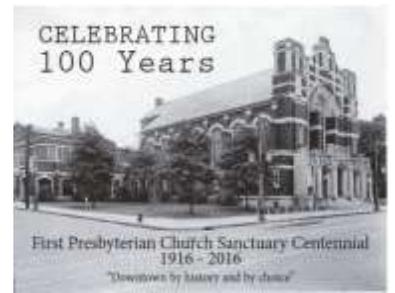


First Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 26, 2016



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

This week, I have the privilege of celebrating 20 years of ordained ministry, having been ordained on January 28, 1996. Our ordination (Hedge's and mine) was originally scheduled for Sunday, January 14 that year, but when the day arrived, we were buried under 29 inches of snow. So, I'm not too surprised that our 20 years of ordained ministry should be bookended by historic snow storms. I wonder if that means anything? I'm sorry that we had to cancel worship this Sunday, but the prevailing wisdom of all concerned was that it was too dangerous for us to meet. And from the beginning, my mantra always has been "protect the fragile." And so we chose to worship in homes last Sunday. It's a good prelude to Lent, when we will be hosting some home communion services throughout the city for our members.

Our guest preacher this Sunday is **Susan Dunlap**. One of the ways Susan puts her heart into this church is by organizing many of our care teams who gather to serve some of our more fragile members. Right now, she is gathering a team around **Sarah and Pete Finbow** for when their baby arrives. And once **Shirley Frederick** is home from her surgery, Susan will get a team together to care for her. It is just one of the wonderful ways we "do church" at FPC, and we are thankful to Susan for her caring leadership. I'm sure wintry weather is not over yet for Durham, but please keep being good neighbors to those around you, regardless of the weather.

Thawed out, and ready to go,

Marilyn

NOTES

Special thanks to **Maxie Honeycutt** for arranging lunch at Bennett Pointe Grill for the **Daytimers**. A good time was had by all who attended.

OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend sympathies to the Howerton family on the death of their mother and FPC member, **Martha Howerton**, who died on January 25th. A private service is being planned; and to **Jane Wettach** and family on the death of Jane's aunt, **Helen Jane Wettach**, on January 15th in Chapel Hill.

RESOLUTION OF SERVICE

New Year's resolutions can be frustrating and so hard to keep, but a Resolution of Service will bring immediate rewards for you and those who are served. Join us in making 2016 a Year of Service at FPC! Sign up to serve this Sunday at the table in the foyer.



2016 Souper Bowl Chili Cook-Off Contest Sunday, February 7

(after worship)

Do you think you have the best chili recipe?? This year's Souper Bowl Sunday will be a chili cook-off contest! Anyone is invited to make a big pot of chili using your best recipe to share on February 7th after worship! The best tasting chili will win the golden ladle prize and all proceeds from the chili sales will go to fight hunger in Durham – just like in years past! Contact **Sarah Finbow** if you are interested or plan to participate: s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time to form the Nominating Committee for officers. This committee will recommend a slate of officers for the Class of 2019 elders and deacons. A total of four (4) at-large representatives will be elected from the membership to serve with **Kristin Meade** (chair), **Jo Bernhardt** (deacon) and **Marie Sappenfield** (elder). Cards for making nominations will be available in the worship bulletin on Sunday. **The deadline for submitting nominations has been extended to this Sunday, January 31.**

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the column as you exit the foyer to the parking lot. Info regarding the flower donation process is also located there. You may also contact **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com). Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2016 with Phyllis as soon as possible.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle and Bible Study

Monday, February 1

10:30 a.m. East Parlor

Bible Study, Lesson 6

Please bring socks,
scarves, gloves, and
hats for Urban
Ministry.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 3-5)

We missed being together last week, due to the snow. So, this week we will come together, share prayer concerns and enjoy a feast with our friends.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Love"

Susan J. Dunlap, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 71:1-6
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Gospel Lesson	Luke 4:21-30

Crucifer: **Sophie Wilkins**

Acolytes: **Griffin Momsen-Hudson**
Maddie Brigman

Crossaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**

After Worship Greeters:

Emily Diy (narthex/rear),

Lenore Champion (font/side)

Ushers: **Brianna Honea** (head), **Nate Pienkowski**, **Tim Strauman**, **Richard Boulden**, **Miriam Morey**, **Carl Rist**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Do you have a will? If so, is it up to date? FPC is designating January 31st "Wills Sunday". Writing a will is a right and privilege granted by the laws of our state. Should you fail to have your own will prepared, the state will distribute your property according to formula with no consideration for the ages, health, or special needs of your family. If you already have a will, does it reflect your current commitments? Have you executed a Power of Attorney or Health Care Power of Attorney so that you are prepared for incapacity and the new health care privacy laws? **Mal King** will lead the class. All are welcome at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Some of the greatest figures in the Bible were called prophets. Does the prophetic call guarantee prestige and honor? Do prophetic powers bring security and success? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will continue reading and discussing the Book of Job. All are welcome to join the discussion at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

Scratch/Young Adults

Carlo Diy will lead our discussion on Rev. Carlton Pearson — a very well-known evangelical pastor in Tulsa, OK, whose beliefs about hell changed over time and eventually made him a heretic to the thousands in his congregation. (View *This American Life* Podcast - Episode 304). Join us at 9:45 in our basement classroom.

Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger children share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture. We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

OUR CONCERNS

Beth Brockman, recovering from surgery
Shirley Frederick, hip surgery this week
Caroline Rourk, shoulder surgery this week
S. Clay Adams, colleague of Li-Chen Chin
Cheryl (and husband Paul) Martin,
sister-in-law of Beth Neece

Traveling mercies for **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera, Rebecca Barnes and Jenna Leonard**, and **Laura Sappenfield** who are on a mission trip to Honduras

Mary Clark Sarah & Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living: Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: Helen Garrison

Coasdaile Village:

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**

Pavilion: **Jean Moore**

Bob Rankin Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant

Ken Goldner Peaches McPherson

Robert Hadskey, brother of Elizabeth High

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson

Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

Ralph Wagner, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

A Conversation on Politics, Society, and "The Long Shadow of Vatican II" Thursday, January 28

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Smith Warehouse Bay 8, first floor

114 W. Buchanan Blvd

The Duke Office of Civic Engagement (DOCE) and **Sam Miglarese** will lead the conversation. Refreshments available

DURHAM CAN

Downtown Subsidy Tour

Learn about the role of public subsidies in support of high-end development downtown, and what is being planned to help keep downtown affordable and diverse for families and small businesses.

**Saturday, January 30, 2016,
Center for Responsible Lending
302 W. Main Street, Durham**

We will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. with a presentation followed by Q&A, and then a guided tour right after.

Contact **Sharon Hirsch** for more info:
hirschnc@earthlink.net

YOU CAN VOTE Team Training February 6, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at FPC

It's officially 2016 and the new rules that make voting even more complicated have gone into effect. Come get trained or re-trained. For more info, contact **Kate Fellman** at 919-274-9117 or Katefellmann@gmail.com

"Unlearning Whiteness"

Friday, February 19, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Blacknall Memorial PC (1902 Perry St.) School for Conversion is hosting a workshop for people of so-called privilege who see the need for a better way to "reeducate themselves out of racial ignorance." Facilitated by **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove** and featuring **Bob Zellner** and **Julia Dinsmore** as speakers, you will hear stories, can share your own experiences, and explore ways of moving forward. Registration required: <http://www.schoolforconversion.org/unlearning-whiteness-workshop-february-19-2016/>

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

I hope that you all enjoyed the beauty of the winter weather and stayed safe and warm! I am sad to have missed worshipping and fellowshiping with everyone, especially for our first "grade dinners."

This week we will be talking about love in addition to the fun and games of a typical Sunday night! Don't forget to sign up to be a part of the chili cook off on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7!

Blessings,
Sarah

CHURCH LEAGUE

BASKETBALL

This year FPC has **two teams** in the Hope Valley Baptist Church adult basketball league. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road). Come support FPC's teams!

Remaining Games

Thur Jan 28 8 PM FPC2 vs Westminster1
9 PM FPC1 vs Community
Thur Feb 4 7 PM FPC2 vs FPC1
Mon Feb 8 7 PM FPC2 vs Hope Valley
9 PM FPC1 vs Westminster 1
Thur Feb 11 8 PM FPC1 vs Hope Valley
9 PM FPC2 vs South Durham
Thur Feb 18 7 PM FPC1 vs Hope Valley BC
9 PM FPC2 vs Westminster 1

Tournament play begins

Monday, February 22 at 7 PM.

For more info contact **Carl Rist:**
rist@frontier.com

A LEGACY OF FAITH

Join the Faith & Community Class on **Sunday, February 14 at 9:45 a.m.** to learn about charitable estate planning techniques that offer ways to leave a legacy of faith for future generations. In this class, **Lisa Gabriel** and **Sheila Breitweiser** will discuss several ways in which an individual or family may choose to structure their estate plans, including ways to support their church or other favored charities. We are reminded that our wills are the last gifts we make. The purpose of this class will be to explore this topic with information that will help provide peace of mind. Through careful planning, this last gift made can truly reflect the values and wishes of the donor.

At a date yet to be determined, the class will also discuss the Parable of the Mustard Seed with **Sam Miglarese** and learn how the gifts of those who have come before us have benefitted FPC members through the generations. You will learn more about FPC and the endowments that have contributed to our esteemed history as we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12 Noon Worship in the Memorial Garden
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship with holy communion (sanctuary) followed by supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall
Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, February 5

FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

Hosted by the **Momsen-Hudsons**

Please respond to the EVITE
Contact Valerie McMillian in the church office to be added to the invitation list:
v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Saturday, February 6

YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

6:00 p.m. at the home of
Stephen and Mary Berry
Please respond to the EVITE
Contact Valerie McMillian in the church office to be added to the invitation list:
v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org

Sunday, February 14

♥ VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY ♥

for Young Children and Middle Schoolers
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Saturday, February 20

PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

6:30 p.m. at the home of
Chuck and Jean Wilson
Watch your mailbox.
More information forthcoming.

June 13-17

Vacation Church School 2016

New Hope Camp and Conference Center
(An After-VCS Music Camp will be offered at FPC for FPC children)
Registration begins February 1 for campers.

June 26-July 2

Youth Appalachian Service Project

Week 1, June 13-17

Week 2, June 20-24

Durham Youth Summer Service Camps

July 8-10

Massanetta Middle School Youth Conference

July 17-23

Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30

Montreat High School Youth Conference

School for Conversion presents

21st Century Freedom Ride March 15-18

A pilgrimage to un-learn and re-learn the stories from the Freedom Movement of the 1950s and 60s, while exploring what the lessons of the movement can teach us in today's work for justice. This year's ride will travel to Tennessee, where we'll visit Nashville and the Highlander Center, exploring the role the church played in the freedom movement and also look at the lives of some of the movement's young leaders and how they understood their own spiritual path and calling in the work. Some spaces are still available. This trip is open to anyone and limited scholarships may still be available.

Registration required. Learn more at
<http://www.schoolforconversion.org/21st-century-freedom-ride-march-15-18/>

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