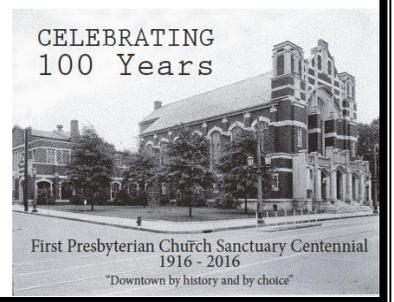


First Presbyterian Church

MAY 24, 2016



Sunday, May 29

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Unlikely Places of Faith"
Mindy L. Douglas, preaching

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 96
Gospel Lesson	Luke 7:1-10
Epistle Lesson	Galatians 1:1-12

Crucifer: **Sam Henry**

Acolytes: **Jack Kost, Kayla Champion**

Narthex Greeter: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**

After Worship Greeters:

Michael Schultz (Side/font),

Marie Sappenfield (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Michael Honeycutt** (head),

Karen Swope, Amy Dillon, Debbie

Hamlin-Aggrey

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Fixing the Downtown Loop

With all the energy and excitement around the festivals and athletic events in downtown Durham, the question arises constantly about what, if any, options are available for fixing the downtown loop? **Matt Gladdek** is the Director of Government Relations for Downtown Durham Inc. He will facilitate a discussion on the history, the problem, and future solutions for fixing the downtown traffic loop. FPC intersects the loop in two different places, so we have a vested interest. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for this discussion of an important issue for Durham and FPC.

Lectionary Class

When the prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, he was mocking and sarcastic, but his faith was vindicated in the most dramatic way. Is Elijah a model of faith for us? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will not meet this summer. We will read and discuss Annie Dillard's "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" starting in September. The book brings together a world of suffering, beauty and grace. Contact **Andy Henry** if you would like a copy of the book to get your reading started.

Scratch/Young Adults

We're meeting at Scratch Bakery (111 W. Orange St.) at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday. Hope to see you there and/or in worship at 11!

Women's Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women on spiritual formation is led by **Susan Dunlap**. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger children share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture. We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Grades 3-5)

We will finish with a feast, clean up our classroom, and decide what we will present for the Sunday School wind-up on June 5th. It's been a great year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 29 – 9:45 a.m.

Last day of regular Sunday School
(Kids should take crafts/projects home)

Sunday, June 5 – 9:45 a.m.

All-Congregational Breakfast and Teachers' Appreciation

Classes are invited to give presentations and teachers will be honored and appreciated.

June 12 - September 4

Summer Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

Children and youth will watch movies and celebrate Christmas in July (all July). Adults can either continue with the Lectionary Class (East Parlor) or study Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levin (Watts-Hill Hall).

SAVE THE DATE!

A BOOK SIGNING ON THE PLAYGROUND



You are invited to a preview and book signing by **Rebekah McLeod Hutto** of her new children's book on Pentecost, *The Day When God Made Church*. The event will take place **Saturday, June 4**, from 10 a.m. - noon on the playground at **Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church, 3541 Rose of Sharon Road**. Rebekah is a former Duke Divinity School intern at FPC who now serves as Associate Pastor at The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Rebekah, her husband, **BJ**, and their two children, **Hannah Ruth and Elijah**, look forward to spending quality time with you, your children, and grandchildren. It's a great playground. Bring a picnic, or a snack, and come on out and join us!

SCRIPTURE READERS CLASS

The Scripture Readers Class will meet in the chapel at 9:45 on Sundays, June 5 and 12. As preparation for the class, please be ready to read Zechariah 3-10; and Luke 15: 11-32.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers enhance the beauty of the sanctuary and are given by members and family to the glory of God and in remembrance or in honor of loved ones. After the service, the flowers are divided and taken to those who are unable to be with us on Sunday morning.

There are several open Sundays available this summer. A sign-up calendar is posted on the wall near the volunteer's office along with an information sheet. We encourage you to consider being a part of this important ministry.

— The Worship and the Arts Committee

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

How can I begin to thank you for making Sunday such a wonderful day? So many of you participated in so many ways— bell ringers, choir singers, soloist, trumpeter, organist/pianist, liturgists, communion servers, ushers, reception planners, bakers, knitters, cleaners, attendees! You used so many wonderful gifts and talents to plan and implement an amazing and beautiful day. I have been so overwhelmed by your faithfulness in sharing your gifts, your generosity, your kindness, your warmth, your welcome. First Presbyterian Church is truly a community of love and grace. How grateful I am to be a part of life and ministry with you here and now.

At multiple times during the service I was moved to tears – tears of joy and amazement for all that God has done and continues to do, tears of gratitude for the way God guides and directs us over the years, tears of awe at the beauty of sound and sight and word, tears of humility for the strong support of so many brothers and sisters in Christ. This day will stay with me for many, many years to come as I remember the way the church, the Body of Christ, gathered from far and near on this day to celebrate with one another what God is doing as we—the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, God's people in need in Durham, pastors, members, friends, and neighbors—move forward in ministry together.

May God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, guide us every step of the way, and may we never take our eyes off of the empty cross or our hands off of the Gospel plow. How exciting it is to know that there is work to be done and we have been called to do it together! Thanks be to God for this good and holy calling.

Grace and peace to you all,

Mindy

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Sara Elizabeth Brantly** this past Sunday, May 22 during worship. **Sara Beth** is the daughter of **Katherine Higgins** and **John Brantly**.

The Church Office
will be CLOSED

Monday, May 30 in

observance of the

Memorial Day

holiday. May we all

have a safe and peaceful holiday observance as we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice!



HELP WANTED

Are you savvy about **Microsoft Access**? If so, please make yourself known to **Kathy Parkins!** She needs your immediate help!

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **George Kirschmann** (and **John**) on the death of George's mother, **Dorothy Kirschmann**, on May 19th in Chapel Hill; **Jane Williams and Roger Kalthoff** on the death of Jane's mother, **Martha Williams**, on May 19th in Arkansas; and **Laura, John and Charlie Kelly** on the death of Laura's uncle, **Dale Keyt**, on May 22nd in Michigan.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Margaret Pfeiler,

Grandmother of Julie Maxwell

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**

The Pavilion: **Jean Moore, Bob Rankin,**
Jerry Tyren, Karsten Rist

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

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

Molly Bowden, former FPC member
Foster Family, friends of Chris Brown
Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson
Virginia Lagow, grandmother of Heather Wallace
Jim Sanderson, brother of Sheila Breitweiser
Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon
Desiré Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
Laurie Wallace, mother of Heather Wallace

MEMORY BOOK

The Sanctuary and Organ Centennial Celebration Committee wants to capture your FPC memories and your hopes for the future! A memory book will be in the church foyer (by the bulletin board) for the next few months for you to leave any thoughts you have about what FPC means to you – looking back and looking forward! You can send thoughts by email to **Caroline Rourk** or write them on a note card and place them in the book.

SERMONS VIA PODCASTS

Sermons are now available for download from FPC's website! For access to the sermon audio files (and text) go to <http://firstpres-durham.org/sermons-2016/>. Paper copies of sermons will also be available in the church foyer. Contact **Lyn Francisco** for more information.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

VCS at Camp New Hope
June 13-17

ASP Mission Trip
June 26 – July 2

Middle School Conference
July 7-10

High School Conference
July 24-30

LAST CALL . . .

Students graduating from high school or college (Class of 2016) will be acknowledged in worship on Sunday, June 5. If you have someone graduating in your family or household whom you wish to have acknowledged, please provide the student's name, school, and degree info to **Valerie McMillian** by **THIS Friday, May 27**: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. FPC's high school graduates should also include their plans post- graduation.



FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

FRIDAY, MAY 27

8:00 a.m. at Nosh's Café

2812 Erwin Road, Durham

Come by and stay as long as you can.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

JUNE POTLUCK

Saturday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

hosted by **Gray and Amy Wilson**

Bring a dish to share.

Coming? Respond to the EVITE!

Not getting the EVITEs?

Contact Valerie in the church office to be added to the invite list.

NIA FITNESS CLASS

Led by **Heather Wallace**, White Belt

Tuesdays, through July 26

4:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

This is a holistic movement form of conditioning for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Every routine is infused with the energy of nine different movement forms, including dance arts, martial arts, and healing arts. Wear comfortable clothes for moving and bring a water bottle. You can also bring a yoga mat or a towel for our floor play part of the class (optional). You are encouraged to dance barefoot. All people, all bodies, all fitness levels are welcome to participate.

The class is free to FPC members.

Friends are welcome. Donations accepted!

HELLO
my name is

We only have to learn one name; **Mindy** has to learn many. So, **please wear a nametag frequently and often**, as Mindy puts names and faces together.

LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING COMMITTEE

GROUPS WORK DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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

TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS

If your household has not yet turned in Time and Talent Survey form(s) for 2016-2017, please try to do so by the end of May. Each member of your household (including youth and children) should complete the survey and return it to the church office in the envelope provided. Need a form? Copies are available at the church in the foyer and narthex.

HELP FOR

MEALS ON WHEELS

The pantry at Meals on Wheels is almost empty. While they have a caterer for daily meals, they make weekend meals themselves. The 80 clients who receive two extra meals each Friday depend on these meals to get them through the weekend. The Food Bank does not have a steady supply of items for Meals on Wheels' weekend meals during the summer as the Food Bank's efforts are geared towards supporting children who are not in school. Meals on Wheels could really use the following items this summer:

Fruit cups (unsweet – individual size)
Applesauce (unsweet – individual size)
Soup (low sodium if possible – pop top)
Canned meals (i.e. spaghetti) – pop top)
Peanut Butter/Cheese Cracker snacks
Tuna and crackers packages
Breakfast/ Nutrition bars
Granola bars (chewy/soft)
Juice boxes

Ensure (Nutritional Supplement)

Thank you in advance for adding a few extra items to your grocery cart for Meals on Wheels! Items should be brought to FPC this summer for weekly delivery to Meals on Wheels!

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