.00**.
Thank you for your generous giving.

LAST DAYS OF MISSION

Our 30 days of mission honoring *Joe and
Carlisle Harvard* is winding to a close.
On Saturday, October 30, we have two
wonderful opportunities to serve the
people of Durham. The Durham Food
Bank on Gilbert Street needs workers
(adults, youth, and children) to help sort
donations there from noon to 3 p.m. We
were hoping to have 20 workers there;
we need 15 more to make that goal. This
is a wonderful way to model Christian
service to and with your families, so I
would encourage families to serve
together. No child is too young, as long
as a parent is responsible for each child.
And the Habitat House needs adult
workers Saturday afternoon. Please come
and meet our friends from the Triangle
Softball League who will be joining us for
the build (and checking out our church).

This is a great way to invite a friend to
church – through service. Please call the
church office if you can help with either of
these projects. Thus far we have had 126
people from FPC who have participated in
the month of service. I'd like to see us
finish strong this last week.

- *Marilyn Hedgpeth*

OUR CONCERNS

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

Added this week:

- George Bernhardt, Jr.* son of George and Johanna Bernhardt is deployed in Iraq.
- ◆ *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
 - ◆ *Helene Johnson*, mother of Jim Johnson
 - ◆ *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
 - ◆ *Bill Lorimer, Sr.*, father of Bill Lorimer
 - ◆ *Anne Martin*, sister of Beth Neece
 - ◆ *Machua Mbugua*, brother of Mary Gitata
 - ◆ *Stephen McAllister*, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
 - ◆ *Edward Mungai*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
 - ◆ *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

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Ann Prospero* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Richard Prospero* on October 21st in Princeton, NJ, and to the *Admay family* on the death of *Tom Admay's* mother, *Delano Burton May* of Basking Ridge, NJ who died on October 22.

"Jesus said,
'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to *Anne Leathers* on the birth of a great-grandson. *Jacob Michael Ortosky* was born on October 23 to *Matt and Diana Ortosky* in Raleigh. The happy grandparents are *Cesar and Cathy Leathers Guajardo* of Bahama.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Delia Kwon* and *Christyn Klinck* who have new teaching jobs with Durham Public Schools.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,
At FPC we like to celebrate our Christian tradition of 'All Saints' Day in two ways. First, we like to pray for and honor all the saints in our lives, both living and dead. These saints helped shape us into who we are and who we are becoming as faithful followers of Christ. The other way is by combining the now secular observance of Halloween with a little fun and Christian outreach at the **3rd Annual FPC Haunted House and Canned Food Drive**. We will gather at FPC on Saturday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. to ready ourselves and the church basement for our 'Victorian-themed' Haunted House event. Our guests will arrive from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for their tours, bringing a canned food item for admission! Treats and tricks will be had by all. PLEASE remember to **USE THE DAY SCHOOL ENTRANCE** all day Saturday!

Parents, we will need some adult volunteers to help the youth advisors with this fun event (because I will be attending the open house for Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte where I hope to start divinity school - part time - next autumn) — please let me know if you're willing to help out!

This Sunday, just after worship, all youth are invited to join the young people from **Judea Reform** for our annual luncheon to discuss our different faith traditions. This will last about one hour. Families, feel free to bring a picnic lunch and stay at church while we're gathered.

There will be **NO YOUTH GROUP on Sunday evening**, so have a safe and fun time trick-or-treating!

Love, *Rebecca*

Try Something New . . .

Join us for supper at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 9** to hear local pastor and author, *Margot Starbuck*, discuss her new book *Unsqueezed: Springing Free From Skinny Jeans, Nose Jobs, Highlights and Stilettos*. Margot, with her fresh, humorous and theological perspective will invite us to think about being in a healthy relationship with our bodies - building up ourselves along with the body of Christ.

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet again on **Tuesday, 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.

Durham Parks and Recreation
TRIP TO WILLIAMSBURG, VA
See flyer on table in foyer for more info.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class **"Faith Seeking Understanding"**

What is the role of the church in the world? How do we give expression to our faith in public life? The Reformed Tradition provides us with a helpful perspective on what God desires from us. **Sam Miglarese** and **Joe Harvard** will lead the discussion at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

The prophet Habakkuk made his complaint and then sat and waited for God's answer. The answer came, but it might not have been what Habakkuk expected. Do we spend our time just waiting for God to act? Maybe God is telling us to come down and do something ourselves. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Sarah laughed. Should we laugh, or perhaps have a little more faith, at times? Join Journeys as they continue their discussion of Abraham, Sarah, Ishmael, Hagar, Isaac and the covenants with God. We meet at 9:45 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 in the Wilson Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap invites women to participate in this time of prayer, sharing our lives, and exploring the disciplines and practices of Christian spirituality at 9:45. We meet in the former Bell Choir Room.

Circles of Support

As part of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Durham, Genesis House and other agencies in Durham are collaborating to create Circles of Support, a team of 6-8 support people paired with a family that is transitioning from homelessness. The goal is to offer support to the family and to connect them with community resources that will enable them to achieve self-sufficiency. Circle members will meet with the family about twice a month to help with different types of problems the family might encounter related to personal financing, employment, housing, transportation, education and childcare. FPC is creating a Circle of Support team and will soon be matched with a family. If you might be interested in sharing your time and talents with this program, please contact *Lea Bingham*, 680-6749 or leabingham@gmail.com, *Dale Gaddis*, dalegaddis@earthlink.net, or *Mary Jo Keenan*, mjkeen39@gmail.com.

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