

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

News Briefs

December 27, 2016

**CHURCH OFFICE YEAR-END SCHEDULE**

The church office is currently closed for Christmas and the New Year's Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Some staff are on-call and monitoring their email and voicemail during the holidays. If you need assistance from the church during this time, please call the church office. Leave a detailed message if no one is available to take your call.

**Christmas Greetings . . .**

The following members (along with their family) and friends send Christmas greetings and new year wishes to the church family. In the Spirit of Christmas, they also made donations to Christmas Concerns to support the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

Tom and Ellen Bacon    Mary and Daniel Banner

Paul Baldasare/Jane Wettach

Bob and Sheila Breitweiser

Will and Mary Ann Compton    Linda Dobson

Howard and Beth Eisenson

Peter and Barbara Fish    Shirley Frederick

Rod and Barbara Gerwe    Ken Goldner

Dorothy Graham    Dub and Libby Gulley

Lynn Hays    Marilyn Hedgpeth    Elizabeth High

Kerry Holbrook    Maxie Honeycutt

Thomas and Margaret Keller

Dewey and Bet Lawson

William and Marcia Lorimer

Mac and Wendy McCorkle

Tyrone and Valerie McMillian

Harriett Mitchell    Parker and BJ Morton

Vernon and Beth Neece    Carl and Lisa Rist

Russell and Ruth Roberson    Caroline Rourk

Henderson and Jane Rourk

David and Marie Sappenfield

David and Judy Smith

Phyllis Supple    Presbyterian Women

**HAPPY 145th  
BIRTHDAY  
to FPC!**

Founded New Year's  
Eve 1871

Click [here](#) to read about  
FPC's early beginnings



**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

New Year's Day  
Epiphany Celebrated

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sermon: "Refuge"  
Marilyn Hedgpeth,  
preaching



No Children's Choir rehearsal

No evening Youth Groups

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Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam  
Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

Ushers:

**Celia Dickerson** (head),  
**Jennie Alwood**,  
**Michael Honeycutt**,  
**Miriam Morey**,  
**Sigfried Fullenkamp**,  
**Chris Anglin**



Youth Groups are on break  
for the holidays! We will  
meet again on Sunday,  
January 8 for a FUN NIGHT

**OUT at a local trampoline park!** Remember to return  
your signed registration form to Sarah if you plan to  
participate! Contact **Sarah Finbow** ([s.finbow@firstpres-  
durham.org](mailto:s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) or 919-682-5511) for info on youth activities at  
FPC!

**THANK YOUs. . .**

Many thanks to **Rod and Barbara Gerwe** for hosting the  
Prime Timers on December 16 for the 12th consecutive  
year. A crowd of about 60 descended upon their beautiful  
home to enjoy the food, fellowship, and caroling led by  
**Kathy and Bob Parkins**. Special kudos to those who  
helped with set-up and clean-up for such a large gathering.

Many thanks to other members who hosted groups in their homes this December:

On December 7th, **Marilyn Hedgpeth** hosted the church staff at her home for brunch;

On December 10th, **Carlo and Emily Diy** hosted the Scratch Group in their home for brunch. Later that same day, **Melinda Ruley and Stewart Fisher** hosted First Friends in their lovely home for a potluck supper; a gathering they have hosted during Advent for many years.

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## Stewardship 2017

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—Luke 12:34

If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card, please do so as soon as you are able so that we can finalize our mission spending for 2017. Every pledge counts.



Lost your pledge card? No worries! You can pledge online at our website <http://firstpres-durham.org/stewardship-pledge/>, call Valerie McMillian at the church to have one mailed to you (919-682-5511), or email Tom Bloom with your pledge information ([t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org)).

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## A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The deadline to nominate persons to serve as ruling elders and deacons for the Class of 2020 is Sunday, January 15. The form for submitting nominations is available at the church and also by clicking the link below. You may also use this same form to nominate persons to serve in the at-large positions on the Nominating Committee.

Click to view and print the nominations form: [Nominating Committee and Officer Nomination Form](#)

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## FLOWER MINISTRY

The **Flower Reservation Calendar** for donating sanctuary flowers in 2017 is now posted near the door to the volunteer's office in the foyer. This ministry enhances the beauty of the sanctuary, provides an opportunity to honor or remember important people in our lives, and brings love and joy from the congregation to members unable to attend the worship service. Donations can be made by an individual, a family, or jointly by multiple individuals or families. An information sheet is available beside the calendar. Remember to sign up for a Sunday if you wish to donate flowers for worship in 2017.

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## SERVICE AND MISSION

Please continue to bring items for Blessing Bags, Toiletry Kits and Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry. Donations are needed year round!

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## UP-COMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Membership Committee:** Sunday, January 8 immediately after worship in the East Parlor. A light lunch will be served.

**Nominating Committee:** Sunday, January 8 following worship in the Wilson Parlor.

**Investment Committee:** Tuesdays, January 9, 23 and 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the East Parlor

**Christian Education Committee:** Monday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.

**Property Committee:** Monday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.

**Service and Mission Committee:** Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.

**Worship and the Arts Committee:** Monday, January 9 at 6:45 p.m.

**Finance Committee:** Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

**Sunday, January 8 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

**FPC - Room 205**

**Come brainstorm ideas for 2017!**

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### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY

**Monday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m.**

**FPC's East Parlor**

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### THE THINGS THAT MATTER BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

at the home of **Jane Williams**

**in Cameron Woods - 2804 Ashland Drive**

(RSVP: [Janepsych1@mac.com](mailto:Janepsych1@mac.com))

Join the discussion of Linda Hirshman's *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World.*

**Lee Courtland** will lead the discussion.

New faces always welcome!

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### Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA)

### PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Thursday, January 19**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary**

**Reverend Jimmie Hawkins, preaching**

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**Family-to-Family Free Education Classes  
provided by National Alliance on Mental Illness**

A free series of 12 weekly classes is being offered by trained NAMI members for individuals and families who have family members suffering with mental illness: PTSD, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Panic Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder.

**Chapel Hill Area:**

**Sundays, January 6 - March 20, 2017**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**at the Chapel Hill Public Library**

**100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill**

**Contact Nancy Brickman at 919-818-8065 or**

**[nbrickman@nc.rr.com](mailto:nbrickman@nc.rr.com)**

**Durham Area: Tuesdays, January 24 - April 11, 2017**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**3639 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham**

**Contact Violette Blumenthal at 919-358-6788 or**

**[f2fdurham@yahoo.com](mailto:f2fdurham@yahoo.com)**

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**FPC HOSTING MUSLIM COMMUNITY  
PEACEFUL RECEPTION AND ASSEMBLY**

**Saturday, January 28**

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at FPC**

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**FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES  
GAME NIGHT WITH POTLUCK SUPPER**

**Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 p.m.**

**at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall**

**Hosted by the Klinck family**

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**THE POET'S CORNER**

We are blessed to have a number of poets and writers in our midst. Beginning January 2017, we will add "The Poet's Corner" feature to the weekly newsletter. If you would like to share your poetry with our faith community via the church's newsletter, please send submissions for consideration to Valerie: [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).