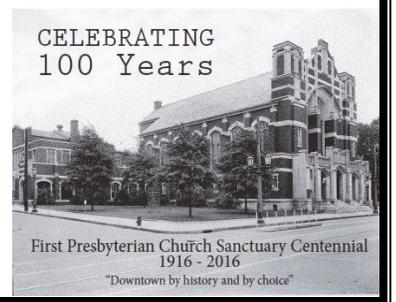


First Presbyterian Church

JUNE 28, 2016



Sunday, July 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Into the World"

Mindy L. Douglas, preaching

Lectionary Texts:

Old Testament	2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 30
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Epistle Lesson	Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

Crossdale Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

After Worship Greeters:

Wes Carson (Side/front),

Lenore Champion (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Jennie Alwood** (head), **Jeanne**

Hervey, BJ Morton, Paul Cornsweet

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Jesus has become the 'bread of life' . . . Any parable with a reference to leaven, dough, or bread brings with it all this appetizing accompaniment, and it makes the parable much more nourishing. There is thus necessarily more going on in the parable than a lesson on "the growth of the kingdom." (Amy-Jill Levine, Short Stories by Jesus) Come prepared to discuss how the Kingdom of Heaven is like (or not like) yeast at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will lead our discussion.

Lectionary Class

Are you able to work miracles? Are you sure? What is the value of a miracle? "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation Class

We meet in the church basement at 9:45. **Susan Dunlap** leads the discussion. New faces welcome!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



It's Christmas in July!

Our first movie is "Charlie Brown Christmas" which we will watch with **Brent** and **Graham Curtis**. Join us in the CE Building from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.



The Church office will

be **CLOSED Monday,**

July 4 in observance of

Independence Day.

Have a safe holiday celebration!

HELP FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

On Thursday, June 23 heavy rainfall began to accumulate in West Virginia. The following day, a State of Emergency was declared in 44 of 55 counties in the state. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed teams to West Virginia to provide a ministry of presence to the presbytery and congregations, and assist with assessments. Support these efforts by praying and also giving online: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/>. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR

This week was full of historic firsts at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), held in Portland, Oregon. The assembly, made up of more than five hundred voting commissioners from across the country and several hundred more advisory delegates, elected the first co-moderators (the first leadership pair made up of two women, one black and one white) Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston (a N.C. native from down the street). They elected the first African-American stated clerk, J. Herbert Nelson. After six years of conversation and debate, the Assembly approved the Belhar Confession as the most recent addition to our Book of Confessions, and the only confession from the global south. Godfrey Betha, vice moderator of the Uniting Reformed Church of South Africa, addressed the Assembly on Wednesday night following the historic vote, saying, "Your decision affirms you say to your children, you say to all, 'When you come to us looking for a glimmer of racism, don't come to our church.'"

AMEN! The Assembly roared with applause. It was a glorious moment.

In the weeks and months ahead, you will be seeing portions of the Belhar Confession in worship some Sundays as we get accustomed to our new confession. I include here a portion of section 4 to get you started thinking about the kind of confession this is. I am proud and happy to be a part of a denomination supporting and claiming as our own such a confession. May we all continue to seek justice in our communities and in our world.

With hope,
Mindy

A portion of **The Belhar Confession:**

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream . . .
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

NOTES

The **Sacrament of Baptism** was celebrated during worship on June 26th for **Annalise Mae Short**, daughter of **Rollin and Maureen Short**.

Many thanks to **Michael Honeycutt** and the Membership Committee for the lovely reception honoring Membership Coordinator **Shirley Frederick** for her **18 years of service to the church**. It was a fitting tribute to Shirley.

Daytimers gathered at El Rodeo today for lunch. A good time was had by all who attended. Many thanks to **Chuck and Linda Barenchi** for arranging.

Upcoming Birthdays to Note:

Florence Shackelford

Thursday, June 30

Jerry Tyren

Sunday, July 24

Jerry is the oldest member of FPC, and she will turn 100 on this next birthday. It would be lovely to let these ladies know how much they are loved.

SESSION BRIEFS

Meeting held June 27, 2016

- Met as FPC trustees and elected officers of the corporation: **Kate Busa**, President; **Miriam Morey**, VP; **Torrell Armstrong**, Treasurer; **Barbara Gerwe**, Secretary. Church trustees sign any sale or purchase of property with approval of the congregation.
- Approved a much deserved 3-month sabbatical for **Marilyn Hedgpeth** for August-October 2016;
- Reviewed and accepted an updated and improved **Budget process**;
- Passed a resolution celebrating the contributions of our life-long member, **Walter Eugene Shackelford, Sr.**;
- Approved renewal of a 2-year **MOU with the Durham County Social Services**, supporting individuals and families in need;
- Referred to the Service and Mission Committee a discussion of FPC's relationship with the **FPC Day School**;
- Transferred membership of **Harrison Kim** to Cary Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by **Barbara Gerwe**,
Clerk of Session

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Chip McCorkle** (son of **Mac and Wendy McCorkle**) and **Allison Kuncik** who were married June 11 at the First Congregational Church in Nantucket, MA. **Joe Harvard** served as one of the officiants.

We extend sympathies to **Carl, Lisa, Jeremy and Jared Rist** on the death of Carl's father, **Karsten Albrecht Rist**, who passed away on June 21 at Croasdaile Village Retirement Community in Durham. The memorial service to celebrate his life will be held this Sunday, July 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel at Croasdaile Village.

Jean Moore is recovering from pneumonia in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village
Chris, Meredith and Logan Brown, recovering from a car accident
Traveling mercies this week for FPC's Appalachian Service Project team in West Virginia: **Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Jennie Alwood, Jamie and Frances Zehmer, Nathan Creadick**, and **Peter Compton**.

Sarah and Pete Finbow
Florence Shackelford

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village
Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

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

Roy Blackwell, father of Sheila Miglarese
Molly Bowden, former FPC member
Elizabeth Chombi, niece of Mercy Ndambiri
Foster Family, friends of Chris Brown
Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson
Margaret Pfeiler, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
Jim Sanderson, brother of Sheila Breitweiser
Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon
Jeanne Somerville, mother of Katharine Whitmore
Desiré Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
Judy Woodard, friend of Chris Brown

Many thanks to **Michael Honeycutt** and the **Membership Committee** for organizing the lovely reception on Sunday to mark my retirement as Membership Coordinator. It was heartwarming to hear the warm wishes of appreciation and good wishes for a happy retirement. I shall especially treasure the beautiful Phoenician glass vase presented to me. My last official day is Wednesday, June 29. The FPC church family has been an important part of my life since I moved to Durham many years ago, so you can count on seeing me in worship next Sunday and regularly after that. Affectionately,

Shirley



YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Middle School Conference
July 7 – 10

High School Conference
July 24 – 30

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss Kent Haruf's book, **Our Souls at Night**, on **Tuesday, July 12** at 7:00 p.m. **Delia Kwon** is leading the discussion. **Celia Dickerson** is hosting (4412 Sunny Ct). Please let Celia know your plans to attend: cdickerson17@nc.rr.com



SUNDAY, JULY 17

HYMN SING AND PICNIC

11:00 – Hymn Sing during worship, led by the bluegrass group, High Clouds

12:00 - Picnic under the crepe myrtles with more home-grown music

Change of plans: **Cris Rivera** will provide barbecue and a vegetarian alternative. Please bring a side dish to share. Drinks will be provided by the Church.

Save these Dates!

FIRST FRIENDS

Friday, July 15

Potluck Gathering (Adults only)
6:30 p.m. at the Baldasare/Wettach home

Saturday, August 13
Potluck Gathering (Kid-friendly)
5:30 p.m. at the Momsen-Hudson home

September 23-25
First Friends and Families
Annual Beach Trip

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS



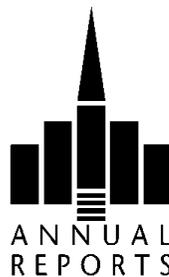
Saturday, July 23
We'll meet at 9:00 a.m.

in the parking lot at

Occonechee Mountain State Park Area

625 Virginia Cates Rd
Hillsborough, NC

Reminder to all FPC committee chairs and program staff: An Annual Report Summary for your respective committee or area of ministry is due to **Valerie McMillian** in the church office by **July 31**. If you need to see a past year's report or have questions, contact Valerie by email: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. Summaries should be sent electronically if at all possible. Thank you.



DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

FLOC and Triangle Friends of Farmworkers (TFF) are seeking volunteers who would be able to – depending on their schedules – drive farmworkers to and from three critical FLOC Regional meetings in August or September, 2016 (schedule TBD later this summer). As you probably know, very few farmworkers have their own transportation – volunteer drivers are the only way most farmworkers could attend. We are compiling a list of potential drivers, and would love to add your name.

Volunteers drive to workers camps (with specific directions provided by FLOC) to pick up specific workers, transport workers to the meeting in Dudley (for the Eastern meeting; Piedmont and Western venues TBD), listen in on the meeting, and transport workers back to their labor camp. (NOTE: in some cases, one-way transport may be helpful). These meetings will likely not be scheduled until mid-July.

As soon as meetings are scheduled, we'll let those of you who have volunteered know to see if a specific meeting day would fit your schedule. Email Dave Austin: daustin@mindspring.com. Some Spanish helpful.

THANK YOU!

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. . . to those of you who recently donated items to neighbors in need. Please contact the church office (919-682-5511) if you have household items you'd like to donate. We may know of someone moving from the UMD shelter to permanent housing who could use your items that are in good (usable) condition.

MEDICAID EXPANSION - LETTERS TO GOVERNOR

The **Coalition for Health Care of North Carolina (CHCNC)** seeks to express our profound appreciation for the cooperation shown . . . through the delivery of 69 letters representing First Presbyterian Church of Durham to the Governor of our state, urging Medicaid expansion, in order to save lives of many North Carolinians. May God richly reward you for your steadfastness in the Word.

Sincerely,
Mary White,
CHCNC Administrative Liaison Team

NOTE: FPC members and friends who missed the May deadline but wish to be a part of this effort, may sign a letter and place it in the boxes provided in the foyer and narthex by the **July 22 deadline**. These letters will be delivered to the Governor before the close of the current legislative session. This initiative has the endorsement of the NC Council of Churches. Participation is optional.

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