

First Presbyterian Church



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Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to **set your clocks ahead one hour**

before going to bed Saturday night.

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The Other March Madness"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

This Sunday the **Concert Choir and Chamber Singers from Muskingum University** of New Concord, OH, under the direction of **Dr. Zebulon Highben**, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, will provide music for worship. After worship, the ensembles will eat lunch in Watts-Hill Hall. Feel free to stop by and greet them!

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 19
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel Lesson	John 2:13-22

Acolytes: **Sydney Curtis, Maryn Leonard**

Crucifer: **Kennedy Wilkins**

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Harold Dunlap (rear/narthex)

Beth Eisenon (side/font)

Ushers: **Celia Dickerson** (head), **Karen Romines** (flowers), **Dale Gaddis, Mary-Jo Keenan, Talitha Kwon, Carolyn Merritt**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Continuing our examination of Lent we will examine the themes of Sin, Repentance and Reconciliation. The noted psychiatrist, Karl Menninger, asked the question a number of years ago 'Whatever Became of Sin?' How would we answer that question today?

Join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45. **Homer Ashby** will lead the discussion.

Lectionary Class

What is the Law? Is it a set of strict rules to be followed grudgingly? Is it a mysterious word from God, which we are incapable of understanding? Or is it a precious gift to be treasured? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Come explore Paul's letter to the Galatians and his principles of Christian freedom. Join us at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Scratch Class

Young adults will begin a new series from the lectionary based resource, **Faith Element**. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Two Kinds of Prayers" (*Seamless Faith*, Chapter 5, pp. 121 & 110) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the Resource Room.

Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap**. Join us at 9:45, lower level classroom.



MIDWEEK COMMUNION

**Wednesdays, March 4 and March 18
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The March 4th family-friendly Taizé prayer service with Holy Communion will be led by **Jon Nelson**. At 6:30 we will gather around tables in Watts-Hill Hall for a light supper appropriate to the season.

Durham's Northern High School Culinary Program will provide the meal. All are welcome.



EFIRD LECTURES BEGIN!

**Thursdays,
March 5, 12,
19 and 26**

10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon in Watts-Hill Hall
Dr. James (Mickey) Efird, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Duke Divinity School, will present a series of lectures on the four gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus. The lectures are free and open to the public.

The Florence Forth road race is coming up this **Saturday March 7, 2015** on 9th Street in Durham, NC. Please consider participating by running/walking or volunteering. We are so grateful for your support. You can find more information for registration and volunteering at <http://florenceforth.org>.



FPC is forming a SCRIPTURE READERS' GROUP

... representative of the congregation, young, old and in-between. Readers will be trained volunteers scheduled to read the scripture for the Sunday worship services. **The first training classes will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor THIS SUNDAY, March 8**, and again on March 15th. For more information, contact **Steve Rimmer** at 919-529-2235 or csrimmer@nc.rr.com.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands and mentors are invited to our second floor room at 9:45 for some soul-searching around the big questions of faith. We are approaching the end of our process, and it is important that everyone continue our streak of excellent attendance.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

I don't know about you, but I have been thrown lately by the loss of some truly remarkable people of faith in our midst. One of them was **Dean Smith**, the former basketball coach at UNC. Even if you weren't a Tarheels fan, you had to admire Dean Smith for the way he lived his faith, both on and off the court. I was so impressed, frankly, by the passage he chose to have read and preached at his funeral: The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats from Matthew 25. For the greatest of coaches to be concerned about the least of these, makes quite a statement of faith.

Then there was the loss of **Syngman Rhee**, the former Moderator of the PC(USA). Rhee was from NORTH KOREA, fled to South Korea, and then emigrated to the USA for college at Davis and Elkins in West Virginia. I met him there during my first pastorate, and found him to be an amazing saint of the church. I saw him again at General Assembly in Detroit this summer, and had no idea he was nearing the end of his journey. The church has lost one of its greatest global advocates in Rhee.

And lastly, there is **Steve Hayner**, the President of Columbia Theological Seminary, who succumbed recently to pancreatic cancer. Steve was a gift to CTS, who didn't fit easily into any of the usual categories. He had some evangelical leanings, and some global practices; he was a great friend to Presbyterians on both sides of the fence; he loved Jesus and he loved the local church and the larger church. Columbia Seminary and the PC(USA) will miss him greatly, this brave fighter. I hope our own PNC will notice in Hayner a lovely fusion of boundary-breaking witness that might be appropriate for our next pastor.

I mourn these losses, but I'm also overwhelmed by what we have gained by these witnesses. Our church is sad from losing **BJ Seitzer** last month. But your love for the Seitzers was so powerful on Sunday as so many of you stood in the FPC Memorial Garden, shoulder to shoulder, in the freezing rain, poking each other in the eye with your umbrellas, to be in solidarity with this family in their grief and in our witness to the resurrection. Life lived in God's grace is precious.

See you Sunday,

Marilyn

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

An annual meeting of the congregation has been called for **Sunday, March 15 during lunch in Watts-Hill Hall** to celebrate the adoption of the 2015 budget and the 2014 Statistical Report, and to hear an update from the PNC. **Cris Rivera** is cooking. So, get a plate, find a seat and join the celebration of the good health of our church.

OUR CONCERNS

Dewey Lawson, in rehab at Duke Regional Hospital

Nowell Creadick
Ann Prospero

Edward Kwon
Jacque Robins

Carolina House (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (Chapel Hill): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren**
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever, Anne Davis**

Hillcrest: **Randall McLeod**

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Stuart Bethune**, father of Alec Bethune
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Norma Cardoni**, mother of Sheila Breitweiser
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Dorothy Jennette**, mother of Katharine Smith
- **Anne Lawson**, mother of Dewey Lawson
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks



Hats off to **Tom Bloom**, **Robert Daye**, and **Valerie McMillian** for keeping the parking lot cleared and the sidewalks salted during the inclement weather, and for keeping us advised about the many schedule changes that

occurred; to **Barbara Gerwe** and **Kate Busa** for serving as commissioners at Saturday's Presbyterian meeting in Greenville; to the **Maxwell family, Jody, Julie, Ben and Charlotte**, who took advantage of the snow days to make more blessing bags for the church to give away; to **Phyllis Supple, Bob Breitweiser** and the worship team who made sure communion was set up for Sunday; to **Wes Carson** and **Steve Rimmer** for extending communion to The Forest at Duke residents; to all who joined the **Seitzer family** in FPC's Memorial Garden (in the freezing rain) after worship on Sunday, to commend BJ Seitzer to the hands of God.

MANY THANKS . . . to those of you who recently helped **Cynthia** furnish her empty apartment. The donations were truly a blessing as she moved from the Urban Ministries Shelter to permanent housing! A special thanks to **Tom Keller** and **Steve Hirsch** for loading and delivering furniture donations despite the bad weather.

WE HAVE A GOOD SUPPLY of items for blessing bags and have run out of storage space, so **please hold at home any items you may have** until we send out a call for more supplies. Thank you so much for your generosity and helping our neighbors who may be hungry!

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

This week the youth discussed how service is a Lenten practice and brainstormed ways in which they can put others and God's creation before themselves this Lent. Thank you to **Rebecca Harvard Barnes** for providing our dinner! We will be putting our thoughts into action next weekend, volunteering with the Florence Forth race on Saturday and doing a service project on Sunday!

Blessings,
Sarah

SLIDE SHOW

Wednesday, March 11

6:10 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

David and Judy Smith will present a slide show of photos from their recent trip to Tasmania and New Zealand. Bring your own snack / munchies. Beverages will be provided.

FREE YOGA CLASS

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Certified Yoga instructor **Brianna Honea** will lead us in a fun yoga class. Wear non-restrictive clothing, bring a bottle of water, and remember to eat light up to two hours before the class.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss **Good Lord Bird** by James McBride on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Celia Dickerson**. Email Celia if you plan to attend: cdickerson17@nc.rr.com. **Barbara Gerwe** will lead the discussion.



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Contact **Barbara Buckley** for more info:
919-402-8551 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com

Thank you to the 13+ walkers who have already signed up to participate in the Durham CROP Hunger Walk. This year's walk is **Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m.** starting in front of Duke Chapel. Go to: www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc for more info. Join FPC's "Fights Hunger" team there, too! Walker signups will continue on March 15th in the foyer after worship. This year, let's have the most walkers and supporters in FPC's history!



FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

Saturday, March 7

6:00 pm at the home of

Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson

RSVP to the EVITE or call 919-732-9595

Adults only; bring a favorite dish!

SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

Saturday, March 7

Potluck and View Documentary

"The Philosopher Kings"

Hosted by **Andy and Cherrie Henry**

6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

This documentary is about some rather humble employees at some grand universities who have a lot of wisdom to share. One of the stars of the film will join us – **Oscar Danzler**, Housekeeping at Duke Chapel.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

YOUNG ADULTS DAY HIKE AND

TRIP TO HANGING ROCK

8:00 a.m. til early evening

Need a ride? Let **Cherrie Henry** or **David Lorimer** know and they will investigate the rental of a van.

REGISTER NOW!

VACATION CHURCH

SCHOOL

June 15 – 19, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

at **Camp New Hope**

(ages 4-18; childcare for volunteers)

MUSIC CAMP

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

at **First Presbyterian, Durham**

For FPC member families only

HOPE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

Sunday, March 15

5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

(1200 Cornwallis Rd, Durham)

Free admission; open to the public!

The Hope College Chapel Choir of Holland MI, founded in 1938, is made up of about 40 auditioned choristers from a cross-section of academic disciplines. The choir has toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada and has traveled abroad.

BEER AND HYMNS

Sunday, March 15

7:00 p.m. at Fullsteam Brewery

(726 Rigsbee Ave)

"A Community Sing" with good times, fellowship, nostalgia, and more good times accompanied by fresh local beer, led by Jesse James Deconto of the local band "The Pinkerton Raid."

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