

First Presbyterian Church



August 25, 2015

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Sunday, August 30

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall
All classes meeting together

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.

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

Teachers and youth advisors will be dedicated during the worship service.

Sermon: "Married to the Church"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Psalm Lesson	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Epistle Lesson	James 1:17-27
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Croasdaile Driver: **To be determined**
Narthex Greeters: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Gary Elliot**

After Worship Greeters:

Alice Raney (rear/narthex)

Barbara Gerwe (side/font)

Ushers: **Brianna Honea** (Head), **Gray Wilson** (flower delivery), **Joy Kerner, Leslie McDow, Susan Seahorn, Phyllis Verhey**

MANDATORY TEACHER /

ADVISOR TRAINING

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. **This training will include a light lunch.**

THANK YOU!

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Thank you for your wonderful response to the request to bring in items for the Walk-in Ministry this summer. We have a number of blessing / toiletry bags made up at this point, but we can use some particular items to complete more. **The following are needed at this time:**

For Blessing Bags

Small bottles of water, small boxes of dried fruit (raisins, etc.) or applesauce squeeze pouches

For Toiletry Bags

Travel sizes of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hand lotion

Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

This **Sunday, August 30**, right after worship, FPC's Goodwill Ambassadors will gather in the East Parlor for lunch and to share summer ambassador experiences. Please bring with you anything that you collected over your travels (i.e. bulletins / newsletters etc.) to our neighboring churches. Also plan to share the highs and lows from your visits. Remember to fill out the survey monkey (click [HERE](#)) ASAP so we can pull a report to bring on Sunday.

NEW FALL BOOK STUDY

"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.

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 p.m. 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.



**** DATE CHANGE ****

Saturday, September 12

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

You gotta love ... the fact that former President Jimmy Carter continues to teach Bible Study at the Maranatha Baptist Church in his hometown of Plains, GA, even after he learned that he is battling cancer.

And, **you gotta love** ... that this Sunday is Kick-Off Sunday, and many of our long-time Sunday School teachers are returning to their own classrooms, as well as many first-time teachers who feel called to the ministry of Christian nurture. Thank you, teachers! Thank you learners! I look forward to seeing so many of you back this Sunday for breakfast at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. We will dedicate teachers and youth advisors in worship at 11:00.

You gotta love ... the outgoing ruling elders and caring deacons who are finishing up their three-year term of service this week. We applauded their 1095 days of service to the church during this interim period at the officers' dinner on Monday night. Thank you, deacons and elders, for your valuable contributions to the ministries of caring and governance!

And **you gotta love** ... the incoming class of caring deacons and ruling elders whom the Session approved on Monday night for ordination and installation this Sunday at 11 a.m. Some are stepping back into office for a second or third time; some are entirely new to serving the church in this way. Thank you, new officers, for hearing the call to serve, saying "yes," and being open to what God has in store for all of us.

You gotta love ... See you Sunday!

Marilyn

NOTES

Many thanks to **Ian and Jennie Belle** for opening their home to the Scratch group on Saturday night for a cookout, and to **Shirley Frederick** for arranging today's well-attended Daytimers' Luncheon at Spartacus.

SESSION BRIEFS

August 24, 2015

- Approved new officers, Sunday School teachers and curriculum for 2015-2016
- Approved sponsorship of new member **Mary D. Berry** as a Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament
- Several building updates and improvements are happening, including paint and carpeting in the basement, new paint in the Fellowship hall, improved storm windows on first floor, old cross from Memorial Garden refurbished to hang in Chapel
- Considering ways to offer communion to homebound members

Submitted by **Barbara Gerwe**, Clerk

A SERVICE OF WITNESS

The family of *Diana Montgomery Hyland Huggin* has requested that A Service of Witness to the Resurrection be held on Saturday, August 29 at 11:00 a.m. at FPC. A reception will be held in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Added this week:

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, patient at Duke Hospital

Minnie Cameron
Dewey Lawson

Paul Cornsweet
Ann Prospero
Sophie Snell

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

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!



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Circle and Bible Study

Due to Labor Day, we will meet on **September 14 at 10:30 a.m.** in the East Parlor. Study books have arrived. Please pick up a copy from *Shirley Frederick's* office

on your next visit to the church.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

I hope the first few days of school have been exciting and inspiring! I am so looking forward to kicking off Sunday School this week and Youth Group on September 13! Look out for news about times, parents' meetings, and the Middle School Presbytery Retreat in early October!

Blessings,
Sarah

YOUTH HANDBELLS

If your youth (6th-12th grade) is interested in playing handbells, and is able to make WEEKLY rehearsals after church on Sundays, please let *Kathy Parkins* know. Rehearsals will begin on **Sunday, September 13** following worship. Rehearsals last about 20-25 minutes.

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.

ACIS AND GALATEA

**Sunday, August 30
3:00 p.m. - Chapel of the Cross
304 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill**

El Fuego Early Music Ensemble presents a fun and historically informed Spanish Baroque Zarzuela about the Cyclops Polifemo (Bill Lycan), sea nymphs, and shepherds. Molly Quinn will sing the role of the sea goddess Galatea. The entertaining 70-minute performance will be led by Salome Sandoval McNutt and a fine group of period instrumentalists, from Cleveland, Baltimore, and the Triangle. Admission \$10, children free! Don't miss it! www.elfuegofire.com

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know? Your annual pledge of \$1000 provides a new curriculum for our middle school Sunday School class for over a year.

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.

SACRED VISITATIONS

Join faith communities around Durham for a week of interfaith hospitality and learning. Experience the spiritual practices of your neighbors with time for questions and conversation! RSVP required for each separate event. Please visit this webpage: <http://www.dcia.org/sacred-visitations-fall2015/> for details about each event and to register to attend.

SEPTEMBER DATES

Monday, Sept. 28 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Sukkot Service at Beth El Synagogue

Wednesday, Sept. 30 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study at Mount Gilead Baptist Church

October dates are forthcoming.

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



It's that time again!
Drivers, BEWARE!

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