

# First Presbyterian News

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Hello, you who made the morning  
and spread it over the fields  
and into the faces of the tulips  
and the nodding morning glories,  
and into the windows of, even, the  
miserable and the crotchety—  
best preacher that ever was, dear star . . .

*Mary Oliver, Why I Wake Early*

## SUNDAY, JULY 15

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

**Sermon:** "Consider the Crepe Myrtles"  
*Joseph S. Harvard*, preaching

### Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Isaiah 40:27-31
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 24
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 6:25-30
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:18-25

Crossdaile Driver: **Dan Hudgins**

Narthex Greeter: **Minnie Cameron**

After Worship Greeters:

**Guy Cecelski** (side/font)

**Jane Brawley** (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Pat Ashby** (head), **Jim Johnson**  
(flowers), **Amy Sanchez**, **Patrick Dillon**



### Olympic Summer Sunday School for Children

**Rob Everett and Mary Jo Keenan** will look at the clash of the titans, Yahweh vs. Baal on Mt. Carmel to see who is the strongest. We'll make a collage of modern idols (not American Idols), and snack on s'mores during our discussion.

### Adult Summer Reading Series

This Sunday, UNC's Writing Center Director, **Kim Abels**, will discuss the book by Nicholas Carr entitled The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains. Carr is a writer-in-residence at University of California-Berkeley and author of The Big Switch and Does IT Matter? In The Shallows, Carr discusses the historical and scientific evidence of how our brains have been shaped by technology through the centuries, from the alphabet, to maps, to the printing press, the clock, and the computer. The Shallows is the 2012 selection for the summer reading program, which all incoming students at UNC Chapel Hill will participate prior to the beginning of their first classes in the fall semester. Please join us for what promises to be an engaging conversation at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

How do we respond when we encounter God's goodness? With dedication to carry out God's will? With rejoicing and praise? Perhaps even with exuberant dancing? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

## MONTH OF MISSION

It's our last week of the Month of Mission, and there are still some opportunities for you to participate:

On **Thursday, July 12, from 12:30-3:30**, and **Saturday, July 14, from 8:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:30**, and **Sunday, July 15, from 12:30-3:30** we'll continue working on our Habitat House at 1103 Taylor Street. This project will continue even after our Month of Mission is over, so we hope you'll continue to support this build as we near completion in the next month or so.

Any day **this week** that is convenient for you, we need volunteers to read to children in the First Presbyterian Day School or drop off a snack for the teachers. You can call the Day School Office to schedule: 919-688-8685.

And on **Sunday, July 15**, we will celebrate our dedication to issues of hunger in our community and around the world. Please bring canned food for the Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have participated in the Month of Service and to the Service and Mission Committee members, who have helped plan and coordinate these opportunities: **Sharon Hirsch, Tom Bacon, Pat Ashby, Diane Standaert, John and Sue Fricks, Phyllis Verhey, Dale Gaddis, Alec Bethune, Margaret Rubiera, and Lisa Rist**.

## YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH

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/where to apply. Thanks for your help!

## Annual Church Picnic

\*\*\* NEW DATE \*\*\*

Sunday, August 5

5 – 9 p.m.

**Duke Faculty Club**

10 Faculty Club Drive, Durham

**More details forthcoming!**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a summer so far, and we are only about half way! I hope you have found ways to avoid the heat. As **Clint McCann** was leading us in his excellent discussion of the Psalms last Sunday, a verse from Psalm 121 came to mind, "The sun shall not smite you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord . . . will keep your life". There were a couple of times during the recent heat wave that I felt smitten!

I am grateful to those who have persevered through the heat and been involved in the Month of Mission. It took real commitment to show up in the extreme heat. As the month comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude for your efforts. The two Durham Summer Service Weeks were good experiences for the young people who participated. Thanks to **Christyn Klinck** and **Brent Curtis** for their leadership.

On Thursday of this week, seventeen members from FPC will travel to Massanetta Springs in Virginia for a Middle School Youth Conference. **Kathy Conner** and **Ben Neece** will be the leaders. They will join **Marilyn Hedgpeth**, who is an instructor again this year, and **James Compton**, who is serving again as a counselor. We hope that this will be an enriching experience for them.

Let me encourage you to join me for worship on Sunday. The weather is supposed to be milder this week and the crepe myrtles are in radiant bloom.

Thanks be to God!

**Joe**

## NOTES

Congratulations to **Laura Parkins** who was named to the president's list for the spring semester at James Madison University. Laura graduated in May with a BS in nursing. She is the daughter of **Kathy and Bob Parkins**.

## TRAVELING MERCIES

- **Catie Brockman** is traveling this month to Nicaragua to participate in Witness for Peace Teen delegation.
- Traveling mercies for **Guy Cecelski** who is in Utah on a wilderness expedition.

## OUR CONCERNS

- **Kriddie Whitmore** is recovering from outpatient surgery.
- **Brianna Honea, and her grandparents** in New Bern, NC, who are facing a major transition in care needs.
- **Barbara Buckley**, recovering from outpatient surgery.
- **Emily Stark**, recovering from knee surgery
- **Jeremy Rist**, recovering from knee surgery
- **Peaches McPherson**, in the Holbrook Center at The Forest at Duke.
- **David Garrison**, in rehab at Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation, 1515 West Pettigrew Street, Durham, room 4A.

Added this week: **Yvonne Cecelski**, mother of David Cecelski

**Gwen Cleary**  
**Joanne Harrar**  
**Diana Huggin**  
**Mozette Rollins**

**Helen Garrison**  
**Jim Hedrick**  
**Henry Njoroge**

### Hillcrest Convalescent

**Katherine Carr**  
**Tom Howerton**  
**Connie and Randall McLeod**  
**Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece

### Croasdaille Village

**Don Jenkins** (Pavilion, E-116)  
**Carol Johnson** (Friendship, D-120)  
**Jerry Tyren** (Pavilion, E-205)

- **Mike Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard
- **Toni Bloom**, mother of Tom Bloom
- **Kate Crockett**, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Worth Hudson**, father of Tyler Momsen-Hudson
- **Kibaara Kinya**, uncle of Mercy Ndambiri
- **Kim Mayo**, friend of Barbara Fish
- **Woody Morgan**, father of Doris Callaway
- **Nants Reynolds**, sister of Joe Harvard
- **K. Sita**, grandmother of Anna Kasibhatla
- **Darcy Thomas**, mother of Amy Harkey
- **Sam and Mel Watson** and their granddaughter Bethany, family of Dale Gaddis
- **Wyndel Watson**, father of Kathy Conner
- **Kemper Foy Zeigler**, friend of the Harvards

## NEW OFFICERS TRAINING

**Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, August 13**  
6:00 p.m. with supper and afterwards meet with the Session

**Sunday, August 19, 11:00 a.m.**  
Service of Ordination and Installation during worship



You are invited to join us for 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.** This year, we will experience Richard Rohr's book, Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life. **For those of you who have registered, copies of the book are available in Marilyn's office on the prayer rail. Please stop by and pick one up, so you can begin reading before the retreat.**

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, contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** by email: [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).

## ANNUAL REPORT

Attention Committee Chairpersons and Ministry Staff: **2011-2012 Annual Report summaries are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact **Valerie McMillian** in the Church office if you need assistance: 919-682-5511 ext. 215 or send an email to: [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

## FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

**At the Eno!**

**Saturday, July 21**

**5:00 p.m. till dark**

hosted by **Kathy Conner**

[kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com](mailto:kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com) 919-451-5445

**Potluck at Deborah & Tyler**

**Momsen-Hudson's house**

**Saturday, August 4, 6:00 pm**

3814 St Marys Road, Hillsborough  
919-732-9595

[dmomsenudson@gmail.com](mailto:dmomsenudson@gmail.com)

**Beach Trip in September!**

Take a survey (online) to decide on **September 7-9 or September 14-16**  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G6FW7LV>

## YOUNG ADULTS

### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

We're having regular potlucks and special events. Come meet us for fun evenings and be part of our ongoing conversation about plans for next year's studies, service projects, retreats, and fellowship groups. Contact **Heather Wallace** by email to join the email list with all our updates:

[heather.wallace.42@gmail.com](mailto:heather.wallace.42@gmail.com).

## SUMMER OFFICE

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The church volunteer office is in need of substitutes during the summer months when some of 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** in the church office at 919-682-5511.

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