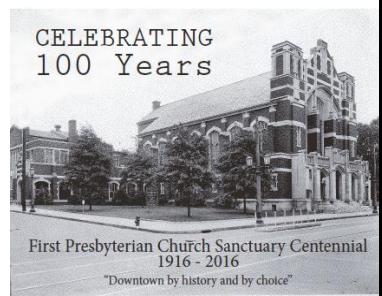


First Presbyterian Church

JULY 19, 2016



Sunday, July 24

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Prayer: Why Bother?"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 85
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Gospel Lesson	Luke 11:1-13

Croasdale Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez,**
Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters:

Caroline Rourk (Side/font),

Marie Sappenfield (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Michael Honeycutt** (head),
Karen Swope (flowers), **Julie Whiddon,**
Jennie Alwood, Carolyn and Keith Merritt

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

It's time to look at the parable of The Pharisee and the Tax Collector from Luke 18. Author Amy-Jill Levine says, "We see that divine grace cannot be limited, for to limit this grace would be to limit the divine. This unlimited generosity is something many of us find problematic. We are quite happy when we are saved; we are less happy when this salvation is extended to people we do not like, especially when our dislike is bolstered by seemingly very good reasons such as, 'He's a sinner.'" Agree, or disagree? **Robert Brawley** will lead our discussion this Sunday at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

The prophet Hosea was told to enact in his own family the sins of the nation. Are we called to that sort of personal, public demonstration of God's role in our lives? Is that part of the life of a Christian? 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 are welcome.

Scripture Readers Class

We will meet **this Sunday, July 24** at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor. Please be ready to read Romans 8. **Steve Rimmer** leads this class.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



It's still Christmas in July. This Sunday we will start watching "A Muppet Christmas Carol." Children and youth are invited to join us for the movie and a snack at 9:45 in room 205.

CONVERSATION

ON RACE AND RACISM

Following the tragedies in recent weeks, as well as the other tragedies of the past many years, we need a way to talk about race and racism and the effect this has on our society and lives. FPC had a meeting last Wednesday night, July 13, and we will continue the dialogue **this Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in Watts Hill Hall. We hope to come up with some next steps that we as individuals and as a congregation can take.

You may want explanations. You may want to talk in a place where you can feel safe asking uncomfortable questions. You may want to know about solutions. Or you may just want to be in a place where you can be a questioning, hurting soul sharing with others who feel the same. Whether you were able to attend last week or not, you are welcome to join in these discussions.

Some of our church members have gone through Racial Equity Institute training, and one is on the Coordinating Committee for the White Caucus of Organizing Against Racism NC, here in Durham. A few of these members will be on hand to facilitate the Wednesday evening discussion.

One positive step would be to attend the **Durham Branch NAACP meeting** being hosted by FPC **this Sunday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**. All are welcome to attend both events.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Find your service niche this summer! Pick up a copy of the Service and Mission Committee's **Summer Service Brochure** at the church to learn more about opportunities for **all ages** to serve the Durham community during July and August.

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

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.

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Great singing on Sunday! I am so grateful to be part of a congregation that sings what it believes. The breath/ruach/Spirit/pneuma was palpable as we sang through ancient tunes, jazz tunes, global tunes, and favorite traditional tunes, feeling our neighbors voices vibrate through us, building community and affirming that "in Christ, we are all on the same page." Many thanks to **Phyllis Supple** for organizing the accompaniment, and to our guest musicians **Steve Luteman and Maria Hernandez** for their assistance in worship, and for staying to play for the great Myrtlefest afterwards. I am grateful to **Cris Rivera** for providing the BBQ, and to **Abi Bissette** and the **Fellowship Committee** (and **Robert Daye**), for set up and clean up afterwards. It was a great morning!

Concerning other matters of gratitude, our conversation last Wednesday night on issues of race and racism: I am grateful for the small things FPC does to bridge the racial gap of misunderstanding that seems to be widening. I am grateful to those who answer the doorbell when it rings at the church, to give food or assistance to anyone who asks, treating each guest who comes to our door as a child of God. I am grateful for our FPC Day School that nurtures and educates some of the most vulnerable members of our community, and has done so for the past 45 years. I am grateful to Day School Director, **Katharine Smith**, and her assistant, **Mamie Watson**, who come early and stay late to greet students, and who minister to their parents as well. I am grateful to the Day School Board, chaired by **Pat Ashby**, which sees that Day School teachers are paid fairly, and are afforded adequate health insurance coverage. And I am grateful for all of our members who serve on boards of agencies and non-profits that are working for the common good of our community, to make Durham a better place. Thank you!

Still singing,

Marilyn

NOTES

Many thanks to the group who led worship and Holy Communion at Croasdale Village on this past Sunday: **Bob Yoder, Peter Fish, Bob Breitweiser, and Phyllis Supple**. Members in attendance included **Sarah Cox** and **Florence Shackelford**. Communion was also taken to **Bob Keever, Jean Moore, and Bob Rankin**.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Condolences to **Pete and Sarah Finbow** on the loss of **Sheila Wood**, Pete's friend's mother, in England.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Jerry Tyren is the oldest member of FPC, and she will turn 100 on Sunday, July 24. It would be lovely to let her (and her family) know how much she is loved.

Jerry Tyren
2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy
Pavilion, E205
Durham NC 27705

Carlton Gainey sends warm wishes from West Virginia, where he was not affected by the flooding. He and his family are relocating to Lynchburg, VA in the near future.

Added this week:
Eugene Brown,

recovering from knee surgery

Pat Utigard, cousin of Caroline Pritchett
Roy Blackwell, father of Sheila Miglarese

Traveling mercies for **Aurelia Klinck** and **Lenore Champion**, who are at the Triennium Youth Conference at Purdue University this week; and for **Sam Miglarese**, who is away directing DukeEngage in Durham, England.

Sarah and Pete Finbow

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**

Molly Bowden, former FPC member
Elizabeth Chombi,

niece of Mercy Ndambiri

Imken family, friends of Chris Brown

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson

Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

Margaret Pfeiler,

grandmother of Julie Maxwell

Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon

Jeanne Somerville,

mother of Katharine Whitmore

Desiré Volkwijn,

wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn



SAVE THE DATES

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

Sunday, August 14

Sunday, August 21

Following worship, lunch provided. Each class session is expected to last about two hours.

YOUTH

High School Conference

Montreat NC

July 24 – 30

NIA FITNESS CLASS

Led by **Heather Wallace**, White Belt

Tuesdays, through July 26

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

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS



Saturday,

July 23

We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking

lot at **Occoneechee**

Mountain

State Park Area

625 Virginia Cates Rd
Hillsborough, NC

DAY TIMERS

Tuesday, July 26

Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

at Cracker Barrel Restaurant

3703 Hillsborough Rd, Durham

Arranged by **BJ and Parker Morton**

RSVP to BJ Morton (919-383-3855)

PRIMETIME

*****DATE CHANGE*****

Friday, August 12

Covered Dish Supper

at the home of

Al and Judy Arrowood

More details forthcoming!

FIRST FRIENDS

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**



10 Most Needed Items

Crayons (boxes)

Glue in Bottles

Glue Sticks Folders

Index cards Rulers Markers (boxes)

Pencils (packs) Scissors Spiral Notebooks

Other needed items:

calculators, boxes of colored pencils, composition books, construction paper, reams of copy paper, erasers, packs of pens, hand sanitizer, highlighters, boxes of tissues, packs of loose leaf paper, supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, Post-it notes.

FPC is a collection site through August 24. Please place supplies in the containers in the foyer. For more information, go online to: <http://www.crayons2calculators.org/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, August 21

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Teacher Training

Sunday, August 28

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Promotion

Meet Your New Teachers

STUDENT ACTION WITH FARMWORKERS

End of Summer Celebration!

August 6, 2016

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

at the American Tobacco Campus

Full Frame Theater

318 Blackwell Street, Durham

We need help with tasks such as decorating and setting up, interpreting, helping with food, supervising small groups of kids, or cleaning up after the event. Check out our list of volunteer opportunities and sign up at this site: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NierdAWRPDvIRSP8EcIMYka31TnRh_1BpPUr5QVz8/viewform

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

FLOC (Farm Labor Organizing Committee) needs help transporting FLOC farmworker members from their labor camps to the **July 31, 2016** regional meeting in Dudley, NC, at FLOC's office. If you CAN drive, please email the following persons: daustin@mindspring.com, salan@nfwm.org AND flocnc@floc.com. Volunteers will drive to workers' camps (with specific directions provided by FLOC) to pick up specific workers, transport workers to the meeting in Dudley, listen in on the meeting, and then transport workers back to their labor camp. The July 31 meeting in Dudley will likely start at 3:00 pm (so that means picking up a small group of workers at an assigned labor camp 30-90 minutes before 3:00, depending on the camp location, which likely means leaving the Triangle somewhere between 11:00 and 12:00). The Dudley meeting will include a modest meal for the workers (and you're welcome to participate), before driving the workers back to their labor camp, starting back at around 5:15. Knowing Spanish is very helpful.



**POKÉMON GO PLAYERS,
WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN DURHAM!**

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