

First Presbyterian Church



August 11, 2015

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Sunday, August 16

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Wise Wishing"

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

Everyone is invited to a **fellowship lunch** (prepared by *Cris Rivera*) in Watts-Hill Hall following worship. Families are asked to go through the serving line together. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

Worship Texts

Old Testament	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
New Testament	1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters:

Harold Dunlap (rear/narthex)

Beth Eisenson (side/font)

Ushers: **Head usher** (TBA), **Lyn Williams**

(flower delivery), **Luke Everett, Mary-Jo**

Keenan, Delia Kwon, Miriam Morey

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This Sunday, our topic of discussion will be *wisdom*, as Barry Schwartz makes a passionate call for "practical wisdom" as an antidote to a society gone mad with bureaucracy. Come enjoy the TED Talk, and then discuss its implications with a theological spin enhanced by Solomon's wisdom. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 and all are welcome.

Lectionary Class

We may pray for wisdom, as Solomon did. But sometimes the wisdom of God comes in words that are difficult to understand. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap** and meets at 9:45 in the lower level classroom.

CHILDREN / YOUTH

Kindergarten and up

Sunday, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Movie: **Robin Hood - Part 2**

(Disney, animated version)

Meet in Room 205 of the CE building to watch and discuss the movie, then enjoy a snack. Three year olds through rising kindergartners meet in the Playroom. The nursery is open for younger children. Older youth can join the Lectionary Class or Faith and Community Class.

TEACHER / ADVISOR

TRAINING

Sunday, August 23 at 9:45 a.m. or
Sunday, August 30 at 12:15 p.m.

This training is required of all Sunday School teachers and advisors of children and youth. FPC's new Child and Youth Protection Policy will be introduced. **The August 23rd training will take place in room 208.** The training on August 30th will include a light lunch.



NEW BIKE RACKS!

You've seen the uptick in bicyclists in downtown Durham who commute to work and ride to the ballpark. They are getting some great exercise while saving fuel and reducing emissions. Now you can join them and bike to church. First Presbyterian has installed bike racks outside the rear entry doors of the foyer, next to the Day School building. The loop racks make it easy to lock up your bike and helmet. All right Presbyterians, let's get pedaling!



SHOEBOXES NEEDED

Shoebboxes with lids are needed for a Sunday School project this fall. If you have unwanted shoeboxes or plan to purchase back-to-school shoes and won't need the box, please bring the empty box(es) to the church for a diorama project. Thank you!

KICK OFF SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School Breakfast

11:00 a.m.

Worship with the

**Ordination and Installation
of New Officers**

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

THEME:

"God's Great Garden"



We are all plants in God's great garden. God's knowledge is our soil. With it we can live forever. Without it we wilt and die.

– Calvin W. Allison

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

On Sunday, August 9, we heard an excellent sermon from a young preacher, **Brad Troxell**, who is following God's call to step out in faith as a US Navy Chaplain. He is being sent to Diego Garcia, a 17-square-mile atoll in the middle of the Indian Ocean, which is home to a US Naval Base that is strategically located between East Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. **Steve Rimmer** and I have had the privilege of being part of Brad's discernment process, as he felt the tug of God's call on his life. We are grateful to people like Brad who remind us of the disruptive nature of God's call and its working of all things for the good.

Sunday was also the first anniversary of the tragic shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO, and the beginning (again) of the Black Lives Matter movement. Many of the editorials on Sunday lamented that not much has happened in that arena this year. One article in *The Huffington Post* entitled, "How The Black Lives Matter Movement Changed The Church," spoke about how the church needs to step up and engage conversations about race and white privilege. That might feel as disruptive to us as being sent to Diego Garcia, but it is God's calling to us at this time if we are to move forward in faith. As people return to church from their summer vacations, as we note Brad's courage for stepping out in faith, as we prepare to ordain and install new leaders in our church, I hope we will live into the challenge of both confessing our compliance in institutionalized racism and in working towards making all things good/better/best for those who love God and are called to love our neighbors, too.

Shalom,

Marilyn

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Julie and Eric Sapp** and big brother **Beckett** on the birth of **Lowell Juliet Sapp** on August 3rd. Julie and Eric, Beckett and Lowell live in Maryland.



Thank you for your generous giving! FPC has filled nearly FIVE bins this year! If you still have donations, please **bring them to the church by Friday morning, August 14.**

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Roger Durham, father of Emily Durham

Dewey Lawson has returned home for the first time since January 15!

Paul Cornsweet
Carol McKnight

Minnie Cameron
Ann Prospero

Brookdale Senior Living
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
Pavilion: **Anne Davis,**
Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest:
Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke
Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Richard Hays**, friend of FPC
- **Howard Knickerbocker** and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
- **Sylvia Landis**, friend of Valerie McMillian
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht
- **Virgil Yalong**, cousin of Lyn Francisco

YOUTH NEWS

Youth groups will begin on Sunday, September 13 with the annual Beginning-of-the-Year party! Watch for details!

Save these Dates

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

AUGUST POTLUCK

Saturday, August 22

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at the home of **Jennie and Ian Belle**

Please respond to the EVITE

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

11:30 a.m. at Spartacus Restaurant
4139 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd

RSVP to Shirley Frederick:

shirleyfred@nc.rr.com or 919-489-7102

PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

at 6:30 p.m. at the home of

Jerry Postema and **Leslie Winner**

Please respond to the EVITE



Saturday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES



Annual Beach Trip

Please contact **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** or **Kathy Conner** for the date and details.

FPC OFFICERS' MEETINGS

Monday, August 24

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

Elders will meet at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the revised Personnel Manual, in preparation for a vote

Dinner for all at 6:30 p.m.

Session meets at 7:00 p.m.

Newly elected officers, please join us for dinner and then conversation and approval at the beginning of the Session meeting at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to stay for the entire meeting but can feel free to leave after your part.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know? An annual pledge of \$650 provides the funds needed to support handbell music during worship for the entire year.

LET'S HELP NCCU

NCCU's Presbyterian Campus Ministry is having a fundraiser on **Sunday, September 27** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham. Volunteers from our church are needed to decorate tables for the tea and participate in a few planning sessions leading up to the actual fundraiser. Please contact **Laura Armstrong** at 919-339-9122 or by email: armstrongfam08@yahoo.com if you can volunteer. Thank you!

NAMI Family-to-Family

Free Education Program

A 12-week series taught by trained NAMI members in a confidential setting for family and friends of people with mental illness

Durham Class meets Tuesdays

August 25 – November 17

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3639 Old Chapel Hill Rd

Contact **Violette Blumenthal** 919-358-6788
f2fdurham@yahoo.com

Chapel Hill Class meets Thursdays

September 3 – November 17

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Seymour Senior Center

2551 Homestead Rd

Contact **Nancy Brickman** 919-818-8065
nbrickman@nc.rr.com

Registration required; Class size limit is 25.

MEDICARE BASICS

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Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church will host a Medicare Basics Seminar on **Thursday, September 3 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** The N.C. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) and Durham nonprofit Senior PharmAssist are presenting a "Medicare Basics" seminar for individuals who would like to learn more about Medicare and provides an overview of the options available. Caregivers who would like to better understand Medicare are also welcome. To register for this seminar, contact the church office at 919-682-3865 or email **Ruth Petrea** at rpetrea@nc.rr.com.

To our friends at First Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for your recent food donations! Your generosity not only helps us feed our clients, but helps us brighten their lives! Thank you!

Your friends at Meals on Wheels



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SAVE THE DATE!

Heather Marie Wallace

and Michael Aaron Schultz

request the honor of your presence at the
celebration of their marriage.

First Presbyterian Church, Durham,

Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 2 pm

Dessert reception to follow

Please RSVP by Sept 20 at hwms1010.com

(passcode: durham)

or call Heather at (919) 308-7054.