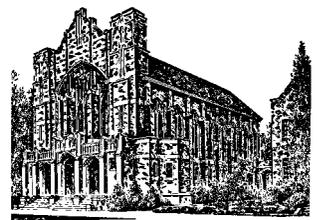


First Presbyterian Church



Organized 1871

May 12, 2015

Sunday, May 17

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "The End of Easter"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Psalm Lesson	Psalm 1
Gospel Lesson	John 17:6-19

Acolytes: **Talitha Kwon, Maryn Leonard**

Crucifer: **Grace Abels**

Crossdaile Driver: **TBA**

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

After Worship Greeters:

Peter Compton (rear/narthex)

Gwen Dilworth (side/font)

Ushers: **Tim Strauman** (head), **Paul Cornsweet** (flowers), **David Lorimer, Miriam Morey, Michael Honeycutt, Mary Ann Compton**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This week we welcome **Sally Feather** (wife of **Bill Hendrickson**) to speak about The Rhine Center: Bridging the Gap between Spirituality and Science. She brings as her guest **John Kruth**, the Rhine Center Director, to address intersections between their research and faith communities. It should be fascinating. All are welcome in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

Do you belong to the world? Which is more real for you, the world of work and shopping and politics and daily concerns, or the world of God's truth? Or is there a difference? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will read and discuss the closing chapters of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Getting Ready for Pentecost" (*Seamless Faith*, chapter 2, p. 38) 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 for discussion at 9:45, lower level classroom.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINALE

TEACHERS' APPRECIATION

BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 31 at 9:45 a.m.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Students graduating from high school or college in 2015 will be acknowledged in worship in June. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info for the graduation insert to **Valerie McMillian** in the church office by May 24th: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. High School seniors, please include post-graduation plans such as where you will attend college, or travel to, or if you will be working / beginning a career, etc.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following people who were elected to serve as officers at the Congregational Meeting held May 10, 2015:

Ruling Elders Class of 2016

Wes Carson

Aurelia Klinck (Youth)

Talitha Kwon (Youth)

Ruling Elders Class of 2018

Al Arrowood

Lenore Champion

Miriam Morey

Jerry Postema

Caroline Rourk

Eric Wiebe

Jane Williams

Deacons Class of 2016

Almira Mbah (Youth)

Carter Momsen-Hudson (Youth)

Deacon Class of 2017

Chris Brown

Deacons Class of 2018

Amy Dillon

Gary Elliot

Debbie Hamiln-Aggrey Jennie Zehmer

Michael Honeycutt

Karen Swope

Julie Whiddon

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for Officers (**Marie Sappenfield** (chair), **Jo Bernhardt, Barbara Fish, Andy Henry, Raymond Mbah, Kristin Meade** and **Miguel Rubiera**) for your good work in securing officers for the Class of 2018 and two unexpired terms.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

PLANNING MEETING

The Worship and the Arts Committee invites the FPC summer "Goodwill Ambassadors" to assemble for a working lunch (lunch will be provided) on **Sunday, May 17 immediately following worship**. Please bring your calendars for the logistical planning of the summer visitation schedule. For more information, contact **Rebecca Barnes**.



In celebration of Pentecost on **Sunday, May 24** (the birth of the Church), please wear red, orange or yellow. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The PCUSA Pentecost Offering will be received during worship. This offering benefits programs for children at risk, youth and young adults. Please give generously! Red popsicles will be provided following worship.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

In a few days, you will receive in the mail the **Time and Talents form** that allows you to indicate how you would like to contribute to the life of the church over the coming year in one or more of its various ministries. Please complete a form for each member of your family (including youth and children) and bring them to church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, or mail them back in the envelope provided with the mailing. **WE NEED EVERYONE** to make a commitment as to how you wish to contribute to the life and work of First Presbyterian in the coming year.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

We had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, as our youth led worship with great integrity. It was great to sit in the pews and participate as a proud congregant, and feel encouraged by the leadership of our younger members guiding the feet of this congregation. Many thanks go to **Sarah Finbow** and her youth advisors, and to **Kathy Parkins** and **Kirsten Rutschman** for their musical guidance. And, if that were not enough, **Cris Rivera** and her deacon helpers in the kitchen pulled off a meal fit for royalty for the nearly 100 people who stayed for lunch.

Also, the congregational meeting was filled with good news, as we heard a report from **Luke Everett** on behalf of the PNC that the committee has received more than 90 applications for Pastor/Head of Staff, and is now beginning the process of reducing that pool to single digits and beginning interviews. We are so grateful for their hard work and perseverance.

FPC is also grateful to **Marie Sappenfield** and the Nominating Committee for the slate of new officers, ruling elders and deacons who were elected yesterday. We are thankful for the new officers who have agreed to serve during this time of exciting transition.

One huge surprise Sunday was a Mother's Day card from **Barbara Cooper**, an Urban Ministries resident who calls FPC her church home. We are working hard to find permanent housing for Barbara, so keep your eyes open for those opportunities for her.

God is good,

Marilyn

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our Spring **DAY OF SERVICE** was a great success, and the weather could not have been more perfect. The following people also served on May 2, decorating Day School doors: **Sue Fricks, Delia Kwon, Libby Gulley, Jane, Isabel and Annabelle Brown**, and **George Bernhardt**. **Delia Kwon** also worked an afternoon shift with Habitat.

Thank to those of you who brought supplies for **hygiene and blessing bags**. We have a good supply of items on hand now for the hygiene bags!

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

Monday, May 18

6:00 p.m. Diaconate

6:30 p.m. Officers' Supper

7:00 p.m. Session

Meetings are being held one week early because the Church office will be CLOSED on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Former FPC Associate Minister, **Reverend David Hester**, died May 8th in Louisville, KY from complications of advanced pulmonary fibrosis. He was scheduled to retire from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary on June 29th after 29 years of service. A memorial service is planned for Friday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville. Condolences can be sent to his wife Gale and family as follows:

Gale Hester and Family
2407 Stannye Dr
Louisville, KY 40222

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Louise Miglarese**, mother of Sam Miglarese
- **Bo and Lisa Harrison and family**, friends of Rebecca Barnes, on the loss of their son, **Nate Harrison**, who was killed in a car accident last week.
- **Doug Oldenburg** (former moderator of the PCUSA and former president of Columbia Theological Seminary), recovering from heart surgery
- **Wajid Bangura**, grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

Edward Kwon **Mercy Ndambiri**
Ann Prospero **Julio Ramirez-Eve**

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Clare Bridge (CPHL): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

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

Hillcrest:

Dewey Lawson
Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke:

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

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Patricia Adcock**, mother of Catherine Admay
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Becky Brown**, mother of Amy Sanchez
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Geneva Day**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

This year's **Youth Sunday** was a stunning representation of the care and devotion that our youth have for our church and the worship of God! I am continually impressed with the path that our youth are on and am so pleased that everyone got to share in the thoughtful worship service that they put together. Thank you for your continued support of our fantastic youth and the youth program here at FPC. Blessings,

Sarah

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

7:30 PM on Tuesdays
at Social Games and Brew

MAY POTLUCK

Farewell / Birthday Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 16

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the
home of **Jenna Kneepkens**
(Reply to EVITE)

FPC GROUNDS WORKDAY

Saturday May 16

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 26

11:30 a.m.

Bleu Olive Mediterranean Bistro

1821 Hillandale Rd, Durham
Harriett Mitchell is arranging!

RSVP to Harriett: 919-489-3839
or the church office: 919-682-5511

HOUSING NEEDED

Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF) will be training and mentoring 25 "Into the Fields" interns and five "Sowing Seeds for Change" fellows this summer and is looking for host families in the Raleigh / Durham area. This is a great opportunity for someone with an extra room (empty-nesters or kids / roommates are away) to meet and get to know some amazing young people dedicating their summers to improving the lives of migrant agricultural workers. They will have their own transportation. If you, or someone you know, is interested in hosting a student, please contact **Ramon Zepeda** at 919-660-0704 or ramon.zepeda@duke.edu



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

FPC's Child Protection Policy requires that we have at least 25 adults on site each day to safely run the VCS program. The camp runs June 15-19, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, even for one day, please fill out a volunteer form from the table in the foyer and return it to the church office. Please indicate where you would like to serve: crafts, water games, group leadership, bread-baking, music, child-care, or story-telling.

VOX VIRORUM CONCERT

"Songs of the Civil War"

SUNDAY, MAY 17

3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary
Concert is free and open to the public.

To mark the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Vox Virorum presents a program of music that looks into the human condition in this momentous era. Featured works include "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "There is a Balm in Gilead," "The Battle Cry of Freedom," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Go Down, Moses."

HELP FOR NEPAL

If you would like to contribute to the relief effort in Nepal, go online to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/nepal-earthquake-april-2015/> to make a donation.

From the family of **Anne Leathers**,

Many thanks to all of you who provided food and notes expressing sympathy, love and wonderful memories of time spent with a special lady. The FPC community was a very important part of her life.



FPC Durham,

Thank you so much for financially supporting UKirk at Virginia Tech and our trip to Guatemala. I am so excited to be returning back to work with CEDEPCA and learn about the many ways ministry is active in Guatemala. It is so comforting to know I have support from my FPC family, and I hope all is well in the Durham community! Sincerely,

James Compton

MISSION OPPORTUNITY The Presbyterian Campus Ministry Board of NCCU is looking for one or two representatives from FPC to sit on that board, and connect our congregation to on-going activities on the NCCU campus. If you feel called to be a liaison between NCCU and FPC, please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** about joining that Board. **Reverend Linda Parker** has been our Presbyterian Campus Minister there for ten years, and she enlists our help.

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