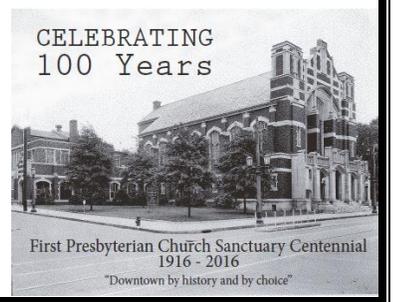


# First Presbyterian Church

**AUGUST 30, 2016**



## Sunday, September 4

The Session has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for this Sunday, September 4

(at the end of worship) to act on a recommendation from the FPC Board of Trustees regarding the sale of property.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:45 a.m. Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

Sermon: "The Potter's Hands"

**Mindy L. Douglas**, preaching



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

Congratulations to those who were installed as officers during worship on Sunday, August 28:

### RULING ELDERS

George Bernhardt  
Barbara Buckley  
Libby Gulley  
Delia Kwon  
Dewey Lawson  
\*Almira Mbah  
\*Carter Momsen-Hudson  
Karen Romines  
Gray Wilson

### DEACONS

\*Grace Abels  
Chris Anglin  
Catherine Dumas  
\*Sigfried Fullenkamp  
Kevin Kaufeld  
Mary-Jo Keenan  
Elizabeth Klinck  
Kathy Krahenbuhl  
David Lorimer  
Alissa Miles

We wish to thank our outgoing officers for their service and leadership these past three years. You served us well!

### RULING ELDERS

Wes Carson  
Barbara Gerwe  
Laura Hanson  
\*Aurelia Klinck  
\*Talitha Kwon  
Kristin Meade

### DEACONS

Jo Bernhardt  
Paul Cornsweet  
Jeanne Hervey  
Brianna Honea  
\*Almira Mbah  
\*Carter Momsen-Hudson  
Nate Pienkowski  
Ann Prospero  
Tim Strauman

\*Youth elected to serve a one year term  
**Officers will meet on September 26.**

## WANT TO JOIN FPC?

If yes, plan to attend a Get Acquainted Lunch after worship on **Sunday, September 11** and to attend new member orientation classes that will be held on the Sundays that follow. Contact **Sarah Finbow** ([s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org)) to sign up for the lunch and the classes.

## CONFRONTING RACISM

*Save the date!*

**Rev. Alan Storey** will speak on **Sunday, September 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the East Parlor at FPC about confronting racism in the church and society in his native South Africa and what lessons we can learn. For more info regarding this event, contact **Catherine Admay** or **Jon Abels**.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

What a wonderful day we had together yesterday! It started with Pokemon Go photo-ops, bagels, doughnut holes, a scavenger hunt and a ton of excited and energetic kids of all ages! We were able to recognize and thank our new Sunday School teachers, weekday Bible teachers and youth advisors during the Sunday School hour and in a powerful litany in worship. Also in worship, we had the opportunity to be a part of the service of ordination and installation for our incoming classes of deacons and ruling elders. How wonderful it is to witness the way God calls men, women and youth to these roles of leadership in the church. These new officers have been trained in theology, worship, polity and the sacraments and are humbly ready to begin this work that God has called them to do for First Presbyterian Church.

This is the time of new beginnings for many – a new year in school, a new school, a new job, a new opportunity, a new challenge. Even if you aren't changing anything significant in your life, the start of the fall season gives us all a chance to challenge ourselves to learn and grow in new and meaningful ways.

I challenge you this season to take advantage of the newness all around you and find a way to open yourself to something new in your life – a new class, a new study group, a new spiritual discipline, a new attitude toward life, a new habit of study and prayer, a new gratitude for all that God has done for you, a new grasp of God's grace in your life each day. Write down your hopes for growth and renewal. Find a partner to start something new with you. Be in prayer about what God might be calling you to do and be in this new season of your life.

In all of this newness remember that you are loved and that you are called in your baptism to grow in grace and service to God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. May God be with us all.

Grace and peace,

*Mindy*

Copies of the **2016-2017 FPC**

**PROGRAM CALENDAR** are now available for pick up at the church. If you prefer an electronic copy, contact Valerie in the church office and one can be emailed.

Worship Texts:	
Old Testament	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 1
Epistle Lesson	Philemon 1-21
Gospel Lesson	Luke 14:25-33

Worship Liturgist: **Jane Williams**

Croasdaile Driver: **Michael Honeycutt**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

(Side/Font) **to be determined**

(Rear/Narthex) **to be determined**

Ushers: **Jennie Alwood** (head), **Chris Anglin**, **Grace Abels**, **Chris Brown**, **Carl Anglin**, **Al Arrowood**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### FAITH AND COMMUNITY CLASS

*Thomas Wolfe and*

*Maxwell Perkins: Genius*

As a lifetime member of the Thomas Wolfe Society, **Sam Miglares** is pleased to discuss the film "Genius" this Sunday. The film primarily focuses on the unique personal and professional relationship between Perkins and Wolfe. Join Sam in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45, even if you have not read Wolfe or seen the movie! All are welcome.

### LECTIONARY CLASS

What is the cost of your faith? Are there valuable things or relationships that you must give up in order to be a faithful disciple? What are you willing to give up? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### JOURNEYS CLASS

*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* is our fall study. Come journey with us at 9:45 in the **Wilson Parlor**. **Andy Henry** leads this class. All are welcome.

### SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS CLASS

We're meeting at Scratch Bakery this Sunday, 9:45 -10:45 a.m. Park at FPC and walk over to Orange St. **Heather Wallace** is our leader this year and she'll meet you there! Our study of Lauren Winner's book, *Wearing God*, will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**Susan Dunlap** will lead our discussion. This class will meet the same as last year, lower level classroom, at 9:45.

### FAMILY MATTERS

This parent-led class will be using *Searching for Happiness* as a guide this fall. Join us in room 209 at 9:45 as we share parenting tips and discuss ways to practice our faith as families.

## FPC SESSION BRIEFS (August 22, 2016)

- Received the **Ad Hoc Safety Committee Report**;
- An **Ad Hoc Investments Committee** is preparing a policy statement on investments which will be presented later this fall;
- An **FPC/Day School Task Force** is reviewing models of legal ownership between the two and will make a recommendation next spring;
- Approved additional wording to the **Personnel Manual** regarding Parish Associate appointments;
- Approved **Christyn Klinck** as the new Clerk of Session for 2016-2017;
- Approved November 6, 2016 as the **baptism** date for **Shane Njoroge Muchugia**, son of **Kevin and Lydia Muchugia** and grandson of **Mary Gitata**;
- Approved November 1, 2016 as the date for the **Annual Congregational Dinner**.

## NOTES

- The **Sacrament of Baptism** was celebrated for **Robin Morey**, daughter of **Miriam Morey**, on August 21.
- Special thanks to **Shirley Frederick** for arranging the **Daytimers' Luncheon** for August at Ruby Tuesdays. The 21 attendees had a wonderful time.

## STAFF SABBATICALS

**Marilyn Hedgpeth**,

Associate Pastor, returns October 22

**Kathy Parkins**,

Minister of Music, returns November 13  
Please respect their time away. Feel free to contact the church office if assistance is needed in their ministry areas.

## OUR CONCERNS

**Bob Keever**, receiving hospice care

**Al Crumbliss**, recovering at home

**Sarah and Pete Finbow**

**Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):**

**Julian Boswell**

**Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:**

**Helen Garrison**

**Coasdaile Village:**

**Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren**

**Hillcrest: Randall McLeod**

**Forest at Duke:**

**Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner,  
Peaches McPherson**

- **Lisa Bennett**, friend of Mary-Jo Keenan
- **Elizabeth Chomba**, niece of Mercy Ndambiri
- **Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson
- **Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson
- **Paul McCombs**, friend of FPC
- **Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- **Janice Rattray**, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- **Sue Sanderson**, sister-in-law of Sheila and Bob Breitweiser
- **Chuck Schultz**, father of Amy Dillon
- **Martha Smith-Trout**, mother of David Smith
- **Pat Utigard**, cousin of Caroline Pritchett
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Your generosity to the Walk-in Ministry is so very much appreciated. We hand out 50-60 blessing bags (including toiletry kits) each week, so keep those supplies coming! All donations are appreciated by our neighbors in need!

## CENTENNIAL MEMORY BOOK

A memory book is in the church foyer (by the bulletin board) for the next two months for you to leave any thoughts you have about what FPC means to you – looking back and looking forward! You can email your thoughts to **Caroline Rourk** or write them on a note card and place them in the book.



## Are you ready to . . . GO?

Youth Groups begin September 11<sup>th</sup> with kickoff activities from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Middle and high school youth are invited!

## SCRATCH BRUNCH FOR YOUNG ADULTS

**Saturday, September 3**

**9:00 a.m. at the home of**

**Mary and Stephen Berry**

(614 Lafayette Dr., Hillsborough)

Please respond to the EVITE!

Remember to bring a favorite brunch dish for this potluck gathering!



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## CIRCLE MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 12**

10:30 a.m., East Parlor

## BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet **Tuesday, September 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the home of **Marila Stone** (marilacordeiro@hotmail.com) to discuss *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. **Dale Gaddis** will lead the discussion. New faces are welcome to join us!

## FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

**Annual Beach Trip  
September 23-25**

The **deadline** to reserve space for your family is September 11. You may respond to the EVITE, or contact **Kathy Conner** (919-382-6332 or [kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com](mailto:kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com)) or **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** (919-732-9595 or [dmomsenudson@gmail.com](mailto:dmomsenudson@gmail.com)) or just tell them when you see them.

## FPC LEGACY SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, September 28**

**Society Members' Luncheon**

**11:30 a.m. at Hope Valley Diner**



Are you a quilter? The **Worship & the Arts Committee** plans an exhibit of quilts, made by FPC members, in October. Please contact **BJ**

**Morton** at [bjmorton1954@aol.com](mailto:bjmorton1954@aol.com) if you want more information on submitting quilts for the exhibit.

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP Family Garden** closed after years of service to FPC and the Durham community. If you signed up to donate flowers for worship in the coming weeks, please contact **Floral Dimensions** (3401 University Drive, Durham - 919-493-1593). If you have questions, please contact **Phyllis Verhey** at 919-973-2929 or by email at: [pverhey@nc.rr.com](mailto:pverhey@nc.rr.com). Check the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for available Sundays for the remainder of 2016.

## SAFETY AT FPC

We are a downtown church committed to providing hospitality to the stranger. While we are not experiencing safety issues at this time, our location and mission come with certain safety concerns. Here are two safety tips:

- When you exit the church facilities in the evening after a meeting or choir practice, please go into the parking lot along with others and not alone.
- Even though your heart may tell you to give money to those who approach you in the parking lot for assistance, please refrain. It would be helpful to suggest to the person that they may wish to come by the church and/or stop by Urban Ministries in the morning for help. The church provides help to those needing it on a daily basis and also partners with Urban Ministries to enhance our efforts to serve our neighbors.

– **FPC Ad Hoc Safety Committee**

## PARKING LOT CHANGES

We will soon change to a one-way traffic pattern in and out of the church's parking lot. **The only entrance to our lot will be from Liberty Street. The only exit will be onto Roxboro Street.** Drivers coming north on Roxboro are asked to pass the lot, turn right onto Liberty, and use that entrance. The lot will be sealed and re-stripped, a crosswalk and arrows will be painted on the lot to help with traffic flow, and handicapped spaces will be obvious and well-marked.

– **FPC Property Committee**

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP TO HONDURAS

**Margaret and Miguel Rubiera** will be leading another trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity in early 2017, and there are a few spots left on the team. If you have been considering participating in one of these trips and your heart yearns not only to serve others, but also to learn from them, then come join us! **Dates: February 10 – 19, 2017.** All-inclusive cost: \$1,800. As you work to change lives, you may find that it is your life being most strongly impacted. For more info, contact Margaret Rubiera at [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com).

## QUARTERLY DINNERS

**Families Moving Forward** provides a home to families with children who are experiencing homelessness. FPC will be preparing the dinner and providing childcare on **Thursday, September 15, and again on Thursday, December 21.** If you are interested in helping at one of these dinners, contact **Lea Bingham**, at 919-358-1774 or [leabingham@gmail.com](mailto:leabingham@gmail.com).

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