

# First Presbyterian News



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If we risk in committing ourselves to a Christ we cannot see, we risk perhaps more in committing ourselves to a Church we can see. For this is a pilgrim Church, a community on the way, not yet there; a body of sinful men and women, at times in startling contradiction to the Lord who heads it, to the Spirit who gives it life. Its outward face is not only spotted and wrinkled; it constantly changes. . . . And still it is Christ's community; here is where he expects us to experience him.

--*Walter J. Burghardt*, *Sir, We Would Like To See Jesus*, p. 140-141.

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

The *Junior Choir* will sing during worship.

Sermon: *"Use It or Lose It"*

*Sam R. Miglarese*, preaching

Worship Texts	
Epistle Lesson	I Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25: 14-30

Acolytes: *Juliana Miglarese*  
*Ben Maxwell*

Crucifer: *Anna Kasibhatla*

Crossdaile Driver: *Dan Hudgins*

Narthex Greeters: *Hilda Bradshaw*,  
*Minnie Cameron*

After Worship Greeters:

*Henry Njoroge* (rear / narthex)

*Guy Cecelski* (side, font)

Ushers: *Susan Seahorn* (head), *Jim Johnson* (flowers), *Alice Raney*, *Michael Bacon*, *Cris Rivera*, *Miriam Morey*

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

#### *"Living Faithfully in the Current Economic Climate"*

What is a faithful response to the economic challenges we face? We will continue the good discussion *Connel Fullenkamp* began last Sunday. This week *Mac McCorkle* and *Carl Rist* will lead us in reflecting on how we can respond to the growing disparities in our culture. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting conversation at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

#### Lectionary Class

What task will God give to you? To lead an army against an enemy? To manage resources, increasing your talents or wealth? Or something very different? Whatever it is, be awake and be ready! Join us for discussion 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.

#### Starting from Scratch

The *Starting from Scratch* series for young adults meets in room 203. This Sunday we will be looking at different types of psalms over the next few weeks and learning the language of prayer.

#### 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!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENING

## THE ANNUAL

### CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 p.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
403 E. Main Street, Durham

Speaker: *Reverend Chris Tuttle*

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham

*Laura Sappenfield* will provide music.

Childcare will be available.

**RSVP by November 9<sup>th</sup>**

## STEWARDSHIP SEASON

**How the Worship and the Arts Committee contributes to this year's Stewardship campaign theme of "Building the Body of Christ Together"**

The Worship and Arts Committee is quite involved in building the body of Christ through worship services on Sundays and at special services throughout the year by preparing the sanctuary. The candles on the communion table, the paraments, and the water in the baptismal font are all in the care of our committee.

But our one big service is preparing and serving communion – one of the two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A committee member serves for a month in assisting the planning of the worship service for Sundays. That person is in charge of preparing the communion elements, the bread, the gluten-free bread, and the grape juice, with an assistant from the committee. This is prepared in the sacristy, which is located behind the choir loft with a "secret" passage way to the sanctuary. *Marila Stone* graciously provides the communion processional loaf. The table cloth is spread on the communion table, the red bonnets are placed on the pews to reserve spaces for the servers, and the table is spread with the elements.

Additional elements are prepared and stored under the lectern for when the patens are getting low on bread. At the end of the service, the unused elements are returned to the sacristy where the cups and patens are washed and put away for the next communion. A committee member takes the table cloth home and washes it, if needed. The bonnets are put back in the chapel in the special storage closet.

*The body of Christ broken for you;  
the blood of Christ shed for you.*

- *Jane Brawley*,

Worship and the Arts Committee

## RAKE-N-RUN

FPC family, we are facilitating our annual Rake-n-Run this Sunday. This year, we want to volunteer our services to anyone who could use a little help with raking leaves. Please contact Rebecca Leonard at 919-682-5511 ext. 213 ASAP! Who we help will be determined on a first come-first serve basis! So call TODAY! Thanks, the youth of FPC.

## FROM THE

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### *The Joy of Giving*

Few people are fully aware of the many ways volunteers in our congregation touch our lives as well as the larger Durham community. Hundreds who use our facilities (our parking, our playground) who experience our hands of service, our words of encouragement, our walk on the way of peace and justice, the songs of joy, our hearts of love, all receive those touches from the generous gift of talents of this community of Christ. This story is multiplied many times over in quiet ways by members of our congregation who have stepped forward and figured out a way that they can help in living out the core value of stewardship, the talents God has entrusted to them. With cutbacks and budget restrictions this past year, the response of volunteers has literally made possible the success of many programs and services.

Matthew's parable of the talents captures a fundamental notion of Christian living: stewardship as a whole way of life. The joy of giving involves sacrifice and risk for sure. But it is a way of life that brings great joy in seeing how the body of Christ is shaped by our common purpose together. God's blessings are multiplied when they are shared. Our real worth in Christ's body is valued only in what we are willing to share with others.

Why do these volunteers give so generously and joyfully? And can you envision how you, too, might experience a taste of that same joy in **Building the Body of Christ Together**? I urge you to return your Time and Talent pledge on Dedication Sunday, Christ the King Sunday. Giving is not a burdensome obligation but a way of life that brings deep joy rooted in grateful hearts.

***Sam Miglarese***

## CARE PACKAGES

Care packages will be assembled by the Diaconate for our college students and those serving in the armed services. Please support this project by bringing **flat items** for the packages: gum, hot cocoa, candy, microwave popcorn, granola bars, to the church no later than **Monday, November 28**. 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 students and members in the armed services** so we can update our records.

# THANK YOU!

The 2011 National Covenant Network Conference was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have pulled it off without the dedication and hard work of our 70 plus volunteers, not to mention our elders and chancel choir who participated in conference worship. I will save a tree and not list you all individually, but I would be remiss not to single out the herculean multi-day efforts of Marilyn, the church staff and volunteers **Dawn Carsey, Leslie Shaw, Margot Johnson** and **Kim Byers-Granito** who coordinated the behind-the-scenes hospitality. Over 200 hundred registered attendees from around the country continuously gave rave reviews of our warmth and welcome. I am humbled by the generosity of our faith community and so honored to be a part of a church that is truly dedicated to living into its core values. Thanks to all!

- **Cris Rivera**, Moderator,  
*CovNet Committee of Local Arrangements*



Let me echo Cris' appreciation to those who did such an incredible job of hosting the conference. Our guests expressed gratitude for the food, the hospitality and careful attention to detail. **Cris Rivera** was an excellent chair of the host committee, and **Marilyn Hedgpeth** provided good leadership as staff liaison for the conference. The whole church staff was amazing. Thanks to everyone who made this such a special event.

- **Joe Harvard**

## OUR CONCERNS

**Robert Daye's** procedure went well at Duke. He is recovering at home.

**Jerry Tyren** is back at Croasdaile after a brief hospitalization.

**Dub Gulley** is recovering from surgery at home.

**Florence McDow** is undergoing tests at Duke.

**Rob and Amy Harkey** are in Uganda to receive their adopted daughter.

**Tom and Margaret Howerton** are at Hillcrest.

**Margaret Boswell**                      **Don Jenkins**

**Carol Johnson**                        **David Parkins**

**Mozette Rollins**                      **Susan Thompson**

- **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

## YOUTH NEWS

Hey everyone!

This Sunday is our annual **Rake-n-Run**, so bring a change of clothes, a rake and some \$ for lunch because we will be leaving after worship. We will return to FPC at 4 p.m. for pick up. Parents, we will need some drivers and any extra rakes / blowers / leaf bags and helpers. Interested? Just let me know!

ALSO, please note that the medical forms, release and \$25 payment for the High Ropes Course on Saturday, November 19 is due THIS Sunday, November 13! You will not want to miss out on this amazing opportunity, so don't forget your forms and payment. 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](http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/wium/main.php)

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

**Please RSVP by Friday, November 11:**

[cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com)

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

## 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](mailto:eric@housingfornewhope.org) for tickets.

## MEDICARE ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD:

### IT PAYS TO COMPARE

Senior PharmAssist, a local non-profit, is eager to help any Medicare beneficiary in Durham, regardless of age or income, review Medicare drug and medical coverage options for 2012. There can be major changes each year, especially with prescription coverage. Two-thirds of Senior PharmAssist clients during the past two years switched prescription coverage for an average savings of \$500 per person. For an appointment or more information, call (919) 688-4772. Don't delay – **Medicare's annual election period ends December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## Shower of cards for the McDows

It has come to our attention that the **McDow family** possibly is facing another bone marrow transplant for little **Florence**. During these difficult days, it might be nice to shower them with cards and prayers to pick up their spirits and let them know that the church is walking alongside them on this journey. **Florence** is 6, sister **Laura Mishler** is 8, and **Will and Leslie** are their parents. Their address is 920 Urban St, Durham, 27701. Because of isolation issues with Florence, we are asking that you not visit, but rather send them a card, prayer, coloring book, simple game or puzzle to manifest to them that God in Christ is with them always. Thank you!

## DAYTIMER'S LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:30 a.m.

PAPA'S GRILLE - 1821 Hillandale Rd  
(Loehmann's Plaza)

Hostesses: **Ann Prospero** and  
**Shirley Frederick**

**RSVP to Ann at 489-8087 or**  
[annprospero@gmail.com](mailto:annprospero@gmail.com).



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. 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. Each service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by dinner.

**Wednesday, November 30**  
led by **Bob and Lina Yoder**

**Wednesday, December 7**  
led by **Anthony Kamau**

**Wednesday, December 14**  
led by **Susan Dunlap**



## ADVENT FESTIVAL

**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!

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30 P.M. AT FPC

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
OF BRASS, ORGAN AND VOICE  
featuring

**The Old North Brass Band,**  
**Kathy Parkins** (organ)  
and **Lesley Curtis** (vocals)

Free admission. A goodwill offering will be received to benefit the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

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