

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM
"Downtown by history and by choice"
Newsletter
March 14, 2017

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH - Sunday, March 19, 2017

The Session has set Sunday, March 19 as the date for the Annual Meeting of the church. At this meeting, members will hear a report from the Finance Committee and approve the terms of call for the pastors. The meeting will take place after worship, in Watts-Hill Hall, during the fellowship lunch.



From the Associate Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

Back in January, on Baptism of the Lord Sunday, our congregation missed our opportunity to Reaffirm our Baptismal Covenant because of frozen precipitation. Well (literally), this Sunday's text is another water story, about Jesus meeting a foreign woman at a well, and thus it is a perfect opportunity for us to meet at the font, and Reaffirm our Baptismal Covenant for the Year of our Lord, 2017. So, we will bring the font front and center, and stream down the aisle to touch the grace-water of our well-being and adoption into the family of God.

It will be a reminder that there are no foreigners or strangers in God's eyes. As Jesus demonstrates when he crosses paths with the Samaritan woman at the well, no one is meant to be excluded or marginalized in the new covenant forged in his body and blood. We have seen that so well this winter, as we have made wonderful inroads with four local Muslim communities, who have visited our church, or who have invited us to dine with them at their masjids. We have had the opportunity to meet the refugee families who have come from "the war" in Syria, whom our Muslim friends are hosting and helping to assimilate. And FPC's Confirmation Class and their mentors have begun our visits with our Jewish friends at Judea Reform, and our Sikh friends at the Sikh Gurudwara of North Carolina. We are making new faith friends through our common belief in a sovereign, loving and compassionate God. As the Apostle Paul says, "you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household" (Ephesians 2: 19). The precipitation may be frozen, but our participation is certainly not!

I look forward to meeting you at the fount of every blessing this Sunday.

Blessings,

Marilyn



The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the **Morey family**. **Arlene Morey, Robin Morey's** beloved grandmother and **Miriam Morey's** very supportive mother-in-law of many years, passed away peacefully on March 14 in Atlanta.

Wendy McCorkle and Doug Fisher, recovering at their respective homes following hip surgery.

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, Bob Rankin

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

Family and Friends of FPC Members:

- **Don and Gail Champion**, uncle and aunt of Lenore Champion
- **Mike Gray**, cousin of Linn Lopez
- **Rick Hager**, friend of Celia Dickerson
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Paul Martin**, brother of Beth Neece
- **Dell McMillian**, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
- **Danny Parker**, father of Al and Judy Arrowood's daughter-in-law
- **Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- **Roberta Post**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **Janice Rattray**, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- **Sandra Russell**, frequent visitor to FPC



Sunday, March 19, 2017 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Covenant

Sermon: "Well-Being" - Marilyn Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts:

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Serving this Sunday:

Acolytes: **Riley Pienkowski, Griffin Momsen-Hudson**

Crucifer: **Matthew Dickerson**

Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters: **Eric Wiebe** (narthex/rear), **Alice Raney** (font/side)

Ushers: **To be determined** (head), **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey** (flowers), **Any Dillon, Grace Abels, Sigfried Fullenkamp, Amy Sanchez**

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

Sunday, March 19 following worship and Annual Meeting of the Church - in the East Parlor **Cherrie Henry** will lead a discussion on Presbyterian Polity. Plan to stay until 2:00 p.m. Contact Cherrie about making up this class if you are unable to attend.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for children (through 5th grade) are held on the second floor of the Christian Education building at 9:45. Middle and high school youth meet in their designated classrooms in the basement (below the sanctuary) at 9:45.

Faith & Community Class (Adults) - This Sunday will be our last opportunity to hear **Jay and Elinor Williams** discuss Mental Health and our Faithful Response. They will conclude their series with a presentation on PTSD and trauma-related disorders, and if time allows, dementia and/or psychotic disorders will be discussed. There is always more to cover than time allows. Jay and Elinor are both clinical social workers, recently retired from their private psychotherapy practice. We are so grateful that they have come from University Presbyterian Church to share their expertise with us. The class meets at 9:45 in **Watts-Hill Hall** and all are welcome.

Lectionary Class (Adults) - What is more important to a thirsty person than water? But perhaps there are gifts from God that are even more vital and refreshing than that. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

Journeys Class (Adults) - All are welcome to join Journeys to read and discuss the Book of Ezra. The story centers around the Jews as immigrants in Judea. This is a relevant topic for Christians given the recent immigration ban in our own country. Join the discussion in **basement classroom B-17** at 9:45.

Scratch Class (Young Adults) - This week we'll begin a new chapter, "Flame," and discussion from Lauren Winner's book, **Wearing God**. See you around 9:45 on the **second floor of the CE building, room 205**. New faces are always welcome.

Women's Spiritual Formation - **Susan Dunlap** leads our discussion. This class meets in **basement classroom B-16**, at 9:45.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The **Confirmation Class and mentors will meet at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 810 W. Chapel Hill Street at 9:15 for Mass**, followed by a time to ask questions. Then we will return to FPC in time for 11:00 worship. At FPC, please come in and sit in the FPC balcony, if you are late arriving back at our church.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS

The Membership Inquiry Class **will NOT meet** as a class this week. Participants are encouraged to visit some of the other adult classes during the Sunday School hour. Those interested in membership should plan to meet with the Session on Sunday, March 26 at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor, and to be welcomed during the 11:00 worship service that Sunday. If you have any further questions regarding membership, please see one of the FPC clergy.



This Sunday, **Chris Karnadi**, our Duke Divinity School ministry intern, will lead each youth group in a Lenten discussion of life and spiritual life. The **Maxwell family** will provide the meal. Middle schoolers will meet at 5:00 p.m. High schoolers will meet after supper from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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

Our Lenten Book Study

Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life

by Rowan Williams

Wednesdays, through April 5 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (bring a bag dinner);

Fridays, through April 7 from 10:30 a.m. – noon at FPC.

Sam Miglarese will lead a discussion of Faith, Hope and Love this Wednesday night. Books are still available, if needed, at a cost of \$6.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND MISSION

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Helpers needed: Do you love helping out in the kitchen? Do you have a passion for loading the dishwasher just right? Are you looking for a great way to serve your church community? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, the Fellowship Committee would love your help! We are always looking for volunteers to help out with FPC's monthly Fellowship Lunch on the third Sunday of the month. Email **Abi Warmack** (abi.bissette@gmail.com) or **Julie Whiddon** (foxylady3542@yahoo.com) to be added to our email list!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HABITAT RESTORE: Do you care about affordable housing issues, but hammering nails and climbing on roofs are not a good fit for you? Not to worry — there are other excellent ways that you can make a tangible difference. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is looking for volunteers, ages 16 and up, to help in a variety of ways. All proceeds from the ReStore go to help build houses in Durham and Orange Counties. For more information and to sign up, please contact <http://www.restoredurhamorange.org/volunteer/>. If you have more questions, contact **Margaret Rubiera** at margaretmr29@gmail.com, or 919-425-1413.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for Iglesia Emanuel's food pantry and supplies for blessing and toiletry bags. Not sure what to bring for Iglesia's food pantry? Click [here](#) for a list of recommended items.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FPC: The church office is looking for five to six volunteers to tidy up the foyer, sanctuary, and narthex each week on a rotational basis. If you like things “decent and in order” and live nearby FPC or work downtown, we would love for you to consider fulfilling this need. Depending on your schedule, you can volunteer once or more often during the month. The tasks should take one person less than an hour to complete each week. Contact **Valerie McMillian** in the church office if you are interested: 919-682-5511 ext. 215 or v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

STEPUP MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! Beginning April 4, StepUp Durham will begin Step2 of its Employment Program. Step2 is a weekly program that will wrap nine months of life-skills, stability, and support around those who have become newly-employed and working at least 30 hours per week. Phase one of Step2 will focus on personal development; phase two will focus on financial coaching; and phase three, on career growth. “StepUp Durham’s vision for Step2 is that it will be a place where people grow and thrive, create and accomplish goals and build a deeper sense of community, stronger self-awareness, greater financial stability, and clarity for how to obtain the type of joy they could call a career.”

Volunteers are needed every Tuesday night from 5:45-8:30 at CityWell Church, 2317 Chapel Hill Road, in the following areas:

***Co-Partner/Mentor** - Be trained to walk alongside and support a StepUp participant weekly as they set and accomplish their personal, professional, and financial goals. (Training will be Tuesday, March 21 from 6-8 at CityWell Church)

***Childcare and Homework Buddies** – Provide supervision and homework help for children (ages 0-16) of StepUp adults.

***Meal Donation** – Help StepUp provide a nutritious dinner to the 10 families participating in Step2 pilot program (**Marie Sappenfield** and **Marilyn Hedgpeth** are providing a meal the first Tuesday of every month. They would love to have others on their meal team; or establish another meal time to cover other Tuesdays.)

***Instruction** – Offer to teach or coach participants on a skill in which you have expertise (i.e. setting S.M.A.R.T. goals, leaning into personality strengths, credit repair, career development, budgeting, etc.)

StepUp Durham partners with adults seeking to transform their lives through employment and life skills training. Classes are designed specifically for individuals facing barriers to finding employment, such as a criminal background or gaps in employment history. FPC is proud to be a sponsor of StepUp Durham. If you are interested in joining the StepUp Durham team, please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** or **Bob Yoder**.

LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS WORKDAY

Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Contact Barbara Buckley (bjbuckley1@frontier.com or 919-402-8551) to find out the work to be performed.



UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS



SPRING NIA CLASS

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. through April 25

Watts-Hill Fellowship Hall

(No class on March 21**)**

Free for FPC members, donations accepted

SCRATCH / Young Adults

Monthly Fellowship Potluck Gathering

Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.

at the home of Ian and Jennie Belle

3060-A Colony Rd, Durham NC 27705

SCRATCH Monthly Fellowship Brunch and Palm-Cross Folding

Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

at Cherrie Henry's home

1407 Arbor St., Durham, NC 27701

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Bennett Pointe Grill

4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham

Arranged by **Mickey Velkey**

RSVP to Mickey at 919-864-9823 or marilyn.velkey@usa.net by Sunday, March 26 if you plan to join us.

CONCERT AT FPC - Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m.



It's "MARCH GLADNESS" at FPC!

Vox Virorum presents its first joint concert with the UNC Men's Glee Club and the NCSU Singing Statesmen Men's Choir. The three groups will join together on stage (FPC sanctuary) for some truly stunning choral singing, including Franz Biebl's 'Ave Maria' and 'Swing Down, Chariot'. **Free admission, \$10 suggested donation.** FPC members who sing with Vox are: **Brent Curtis, Sam Henry, and Parker Klinck.**

The **UNC Men's Glee Club** is the oldest continually existing choral organization on campus, with reports of performances dating back to at least 1892. Its repertoire is an-eclectic mixture of sacred and secular music in all styles and from all periods. The group is conducted by Dr. Daniel Huff.

The **Singing Statesmen of North Carolina Men's Choir** continues the long tradition of men's choral singing at NC State. Like its predecessor ensemble, the NCSU Varsity Men's Glee Club, the Singing Statesmen perform both traditional and modern four-part men's harmony in concerts and informal settings. The Statesmen are directed by Dr. Nathan Leaf.

Durham's Annual Crop HUNGER Walk

It's time to get FPC's team together to walk in this year's Durham Crop Walk for hunger relief.

The 43rd Durham Crop HUNGER Walk will be Sunday, April 2, 2017 beginning at 2:30 p.m. from Duke Chapel.

Walkers can sign up on Sundays following worship. Not able to walk this year? Support FPC's team by sponsoring a walker. Contact **Paul Cornsweet** to find out who's walking from FPC.

Please remember to make checks payable to Durham Crop Walk and give to the person you are sponsoring by the day of the race or you can donate online.

This year's goal is \$5000. We can reach it with your help!



Faith Connections on Mental Illness - 7th Annual Conference "Transforming Lives: Overcoming Stigma in Mental Illness"

Friday, March 31

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic School

940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill

Conference includes a keynote speaker, plenary lecture, and breakout sessions. **Registration is required.** For more information and to register, go online to: www.faithconnectionsmentalillness.org.

COMMUNITY INVITATIONS:

Gurudwara Day - A Community Celebration

Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 11:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Sikh Gurudwara of North Carolina (**3214 E. Banner Street, Durham**) invites the community to their annual program designed to introduce the North Carolina Sikh community to their neighbors. The Youth Representatives of Gurudwara will present speeches in English, hymns in traditional Sikh music, and a hearty Punjabi lunch at the conclusion. They would be honored by your presence. **For more details and to RSVP, please send an email to: darasjot.singh@gmail.com or darsev.kaur@gmail.com or go online to: sgncweb.org**

Honoring the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Harvard, III

WHAT: The Lincoln Community Health Center Foundation Luncheon

WHEN: Friday, April 21, 2017

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club, 3001 Cameron Blvd, Durham

The cost is \$50.00 per person. You can RSVP to Diane Faricy at 919-956-4004 or diane.faricy@duke.edu by April 7, 2017. Donations to the foundation are also appreciated.



Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

Those responsible for sending me the beautiful flowers, thank you. They bring me such joy. I took a picture of them and hope to do a painting of them at some point. Bless all of you.

With Love,

Mary Clark

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