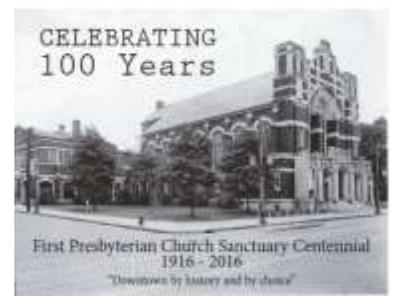


First Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 19, 2016



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

When communities of faith are inviting and relevant, new people will want to come. A good sign of life and health in a church is growth. All it would take for our church to double in size would be for each of us to invite one friend. Won't YOU invite a friend to church this coming Sunday, January 24th?

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

The **Hunger for Change** offering is received.

Sermon: "No Day But Today"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 19
Gospel Lesson	Luke 4: 14-21

Crucifer: **Graham Curtis**

Acolytes: **Laura McDow, Kayla Champion**

Crossaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez,**

Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters: **Wes Carson**

(narthex/rear), **Kate Busa** (font/side)

Ushers: **Jennie Zehmer** (head), **Jo**

Bernhardt (flowers), **Paul Cornsweet,**

Jeanne Hervey, Carolyn Merritt, Keith

Merritt

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

As we ease into the New Year, our thoughts often turn to planning. Over the next few weeks topics related to "planning" will be explored in the Faith & Community Class. Do you have a will? If so, is it up to date? Some FPC members may not have a current will. FPC is designating January 24th as Will's Sunday. **Mal King** will lead Will's Sunday in the Faith & Community Class and all are welcome. Writing a will is a right and privilege granted by the laws of our state. Should you fail to have your own will prepared, the state will distribute your property according to formula, with no consideration for the ages, health, or special needs of your family. Start the New Year thinking about yourself, your family, and your church. If you already have a will, does it reflect your current commitments? Have you executed a Power of Attorney or Health Care Power of Attorney so that you are prepared for incapacity and the new health care privacy laws? Join us this Sunday in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 a.m. On January 31st, come and learn about charitable estate planning.

Lectionary Class

What makes the words of the Bible different from those of any other book? Is there some great power in the reading and hearing -- and understanding -- of God's word? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will continue reading and discussing the Book of Job. All are welcome to join the discussion at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

I want to thank everyone that was instrumental in the success of the Kick-Off Centennial Celebration Fellowship Dinner on Thursday January 14th. It was so wonderful to see the Fellowship Hall and parlor full of people enjoying a meal and fellowship together as we remembered our past and the people over the years that have made our Church what it is today. Special thanks to **Cris Rivera, Robert Daye, Valerie McMillian, Lyn Francisco, Marilyn Hedgpeth, John Fricks, Abi Bissette,** the **Fellowship Committee** and everyone else who helped, for their contributions to making this fellowship dinner such a success. A very special thanks to **Peter Fish**, who provided us with a comprehensive and interesting presentation of the history of this Church. We are lucky to have him. I was especially touched and gratified by the conversation at my table which included older members of the Church remembering our past and sharing it with newer members. I hope there were similar conversations at other tables. The importance of this year long Centennial Celebration is to look back and remember where we came from and to also look forward toward what we want to continue to be as a Church and Community of Faith. **Michael Honeycutt** summarized the night to me so eloquently when he said, "I could sense Marie and past angels of the church smiling over us all. It was such a nice evening of fellowship, delicious food, and learning." I hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as I did!

The Centennial Celebration Committee has a number of exciting events planned for 2016 and we look forward to sharing them together with all of you. In the next few weeks, a calendar of events will be posted in the foyer next to the History time line which was created by **Julie Maxwell, Jane Davis Rourk** and **Jean Wilson**. Please take some time to review them the next time you are at the Church. We will have a blank book located in the fellowship hall throughout the year for people to make written comments about their memories, hopes and dreams for this living and breathing Church family. This will be a wonderful remembrance for years to come. Again, my thanks and gratitude to the First Presbyterian Church family.

Most sincerely,

Caroline Davis Rourk

Centennial Celebration Committee Chair
Committee members: **Scottie Seawell, Steve Martin, Michael Honeycutt, Julie Maxwell, Alex Stayer-Brewington, Amy Dillon** and **Sarah Finbow**.

SCRATCH/YOUNG ADULTS

This Sunday **Carlo Diy** be leading our discussion on Rev. Carlton Pearson - a very well-known evangelical pastor in Tulsa, OK whose beliefs about hell changed over time and eventually made him a heretic to the thousands in his congregation. Give a listen to this beautiful 55-minute podcast from *This American Life* (episode 304) and come ready to talk about the price of living out your faith. Join us at 9:45 in our basement classroom.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

How does the creature say grace? How does the creature say thanks? The grace is that our church has stood at its present location for 144 years, and that this year we have the privilege of celebrating the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary and our sanctuary organ. As **Peter Fish** reminded us in his beautiful tale of the three buildings that have been our places of worship, "we drink from wells we did not dig". That's pure grace, to have such a rich history of people and place, of faith and works.

I am grateful to **Caroline Rourk** and the Centennial Celebration Committee for the wonderful dinner and presentation last Thursday night that kicked off our year of commemoration. And I am grateful to **Abi Bissette** and the Fellowship Committee who set up and cleaned up for the event, and to our wonderful cook, **Cris Rivera**. I now have a greater appreciation for **Mrs. Clara Matthis** and **Marie Trueitt**, who did this kind of thing regularly and often, in days past.

And when the MLK marchers showed up at our church on Monday, all 400 of them, I shared with them how our sanctuary has been a place of worship where we praise the One whom we consider worthy of our praise. And it is also a place of worth-ship, where we practice, within these walls, respecting and honoring the worth of our fellow brothers and sisters. And just maybe, if we learn and practice it here, we can practice and teach it outside these walls as well. I am grateful, too, for those gave a warm welcome to our walkers yesterday: **Tom Bloom, Paul Cornsweet, Parker Klinck, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Jane Williams, Bob Breitweiser, John Fricks,** and **Nataleigh Pienkowski** (who sang with the Durham Children's Choir).

Forward together,

Marilyn

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time to form the Nominating Committee for officers. This committee will recommend a slate of officers for the Class of 2019 elders and deacons. A total of four (4) at-large representatives will be elected from the membership to serve with **Kristin Meade** (chair), **Jo Bernhardt** (deacon) and **Marie Sappenfield** (elder). Cards for making nominations will be available in the worship bulletin. **The deadline for making nominations is this Sunday, January 24.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Julia and Kit Law** (and big brother **Isaac**) on the birth of a son, **Dylan Kisner Law**, born January 15th. Baby and mother are all doing well.

Congratulations to **Joe and Mary Kay Robinson** on the birth of grandson **Cameron Edward Capizzi** on January 7th to Jody (Robinson) Capizzi and Todd Capizzi of Castle Rock, CO.

Added this week:

Shirley Frederick, preparing for hip surgery
Robert Hadskey, brother of Elizabeth High
Ralph Wagner, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

Traveling mercies for **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera**, **Cesar and Cathy Guajardo**, **Rebecca Barnes and Jenna Leonard**, and **Laura Sappenfield** who are traveling to Honduras on one of two mission trips

Mary Clark Paul Cornsweet
Sarah & Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living: Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**

Pavilion: **Jean Moore**

Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant

Ken Goldner Peaches McPherson

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

INVITATIONS

2016 DCIA Banquet Thursday, January 21

5:45 – 8:00 p.m. at Judea Reform

1933 W. Cornwallis Rd

\$15 per plate; RSVP by January 19
to dcia@dcia.org or 919-688-2036

Keynote Address: **Imam Abdullah Antepi**,
Chief Representative of Muslim Affairs,
Duke University

YOU CAN VOTE Team Training January 23, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at FPC

It's officially 2016 and the new rules that make voting even more complicated have gone into effect. Come get trained or re-trained. For more information, contact **Kate Fellman** at 919-274-9117 or Katefellmann@gmail.com

A Conversation on Politics, Society, and "The Long Shadow of Vatican II" Thursday, January 28

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Smith Warehouse Bay 8, first floor

114 W. Buchanan Blvd

The Duke Office of Civic Engagement (DOCE) and **Sam Miglarese** will lead the conversation. Refreshments available

DURHAM CAN

Downtown Subsidy Tour

Learn about the role of public subsidies in support of high-end development downtown, and what is being planned to help keep downtown affordable and diverse for families and small businesses.

**Saturday, January 30, 2016,
Center for Responsible Lending**

302 W. Main Street, Durham

We will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. with a presentation followed by Q&A, and guided tour right after.

Contact **Sharon Hirsch** for more info:
hirschnc@earthlink.net

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday the youth from FPC had the pleasure of meeting at Judea reform with the youth and adults advisors from Community Midrasha and Sikh Gurdwara. Together the approximately 90 people packaged hundreds of lunch bags, hygiene kits, and powdered milk bags that were then taken to Urban Ministries of Durham. After working hard together the youth had dinner together and reflected on what it meant for our different faith groups to partner while commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you to all who attended and the hard work that you all did! We are looking forward to sharing some fellowship time together this coming Sunday with our first 'Grade Dinners' of the year.

Blessings,
Sarah

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Grades 3-5)

Thanks to all of you who made blessing bags this past Sunday to honor MLK Day. We might do that again this next Sunday, because the need is so great during these colder days. And hopefully, we'll have a visit from **Brianna Honea** to lead us in some breathing and meditation exercises. Hope to see you Sunday!

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 26

11:30 a.m. at Bennett Pointe Grill

4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham

Arranged by **Maxie Honeycutt**

RSVP to Maxie: 919-286-4680

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board by the parlors. Info regarding the flower donation process is also located there. You may also contact **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com). Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2016 with Phyllis as soon as possible.

CHURCH LEAGUE

BASKETBALL

This year FPC has **two teams** in the Hope Valley Baptist Church adult basketball league. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road). Come support FPC's teams!

Remaining Games

Thur Jan 21	7 PM	FPC2 vs South Durham
	8 PM	FPC1 vs Hope Valley
Mon Jan 25	8 PM	FPC2 vs Community
	9 PM	FPC1 vs South Durham
Thur Jan 28	8 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster1
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Community
Thur Feb 4	7 PM	FPC2 vs FPC1
Mon Feb 8	7 PM	FPC2 vs Hope Valley
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster 1
Thur Feb 11	8 PM	FPC1 vs Hope Valley
	9 PM	FPC2 vs South Durham
Thur Feb 18	7 PM	FPC1 vs Hope Valley BC
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster 1

Tournament play begins

Monday, February 22 at 7 PM.

For more info contact **Carl Rist**:
rist@frontier.com

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of January 14, 2016, **178 pledges** had been received totaling \$771,332.76, representing **92.28%** of the 2016 Pledge Goal of \$835,885.05. Please contact **Tom Bloom** in the church office (919-682-5511 x 216 or t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org) if you have questions or need help with the pledging process.

RESOLUTION OF SERVICE

Members of First Presbyterian Church have a long history of service to those in need, and we have new opportunities for service that we'd like everyone to consider as we start the new year. Some are with our traditional community partners like **Habitat, Genesis Home, Florence Forth**, and our own **Vacation Church School**. Others are with new organizations that are just getting started in Durham, such as **StepUp Ministries**.

New Year's resolutions can be frustrating and so hard to keep, but a Resolution of Service will bring immediate rewards for you and those who are served. Join us in making 2016 a Year of Service at FPC! Sign up to serve this Sunday at the table in the foyer.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, February 5

FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

Hosted by the **Momsen-Hudsons**

More details forthcoming!

Saturday, February 6

YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

6:00 p.m. at the home of

Stephen and Mary Berry

More details forthcoming!

Sunday, February 14

VALENTINE'S PARTY

for Young Children and Middle Schoolers

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Saturday, February 20

PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

6:30 p.m. at the home of

Chuck and Jean Wilson

More details forthcoming!

June 13-17

Vacation Church School 2016

New Hope Camp and Conference Center
(After VCS Music Camp for FPC children)
Registration begins February 1 for campers.

June 26-July 2

Youth Appalachian Service Project

Week 1, June 13-17

Week 2, June 20-24

Durham Youth Summer Service Camps

July 8-10

**Massanetta Middle School
Youth Conference**

July 17-23

Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30

**Montreat High School
Youth Conference**