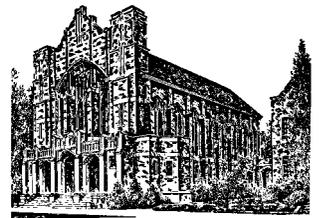


First Presbyterian Church



Organized 1871

April 28, 2015

Sunday, May 3

Confirmation Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

*** Announcements – 10:55 a.m. ***

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Sermon: "The Red Scarf:
Wrapped in God's Love"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Acts of the Apostles	Acts 8:26-40
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 139:1-4, 13-18
Epistle Lesson	1 John 4:7-23
Gospel Lesson	John 15:1-8

Acolytes: *Nathan Creadick, Jenna Leonard*

Crucifer: *Ben Maxwell*

Croasdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeters: *Edward & Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters:

Tom Bacon (rear/narthex)

Bob Breitweiser (side/front)

Ushers: *Nate Pienkowski* (head), *Dick*

Boulden (flowers), *Emily Wilkins, Dale*

Gaddis, Talitha Kwon

Communion Elders:

Bread: *Kate Busa* (B1), *Peter Compton* (B2),

Mary Gitata (B3, process), *Lea Bingham* (B4)

Cup: *Will McDow* (C1), *Marie Sappenfield*

(C2, process), *Michael Schultz* (C3), *Kristin*

Meade (C4)

Shepherds: *Alice Raney* (pulpit aisle),

Andy Henry (center aisle),

Edward Kwon (font aisle)

Head /replenish elements: *Emily Durham*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

In the beginning, God spoke, and the universe was born. Jesus came to us as the Word made flesh. We are called to speak God's word with respect and enthusiasm.

Come join *Steve Rimmer* and learn how to be a better vehicle of God's spoken word.

The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. Adults, youth and children are invited.

Lectionary Class

"I am the vine, you are the branches." What kind of fruit do we bear? The fruit of love for brother and sister? The fruit of the good news? Or some other kind of fruit? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will continue exploring chapters 8 and 9 of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Newcomers are encouraged to join us. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Family Matters Class

"The Daily Office" (*Seamless Faith*, chapter 6, p. 138) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the Resource Room.

Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by *Susan Dunlap*. Join us for discussion at 9:45, lower level classroom.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wear your red scarves! Our class will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 to go over our litany for worship, and then we will finish our time together in our "upper room" in the Education Building. Mentors are welcome to join us at 9:45 to get your marching orders. Many thanks to all of you!

FPC DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 2

There are opportunities in the morning and afternoon to serve with **Habitat** and **SEEDS**, and appreciate the **FPC Day School teachers!** FPC volunteers are invited before or after their work shift to come for the Habitat Home Dedication and lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 1211 Spruce St., Durham



PLAYGROUND DATE

FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m.

Come enjoy your friends
before Sunday School

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Spring Gathering & Bible Study
Monday, May 4

10:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Luncheon follows in Watts-Hill Hall

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and join FPC for lunch following worship. Call the church office (919-682-5511) to make a reservation for your family. The menu will include items for younger appetites.



BIBLE STUDY

The Friday/Sunday Study groups will pick up our study on *Reconciling Paul* this week, looking at lesson eight: "Power, Authority, and Honor Are Not Always What We Might Expect". The Friday group meets at 10:30 at the church; and the Sunday group meets at 3:00 at Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall. All are welcome!

SESSION BRIEFS

Meeting held April 27, 2015

- ◆ Examined and accepted the 2015 class of confirmands
- ◆ Approved a **Congregational Meeting for May 10** to hear Nominating Committee report and elect officers
- ◆ Approved quarterly communion services at both The Forest at Duke and Croasdaile Village
- ◆ Approved a joint statement of FPC and St. Phillip's to the Durham County Board of Commissioners regarding the development of the empty space between our two churches, encouraging a holistic use and affordable housing.
- ◆ Approved hiring *Alex Brewington* as intern for the next 7 months, working primarily with young adults
- ◆ The Pastor's Discretionary Fund used to assist FPC members in need depends on contributions and is in need of additional funds

Submitted by *Barbara Gerwe*, Clerk

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

This Sunday we have the privilege of welcoming our Confirmation Class into the life of First Presbyterian Church. These eighth and ninth graders have spent the whole school year in class, studying our theology as it pertains to God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the Church, Worship and the Journey of Faith. We are grateful to the faithful teachers who have helped lead this process: **Lea Bingham, Jim Johnson, and Karen Romines**, and to the many teachers who instructed them in Sunday School in preceding years.

In addition to classroom discussions, we have had the opportunity to visit other communities of faith, to compare and contrast our worship traditions: Immaculate Conception Church; St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church; the Sikh Gurderwara of North Carolina; Efland Presbyterian Church; and Hall Wynne Funeral Home. We are also grateful to the mentors who have walked this journey with these youth, both in class and in our visits: **Rob Everett, Jay Klinck, Amy Sanchez, Leslie McDow, Andy Henry, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Amy Wilson, Brent Curtis and Cris Rivera**. It seems to be true, that it takes a village / community to raise a child.

These youth met with the Session last night to articulate their joys and concerns, their concept of God and their vision for reflecting God as young disciples of Jesus. I hope you will join me in welcoming them this Sunday, and in celebrating with them at a reception following worship, hosted by their parents (thank you, too!), in Watts-Hill Hall.

In resurrection hope,

Marilyn

If you would like to contribute to the relief effort in **Nepal** following the earthquakes there, go online to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/nepal-earthquake-april-2015/> to make a donation. The PC(USA) has been a missional presence in Nepal since 1954.

NOTES

Sam Miglarese participated in the 150th anniversary celebration marking the end of the Civil War on Sunday at Bennett Place.

Many thanks to *Susan Dunlap*, and to the Senior Coordinating Team (*Maxie Honeycutt, John Kerr, Elizabeth High, Carol McKnight*) for a wonderful Seniors Spring Luncheon last Wednesday. Guest speaker *Patrice Nelson* from Urban Ministries of Durham gave a wonderful accounting of the services offered there, and of our church's history of participating in that ministry. *Cris Rivera* provided a vintage lunch for the event.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the family of **Anne Leathers**, FPC member who died on April 22 at the age of 95. **A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 11:00 a.m. at FPC on Saturday, May 2.** Interment and reception will follow at FPC.

"Jesus said,
'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Added this week:

Geneva Day, friend of Jeanne Hervey
Traveling mercies for **Joseph Ngumi** as he travels to Kenya to commemorate the anniversary of his wife Phyllis' death.

Wajid Bangura, grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

Dewey Lawson, moving to Hillcrest
Meredith, Chris and Logan Brown

Bonnie Creadick **Edward Kwon**

Mercy Ndambiri **Ann Prospero**

Jacque Robins **Rosemary Seve**

Carolina House (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (CPHL): **Helen Garrison**

Coasdaile Village:

Pavilion:

Anne Davis, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**

Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Patricia Adcock**, mother of Catherine Admay
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglause
- **Becky Brown**, mother of Amy Sanchez
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure

TIMEOUT RADIO SHOW

On **Monday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.**, President Tom Ross of the University of North Carolina will have a radio conversation about higher education with **Anna Kasibhatla, Kennedy Wilkins, and Ian Feather**. The show will be broadcast live on WCOM, FM 103.5 in Carrboro and Chapel Hill and on wcomfm.org elsewhere.

STUDENTS GRADUATING

from high school or college (Class of 2015) will be acknowledged in worship in June. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info to **Valerie** in the church office by Sunday, May 24:
v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth have been very busy creating a meaningful youth Sunday service of worship. I cannot find the words to express how very proud I am of all of the work they have put in so far – they are truly a blessing to this congregation! I can't wait to walk through the service this Sunday night in preparation for Youth Sunday on May 10th. A huge thanks to **Jennie Zehmer** for providing our meal this past week!

Blessings,
Sarah

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the **Things That Matter Book Group** will be held **Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Delia Kwon's home**, (Bravehart Court). **Lee Courtland** will be leading the discussion of *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit. Please RSVP to Delia by email, delmelkwon@hotmail.com, to let her know if you will be coming. She is looking forward to hosting us. The discussion should be an especially interesting one.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

WEEKLY GATHERING

7:30 PM on Tuesdays

at Social Games and Brew

MAY POTLUCK

Farewell / Birthday Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 16

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jenna Kneepkens
(Reply to EVITE)

LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING COMMITTEE

GROUNDWORK DAY

Saturday May 16

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Contact **Barbara Buckley** for more info:
919-402-8551 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com

HYGIENE SUPPLIES NEEDED

The following items are needed for hygiene kits that are given out to our neighbors who are homeless or living in temporary shelter: wash cloths, travel size soaps, deodorant, shampoo / conditioner, combs, razors, toothpaste. Please place items in the Blessing Bags baskets at our Mission Collection Center in the church foyer.

VCS Volunteers Needed/Required

Registration for this year's Vacation Church School at Camp New Hope has been capped at 100 children, 30 youth volunteers, and 10 CIT's. That's great news! Many of our campers are children from Iglesia Emanuel, for whom this is the only activity of the summer. Because of the new requirements of FPC's Child Protection Policy, we will need at least 25 adults on site each day to safely run the program. The theme is "Living Water Everywhere". The camp runs June 15-19, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, even for one day, please fill out a volunteer form from the table in the foyer and return it to the church office. Please indicate where you would like to serve: crafts, water games, group leadership, bread-baking, music, child-care, or story-telling. Our five participating churches need your help!

FIRST FRIENDS

SPRING GATHERING

FRIDAY, MAY 1

6:00 p.m. at the

Wiebe / Shimer Home

Join First Friends for a springtime evening gathering in Eric and Cynthia's home and garden: lovely setting, delicious food, fun and interesting company! Fresh tamales will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and lawn/stadium chairs. This is an "adults only" gathering so remember to arrange for a sitter! Remember to respond to the EVITE!

ORDINATION / GREETINGS

You are invited in presence and prayers to joyfully celebrate the Ordination Service of

Karen Lynn Connally

Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.

at The Church at Chapel Hill
5357 Chapel Hill Road
Douglasville, GA 30135

To the Congregation of FPC,

Twenty-six years ago, I was your former Senior Pastor, Joe Harvard's secretary, with whom we've kept in contact all these years. . . . Thank you so much for all you sowed into me. You made an indelible impression in me for which I will always be grateful. May God continue to richly bless you as you labor with love to the families and in the community of Durham. Sincerely,

Karen Connally

7900 Lower Blue Springs Rd.

Hamilton, GA 31811

(Entire letter posted on foyer bulletin board)

NEW CROSS IN THE FPC MEMORIAL GARDEN

Special thanks to **Charles and Peggy Hammond** who gave the new cross in the FPC memorial garden in memory of their daughter and son-in-law, **Sharon Hammond McAlister and David McAlister**. **Paul Cornsweet** coordinated the design and installation the Celtic cross. The previous cross, given by **Arthur Clark**, will be repaired and hung in a new place of honor inside the church. A dedication service will be held at a later date.

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