

INTRODUCTION: The **Service and Mission Committee** of FPC invites you to take advantage of these fall opportunities to put your faith into action. FPC's Mission Study Report will confirm what we already knew: FPC members highly value social justice and especially our involvement in the Durham community, addressing many pressing social needs. We'd love to track our members in their volunteer efforts. After you participate in any of these activities, please contact Phyllis Verhey by email: pverhey@nc.rr.com or call 919-973-2929 to indicate name, activity and hours, or stop by the table in the foyer after worship on Sundays. Thank you for all that you do!

Beth Eisenson and *Will McDow*

Co-Chairs Service and Mission Committee

FOCUS: Poverty, Hunger, Homelessness

Habitat for Humanity — Pink Ribbon Build

FPC's Margaret Rubiera is sponsoring this special Habitat house to honor and thank those who work with breast cancer patients. Whether or not you or someone you love has been touched by breast cancer, you can help a deserving family get an affordable home. This activity is for ages 16 and up and requires no construction skills. Onsite leaders will show you what to do! **Build address:** 2306 Harvard Ave.
Shifts: 8:30 - 11:30am, or 12:30 - 3:30pm.

Saturday, November 1 has been designated as the First Presbyterian Work Day. Come join your friends and meet new ones as we make a tangible difference in the life of the Manson family. You can volunteer other Saturdays, too!

Contact Margaret at margaretmr29@gmail.com or 919-425-1413 to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity — Honduras Mission Trips

For every Habitat house that is built in Durham, one is also built in Honduras. FPC's Margaret and Miguel Rubiera are once again leading two upcoming building mission trips to Honduras. A few slots are open for you to sign up ASAP! FPC members who have gone in the past have found this to be an eye opening and life changing experience. Contact Margaret (info above). Travel dates in 2015: January 23 - February 1, and also February 6 - 15.

Urban Ministries of Durham — Community Cafe

FPC volunteers on Third and Fifth Fridays

Need 5 or 6 volunteers
Serve breakfast (7:00 – 9:00am)
Prepare bag lunches (9:30am – 12:30pm)

FPC volunteers on Fourth Thursdays

Need 5 or 6 volunteers
Prepare bag lunches (9:30am – 12:30pm)

No volunteers needed Thanksgiving or Christmas Day

Contact Lyn Francisco at FPC (919-682-5511 or send an email to: l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org) to volunteer for the above opportunities. Contact Gin Jackson at Urban Ministries (gjackson@umdurham.org) to volunteer at other times.

Iglesia Emanuel Food Distribution

Food Pantry is located at 2504 N. Roxboro St, Durham
Volunteer on Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00pm to bag groceries for distribution to needy neighbors.

Contact Julio Ramirez for more information:
jre0412@gmail.com or 919-672-4333.

Genesis Home: This agency, providing housing and support for homeless families, needs volunteers for their Study Hall Tutoring Program (1 hour commitment per week) and also to staff their Home Goods Store.

Contact: Gillian Izlar at volunteer@genesishome.org or 919-683-5878 ext. 22.

Wheels 4 Hope: This agency repairs and sells at very low costs donated cars to low income families identified by sponsoring agencies, and needs *both* volunteer transport drivers and mechanics, and donations of used cars. If you are thinking about getting a new car, consider donating your old one!

To volunteer or donate a vehicle, contact Carol House:
Carol@Wheels4Hope.org or 919-832-1941.

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.' – Mother Teresa

CLOTHING AND FOOD COLLECTIONS

Items should be brought to FPC for distribution.

Women's Clothing

Dress for Success, a local non-profit, helps Triangle area women seeking work to dress appropriately for interviews / employment. Items needed: gently used professional and business casual attire for women, purses and shoes, and accessories. Greatest need: business suits size 14 & up, shoes size 8 and up, and undergarments (panties must be new, but they accept gently used bras) and hosiery. For more info on Dress for Success, go online: <http://dressforsuccess.org>.

Contact Caroline Rourk at caroline.rourk@duke.edu or 919-681-6535 for more information.

Men's Clothing

Help our male neighbors in crisis with gently used men's clothing, including winter coats and jackets, work (labor) clothing, and boots/ shoes. These items will go to the Durham Economic Resource Center for distribution.

Contact Marie Sappenfield: DLSMD@aol.com or 919-477-6978 for more information.

Blessing / Hygiene Bags for Walk-In Ministry

Items for the blessing bags: hand wipes, snack crackers, cereal or nutrition bars, fruit cup, and bottled water. Items for the hygiene bags: individual or travel-sized soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, mouthwash, washcloth, deodorant. As a family, you can assemble these bags at home or bring items to the church, and office volunteers and youth can assemble the bags.

Non-Perishable Food Drive

FPC has a collection area in the narthex for food donations for Iglesia Emanuel's Food pantry.

Recommended items/ brands

Sugar	Jello
Mahatma rice	Beans, preferably dry
Mazola cooking oil	Nescafe instant coffee
Corn flour	Tortillas Guerrero
Del Valle juice	Moderna pasta for soup
Canned Jalapeño peppers (La Costeña or La Morena)	

FOCUS: Children, Seniors

First Presbyterian Day School

The Day School needs volunteers to read stories to the children throughout the school year. If you are interested, please contact Katharine Smith, Director, at 919-688-8685 or send an email to: fpds2002@yahoo.com.

Durham Center for Senior Life

From calling to check on seniors from your own home to serving at the center itself, use your talents to enhance the lives of seniors in Durham. Contact www.dsinc.org or 919-688-8247. Background check is required.

FOCUS: Social Justice

Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods)

Attend the public action meeting addressing poverty at the Emily K. Center on Tuesday, October 28 from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

The action seeks to generate specific reactions from decision makers on education, affordable housing, job training, living wages and public safety.

Contact Sharon Hirsch of FPC about this event and further CAN activities: 919-451-7893 or hirschnc@earthlink.net. Check the FPC newsletter for other upcoming events.

FOCUS: The Environment

Fall Landscaping Workday at FPC

Saturday October 25 from 9:00am - noon

Contact: Barbara Buckley at 919-402-8551 or send an email to bjbuckley1@frontier.com if you have interest in helping.

Energy Management at FPC

Dress in warm layers this winter as we save energy (and costs) by keeping our thermostat a bit lower as we heat the buildings. Do this at home too!

Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association

Volunteer opportunities are on the third Saturday of every month. Activities include invasive plant/vegetation management, picking up trash/debris, trail maintenance.

Go online for more information and to sign up to participate: <http://www.ellerbecreek.org/support/volunteering.html>

FOCUS: The World and National Concerns

With the help of our special offerings, PCUSA is on the ground giving aid in international troubled areas including West Africa (Ebola Crisis), South Sudan, China, Philippines, Syria, Gaza, Iraq, Afghanistan, and also nationally with Gun Violence in Ferguson, MO, and Unaccompanied Children in the Border Crisis. FPC's Human Needs Endowment disbursements this year went directly to support both the Ebola Crisis and the children caught up in the Border Crisis.

Stay informed on all these efforts and opportunities to give: **Disaster Assistance** (www.pda.org) and **World Missions** (www.presbyterianmission.org/ministires/world-mission).

FOCUS: Our Faith Community

Office Assistance at FPC

Morning shift: 9:30am to 1:00pm

Afternoon shift: 1:00 to 4:30pm

Answer doorbell / telephone

Prepare mailings

Direct visitors to meeting rooms

Training is provided.

Current openings: Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Subs are also needed periodically when regular volunteers need to be away.

Contact Shirley Frederick at 919-682-5511 or send an email to: s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org if you are available to serve as a regular volunteer or as a sub.

Walk-In Assistance Program

Volunteers are needed to support our Walk-In Assistance program. Volunteers work together in teams of two to field requests for assistance, refer people to sources of support, and give out bus passes, Durham Economic Resource Center (DERC) vouchers, and blessing/hygiene bags. Client interviews are conducted on Monday and Thursday mornings (9:00am - noon) and subs are needed. The program can be expanded to afternoons and other days of the week with more volunteers in place. Orientation provided.

Contact Valerie McMillian at 919-682-5511 or send an email to: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org if you have interest in serving.



Fall Focus

Service and Mission Opportunities

Putting our FAITH into action!

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