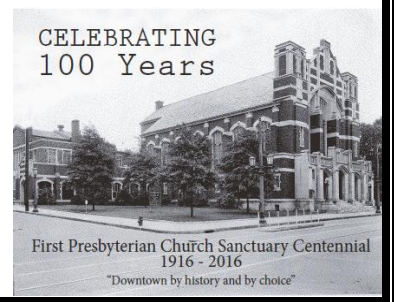


First Presbyterian Church

JULY 26, 2016



Sunday, July 31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon:

"The Quest for Bigger Barns"

Mindy L. Douglas, preaching

Lectionary Texts:

Old Testament	Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel Lesson	Luke 12:13-21

Crossdale Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**

After Worship Greeters:

Michael Schultz (Side/font),

Phyllis Verhey (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Jo Bernhardt** (Head), **Paul**

Cornsweet, Jeanne Hervey, Brianna

Honea, Miriam Morey, Carl Rist

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

That pesky widow . . . she just wouldn't quit harassing the judge! The parable of the widow and the judge is meant to disturb, or at least it disturbs our stereotypes of widows and judges. Join us this Sunday in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 for a heated discussion about the meaning of this parable **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will stir the pot.

Lectionary Class

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus criticizes those who are greedy and accumulate earthly goods: "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Are we, in our affluent society, condemned by these words? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation Class

We meet in the church basement at 9:45. **Susan Dunlap** leads the discussion. New faces are welcome.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

It's still Christmas in July. Come think about the cool days of winter at Christmas-time, as we watch the end of *A Muppet's Christmas Carol*. The class meets in room 205, and youth and children are invited



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS

RAMPING UP!

Sunday, August 21

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Teacher Training

Sunday, August 28

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Promotion Activities
Meet Your New Teachers



FPC GROUNDS WORKDAY

Saturday, July 30

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Contact **Barbara Buckley**

(bjbuckley@frontier.com) or 919-402-8551)

for details on the work to be performed.

The next scheduled workday is August 20.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Find your service niche this summer! Pick up a copy of the Service and Mission Committee's **Summer Service Brochure** at the church to learn more about opportunities for **all ages** to serve the Durham community during August.

THANK YOU!

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Many thanks to all those who helped host the Durham Branch of the NAACP's meeting on Sunday in FPC's sanctuary. Those who came to help included: **Michael Honeycutt, Phyllis Supple; Wes and Carol Carson; Jane Williams; Amy Dillon; Susan and Harold Dunlap; Sharon Hirsch; Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth, and Robert Daye.** The annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will take place on Saturday, October 29 at the Friday Center on Hwy 54. Tickets are \$60, for those wishing to attend and support the NAACP.

The **Coalition for Health Care of NC** is "overjoyed" that 101 members of FPC signed letters to the governor requesting the acceptance of federal Medicaid funds for NC. "We are grateful for every individual who chose to speak out for justice in this manner," said **Mary White**, Administrative Liaison Team, and Covenant Presbyterian Church member. To learn more about the initiative, go to the website for the NC Council of Churches.



Reminder to all FPC committee chairs and program staff: an Annual Report summary for your respective committee or area of ministry is due to **Valerie McMillian** in the church office by **July 31**. Contact Valerie if you will need more time.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Sometimes, when we encounter someone who is different, we turn away, find something else to do or someone else to talk with and avoid having to deal with the difference at all. We know that it will likely be uncomfortable or difficult if we try to overcome our differences, so sometimes we find it easier not to try at all.

Sometimes, when we encounter someone who is different, we invite them to come over to us, to join us where we are, to be like us. We hope that we can erase the difference by saying, "Come join me! Come be like me!"

A third option exists in which we cross the road to the other. We go to where people who are different live and move and have their being. We listen, we pay attention, we empathize, and we join our neighbors in their own space without expecting them to become like us. This can be difficult. But it may also be the best way to understand and love our neighbor.

Henri Nouwen once wrote,

We become neighbours when we are willing to cross the road for one another.

There is so much separation and segregation: between black people and white people, between gay people and straight people, between young people and old people, between sick people and healthy people, between prisoners and free people, between Jews and Gentiles, Muslims and Christians, Protestants and Catholics, Greek Catholics and Latin Catholics.

There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the street once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might become neighbours.

One small way we can do this "crossing over" on Sunday morning is to move outside our comfort zone and our favorite pew to join another who might be sitting alone. Visitors come in and often are unintentionally isolated. We can join them in their space - come to them rather than expecting them to come to us. This is a way to welcome new neighbors in to the space we refer to as God's house. This is but one small way we can cross over to join our neighbor. I pray you will find other ways to do this in your life and work this week!

Grace and peace,

Mindy

SAVE THE DATES

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

Sunday, August 14

Sunday, August 21

Following worship, lunch provided. Each class session is expected to last about two hours. Ordination and installation of new officers will take place on August 28.

OUR CONCERNS

Eugene Brown, recovering at Hillcrest from knee surgery
Roy Blackwell, father of Sheila Miglarese, in hospice care
Lavonia and Pamela Cayruth, friends in the community
Paul McCombs, friend of FPC

Traveling mercies for FPC high schoolers and their chaperones who are attending the Youth Conference at Montreat this week, and for **Sam Miglarese**, who is away directing DukeEngage in Durham, England.

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:
Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke:
Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson

Molly Bowden, former FPC member
Elizabeth Chomba, niece of Mercy Ndambiri

Imken family, friends of Chris Brown
Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

Margaret Pfeiler, grandmother of Julie Maxwell

Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon
Jeanne Somerville,

mother of Katharine Whitmore

Pat Utigard, cousin of Caroline Pritchett
Desiré Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

Hello Fellow FPCers,

One of you kind folks volunteered to join, or rejoin, the Croasdaile Drivers Union, dues free! Could you call me or email me again for I did not write down your request so I can send you the invite from SignUpGenius. Many Thanks!



Peace, **Paul Cornsweet**
 919-358-7874
pec326@earthlink.net



Dear Church Family:

Words cannot express our deep and sincere thanks for the love, concern, prayers, cards and hugs that you all showered us with upon the recent death of my father, **Karsten Rist**. Your support means so much to us, and we are continually amazed by the generosity and compassion of our church family at First Presbyterian!

- **Carl, Lisa, Jeremy and Jared Rist**

YOUTH

High School Conference
Montreat NC
 July 24 – 30

TIME OUT RADIO SHOW

Bill Hendrickson will interview **Andy Widmark** about "The New Durham" on **Monday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m.** on the "Time Out" radio show. "Time Out" can be heard on FM station WCOM, 103.5 locally in Carrboro and Chapel Hill and wcomfm.org elsewhere.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

August Potluck
Saturday, August 6
6:30 p.m. at the home of
Jenna Kneepkens & Matt Susen
 Please respond to the EVITE

PRIMETIMERS

*****DATE CHANGE*****

Friday, August 12
Covered Dish Supper
 at the home of
Al and Judy Arrowood
 More details forthcoming!

FIRST FRIENDS

Saturday, August 13
Potluck Gathering (Kid-friendly)
 5:30 p.m. at the Momsen-Hudson home
September 23-25
First Friends and Families
Annual Beach Trip



FPC IS A POKÉSTOP!

Please be respectful of our grounds.
 We invite players to come in for a cool drink of water and/or to recharge your cell phone.

CRAYONS2CALCULATORS

Durham Teachers' Warehouse
10 Most Needed Items

Crayons Pencils Glue Sticks Markers
 Highlighters Erasers Composition Books
 Copy paper Clipboards Dry Erase Markers

Other needed items:

calculators, tape, pens, boxes of colored, pencils, construction paper, spiral notebooks staples, hand sanitizer, boxes of tissues, packs of loose leaf paper, supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, Post-it notes.



FPC is a collection site through August

21. Please place supplies in the containers in the foyer. For more information, go online to: <http://www.crayons2calculators.org/>



CHILDREN'S BOOK HARVEST

There is a bright blue bin with a Book Harvest sign on the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer of the church for your new or gently used children's books! Please remember to bring books to share with needy children throughout Durham. We want to help all our children develop a love for reading!

STUDENT ACTION WITH FARMWORKERS

End of Summer Celebration!
August 6, 2016
6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
at the American Tobacco Campus
Full Frame Theater

318 Blackwell Street, Durham
 SAF needs help with decorating and setting up, interpreting, the food, supervising small groups of kids, or cleaning up after the event. Check out our list of volunteer opportunities and sign up at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NierdAWRPDvVIRSP8EcIMYka31TnRh_1BpUr5QOVz8/viewform

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

FLOC (Farm Labor Organizing Committee) needs help transporting FLOC farmworker members from their labor camps to the **July 31, 2016** regional meeting in Dudley, NC, at FLOC's office. If you CAN drive, please email the following persons: daustin@mindspring.com, salan@nfwm.org AND flocnc@floc.com.

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