

# First Presbyterian News

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The church ought to be that sort of community whose work is so risky, whose mission is so bold, and whose success is so unimaginable that the church will fail utterly unless the Holy Spirit empowers it to be that which God calls the church to be.

– William H. Willimon

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

Sermon: "A Tale of Two Widows"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 127
Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel Lesson	Mark 12: 38-44

Acolytes: **Ben Dow, Jack Brigman**

Crucifer: **Caleb Conner**

Crossdaile Driver: **to be determined**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters: **Tom Bacon** (side)

**Marcia Lorimer** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Lyn Williams** (head usher),

**Tamzin Kinnebrew** (flower delivery)

**Torrell Armstrong, William Brown,**

**Karen Romines, John Cowden** (alternate)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### FAITH AND COMMUNITY CLASS

#### "The Fire of Freedom"

**David Cecelski** will lead a discussion of his recently published book, The Fire of Freedom: Abraham Galloway and the Slaves' Civil War. This is the fascinating story of one of the most significant Black leaders in the South during the Civil War. David is a distinguished historian, author, and teacher. David is a native of the North Carolina coast. Copies of his book will be available. Join us at 9:45 in Watts Hill Hall for an interesting NC history lesson.

### LECTIONARY CLASS

Sometimes stories from the Bible seem remote to our lives, even if the words are familiar. There are no high priests offering sacrifices for us, and we do not know any scribes who wear long robes in the marketplace. We are not bound by customs requiring a man to marry his kinsman's widow. How can we find a message for our time in these stories? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### JOURNEYS CLASS

Journeys will continue its exploration of liberation theology by discussing My Mother's Garden, covering chapter 7, "My Mother's Garden is a New Creation." All are welcome to join the discussion. The class meets on the second floor of the education building.

### FAMILY MATTERS CLASS

Family Matters gathers in room 203 of the education building at 9:45 each week to discuss matters of faith and our journey as parents. Join in for conversation with fellow parents. Feel free to email **Kim Abels** for more information about this class: [kabels@email.unc.edu](mailto:kabels@email.unc.edu).



## STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our neighbors at Iglesia Emanuel hold an annual Christmas Pageant that is not to be missed. Music, lights, and children dressed as sheep, shepherds and angels fill the stage. Parents, siblings, and neighbors pack the pews. The evening reflects the broader community to which our church is tied, as well as the many facets of Iglesia Emanuel's ministry. The pageant is purposefully on Wednesday night, the night of Iglesia Emanuel's weekly Food Pantry. Volunteers at Iglesia Emanuel distribute food to anyone who comes. Then, together they share a hot meal. The night of the pageant is no different, with one addition - happy shrieks of children who all receive gifts that evening.

First Presbyterian supports Iglesia Emanuel through our annual budget, allowing Iglesia Emanuel to serve as an anchor along North Roxboro Road, and provide spiritual and physical nourishment to its congregation and others. While it primarily serves the Latino community, its reach is far broader. As a church community, we've engaged in shared learning about immigration and about PCUSA's ministry, Café Justo, which facilitates community-owned economic development in Mexico. Iglesia Emanuel's youth bands perform at Presbytery events, locally and this year, as far away as Kansas.

Iglesia Emanuel is growing. Sunday worship attendance is increasing, as is its programmatic offerings (music lessons, computer classes, a weekly radio show, and soccer camps). As the ministry increases so does our opportunity for giving, through the rising numbers at its weekly Food Pantry and its needs for critical basic infrastructure— like repairing the heating system in the aging church building.

First Presbyterian's growing support of Iglesia Emanuel through our annual giving is tremendously appreciated. And, we look forward to seeing you at the Pageant!

*Diane Standaert*



## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

November 13 at 6:00 p.m.

in the parish hall of

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

**RSVP by November 8<sup>th</sup>**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

"I was moved to tears when you were reading the names of those who died on Sunday." This remark by a member of our congregation struck a chord with me. I was also moved, not only as the names were read, but also as I watched you come forward with your offering for hunger and to be fed at the table of our Lord. I joined others of you in the memorial garden to remember those whose names are recorded on plaques there.

These experiences reinforce the affirmation that we are not alone and that we stand on the shoulders of others. We are surrounded and supported by "the communion of the saints." Sunday evening, I dropped in when the youth were in a circle to pray before eating together. The circle stretched around the fellowship hall. The youth are excited and invested in carrying on the worship and service of God which has been going on at FPC for over 140 years.

This is Stewardship Season when we pause and reflect on our role in responding in gratitude to God by contributing to the worship and work God calls us to do. Our theme this year is "Feed My Sheep." It seems timely to consider this request of Jesus when there are so many with a multitude of hungers. It is a time to consider the challenge of using our gifts in the service of God.

A special event in our life is the **Annual Congregational Dinner**, when we will gather **next Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church**, to give thanks for God's guidance in the past and to look forward in hope. **Will Willimon** will be our guest, and it should be a good evening. I am hopeful that you will join us.

*Joe*

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Deborah, Tyler, Carter and Griffin Momsen-Hudson** on the death of Deborah's grandmother, **Ginny Yozamp**, in Chicago.

## Hunger for Change Offering

received on **Sunday, November 4**

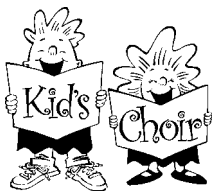
totaled **\$407.79**.

Thank you for your generous giving to help combat hunger in our community and around the world!

**Marcus Mueller**, a professor and pastor in Germany, who worked as an intern at FPC while attending Duke Divinity School as an exchange student, called today to extend greetings.

## NOTES

- Several FPC members participated in Saturday's "Still Walking for Justice" event which commemorated the 65th anniversary of the 1947 First Freedom Ride. Teams walked between Durham and Chapel Hill to honor civil and human rights activists Joan Preiss, Ella Baker, Pauli Murray, Irene Morgan, Virginia Williams, Joyce Ware, Doris Lyons, and Juanita Nelson. Those participating included **Beth Brockman, Beth Stringfield, Cris Rivera** and **Kathy Kirschmann. Tom Bacon, Larry Brockman,** and **Catie Brockman** were on hand to support the walkers.
- Many thanks to FPC's elementary Sunday School classes for writing letters of encouragement and comfort to the elementary children of Long Island, NY affected by last week's Superstorm Sandy. **Lorraine Hall** will be distributing the letters to her cousins who teach school on Long Island.
- Many thanks to **Jon Abels** and the Christian Education Committee for hosting a Parents' Night Out this past Friday. Our FPC youth baby-sat with the young children, while their parents had a meal together. The children and youth put together gift bags for new mothers which will be distributed through Healthy Families, Durham, to high-risk mothers. Thanks to **Sarah Finbow** and the babysitters, and to all who contributed food for the event.



**Junior Choir** will resume after worship on **Sunday, November 11**. Get ready to learn songs for the season of Advent!

## BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, December 4**, is our next Things That Matter Book Group meeting, instead of November 13. The meeting will be held at the home of **Beth Eisenson**, 1423 Acadia Street. **Dale Gaddis** will be leading the discussion of Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. RSVP to Beth by email: HEisenson@aol.com. New readers are welcome to join this discussion group.



First  
Friends  
Gathering

**Saturday, December 8**  
in the evening at the home of  
**Melinda Ruley and Stewart Fisher**  
Mark your calendars, and hope to see you there!

## OUR CONCERNS

- **David Garrison**, at Unihealth Post Acute Care (3100 Erwin Rd, Durham)
- Katherine Carr**                      **Helen Garrison**  
**Jim Hedrick**                         **Diana Huggin**  
**Ann Majestic**                       **Mozette Rollins**  
**Chris Wehrman**
- Croasdaile Village**  
**Don Jenkins** (Pavilion, E-116)  
**Carol Johnson** (Friendship, D-120)  
**Bob Rankin**  
**Jerry Tyren** (Pavilion, E-205)
- Hillcrest Convalescent**  
**Tom Howerton**  
**Randall and Connie McLeod**
- The Forest at Duke**  
**Peaches McPherson**  
**Ken Goldner**  
**Ruth Mary Meyer**

### Added this week:

- Joyce Peel**, mother of Anna Jones
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Betsy Euler**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **D.C. Finney**, brother of Peaches McPherson
- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Nancy Lewis**, friend of Bill Hendrickson and Sally Feather
- **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- **Reeves McGee**, friend of Peter and Barbara Fish
- **Carolyn Noriega**, friend of Lyn Francisco
- **Ian Peterson**, friend of FPC
- **Nants Reynolds**, sister of Joe Harvard
- **Owen Thornton**, nephew of the late Hilda Bradshaw
- **Katie Warren**, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson
- **Doug Welch**, PC(USA) Associate Director for World Mission
- **Kemper Foy Zeigler**, friend of Joe and Carlisle Harvard

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Diaconate is assembling care packages for our college students and other young adults away serving our country. 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 our **college-age students** and young adults 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.



The Durham citizen that FPC members recently helped with household items is extremely grateful for the donation of linens and kitchen wares. Through your generosity Ms. Henderson was able to equip her kitchen for cooking and vacuuming, and her bed is now covered. Thank you for responding with resources for someone in need.

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday night we reflected on what we are most **thankful** for as we move toward the holiday season. We will continue to reflect on all that we are thankful for throughout this month as we serve our church, community, and country through various projects. This Saturday, we will be **gleaning** with the Society of St. Andrew. We will be meeting at FPC at **8:00 a.m. Saturday** morning and returning around 1:00 p.m. Bring a bagged lunch! Please check your email or contact me for more information!

'Thank you' to the **Momsen-Hudsons** for their delicious dinner this past Sunday! We will be having normal youth groups and share a meal prepared by the **Kerners** this Sunday!

**Sarah Finbow**

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Sunday, the Confirmation class and mentors are invited to attend mass at Immaculate Conception Church. We will gather in the FPC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and travel together to IC for 9:30 mass. After mass, we will go to Bruegger's Bagels on Ninth Street to discuss our experience, and return to FPC by noon. Please contact **Sheila Miglarese** if you are planning to go.

## GLEANING PROJECT

The **Confirmation Class and mentors** are invited to participate in a service project this **Saturday, November 10**, gleaning sweet potatoes in the fields around Durham. We will gather in the church parking lot at 8 a.m. and return by 1:00 p.m. Please wear warm clothing, and bring snacks to share along the way.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### WALLTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD

**MINISTRIES** will hold a service of prayer and action on **Sunday, November 18, at 3:00 p.m.** The service will be held at **St. John's Missionary Baptist Church**, 917 Onslow St. with the **Reverend Mel Williams** preaching. Please **bring a bag of non-perishable grocery items**; all food donations will go to the Walltown Neighborhood Ministries Food Bank.

The **Latino Educational Achievement Partnership (LEAP)**, a joint ministry created by St. Philip's Episcopal Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Iglesia El Buen Pastor, is hosting a 5k fun run on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at Duke's East Campus! This non-competitive family run/walk will begin at 10 a.m. (check-in and registration at 9). Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Durham/JingleBellLEAP> to register. For more information visit: [www.durhamleap.org](http://www.durhamleap.org).

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