

# First Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2014



## SUNDAY, APRIL 20

### EASTER / RESURRECTION

9:00 a.m. Communion in the Garden

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received. Your generous gifts to this offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

**Easter Lilies** may be taken and shared with loved ones following worship.

**Sermon: "Believing the Signs of Life"**  
*Mark E. Diehl*, preaching

Worship Texts	
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Lesson	John 20:1-18

Acolytes: **Ben Dow, Dabney Moore**

Crucifer: **Peter Compton**

Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Minnie Cameron, Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters:

**Sharon Hirsch** (side/font)

**Kate Busa** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **TBA** (head), **TBA** (lilies),

**JL Klinck, Tyler Momsen-Hudson,**

**Tim Strauman, Eric Wiebe**

Communion Elders:

Bread

Cup

**Sharon Hirsch** (process) **Peter Fish** (process)

**Lisa Rist** **Sydney Curtis**

**Harold Dunlap** **Anna Kasibhatla**

**Mary Gitata** **Mal King**

**Sarah Finbow** **Edward Kwon**

Shepherds: **Laura Hanson** (font aisle),

**Marcia Lorimer** (center aisle),

**Marie Sappenfield** (pulpit side),

**Michael Schulz** (font side balcony),

**Luke Everett** (pulpit side balcony)

Head / replenish elements: **Jean Cary**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community / Scratch Class

**Jon Nelson** will continue the discussion on the Heidelberg Catechism, questions 29-52 concerning Jesus Christ. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

"Do not be afraid." Faced with the amazing events and discoveries of Easter morning, how could the witnesses not be afraid? But we have heard it all before. How can we recapture the feelings that overwhelmed them? "They left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

We **will not meet** this Sunday. Join us on April 27 to discuss chapters 19 and 20 of Acts.

### Spiritual Formation (for women)

Led by **Susan Dunlap**, this class meets at 9:45, lower level across from the Youth room.

### Parental Wisdom

This class for parents meets in room 203 at 9:45 for words of wisdom for the upcoming week.

## LENTEN BOOK STUDY

The Friday (April 18) and Sunday (April 20) classes **will not meet** this week.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion (includes stripping of the chancel)

### Worship Texts:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

John 13:1-17

**Sermon: "Beautiful Feet"**  
**Marilyn T. Hedgpeth**, preaching  
**JL Klinck**, French horn

A light supper (prepared by **Cris Rivera**) will be served at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation for the meal: \$8 per person.



April 18

12:00 Noon

## Stations of the Cross

(Begins at St. Phillips Episcopal Church)

## SONGS OF DARKNESS

*Tenebrae Factae Sunt*

7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Motets from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present day with Psalms and Prayer

**Lesley Curtis**, soprano **Hope Horton**, alto  
**Brent Curtis**, tenor **Lewis Moore**, bass

## FLOWERING THE CROSS

As part of our Easter tradition, everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to church on **EASTER SUNDAY** to decorate a cross outside the Memorial Garden. You may add your flora to the cross as you enter the glass doors on your way to worship or Sunday School. Since spring has come in force, we should have a beautiful display of God's creation.

## SENIOR RECITAL /

## ART SHOW

Sunday April 27, 3:00 p.m.

in the FPC Sanctuary

presented by **J.L. Klinck** and **Lily Abels**

Piano, French horn, Cello, Clay

Please join us to celebrate many years of friendship and making music together.

Reception follows in Watts-Hill Hall.

## SPRING WORKDAYS

Saturdays, April 19

May 3 and May 17

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

The Landscaping and Gardening Committee invites you to workdays this spring! Please bring hand tools and pruners, tarps and shovels.

For further information contact **Barbara Buckley** ([bjbuckley1@frontier.com](mailto:bjbuckley1@frontier.com))

## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

"Good News" is the meaning of the word "gospel" and the gospel is the story of the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Gospel or "Good News" is always a story woven with the threads of an unexpected good gift in the fabric of brokenness and pain.

The "Good News" began as a startling word to parents about an unplanned pregnancy. It continued to unfold as the child was born to sojourners far from home, and finally when the family became refugees fleeing the murderous wrath of a tyrant. The Good News is found in chaos.

Jesus' proclamation of "Good News" was to ordinary peasants in Galilee, and his ministry was to the oppressed and sick. Jesus claimed God's realm is close at hand even though Rome controlled the government and hypocrites populated the religious establishment. God's goodness and justice and love were accessible despite how circumstances appeared. The Gospel, the "Good News," was about Life, it was about Life now, and it was to be shared with all.

"Good News" never denied the reality of pain or brokenness. It never promised to protect one from the effects of evil. And so the story of Holy Week proclaims the "Good News" of love confronting hate, of goodness facing injustice, of Life embracing death. It is a frightening story because the news doesn't look so good.

That is the meaning of Easter and the story of the resurrection ~ that is the "Good News": Life wins, love triumphs, and God's realm continues to be close at hand so that now, today, we may have Life.

It is Life characterized by joy and healing. It is Life that overcomes death's illegitimate claims. It is Life that overflows with love and justice and hope. It is Life to be shared by all.

I pray this Easter we shall all hear again, and be grasped by, the "Good News" of God's love in Jesus.

Grace and peace,

*Mark*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Joe and Carlisle Harvard** on the birth of another granddaughter. **Katherine Anne Harvard** was born to **Katie and Banks Harvard** on April 9<sup>th</sup> in South Carolina. The extended family includes **Rebecca Leonard** (aunt), and **Jenna and Maryn Leonard** (cousins).

## EASTER MONDAY

The **Church office** will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, April 21** in observance of the Easter holiday. May you have a safe and blessed Easter celebration!

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Maxie Honeycutt** on the death of her niece, **Wanda Bray**, on April 12<sup>th</sup>; and to **Andrew Dummer** and **Dominique Gignac** and their children on the death of Andrew's father, the Reverend **Bill Dummer** in Milwaukee, WI on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill was a retired Presbyterian Minister and also uncle to **Steve Gavett**.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for **Joyce Houk** on Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m. at FPC. A reception will follow in Watts-Hill Hall.

A Memorial Service will be held for **Dan Gelbert** on Wednesday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. at the Doris Duke Center (Sarah P. Duke Gardens).

## OUR CONCERNS

### Added this week:

**Joseph Ngumi**, traveling mercies to Kenya  
**Rosemary Seve**, recovering from surgery  
**Rich Lewis**, friend of the Henry family

**Edward Kwon**                      **Ken Goldner**  
**Ann Majestic**                      **Ann Prospero**

**Carolina House** (Chapel Hill):  
**Helen Garrison**

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

### Coasdaile Village:

Pavilion: **Bob Keever**  
**Bob Rankin**  
**Jerry Tyren**

Friendship Hall: **Anne Davis**

**Dubose Center** (The Cedars, Chapel Hill):  
**Mary Clark**

**Hillcrest**: **Randall McLeod**

### The Forest at Duke:

**Fran Bryant**  
**Joan Englund**  
**Peaches McPherson**

### Treyburn

(Peak Resources):  
**Anne Martin** (sister of Beth Neece)  
**Richard Ballard** (friend of FPC)

- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Cindy Jones**, friend of Lyn Francisco
- **The Lawson Family**, Arlington VA
- **Rosemary Orphys**, aunt of Kerry Holbrook
- **Brian Stringall**, friend of Joanne Harrar and Carolyn Wolfe
- **Julie Stroud**, friend of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

## DURHAM CAN

Delegates Assembly on Public Education followed by Souls to the Polls

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Nehemiah Christian Center**  
514 N. Mangum Street, Durham

## FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

**Friday, April 25 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Nosh's Café – 2812 Erwin Road**

Please come by and stay as long as you can.

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth are excitedly engaged in planning our annual youth Sunday service and continue to thoughtfully engage the text and themes. A special thanks to the **Compton** family for dinner this past week. We are looking forward to observing Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with a high school lock-in in between this week.

Blessings,  
**Sarah**

## FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

**Friday, April 25**

**6:00 p.m.**

Kids are welcome!

Bring your favorite dish and join us for a fun evening at the home of **Tim and Jancy Strauman**

Respond to the EVITE and call Jancy at 919.824.6489 for more information.

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

**6:00 p.m.**

(Adults only) at the home of **Eric Wiebe** and **Cynthia Shimer**

## SENIORS SPRING

### LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**

**11:30 a.m. – Reception (East Parlor)**

**12 Noon – Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)**

**Program:**

**"Poverty and Faith in Durham"**

presented by **Rev. Mel Williams**, founder of End Poverty Durham

Please RSVP to the church office: 919-682-5511. Be sure to indicate if you will need transportation. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

*LAST CALL to register!*

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



**8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**to accommodate working parents!**

**June 16 – 20, 2014**

at New Hope Camp

**For campers age 4 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

(Childcare provided for volunteers)

Call **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you have questions: 919-682-5511 x 220.

## MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP

Following Vacation Church School each day, FPC will offer an extended-day Music and Arts Camp from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. for rising first graders through fifth graders at the church. **Registration forms for VCS and the Music and Arts Camp are available at the church and online from the church's website.**

**THANK YOU!!**  
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Many thanks to **Cris Rivera** and **Beth Stringfield**, for a fabulous congregational lunch on Sunday. And it could not have been done without wonderful helpers: **Paul Cornsweet, Pat Ashby, Johanna Bernhardt, Lucie House, Carol Wills, and Kristen Rutchmann.**

**CROP WALK**

Thank you to all the FPC walkers and sponsors.

Your efforts will help make a difference in the lives of many people. I will be at church on Easter Sunday and can collect the walker envelopes then. Thank you again to everyone! - **Rebecca Leonard**

## SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

**Vivaldi Gloria**

Anthems by Mozart, Manz,

Courtney, and Rutter

The Choirs of Watts Street Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**

**3:00 p.m. – FPC Sanctuary**

## NCCU CAMPUS MINISTRY

(Fundraiser)

**Tuesday, May 6**

**7:00 p.m. at Westminster PC**

**An Evening with Jeanne Robertson**

Jeanne, a former Miss North Carolina and nationally known humorist, is the recipient of every top honor in her profession. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact **Betsy Mangum** at [betsymangum@nc.rr.com](mailto:betsymangum@nc.rr.com) or 919-880-9238. Seating is limited. Come for a good time and a good cause.

**SONAM**

SINGERS OF NEW & ANCIENT MUSIC

## BENEFIT CONCERT

**Thursday, May 8**

**8:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary**

The SONAM Chorus will present an hour-long concert in benefit of SEEDS of Durham, a non-profit educational community garden that teaches respect for life, the earth and each other through gardening and growing food. The chorus will sing music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Tomas Luis de Victoria, Vaughan Williams, Eric Whitacre, and others. All proceeds go directly to SEEDS. \$10 suggested donation. All are welcome.

## BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Delia Kwon** to discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. **Sally Ensor** will lead the discussion. Email Delia if you plan to join us: [delmelkwon@hotmail.com](mailto:delmelkwon@hotmail.com).

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