

First Presbyterian Church is known for valuing our partnerships in Durham that address many pressing social needs.

The Service and Mission Committee invites you to put your faith into action again this summer with a variety of volunteer activities.

CLOTHING

- ❖ **Dress for Success** – Ladies, clean out your closets and help homeless women who are getting back into the workforce be better prepared and dressed for job interviews. Needed: gently used professional and business attire (especially suits size 14 & up), purses and shoes (especially size 8 and up), scarves, jewelry, undergarments (new panties; gently used bras ok). Contact **Caroline Rourk** 919-681-6536 caroline.rourk@duke.edu and she'll pick items up at FPC.

EDUCATION / ENRICHMENT

- ❖ **Book Harvest** - Volunteer to help spread the joy of reading. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to work together. Book Harvest provides gently used or new books to low income children throughout Durham. Hold a book drive to collect donated books, or spend a few hours helping sort books. The sorting will take place at Book Harvest on **Tuesday, July 26; Saturday, August 13; and Tuesday, August 23**. Address: 2501 University Dr, Durham. Children under 16 are welcome to help with adult supervision. Would you rather build or paint bookshelves? Our newest project, Books for Habitat, provides bookshelves for each new Habitat family, and the children fill their shelves with books from Book Harvest. To sign up or for more information, contact **Margaret Rubiera** at margaretmr29@gmail.com
- ❖ **Crayons to Calculators** Let's get the kids ready for a great school year! This is a school supplies drive for Durham Public Schools to provide free supplies to classroom teachers. Collection bins will be in the church foyer **July 24 - August 20**. Items needed: pencils, crayons, notebooks, note paper, glue, calculators, etc. For more info go to: FillThatBus@crayons2calculators.org

❖ First Presbyterian Day School

- Tasks needing attention this summer include:
- Assembling shelving in the FPDS Emergency Shelter (located in the basement of the church) to hold emergency supplies housed there
 - Cleaning up the area surrounding the Day School playground, trimming branches, pulling weeds, planting, etc.
 - On **Thursday, August 4**, assisting with cleaning up and organizing Day School classrooms and work areas during a Teacher Work Day. Contact **Sheila Breitweiser**, ssbreitweiser@gmail.com, 864-641-8763

❖ Iglesia Emanuel Community Outreach

- Help with this food pantry on Wednesday evenings between 5 and 6 PM
 - Help with activities for children during the Wednesday evening services, from 7-7:30 PM
 - Help teach and supervise kids on Saturday mornings during their new soccer school
- Contact **Julio Ramirez** 919-672-4333 or jre0412@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

- ❖ **StepUp Durham** (www.stepupdurham.org) This ministry assists clients find and keep jobs by providing them with the skills to gain and sustain employment. The program is designed particularly for individuals facing barriers to employment such as criminal background or gaps in employment history. Volunteers are needed to do the following:
 - Recording client data
 - Help participants talk about gaps in work experience
 - Edit resumes
 - Conducting mock interviews
 - Provide meals for workshop participants.Contact: **Syretta Hill**, 919-973-0890, ext. 224 or syretta.hill@stepupministry.org

HOUSING

- ❖ **Habitat for Humanity** - Come join fellow FPC members for a Habitat Build in partnership with people in need and the community on **Saturday August 20, 8:30 - 11:30 am**. Location: TBA. Sign up in church foyer or contact **Margaret Rubiera** - margaretmr29@gmail.com. You must be 16 and older, any skill level can help. No experience necessary.
- ❖ **Women Roofers** - Join Durham Habitat's crew of Women Roofers! Experience is not necessary. Have a willingness to work above the ground and a desire to build relationships with other construction volunteers! We've had three women and one man from FPC volunteer so far. Next roofing opportunity will be in late August. Contact **Jane Williams**: janepsych1@mac.com

HUNGER RELIEF

- ❖ **Blessing Bags** – Put together a tangible expression of hospitality to our homeless neighbors. This can be a good family project. Kids can decorate brown paper bags and fill them with some nutrition for daily living. Suggested items: bottled water, snack crackers, peanuts, nutrition bars, non-perishable fruit. Also needed are washcloths, soap, shampoo, and body lotion. Drop these by the church volunteer office.
- ❖ **SEEDS Community Garden** - This non-profit is focused on food security, organic gardening, sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Volunteers are needed to work in the community garden at 706 Gilbert Street. Shifts are 9 AM-noon or 1-4 PM Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Go to seedsnc.org and click on "sign up for a gardening shift."

MEALS / NUTRITION

- ❖ **Families Moving Forward Quarterly Dinner**
Families Moving Forward, the newly merged Genesis Home and Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network, provides temporary shelter and support to homeless families as they move towards self-sufficiency. FPC is joining many other Durham faith communities who provide evening meals to the families and childcare while the parents attend meetings. There are many ways to be involved, from preparing food to eating with the families and leading the children in enrichment activities. For more information and to become involved, contact **Lea Bingham**, 919-358-1774, or leabingham@gmail.com.

- ❖ **Meals on Wheels Drivers** - During the past year MOW served over 500 homebound individuals (previously 300). The need for summer drivers is great to fill in for regular driver's vacations. Deliver one time or as many as you like. Bring a valid driver's license and proof of auto insurance the first time. Call 919-667-9124 to volunteer for a route. www.mowdurham.com

- ❖ **Urban Ministries of Durham Community Café**
FPC has committed to cover prep work and/ or serve meals to our neighbors who come for meals at the Community Café located at 410 Liberty Street. Please contact **Lyn Francisco** in the church office to sign up for a shift. Email: l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org
The following opportunities are available:
Friday, July 15: Breakfast 7:00 – 9:00 AM
Lunch bag prep 9:30 AM – noon
Thursday, July 28: Lunch bag prep 9:30 AM – noon
Friday, July 29: Breakfast 7:00 – 9:00 AM
Lunch bag prep 9:30 AM – noon
Friday, August 19: Breakfast 7:00 – 9:00 AM
Lunch bag prep 9:30 AM – noon
Thursday, August 25: Lunch bag prep 9:30 AM – noon



Food Bank Warehouse Volunteers

At the Durham Branch of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, volunteers are needed to sort, label, and repackage bulk food items. Walk-in volunteers are welcome on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month from 9 AM – noon. Business hour volunteering is available Tuesdays through Friday if scheduled in advance. Must be 18 years old or older, or 12-17 (accompanied by a parent or guardian). Kids Days, for ages 5-11, are held on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10 AM – noon. Email DurVolCoord@foodbankcenc.org for more info and to schedule weekday or group shifts. Location: 2700 Angier Avenue, 919-956-2513. www.foodbankcenc.org/site/PageNavigator/branch_durham.html

Thank you for supporting our community!



Summer Service Opportunities



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