A novel is my fingerprint, my identity card, and the writing of novels is one of the few ways I have found to approach the altar of God and creation itself. You try to worship God by performing the singularly courageous and impossible favor of making all our lives clear. It all congeals and moves and I can ask for nothing more. - Pat Conroy, My Reading Life

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:45 a.m., Sunday Service*

**11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion**

New members will be received.

**Sermon:** "Redefining Loyalities"  
*Candice Provey* preaching

**Worship Texts:**

- Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:4-20
- Mark 3:20-35
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Acolytes:** Ben Maxwell, Colin Moore

**Cruiser:** J.L. Klink

**Crosdaile Driver:** Mary-Jo Keenan

**Narthex Greeters:** Hilda Bradford-Haw, Maxie Honeycutt

**Diane Standaert, Jean Wilson, Bill Hill Hall.**

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Olympic Summer Sunday School

This Sunday we will begin our 11-week run through the summer with an Olympic theme for Sunday School for ages K-6th grade. Younger children will be integrated into the theme, and older youth will act as helpers. This Sunday’s topic is “A strange way to win,” looking at Elisha in 2 Kings 6. After hearing the story, children are invited to make a shield and enjoy a “feast” of donuts and low-fat chocolate milk. Youth will be practicing the singing of the Lord’s Prayer for worship. Leaders will be Kim and Jon Abels, and Emily Wilkins.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SAINTS**

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**MONTH OF MISSION**

June 16 through July 15

The Service and Mission Committee has arranged opportunities to volunteer with a number of organizations: Urban Ministries, Food Bank of NC, Habitat for Humanity, Genesis Home, First Presbyterian Day School, Triangle Land Conservancy, St. Philip’s Community Garden, Vacation Church School, Durham Summer Service Week, St. Philip’s Community Dinner, and Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association. We have a range of activities, days and times, many of them appropriate for families with children. Sign-up sheets will be available after worship. Please join us!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SALUTES**

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**NOTES**

- **Candice Ryals Provey** has accepted the position of Associate Chaplain at Yale University, beginning in June. We are sorry to see her leave Durham, but we are excited about her new job. She has been approved to receive a call by the Presbytery of New Hope in NC, so her ordination will follow soon. She will preach for us on Sunday.
- Thanks to **Bill Brown and Carrie McCann** for hosting the end of year pool party on Sunday. It was an enjoyable event!
- Congratulations to **Dub Gulley** on retiring from the Small Business Center in Durham.

**SALUTING A SENIOR**

Carl Milton Beery, a resident of The Forest at Duke, turned 99 on May 23rd! Carl was born in Bremen, Ohio and graduated from Ohio University in Athens. He spent his career in banking and became President and Chairman of Marine Midland Bank in 1970, living for many years in Elmira, NY. In 1978, Carl and his wife, Jane, retired to Durham, NC, where they were both active at First Presbyterian Church. (I remember them picking up our elderly neighbor, Cornelia Oosting, to drive her to church. This was before we had joined and an early example for us of First Presbyterian’s wonderful community of faith.) Carl served as an elder and member of the Finance Committee. Carl’s wife, Jane, passed away in 2008 and his daughter prior to that. Carl has one son and daughter-in-law, Donald Edward and Anne Beery, who live in New Orleans, a son-in-law, David Brown, who lives in Durham, three grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. Congratulations to Carl! - submitted by Wendy McCorkle

**FROM THE MINISTER TO THE YOUNG ADULTS**

Dear Friends,

I’ve long been thankful for the home I found at First Presbyterian Church over six years ago. You all have nurtured and inspired me as I have walked this winding path toward ordination. Thank you for welcoming strangers. I feel blessed to now call you friends. Your faithful witness has prepared me for this new season as the Associate University Chaplain at Yale.

Several weeks ago, we closed worship with the hymn “A strange thing is happening in me” by slowly turning the page of the hymnal as if to signify that we have turned page that deeply during my time at FPC. It has been my honor and privilege to share in the ministry of our church. I look forward to hearing news of where the Spirit of God leads you in the coming years.

May God bless you and keep you,

Candice Provey
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Lorraine and David Hall on the birth of a son, James Davidson Hall, born May 24th. James joins big sister Mary Louise. This is the 10th child under the age of two born or adopted into our congregation since this time last year.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to Dorothy Graham on the death of her brother-in-law, Don Holton on June 1st.

OUR CONCERNS

• Traveling mercies for the Admays, Sam Migliarese, and Ryan Nilsen who are abroad for DukeEngage.
• Susan Dunlap and daughter Anna Kasibhatla leave this week for a trip to Kenya where they will meet family members and friends of FPC.
• David Garrison has been moved to Kindred Hospital, 2401 Southside Boulevard, Greensboro, NC 27406.
• Franklin Sesay’s recovery from heart surgery at Duke Hospital (Room 3101).
• Katherine Carr, a patient at Duke Hospital.
• Peaches McPherson, in the Holbrook Center at The Forest at Duke.

NEW MEMBERS, / VISITORS/ OTHER I INTERESTED IN INDIVIDUALS

Do you wonder where the chapel is located? The Narthex? Where a particular Sunday school class meets? A tour of the church building is planned for this Sunday morning, June 10. Meet Shirley Frederick in the church foyer at 10:05 am for a 30-minute walk through the church buildings.

YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH

Dear friends,

Please help us by sharing the job posting for our Youth Minister search. Please feel free to direct people to this link: http://firstpres-durham.org/jobs/

The link will open to a page where candidates will be able to access the job description, our core values, some information about our youth program, and determine how/when to apply. Thanks for your help!

-Youth Minister Search Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS / RETIREES

The church volunteer office is in need of substitutes during the summer months when our regular volunteers are on vacation. Duties include answering the phone and the doorbell, as well as helping with mailings as needed. Morning shifts are 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; afternoon shifts are 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like more information on when subs are needed this summer, please contact Shirley Frederick or Valerie McMillan at 919-682-5511.

FIRST FRIENDS GATHERING

Saturday, June 9

6:00 p.m. at the Kemers’ home

Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and the beverage of your choice. Main dish provided (baked ham). Kids are welcome! RSVP to joy.kerner@gmail.com or 919-383-6219.

BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 P.M.

Potluck Supper and Selection Meeting

at the home of Barbara Gerve

RSVP to Barbara if you plan to attend: begeberewe@gmail.com / 919-382-8787.

WOMEN OF FPC

Women of FPC are invited to a time of learning, sharing, prayer and contemplation at the beautiful Avila Retreat Center in north Durham, beginning August 3 at 5:00 p.m., and ending on August 4 at 3:00 p.m. The $50 registration fee to FPC/Women's Retreat includes three meals and overnight rooming. Participants should bring a Bible, a journal and pen, comfortable clothing and an open mind/open heart. Scholarships are available. To reserve a spot and a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth.

HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

received on May 27 totaled: $288.26. This offering is received the fourth Sunday of the month. Thank you for your generosity.

VCS DRIVERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers who could help drive some of the youth of Iglesia Emanuel to VCS at Camp New Hope the week of June 18-22. Camp is 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For the parents' peace of mind and for safety considerations, we are hoping to place children with the same drivers for the week. If you are already taking your own children and have room for a couple extra, or if you would not mind driving kids each morning or each afternoon, please contact Lea Bingham at 680-6749 or leabingham@gmail.com.

KIDS CLOTHING NEEDED

Four children whose mother was killed about a month ago here in Durham are now in need of clothing after their home was vandalized. The children, two boys, ages 9 and 10, and two girls, ages 5 and 6 need underwear and shoes, and gently used shirts and shorts for the summer. Please place your donations in the baskets at the mission collection center in the foyer.

SWEAT SUITS DRIVE

The Durham Crisis Response Center needs donations of new sweat suits, track suits, plain T-shirts, socks and underwear for survivors of sexual assault. Because survivors’ clothing is taken from them for evidence collection purposes at the hospital, DCRC provides these garments for them to wear as they leave the hospital. DCRC will accept all sizes, but especially needs garments in small and medium sizes.

VOCAL RECITAL

Sunday, June 17 at 4 p.m.

in FPC’s sanctuary

Sara Womble soprano

David Held, pianist

featuring music of Beethoven, Saint-Saëns, Puccini, André Previn, Robert Ward and selections from American Musical Theatre. The recital is free and open to the public.