

# First Presbyterian News

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What happens to a generation designed, as all people are, to give ourselves to something bigger than ourselves, when we are reluctant to give ourselves to anything demanding of commitment? We shrivel up. We become hollow. Shadows of selves . . . . Belonging, being part of something bigger than ourselves is . . . the most health-giving thing you can do. . . . Meet with people, work on something together. We're wired as human beings to want something to give our lives for. We're meant to give our lives to God. - **Jason Byassee**, The Gift of the Small Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "The Offering"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 65:17-25
Gospel Lesson	Luke 21:1-9
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Acolytes: **Juliana Miglarese, Ben Maxwell**

Crucifer: **Bonnie Creadick**

Greeters: **Abby Jones, Minnie Cameron**

After Worship Greeters:

**Mac McCorkle** (side, font)

**Margaret Rubiera** (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Delia Kwon** (head), **Jon Kimball,**

**Rob Everett, Alex Crockett, Carlisle**

**Harvard, Hilda Bradshaw**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

#### "Waiting for Superman"

In light of the new movie "Waiting for Superman", **Sam Miglarese** will facilitate a discussion on the challenges facing Public Education. Public education has always been high on the agenda of churches in the Reformed Tradition.

**Sheila Miglarese** who works for Durham Public Schools will also participate in the conversation. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome!

### Lectionary Class

Will the Day of the Lord be a pleasant time or not? Our readings paint a confusing picture. On the one hand, Isaiah shows a vision of joy and delight, with long, pleasant, peaceful lives; on the other hand, Jesus warns of war, famine, persecution and hatred. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Please join Journeys this Sunday as they continue their discussion of the community, covenants and faith or Abraham. The class meets at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building, classroom at the end of the hall.

### 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. The class meets in the Middle School Youth room (former Bell Choir room) below the sanctuary.

## "GRATITUDE TO GOD PROMPTS

### A GENEROUS SPIRIT"

*At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.*

(2 Corinthians 8:14)

In the last few years, the people of First Pres have supplied what we need in many ways: you welcomed us - neither of us Presbyterian by background - when we were looking for a church home. You celebrated with us when our first child was born and baptized, and supported us through the uncharted waters of new parenthood.

In turn, we feel obligated to help supply what the church needs. And we feel a special obligation in the current economic climate. We wake up every day in a warm bed, go to jobs we are blessed to have, and come home to a refrigerator full of food. But we know that's not the reality for everyone right now. We feel compelled to contribute our part because we can. And we know that during tough times, you at First Pres would do the same for us.

**Pat and Amy Dillon**

## FPC's Annual Congregational Dinner

Monday, November 15, 2010

6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

927 W. Trinity Avenue, Durham

*"Thank You for the Opportunity"*

**The Reverend Mel Williams, pastor,**

**Watts Street Baptist Church**

*(Childcare provided)*

Please RSVP if you plan to join us!

## THIRD FRIDAY EVENT

FPC will participate in downtown Durham's monthly Third Fridays evening activities on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The featured attraction is **WestGlen**, a folk band with vocal harmonies, beginning at 7:30 pm.

**Doors open at 7:00 p.m.**

to view the Durham Civil Rights Heritage Project banners recalling Durham's African American community history during the Civil Rights movement. The banners will be on display from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. and from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Plan to come help host our neighbors and invite a friend!



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Introducing **Sam and Helen Adams** to our congregation last Sunday reminded me of how important the community of faith is in my life. What an impressive and helpful presentation and sermon Sam delivered! Sam and Helen were impressed and deeply moved by the spirit and commitment they found at FPC.

In the remarks by **Lisa Rist** and **Rob Everett** the past two Sundays, they shared how this community has enriched their lives. This is also the sentiment expressed in the newsletter by **Edwin Mwangi** and the **Dillons**. Hardly a day goes by that I do not experience expressions of genuine koinonia (Christian community) among us.

In a time of stress and uncertainty, God has called us to provide the hospitality, the nurture, and the witness to God's love and justice made known in Christ. It is a joy to be engaged with you in joining with God in the work of reconciliation and new creation.

On next Monday, November 15, we shall celebrate our life together at the Annual Congregational Dinner and consider the challenges God is placing before us. **Mel Williams**, pastor of Watts Street Baptist Church and a leader in Durham, will be our speaker. Mel and I met at Yale Divinity School in 1968 and have been friends and colleagues ever since. I hope you will be present as we affirm our commitment to being the body of Christ in this place.

**Joe**

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Nowell and Jennifer Creadick** and family on the death of Nowell's sister, **Anne Creadick Kennedy** in Oregon on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

*"Jesus said,*

*'I am the resurrection and the life.'"*

## "LEARN BY HEART"

### Psalm 23 (NRSV)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff -- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life **long.**

## OUR CONCERNS

### Added this week:

**Peter Morton**, son of Parker and BJ Morton

**Bruce Foster Momsen**, father of Deborah Momsen-Hudson, is having hip replacement surgery this week.

**Admay Family**

**Fricks Family**

**Jeanne Hervey**

**Don Jenkins**

**Knauert Family**

**Carol McKnight**

**Jerry Tyren**

**Katherine Carr**

**Jim Hawkins**

**Tom Howerton**

**Carol Johnson**

**Florence McDow**

**Josh Stanek**

◆ **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

◆ **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

◆ **Robert Miller**, friend of the Harvards, Dorothy Graham, and Scottie Seawell

◆ **Edward Mungai**, friend of Mercy Ndambiri

◆ **Jeanine Romines**, mother of Karen Romines

◆ **Nancy Sappenfield**, mother of David Sappenfield

◆ **Joe Snyder**, nephew of Michael Leonard and cousin of Jenna and Maryn

◆ **Laura Tandler**, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt

◆ **April Turner**, niece of Marilyn Hedgpath, deployed in Afghanistan

◆ **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

**THANK YOU!!**  
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. . . to the work crew that turned out on a cold, rainy day on Saturday to prune and landscape the grounds and memorial garden. Those hardy workers included **Dale Georgiade, Alice Raney, Barbara Buckley, Dale Gaddis**, and others.

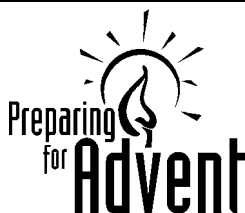
## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Please join us this Sunday for regular scheduled youth group (God Squad from 5-6:30 and Iter from 6-8). Over the next two Sundays we will be talking about 'preparedness' and 'anticipation' in light of all that we have going on in our lives and considering what it means from a biblical and church perspective. Hope to see you there.

Love, **Rebecca**

**PS.** Thank you for all the well wishes and prayers concerning my recent illness, I'm feeling much better this week.



It's hard to believe, but Advent is upon us, and FPC's Advent Festival will be held **December 5<sup>th</sup>** following worship. Our youngest members will participate during Sunday School; everyone else is invited to stay after worship for food, wassail, Advent wreath-making, crafts, and alternative giving opportunities. This year we will be seeing how to use wine corks creatively, which members have been generous in providing!



FPC's Christmas pageant featuring our children will be at 5:00 on December 24. Rehearsals will be held after worship on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**, and at 1 p.m. on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please mark your calendars now to attend.

### INTERFAITH TOUR TO ISRAEL

Members from Judea Reform, First Presbyterian and Fisher Memorial will tour Israel, **June 19-28, 2011**. People of all ages are invited to join us! The price per person: approximately \$3,700 plus airport taxes (currently \$505.69) and includes: roundtrip airfare from RDU to Tel Aviv, transfers to/from hotels and airport, first class accommodations, hotel taxes, eight days of touring in luxury bus with English-speaking private tour guide, daily breakfast buffet, five dinners and one lunch, and most gratuities. **There will be an information session for persons interested in the trip following worship on December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will have a brief meeting on **Sunday, November 14 after church** in the East Parlor.

## PRIME TIMERS GATHERING

**Saturday, November 20**

6:30 p.m. at the home of

**Mary-Jo Keenan and Larry Reed**

2407 Tryon Rd., Durham

Colony Park subdivision, off Cornwallis Rd between 15-501 & Erwin Rd. Feel free to park in the driveway or on the road.

**Please RSVP to Mary-Jo:**

**919-490-2973 or**

[mjkeenan39@gmail.com](mailto:mjkeenan39@gmail.com)

**and let her know what you will bring.**

## CARE PACKAGES

The Diaconate is assembling care packages for our college students and other children away from home. Please bring in flat items to contribute to the packages – **gum, hot cocoa, candy, granola bars, puzzles, joke books**, etc. A collection box will be in the church foyer. Please also let the church office know the names and updated contact information of your **college-age students** and children in the **armed services** so we can update our records. The packages will be assembled at the next Diaconate meeting and sent out after Thanksgiving.

## INVITATIONS

### HYMN AND CHOIR FESTIVAL

A Hymn Festival and Choir Festival will take place at **Grace Baptist Church** (corner of Trinity Ave. and Mangum St.) on **Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.** Choir members from **First Presbyterian** have been invited to participate with a mass choir. The event is sponsored by the American Guild of Organists and Grace Baptist Church. **David Durkop** will serve as organist and play joyous arrangements of hymns. Come support your choir members and spend a wonderful afternoon listening to joyous music! A reception will follow the festival.

### CAREER WORKSHOP

Are you feeling "career challenged" or experiencing career stress or unemployment? Save the date for this important workshop: "Take Charge of Your Career Success" presented by **Jim Koehneke**, on **Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon** at First Presbyterian Church. Class size limited, so enroll soon by emailing Jim: [jim@jimkcoaching.com](mailto:jim@jimkcoaching.com), or calling 919-768-7425. Jim has been a career coach for over 20 years and is committed to assisting people discover and live from their unique and authentic life purpose.

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