

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Newsletter

January 10, 2017

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Church Office to reopen at noon on Wednesday, January 11

Icy conditions remain in and around the Durham area, so the church office remains closed today. Church staff are working from their homes, monitoring their email and checking voicemail throughout the day.

We plan to open the office on tomorrow (Wednesday, January 11) around noon, as conditions allow.

KUDOS to the following persons who volunteered to help spread sand and ice melt in the church parking lot last Friday afternoon: Robert Daye, Paul Cornsweet, George Kirschmann, Homer Ashby, Jane Williams, Vernon Neece, and Emily Wilkins.

Special thanks also to Kate Busa for braving the sub-freezing temps Friday morning (was suffering from bronchitis) to drop off sand and spreading tools at the church.

From the Pastor

Dear friends,

I hope that by the time you read this, the ice and snow that has kept so many of you trapped in your homes will have melted and you can get on with life as usual. I also hope that this winter weather interlude gave you a chance to play, rest, read, think, laugh, cook, sit by the fire, drink tea, and/or take a deep breath. For many of us, this time has been a gift. Let us remember, however, those for whom it has not been a gift – those who live outside, those who are alone and lonely, those who have lost income due to missed work. May we be in prayer for one another.

This Sunday, I hope you will join us for Sunday school and worship. We have many opportunities for fellowship and study at 9:45 (details of classes are below). During 11 a.m. worship we will welcome to the pulpit Dr. Timothy Tyson, author of Blood Done Sign My Name and Senior Research Scholar at the Duke University Center for Documentary Studies.

"In a fallen world marked by human depravity and deep-seated sin, in a world where Hitler and Stalin had recruited millions of followers to commit mass murder, love must harness power and seek justice in order to have moral meaning. Love without power remained impotent, and power without love was bankrupt."

– Timothy B. Tyson, Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story

I hope you will join us on Sunday!

Grace and peace to you all,

Mindy



Added this week: Carolyn Wolfe, recovering at home from a stress fracture

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village: Joanne Harrar, Betty Jelstrup, Bob Keever, Jean Moore, Bob Rankin

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

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

- Doug Hervey, son of Jeanne Hervey
- Mike Hugo, friend of Tom Bloom
- Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson, receiving hospice care
- Paul McCombs, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
- Margaret Pfeiler, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- Desiré Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

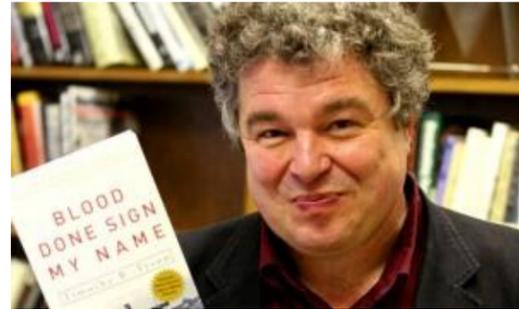
Please keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your friends and loved ones. Thank you.



**Sunday, January 15, 2017 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
(See class details below in the Sunday School section)

11:00 a.m. Worship
Tim Tyson, preaching



We welcome to the pulpit this Sunday, Timothy B. Tyson (born 1959), an American writer and historian from North Carolina who specializes in the issues of culture, religion and race associated with the Civil Rights Movement of the twentieth century. He has joint faculty appointments at Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

Everyone is invited to a **fellowship lunch** in Watts-Hill Hall following worship . Families are encouraged to go through the line together. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

**New Children's Choir Rehearsal Schedule
Effective January 15, 2017**

Children who wish to participate in Children's Choir will now meet in the choir room for practice on Sunday mornings immediately following "A Time with Children" (except on Communion Sundays). The children will practice in the choir room until the end of worship. If your children have interest in Children's Choir or if you have questions about children's choir, please contact **Kathy Parkins** at k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org.

Acolytes: **Grace Abels, Ellie Dilworth**
Crucifer: **Juliana Miglarese**
Liturgist: **Michael Honeycutt**
Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**
Ushers: **Catherine Dumas** (head), **Alissa Miles** (flowers), **Chris Anglin, Dale Gaddis, Jane Williams, Mickey Velkey**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Friends, it feels like we haven't met in a year! So, with warmer weather in our forecast, we will meet at our usual spot and view the video: "Blessed to be a Blessing (Election of the People to Service)." Come and catch up with one another, and see the schedule for the rest of our time together this spring.

The Affirmation of Confirmands has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 in worship. At that time, confirmands and mentors will stand before the congregation, and the church's baptismal vows to the confirmands will be reaffirmed, followed by the gift of scarves from the Shawl Ministry Group.



Join us this Sunday, January 15 for our MLK service project with Judea Reform, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Details being provided by email.

The **Fun Night Out** has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 22.

Contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511) for info on youth activities at FPC!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith & Community Class (Adults)

Have you ever wondered how economists think about poverty? How does understanding the economics of poverty help us respond to the issues surrounding poverty in more effective ways? Join us this Sunday as **Tim O'Brien** leads us in a discussion of "The Economics of Poverty." Tim is a health economist at Research Triangle Institute and married to **Pastor Mindy Douglas**. The class meets at 9:45 in **Watts-Hill Hall**. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class (Adults)

God calls someone - to be a prophet, a psalmist, a disciple, an apostle - and suddenly a life is transformed. There may be release from danger or trouble; there may be renewed strength; there is always awareness of a new task to be done. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

Journeys Class (Adults)

This Sunday, Journeys will begin reading and discussing the Book of Esther. All are welcome to join the discussion in **basement classroom B-17** at 9:45.

Scratch Class (Young Adults)

We are studying Laurie Winner's book, *Wearing God*. Join us on the second floor of the **CE building, room 205** at 9:45 a.m. for discussion of "Laboring Woman." New faces are always welcome.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap will lead our discussion. This class meets in **basement classroom B-16**, at 9:45.

New Bible Study: Parables

The class meets each Friday from 10:30 - noon upstairs in the Education Building.

This week we will talk about the Parable of the Yeast from Matthew and Luke. Women and men are welcome!

Stewardship 2017

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

As of January 6, 2017, we have received 179 pledges totaling \$767,810, representing 84.08% of our goal for 2017.

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!

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).

Officer Nominations Needed

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 will be in Sunday's bulletin. Please complete the form and return it to the church office by the deadline. You may also use this same form to nominate persons to serve at-large on the Nominating Committee.

Neighborhood Snow Watch

A list went out last week, which listed membership according to zip code so that we might check with one another during the recent snow storm and cold snap. If you found inaccuracies on that list, or if your name was not included, please contact the church office, so that we might add your correct information to the list. We hope this will be helpful, going forward, in taking care of one another during times of inclement weather, or otherwise. Thank you for your help.

Service and Mission Opportunities



Please continue to bring non-perishable food for Iglesia Emanuel's food pantry and supplies for blessing and toiletry bags.

Golf Clubs needed: *Matthew Dickerson* wants to play golf for Riverside High School. Golf begins February 14. He is looking for used golf clubs. Contact cdickerson17@nc.rr.com if you have a set for Matthew.

UP-COMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Christian Education Committee: Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Worship and the Arts Committee: Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Parlor

Personnel Committee: Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Mindy Douglas' Office

Nominating Committee: Sunday, January 15 following worship in the East Parlor

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

Membership Committee: TBA **Stewardship Committee :** TBA

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

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 16

Annual MLK Unity March and Rally

The Unity March and Rally participants will assemble on the main steps of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on Chapel Hill Street, across from the Main Police Department. Citizens will proceed down Chapel Hill Street pass the intersection of Five Points, pass the Main Post Office through the intersection of Mangum Street and Chapel Hill Street and pass the #1 Fire Station and end at Roxboro Street at the Main Durham County Library. The march will culminate in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church 305 East Main Street. The Durham Children's Choir will provide music. **FPC members are encouraged to participate as an act of hospitality. NOTE: the Church office will be closed.**

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

Sunday, January 22 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

FPC - Room 205

THE THINGS THAT MATTER BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

at the home of Jane Williams

in Cameron Woods - 2804 Ashland Drive (RSVP: Janepsych1@mac.com)

Join the discussion of Linda Hirshman's *Sisters in Law*. **Lee Courtland** will lead the discussion. New faces always welcome!

YOUTH SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 5

We are having our second annual chili cook off for "Souper Bowl Sunday" in February 5th. All proceeds from the sale of the chili will go towards combating hunger right here in Durham! Please contact Sarah at s.finbow@firstpres-Durham.org if you are interested in preparing chili for the competition!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY

Monday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m.

FPC's East Parlor

**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

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Neo China Restaurant - 4015 University Drive, Durham

Hosted by Carol McKnight

RSVP to Carol at: 919-419-0670.

FPC HOSTING MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Saturday, January 28

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

If you would like to bring food for the reception or help provide hospitality, please contact the church office. Let's welcome our friends, and reassure them that FPC will not tolerate words or deeds of bigotry, intolerance or hate.

**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

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY LUNCH

Are you interested in exploring what membership involves at First Presbyterian Church? If so, you are invited to a **Membership Inquiry Lunch on Sunday, January 29, following worship in the East Parlor.** Please RSVP to the church office, 919-682-5511, or to **Marilyn Hedgpeth**, if you plan to join us, so we can have enough food for everyone.

LOOKING AHEAD in 2017

January 29 – Fifth Sunday Inter-generational Sunday School

April 9 – Palm Sunday Parade to neighbor churches

April 30 – Fifth Sunday Inter-generational Sunday School

May 7 – Confirmation of youth during 11:00 worship

June 11-14 – Great Big Church Family Festival, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at each hosting church (Dinner and all-family VCS; registration begins February 1)

July 6-9 – Massanetta Middle School Conference

July 23-29 – Montreat Youth Conference

The Poet's Corner

He's Got Rhythm - a limerick by **Bob Yoder**

A Calvinist who, most traditional

Loved songs unadorned most congenial.

New hymns innovated

Jazz rhythms syncopated

Made him ponder, "It's most inconceivable!"

A Card Shower Our dear member, **Sarah Cox**, will turn 100 years old on **January 26, 2017**. Let's show her how special she is to us by showering her with cards for this birthday milestone! Send cards to:

Sarah Cox

Croasdaile Village Apt A224

2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway

Durham NC 27705.

From Joanne Harrar . . .

Dear Friends,

I very much appreciate all your get well and Christmas cards. Thank you for thinking of me; your doing so surely will help to speed my recovery. May you all have a happy, healthy 2017.

The Church Office is closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.