

First Presbyterian News

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When we can reach beyond our fears to the One who loves us with a love that was there before we were born and will be there after we die, then oppression, persecution, even death will be unable to take our freedom. Once we have come to the deep inner knowledge – a knowledge more of heart than of mind – that we are born out of love and will die into love, that this love is our true Mother and Father, then all forms of evil, illness, and death lose their final power over us. – *Henri Nouwen* – Our Greatest Gift

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 night.



NOVEMBER 6, 2011

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Sermon: *"In Good Company"*
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 6:19-21

Acolytes: *Grace Abels, Eleanor Dilworth*
Crucifer: *Alex Buck*

Crossdale Driver: *Dan Hudgins*

Narthex Greeters: *Edward & Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters:

Diane Standaert (rear / narthex)

Dawn Carsey (side, font)

Ushers: *Susan Seahorn* (head), *George*

Bernhardt (flowers), *Jon Abels, Cris*

Rivera, Nancy Kost, Yao Kudadze

Communion Servers:

Bread: *Dawn Carsey* (Process), *Andy Henry, Kate Busa, Anthony Kamau*

Cup: *Luke Everett* (Process), *Mal King, Andy Widmark, Lisa Rist* (Head elder)

Replenish Elements: *Leslie Strohm*

Shepherd Pulpit Side: *Henry Njoroge*

Shepherd Center Aisle: *Jean Wilson*

Shepherd Font Side: *Jon Abels*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"Rich in Things and Poor in Soul"

The title of the class comes from a line in a familiar hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory." Is it a description of our culture? What guidance does our faith give us to help us in the use of our resources? *Connell Fullenkamp*, Professor of the Practice of Economics, will lead the discussion. We will look at these issues in the context of the "Occupy Wall Street" movement. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Choices have consequences. Even simple, everyday decisions -- did you bring an extra set of batteries for the flashlight? -- can have dire consequences. If we are very fortunate, someone might warn us in advance about the importance of a decision we are about to make. You have been warned. Join us at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

We are currently studying *The True Story of the Whole World: Finding Your Place in the Biblical Drama*. This book unfolds Scripture in six "acts" from the establishment of God's kingdom to the "return of the King." Join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

"BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST TOGETHER"



The Christian Education program is at work daily to build the Body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church. How do we do this?

Similar to the way Jesus did it, the body of Christ takes close friends aside to explain the finer points of a parable. This is something you might witness in our high school Sunday school classroom. Similar to the way Jesus climbed a mountain with close friends to talk to God, there is not a better description of the Montreat Youth Conference experience. Similar to the way Jesus would sit and patiently teach a mob, some Sundays, but certainly not all, this might describe one of our Sunday school classrooms.

Your stewardship dollars make these things possible. It pays for the gas to get our youth to Montreat, it buys pizza once in a while for a common meal, it pays for a carefully constructed Sunday School curriculum and teacher training for Godly Play that includes hands-on wooden items, such as Bible characters, a wooden ark, and props reminiscent of items mentioned in parables.

As Jesus Himself instructs us, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." And so in this way we continue to build up the body of Christ, as we have been told to do.

Dawn Carsey

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 p.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

403 E. Main Street, Durham

Speaker: **Reverend Chris Tuttle**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham

RSVP by November 9th

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Starting from Scratch

The *Starting from Scratch* class meets on Sundays in room 203. This week we will be discussing Barth's understanding of Scripture. What are you looking for when you read the Bible? New faces welcome!

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class on spiritual formation on Sundays at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom located below the sanctuary. New faces always welcome!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I remember as a young child going with my dad to watch a parade. He would put me on his shoulders so I could have a good view of what was going on. In reflecting on that experience, I believe it provides valuable insight into our lives.

We all stand on the shoulders of others and this helps us in our journey. All Saints' Sunday is a wonderful time in the life of our congregation to remember and give thanks for those who placed us on their shoulders. We gather at the Lord's Table with "with all the faithful of every time and place." It is an important reminder of a significant dimension of our faith: we believe in the communion of saints. There is a bond that transcends even death.

This week you will receive an invitation to the Annual Congregational Dinner to be held Tuesday, November 15. It is a good time to celebrate the ties that bind us. Please join me for worship at FPC on Sunday. I look forward to this gathering of "all the saints."

Joe

NOTES

- The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for *Ian David Anthony* and *Phillip Anthony III* on Sunday during worship. *Ian and Phillip are twin sons of Nesta Gerberding and Felipe Anthony Barrientes, Jr.*

- THANKS to everyone who came out to support the FPC Haunted House. We collected multiple bags of items to be donated to the Iglesias Emmanuel Food Pantry while having a spooktacularly good time! Thanks!

OUR CONCERNS

Florence McDow is undergoing tests at Duke.

Martha Howerton is now at Hillcrest.

Rob and Amy Harkey are in Uganda where they will receive their adopted daughter.

Margaret Boswell

Don Jenkins

David Parkins

Susan Thompson

Tom Howerton

Carol Johnson

Mozette Rollins

Jerry Tyren

- Chester Bissette*, grandfather of Abi Bissette

- Mary Causey*, sister of Ellen Bacon

- Sarah McCracken Cobb*, sister of Mary Ann Compton

- Kate Crockett*, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett

- Donald Davis*, brother of Lorraine Davis

- Murphy family*, friends of the Brown family

- Rolf Olsen*, friend of Bob and Lina Yoder

- Mary Russell Roberson*, daughter of Ruth and Russell Roberson

- Karen Wolcott*, cousin of Jean Wilson

- Kemper Foy Zeigler*, friend of Joe and Carlisle Harvard

LEFTOVER CANDY?

Kathy Parkins will gladly take your leftover Halloween candy for the children's choir. On your next visit, bring your candy and leave it in the volunteer's office or in Kathy's mailbox at the church.

SAVE THE DATES FOR ADVENT

Advent, our season of preparation for the Incarnation of God in Christ, is on the horizon. Advent is the purple season of waiting, of preparing, of pregnant anticipation, of delayed gratification. Three week-day communion services are planned to turn our hearts towards the coming Christ child.

On Wednesday evening, November 30, **Bob and Lina Yoder** will lead worship and communion at 6:00, followed by dinner at 6:30.

On Wednesday, December 7, **Anthony Kamau** will lead worship / communion, likewise followed by dinner.

On Wednesday, December 14, **Susan Dunlap** will be our worship / communion leader. These are short, family-friendly services where we count the cold days together, in remembered hope that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again.

Our church-wide **Advent Festival** will be take place on Sunday, December 4, during worship for the littlest ones, and following worship for the older children and adults. **Alternative giving** guests will be present to keep the needs of the community before us. Mark your calendars now, please!

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Sunday we will gather after worship to hike the Occoneechee Mountain trail in Hillsborough. Please bring a bag lunch, a change of clothes and shoes. We will need **adult chaperones and drivers** for this fun youth fellowship event as I will be in Indianapolis, IN at a Habitat for Humanity Youth Leadership conference! The plan is to return to FPC by 4:00 p.m. for pick up. There will be **no evening youth group Sunday evening!** Y'all have a great time and I'll see you soon! Peace.

Rebecca

FIRST FRIENDS FALL HIKE

hosted by **Cherrie, Andy, & Sam Henry**
Saturday, November 12

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(or **10:00 a.m. to Noon** if your day is busy)

Umstead State Park, Raleigh

www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/wium/main.php

Please bring a small donation for bagels, appropriate hiking attire, a picnic lunch.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 11:

cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com

(We need to know how many bagels to buy.)

TIME OUT RADIO SHOW

Mac McCorkle will be the guest on Monday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m. with host **Bill Hendrickson** discussing the political landscape. Time Out is on WCOM, 103.5 in Carrboro and Chapel Hill and on the web at wcomfm.org.

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

at the home of **Dale Gaddis**

912 Urban Avenue, Durham

The discussion will be led by **Delia Kwon** on Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy, 1896-1920, by Glenda Gilmore. RSVP to Dale Gaddis at 687-4324 or email her: dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com.

YO: DURHAM presents

Award-winning, multi-Grammy nominated, #1 Billboard Jazz recording artist,

BONEY JAMES LIVE!

A Benefit Concert for Disconnected Youth

Saturday, November 5

Durham's Carolina Theatre

7:00 p.m. Reception 8:00 p.m. Concert

Tickets: \$50 each – available at FPC.

HOUSING FOR NEW HOPE

(Fundraising event)

"Ole Time Variety Radio Show"

Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m.

The Murphy School Auditorium

(3729 Murphy School Rd, Durham)

Tickets \$50

Contact Eric Breit at (919) 489-6282 x 103 or eric@housingfornewhope.org for tickets.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

November 5, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration not required

Stanford L. Warren Library Branch

1201 Fayetteville Rd, Durham

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011:

Please welcome the following new members:

Nesta Gerberding, 3115 Appling Way, 27703, cell-599-9775, has been attending FPC since May, 2011 with her twin sons, Ian and Phillip, now 3 years old. Nesta was raised in Charlestown, W VA and most recently lived in Texas. She studied Government and World History (B.A.) at the University of Texas and attended St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, TX for one year. In addition to caring for her children, Nesta has been volunteering in the church office. She has previously worked as a legal aide and is fluent in Spanish. Nesta is joining FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

Michael Schultz, 108 W. Trinity Avenue, 27701, cell-360-388-6573, was raised in Centralia, WA. He graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA. He moved to Durham in August 2011 to take a position as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with MDA, a non-profit that promotes equity and opportunity across the South. Michael enjoys a number of outdoor activities such as hiking, skiing, and biking. He also lists making bread and reading as spare time activities. Michael is joining FPC by transfer of his membership from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Centralia, WA.

Heather Wallace, 120 E. Lynch Street, 27701, cell-503-808-0393, is also a graduate of Whitworth University, Spokane, WA with a B.A. in Philosophy and English. She is presently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Philosophy at Duke University. Heather was raised in West Linn, OR and has been worshipping at FPC since August of 2011. She has an interest in helping with at-risk youth. She is a biking enthusiast and also enjoys sewing, knitting and crocheting. Heather is joining by transfer of her membership from Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego, OR.

Lyn and John Williams, 676 Hawthorne Place, Creedmoor, NC 27522, Lyn cell-904-625-3793; John cell-904-874-5177 relocated to this area from Florida in late 2010. They have been worshipping at FPC since June, 2011. Lyn was raised in Charlotte, NC and graduated from Bauder College in Atlanta with a degree in Interior Design. John grew up in Bel Air, MD and attended Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL, earning both an undergraduate degree and a masters of arts in teaching. He recently accepted a position with SunTrust Bank in Cary, NC. Lyn and John enjoy visiting the mountains. Lyn's spare time activities include cooking and gardening; John enjoys soccer and music. Lyn and John are joining FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

I Sil Yoon, 300 Swift Avenue, Unit 24, 27705, cell-310-808-5232, is a native of Korea. A graduate of Yonsei University in Korea, I (ee) Sil Yoon moved to Durham in August, 2011 to enroll in the Ph.D. program at Duke Divinity School. She lists swimming as one of her favorite activities. I Sil is joining FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

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