

# First Presbyterian Church of Durham Newsletter



November 1, 2016

ENCLOSED November 2016 Calendar

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## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Dear friends,

Today is All Saints' Day. This is the day when we remember the saints in our lives and in our community who have gone before us. We remember the way they lived their lives in faith and love, even as we acknowledge their imperfections.

As members of the Body of Christ, the Church universal, we seek to live lives that reflect our faith and trust in God. We seek to follow Jesus to the best of our ability in the way we live, work, play, and act. Often, however, we feel that though we have tried, we have missed the mark. This is where grace comes in. God's grace invites us anew into a loving and faithful relationship with God, through Christ. We have a new opportunity to live the way we are called to live – in loving relationship with God and with God's children of the world.

This Sunday, we will read from Ephesians 1:11-23. As a part of your devotional time this week, I invite you to read this passage considering our celebration on Sunday of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as well as All Saints' Day. You may wish to explore these questions: "What saints do you remember in your prayers and give thanks for on a regular basis (1:15-16)? How have these saints changed your life? What have you learned from them about faith in God and love of others? What would you like to emulate in your own life? What does it mean to have a "spirit of wisdom" (1:17)? What does that look like in the life of a saint you know? What does that look like in your own life? How might you grow in wisdom and faith as a follower of Christ?"

Join us for worship on Sunday as we celebrate God's promises in the waters of baptism and as we remember the saints in our community who have gone to live in God's heavenly Kingdom of peace, love, and joy.

Gratefully,

*Mindy*

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening, November 5!



## New Members were received Sunday, October 30

First Presbyterian Church of Durham welcomed eight new members this past Sunday during worship. **Enclosed please find a copy of the new members' profiles.**



**SYMPATHIES:** The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **David and Judy Smith** on the death of David's mother, **Martha Stribling Smith-Trout** on November 1.

**Alex and Marcella Thompson**, friends of the Walk-in Ministry

**Our friends and neighbors affected by Hurricane Matthew along the U.S. East Coast, in Haiti and Cuba**

**Beth Brockman**  
**Sarah and Pete Finbow**

**Al Crumbliss**  
**Bob Keever**

**Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell**

**Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill: Helen Garrison**

**Croasdaile Village: Jean Moore, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren**

**Hillcrest: Randall McLeod**

**Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson**

## Family and Friends of FPC

- **Elizabeth Chomba**, niece of Mercy Ndambiri
- **May Frances Fisher**, mother of Doug Fisher
- **Freda Rose Hamilton**, friend of FPC
- **Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson
- **Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson
- **Paul McCombs**, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
- **Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- **Sallie R.**, friend of Kerry Holbrook
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
- **Young girls who lost their mother and the aunt who will now care for them**, friends of the Williamson family

## Congratulations to Efland PC and Cherrie Henry!

Efland Presbyterian Church has received a grant of \$49,202.00 to enable its minister, **Rev. Cheryl B. Henry** to participate in the 2016 National Clergy Renewal Program. Efland Presbyterian Church is one of 146 congregations across the United States selected to participate in this competitive grant program, which is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Established by the Endowment in 2000, the program's grants allow Christian congregations to support their pastors with the gift of extended time away from their ministerial duties and responsibilities. **Rev. Henry also serves as a Parish Associate for Young Adults at First Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC.**

For her sabbatical, Rev. Henry, who has been a regular walker and hiker for the last 20 years, will hike, along with her family, 15 days on the oldest pilgrim trail in Europe, the "El Camino." In addition, they will make a pilgrimage around the United Kingdom exploring Wales, Iona and Scotland among other places. Once home, Rev. Henry will settle into a time of sabbatical rest and prayer. Co-current with Rev. Henry's sabbatical the grant allows for the Efland Presbyterian Church Congregation under the leadership of Pastoral Intern Mark McHugh to take a pilgrimage of its own to the NC Mountains to visit the Ashe County Fresco Churches of St. Mary's and Holy Trinity.

Special thanks to “Saint” **Paul Cornsweet** for taking great care of the church while **Robert Daye** was away on a two-week vacation! A job well done!



## Sunday, November 1, 2016

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
All Saints' Sunday



**9:45 a.m.**  
Sunday School

**11:00 a.m.** Worship with the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated for **Kevin Gitata's** son (**Mary Gitata's** grandson), **Shane Muchugia**, on Sunday during worship.

**Sermon:** “*Saints Among Us*”  
**Mindy Douglas**, preaching

**Worship Texts:**  
Psalm Lesson: **Psalm 149**  
Epistle Lesson: **Ephesians 1:11-23**  
Gospel Lesson: **Luke 6:20-31**

**Serving on Sunday**  
Acolytes: **Robbie Creadick**  
**Parker Klinck**

Crucifer: **Nathan Creadick**

Liturgist: **Any Dillon**

Croasdaile Driver: **Michael Honeycutt**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:  
**Alice Raney** (Side/Font)  
**Joseph Ngumi** (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Amy Dillon** (head), **Kathy Krahenbuhl** (flowers), **Alissa Miles**, **Celia Dickerson**, **Al Arrowood**, **Barbara Fish**

Communion Elders:  
Bread: **Eric Wiebe** (B1, process), **George Bernhardt** (B2), **Al Arrowood** (B3), **Dewey Lawson** (B4)

Cup: **Carter Momsen-Hudson** (C1), **Emily Diy** (C2, process), **Alice Raney** (C3), **Phyllis Supple** (C4)

Shepherds: **Caroline Rourk** (Font aisle),  
**Kate Busa** (center aisle), **Lenore Champion** (pulpit aisle)

Head/Replenish elements: **Will McDow**



### SUNDAY SCHOOL KUDOS . . .

Many thanks to **Lenore Champion** and the CE Committee for the wonderful Intergenerational Peacemaking activities this past Sunday morning. It was so delightful to watch young and old sitting at tables together; it was so pleasing to hear the hubbub of chatter, and know that it was centered around “peace.” It was a great glimpse of the kingdom. Thanks for showing up and giving it a try. **Our next fifth-Sunday all-congregational event will be on January 29th.**

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**Classes for children (through 5th grade) are held on the second floor of the Christian Education building at 9:45.**

**Middle and high school youth meet in their designated classrooms in the basement (below the sanctuary) at 9:45.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith & Community Class (Adults)

This Sunday, we will be led in a Listening Session by **Mindy Douglas**. Come share your thoughts on how FPC should engage in social justice, ministry, and mission. What should be our priorities? Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

### Lectionary Class (Adults)

When we read the words of Jesus or Paul or even the prophet Haggai, it sometimes feels as if a favorite teacher or coach is speaking to us. The words instruct, correct, enlighten, and encourage us. Are you listening to what these teachers have to say? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class (Adults)

This Sunday, Journeys will discuss chapter 10, “Fecundity,” of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. All are welcome to join the discussion in basement classroom B-17 at 9:45.

### Scratch Class (Young Adults)

We are using Lauren Winner’s book, *Wearing God*, as our study book. Join us on the second floor, CE building, room 205 at 9:45 for an interesting and informative class led by *Heather Wallace*.

### Women’s Spiritual Formation

*Susan Dunlap* will lead our discussion. This class meets in basement classroom B-16, at 9:45.

### Family Matters (for parents with young children)

This parent-led class is using *Searching for Happiness* as a guide for our study. Join us on the second floor, CE building, room 209 at 9:45.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands and mentors will meet this Sunday, November 6, upstairs in the Education Building to watch and discuss a short clip, “Not the Boss of Me” (The Sovereignty of God), and to work on our “Get to Know You” sheets. There are 16 youth, 16 mentors, and four teachers in our group. **Rob Everett** has agreed to bring doughnuts!



**Sunday, November 6**

**This Sunday we will continue our preparations for Youth Sunday!**

**Middle Schoolers** meet from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. **High schoolers** meet from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Supper for both groups is available from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Youth Sunday is November 20th!**

## Stewardship Season

**"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Luke 12:34**



My wife Emily and I have only been coming to First Presbyterian for about 5 years. But it feels like 20! And I mean that in the best way. First Presbyterian is such a vital part of our life in Durham that it seems sometimes like we've always been members. There must be 100 things at least that I love about FPC. But here are just five small "FPC moments" I love, in no particular order:

- 1) When all the kids go bouncing back to their parents after the children's sermon;
- 2) When the organ drops out for a measure or two and the choir carries the hymn so beautifully you get a little choked up;
- 3) When we pass the peace and I know more people by name than I ever have at any other church I've attended;
- 4) When I see yet another example of someone in our church family moving us towards justice, whether it's by advocating for affordable housing, organizing against racism, or reaching out to other faith communities;
- 5) When I leave Sunday service feeling filled up, joyful, and ready to build the kingdom!

For all these moments and dozens more, Emily and I will be pledging this year to First Pres. I invite you to consider making a pledge as well. The last 145 years of "FPC moments" have only been possible because our members have been generous with their treasure and led by their faith. Let's build on that tradition together! - **Carlo Diy**



## **Sunday, November 13 is Dedication Sunday**

Please give prayerful consideration to how you will support the church financially in 2017. Each household will receive pledge information, along with a pledge form which we ask that you complete and bring with you for dedication in worship on Sunday, November 13.

## FPC SESSION BRIEFS

### Session Meeting, Oct 24, 2016

The officers of the church enjoyed a lively and informative meeting on October 24. During the meeting, they:

- Listened to and considered various efforts to compassionately assist the homeless population which uses the FPC grounds;
- Approved the establishment of a permanent Investment Subcommittee of the Finance and Investment Committee;
- Approved adoption of a Consolidated Statement of Investment Policy;
- Approved the request that youth and youth advisors who are not already ordained be allowed to serve communion on Youth Sunday. Ordained elders will prepare the elements;
- Enjoyed examining new members over dinner, and formally received them into membership during the meeting. Eight new members will be joining our congregation October 30, 2016!

### Congregational Meeting, October 30, 2016

The slate for the at-large members of the Nominating Committee was approved, and will include: **Laura Armstrong, Peter Compton, Paul Cornsweet, Shirley Frederick,** and **Leslie McDow**. Officers on the committee are: **Alice Raney**, Elder and Chair, **Bob Breitweiser**, Elder, and **Karen Swope**, Deacon.

**Have you wondered: What is a quorum?** The definition varies from church to church. At FPC, a quorum of the session is 25% of the elders, including the moderator, and a quorum of the congregation is 10% of active members. A quorum at a presbytery meeting is comprised of three ruling elders, three teaching elders, and three different churches represented.

## NOTICES / REMINDERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KUDOS to the Senior Advisory Council!** The **Fall Seniors Luncheon** held October 26, was a great success. Special thanks to the Senior Advisory Council: **Susan Dunlap, Elizabeth High, Maxie Honeycutt, John Kerr** and **Mickey Velkey** for the planning; **Arthur Clark** (assisted by **John Fricks**) for the presentation; and **Cris Rivera** and **Beth Stringfield** for preparing a delicious meal.

**HELP NEEDED IN THE FPC NURSERY** Are you willing to help keep the nursery during worship, if needed? Because there are currently 27 children who are four and younger on our rolls, it can get quite busy in the nurseries. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside the nurseries in the Education Building. If you wouldn't mind leaving your name and phone number, the caregivers might text you if they are short-staffed or overwhelmed. Responsible middle school and high school students with babysitting experience, as well as parents and other adults, are requested to lend a hand when needed. Thank you!

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**BELL CHOIR - Rehearsals are Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir room.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR - Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir room. Childcare is provided.**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Rehearsals are Sundays following worship in the Choir room.**

## FPC LEGACY SOCIETY

The FPC Legacy Society welcomes all who have provided a gift to the church in their estate plan. The opportunity for membership in the society will continue through the coming years. Charter memberships are still available through the end of this year. We now have 22 families and individuals who have become Charter Members of the FPC Legacy Society! We encourage you to consider joining this group who have recognized the importance of the church in their lives and in our community. Please contact FPC Business Administrator **Tom Bloom** at 919-682-5511 or **Sheila Breitweiser** at 919-797-2717 to learn more.

## SERVICE AND MISSION

**A big THANK YOU from the Service and Mission Committee . . .** to all those who worked or provided snacks for the Day of Service on Saturday, October 29th. Lots of great work was accomplished at the Farm Church, Habitat, FPC landscaping, and gleaning. Great fellowship was experienced as well!

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**Please continue to bring items for Blessing Bags, Toiletry Kits and Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry. Donations are needed year round.**

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**DRESS FOR SUCCESS** needs ladies' purses, handbags, shoulder bags, etc. Drop off donations at FPC and **Caroline Rourk** will deliver them to Dress for Success.

**FURNITURE NEEDED** A family who recently moved from the shelter to permanent housing is in need of a dresser and/or chest of drawers. If you have one in good condition that you can donate, please contact **Mary-Jo Keenan** at 919-452-3896 or [mjkeenan39@gmail.com](mailto:mjkeenan39@gmail.com).

**HELP FOR THE HELPERS!** Not everyone is comfortable in the kitchen, but you can still help out those who are! FPC's meal clean-up volunteers could really use some **NEW SCRUB PADS** and **ABSORBENT DRYING TOWELS** for those big pots and pans (dishes and glasses, too) that are used for fellowship meals! If you are a cook, you know what we need! You can drop your donations off in the Volunteer Office at the church.



### QUILT EXHIBIT

The exhibit runs until **November 21**. Come by **Watts-Hill Hall** and see the lovely quilts made by members and friends of the congregation.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Meditation with Lucie House**  
Thursdays at 12 noon in the Wilson Parlor

**NIA Fitness Classes (with Heather Wallace)**  
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall through November 17.

**Young Adults (Scratch) Brunch**  
Saturday, November 5  
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, at Marilyn Hedgpeth's home  
Please respond to the Evite.

**First Friends November Potluck (Adults only)**  
Saturday, November 5  
6:00 p.m. at the home of Lea Bingham/Rob Dilworth  
Please respond to the Evite.

**Organizing Against Racism: Presentation (lunch provided) followed by DurmTalks Community Forum**  
Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Durham  
Registration is required. Contact **Kathy Krahenbuhl** if you want to attend: 919-801-0422. Scholarships are available.

**BOOK GROUP**  
Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Dale Gaddis**. **Jane Williams** will lead a discussion of Bryan Stevenson's book, **Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption**. New faces welcome!

**SONAM in Concert - Sunday, November 13**  
2:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Love Music? Love Dogs? Love Charity? SONAM - Singers of New and Ancient Music - will sing a benefit concert on the themes of war and peace. The hour-long concert will range from anguished laments to comforting blessings, with music by composers from Germany, Estonia, Spain, France, and the US. There will be a \$10



suggested donation, all of which will go to Vets to Vets United to support their work in partnering and training dogs from local shelters with veterans in need of a service dog. For more info visit [Sonamchorus.org](http://Sonamchorus.org) and [vetstovetsunited.org](http://vetstovetsunited.org)



**Durham CAN Fall Fundraiser "Songs of Hope"**  
Sunday, November 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The event will feature jazz singer, **Lois Deloatch** along with other local and regional musicians. Tickets are \$30.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or making a donation please contact **Homer Ashby** at 919-943-7112. Thanks for your support of our partner in ministry, Durham CAN.

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**Celebrating 100 years of Music Making**  
featuring FPC's Century-old Austin organ

Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

**Kathy Parkins**, organ, assisted by **Joe Robinson**, oboe, **Mary Kay Robinson**, violin, **Ben Maxwell**, cello, and **Lesley Curtis**, soprano, performing works by Bach, Buxtehude, Elgar, Rachmaninoff, George Thalben-Ball.

**Event is free and open to the public.**

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**Leftover Halloween Candy?**  
Please bring to the church for the Children's Choir.  
Candy is a great motivator!

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