

First Presbyterian Church



August 18, 2015

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Sunday, August 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon:

"Better Than a Thousand Elsewhere"

Robert L. Yoder, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	1 Kings 8:24-43
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 84
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel Lesson	John 6:56-60, 67-78

Croasdaile Driver: **Michael Honeycutt**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez**

Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters:

Barbara Gerwe (rear/narthex)

Mary Gitata (side/font)

Ushers: **Jeanne Hervey** (Head), **Carol**

Wills (flower delivery), **Dale Gaddis**,

David Lorimer, Margaret Keller, Michael Honeycutt

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Psalm 84 affirms that those whose strength is in God go from strength to strength.

Writer Andrew Solomon dives into his childhood to describe how moments of great adversity helped form his identity. Maybe our greatest weaknesses are our greatest strengths. Come view the TED Talk, *How the Worst Moments in Our Lives Make Us Who We Are*, and join the ensuing discussion in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

Solomon prayed that God would confirm for him the covenant promises made to David. Can we claim to be a part of the covenant? Are we prepared to accept the difficulties and trials of faithful life along with the good promises? 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: "ET" (Part 1)

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.

SPECIAL INVITATION

Sunday, August 23

3:00 PM at Croasdaile Village

(Heritage Hall Activities Room)

Bob Yoder will complete the study of "In His Steps" and give a presentation on The Gilded Age and the Social Gospel Movement this Sunday. **All are welcome to attend even if you did not participate in the summer book study.**

"INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH"

This week marks the last few days of summer vacation for students in the traditional year in the public schools. During the summer months families may have moved into your neighborhood from other cities and states. Are they looking for a church home? This Sunday, August 23 is "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday. Won't you plan to come and invite a friend, neighbor or colleague to worship with the FPC community of faith?

MANDATORY 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.

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.

NEW BOOK STUDY FOR FALL

"The Road to Character"

The Friday/Sunday study group will reconvene this year with a look at *New York Times* columnist David Brooks' new book, *The Road to Character*. Brooks explores what it means to cultivate an inner life. He says, "Occasionally, even today, you come across certain people who seem to possess an impressive inner cohesion. They are not leading fragmented, scattered lives. ... Their virtues are not the blooming virtues you see in smart college students; they are the ripening virtues you see in people who have lived a little and have learned from joy and pain." Men and women are welcome to join either group for a six-week study beginning Friday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. in room 208 at the church, or Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activities Room. You may either acquire your own copy of the book or contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you need a copy.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Both of my jobs are converging in the coming weeks as we prepare to take the leap of faith into this next school year. My temporary job as Head of Staff culminates soon with the examination of incoming officers and the subsequent ordination and installation of our new ruling elders and deacons. Hopefully, all new committees and chairs will be in place by August 30, and we will be ready to provide superb leadership for FPC in the exciting months ahead.

Also, my full-time job as Associate Pastor peaks, as we commission our slate of Church School teachers and Youth Advisors, pass out new curriculum for the year, and begin anew the second Great End of the Church, "the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God." I am grateful, on both counts, for all those who said "yes" to the leading of the Holy Spirit and are committed to help us follow Jesus for the upcoming year.

I feel good about what has been accomplished during the past months. Committees and the Session have worked hard to polish up many of our policies and procedures that had become outdated. It's hard work that is all but invisible: like putting a new roof on your house or furnace in your basement. But it does bode very well for our future when the new Head of Staff arrives. I am grateful for your continued enthusiasm, your commitment, your generosity, and your support and prayers.

Shalom,
Marilyn

KICK OFF SUNDAY!

"GOD'S GREAT GARDEN"

You are cordially invited to join us for a kick off to God's Great Garden Promotion Sunday Breakfast and Activities

Sunday, August 30, 2015

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

in Watts-Hill Hall

Children, youth and parents are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, photo booth, cupcake decorating, and activities leading towards a new Church School year. Come and meet your new teachers and classmates. Teachers and youth advisors will be dedicated at the 11:00 worship service. **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will be preaching.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Chris, Laurie, Brandon and William** (born August 6th) **Hyland** and extended family on the death of Chris' mother and FPC member, **Diana Hyland Huggin**. Diana passed away August 17th in New York City. The family has requested that a Service of Witness to the Resurrection be held at FPC on August 29th at a time to be announced.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Joe and Carlisle Harvard** who celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 17.

CBDO

Paul Cornsweet **Minnie Cameron**
Dewey Lawson **Carol McKnight**
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
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Richard Hays**, friend of FPC
- **Howard Knickerbocker** and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
- **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

"TIME OUT" RADIO SHOW

Listen live to **Bill Hendrickson's** "Time Out" Radio Show on **Monday, August 24** at 5:00 p.m. His guest will be **Sharon Hirsch** discussing Donate Life NC of which she is the Executive Director. WCOM can be heard locally in Carrboro and Chapel Hill on FM 103.5 and elsewhere on wcomfm.org.



Saturday, August 29
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Groups begin on
Sunday, September 13
with a Beginning-of-the-Year party!
Watch for details from Sarah!



Did you know that singing is a major way to relieve stress and make new friends?

The choir kick-off party will be on **Wednesday, August 26**, starting at 6:00 at the home of **Cherrie Henry**. Anyone who can sing on pitch and is willing to commit to Wednesday night rehearsals is most welcome to attend. Please feel free to call **Kathy Parkins** if you have any questions.

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

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Breakfast / Conversation

Friday, August 28

8:00 a.m. at Nosh's Café
2812 Erwin Road, Durham
Come by and stay as long as you can!

FIRST FRIENDS

(Adults only)

Saturday, August 29

at the home of
Jane and William Brown
Begin gathering at 5:30 p.m.
and plan to eat around 6:15 p.m.
Bring a favorite dish to share!
Please respond to the EVITE

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

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Annual Beach Trip

September 11-13

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know?

A pledge of \$2,500 could send 15 high school students to Montreat for a week, or on a summer mission trip.

MEDICARE SEMINAR

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.

HABITAT HONDURAS TRIPS

Once again, **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera** will be leading two trips with Habitat for Humanity to Honduras in early 2016. If your heart yearns to serve others, we encourage you to consider joining one of these wonderful 10-day trips. We will work hard building houses but also have multiple opportunities to visit orphanages, a home for the elderly, and a family-owned coffee farm. Dates: January 22 – 31, and February 5 – 14. All-inclusive price: \$1,800. As you help change lives, you may find that it is your life that is being most strongly impacted. Contact Margaret for more information at margaretmr29@gmail.com

ACIS AND GALATEA

A Music Play by Antonio de Liteses

Sunday, August 30

3:00 p.m. - Chapel of the Cross

304 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill

Tickets: \$10 (adult); children FREE

For more info go to: www.elfuegofire.com



SAVE THE DATE!

*Heather Marie Wallace
and Michael Aaron Schultz
(along with their parents)
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

*fwms1010.com (passcode: durham)
or call Heather at (919) 308-7054.*

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