

First Presbyterian News

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Whether or not they believe in God, whether or not they find God an attractive notion, most people have an idea of God, an idea that tends to center on power. God is all-powerful, omnipotent God is in charge of everything. God is like a king, and one who rules as an absolute monarch. God is like a father and a patriarchal, domineering father at that . . . The Christian gospel, however, starts its understanding of God from a very different place. To read the biblical narratives is to encounter a God who is, first of all, love. Love involves a willingness to put oneself at risk, and God is in fact vulnerable in love, vulnerable even to great suffering. - **William C. Placher**, [Narratives of a Vulnerable God](#)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "For Such A Time As This"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 124
Epistle Lesson	James 5:13-20
Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:38-50

Acolytes: **Sam Henry, Peter Compton**

Crucifer: **Talitha Kwon**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Elizabeth High,
Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters:

James Compton (side/font)

Jean Cary (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Amy Sanchez** (head), **John
Cowden** (flower delivery), **Cris Rivera,
Miriam Morey, Jim Johnson**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

FAITH AND COMMUNITY CLASS

*"The Fragility of Life
and God's Presence"*

Rabbi Daniel Greyber is the rabbi at Beth El Synagogue in Trinity Park. This Sunday, he will be our guest to talk about the Jewish observance of Sukkot which begins on Sunday. Daniel will also discuss his new book, [Faith Unraveled](#). Come and meet a new neighbor and friend of FPC. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

LECTIONARY CLASS

If God is in charge, what role do we have? Are there any situations in which, by our witness or our prayer or even a brave action like Esther's, we can have an important part to play? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

PARENTAL WISDOM, a new Sunday School class for new parents, parents-to-be, or parents who haven't figured it all out yet, meets in room 203 on the second floor of the Education Building at 9:45. This is a great opportunity to meet other puzzled parents and to form bonds of fellowship that will last a lifetime.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet with in the basement youth room on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. to begin our study of "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt."

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

A series of Newcomer's Classes will begin with a get acquainted supper for participants on Sunday evening, **September 30 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Joe and Carlisle Harvard's** home. Classes will continue on the following Sunday mornings **October 7, 14 and 21** in the Church parlor at FPC beginning at 9:45 a.m. Visitors who are interested in exploring membership at FPC or new members who have not attended the newcomer's classes in the past are cordially invited to participate. Please call **Shirley Frederick** in the church office at 919-682-5511 or email s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org by September 26th with inquiries or to indicate your interest in participating.

Dongho Lee,

Organist in concert

Friday, September 28

7:30 p.m. at FPC (sanctuary)

A reception will follow the concert
Event co-sponsored by FPC and AGO

CONCERT AT FPC

The **Chamber Choir of the Choral Society of Durham** and members of the **Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham** will present a free concert at FPC on **Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m.** featuring music of Paul Leary and Bill Robinson

2013 TRAVEL SEMINAR

Carlisle Harvard invites you to join her on a Seminar to Greece entitled "Pauline Theology and Eastern Orthodox Spirituality" **May 7 -17, 2013**. The seminar will be led by **Dr. Bruce Rigdon**, church historian, and includes a three day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. Places visited include: Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, and Thessaloniki. Cost from NYC is \$3069 plus taxes/fees. Flyers / applications will be available at the church on Sunday. Contact Carlisle at 919-489-2818 or ccharvard@gmail.com if you have questions.

The **Hunger for Change**
Offering received on **September 23**
totaled **\$279.00**.

RETIREMENT

Homer Ashby is retiring this week from the Triangle Pastoral Counseling Center. He has spent one day a week at FPC seeing clients and we are grateful for his service.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

At the Joint Officers meeting on Monday, **Sallie Verner**, a member of FPC and retired Christian Educator at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, led us in a helpful discussion of the marks of healthy congregations. Healthy congregations keep focused on the mission of the church in worship, study, and service as a witness to the reign of God. They also build community with trusting and supportive relationships. Leaders in such faith communities are not anxious about the future but embrace it in hope and respond to change in a positive manner rather than react in fear.

The officers engaged in a good conversation about ways we can strengthen the life and ministry of FPC as we move forward together seeking to be faithful to God in following Christ. We need your help and support. Let us know ways that we can build up the body of Christ at FPC. Your participation in worship and service is essential to our health.

This Sunday we will welcome the rabbi at Beth El Synagogue back to FPC during Sunday School. **Rabbi Daniel Greyber** was introduced to Durham when he attended the service for his dear friend, **David Knauert**. Interesting enough, Daniel has just published an excellent book about the fragility of life and how we respond as people of faith. I hope to you will join us for what promises to be a good conversation.

Joe

NOTES

Eric Sapp, our former Youth Minister, was in town to speak at Duke this week.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Noah Joseph Kim** on Sunday during worship. Noah is the son of **Harrison Kim and Jinhwa Jeong-Kim**.

SOCKS DRIVE

Project Homeless Connect is an annual gathering at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park where volunteers help homeless individuals and families connect to housing, employment, healthcare, and other needed services. This year's event will be October 11th, and FPC has been asked to donate **NEW adult-sized socks**. **We'll be collecting socks until October 8th (basket in foyer)**. Thanks so much for your help. For questions, contact **Lea Bingham**: 919-680-6749 or send email to: leabingham@gmail.com.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended the following:

- ♦ **Harold and Susan Dunlap, Prasad and Anna Kasibhatla** on the death of **Jean Dunlap** (wife, mother, grandmother) on September 20;
- ♦ **Doris Callaway and Stephanie** on the death of Doris' father, **Woody Morgan** on September 20;
- ♦ FPC Day School Director **Katharine Smith** and family on the death of her father, **Edward Jennette** on September 20.

OUR CONCERNS

- **David Garrison**, at The Brian Center
- **Ellen Keever**, at Durham Regional
- **Bob Rankin**, at Duke Hospital

Katherine Carr **Peter Fish**
Helen Garrison **Jim Hedrick**
Diana Huggin **Ann Majestic**
Mozette Rollins **Chris Wehrman**

Coasdaile Village

Don Jenkins (Pavilion, E-116)
Carol Johnson (Friendship, D-120)
Jerry Tyren (Pavilion, E-205)

Hillcrest Convalescent

Tom Howerton
Randall and Connie McLeod

The Forest at Duke

Peaches McPherson (Holbrook Center)
Ken Goldner **Ruth Mary Meyer**

Added this week:

Nancy Lewis, friend of **Bill Hendrickson** and **Sally Feather**

- **Mike Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard
- **Olene Crider**, friend of Jean and Chuck Wilson
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Willa Eichost**, friend of Alissa Miles
- **Betsy Euler**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **Worth Hudson**, father of Tyler Momsen-Hudson
- **Paul Kilbridge**, father of Mike Kilbridge
- **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- **Nants Reynolds**, sister of Joe Harvard
- **Martha Smith-Trout**, mother of David Smith
- **Katie Warren**, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson
- **Wyndel Watson**, father of Kathy Conner
- **Kemper Foy Zeigler**, friend of the Harvards

Copies of **These Days** for October – December 2012 have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available in the foyer and narthex.

Save the Date!

Sunday, October 28

FPC will worship at Trinity United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. in a celebration of music event.

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As we continue to gear up for a year of fellowship and service, I will be meeting with the parents of youth this Sunday. Also this Sunday, we will be tie-dyeing professionally printed T-shirts that we can wear as a group as we care and love one another in our youth group, church, and community! Please bring \$10 and wear clothes that can get messed up! Thank you to the **Klinck** family for feeding our flock this past Sunday.

Sarah

Save the Date

SENIORS FALL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 24

11:30 a.m. gathering

12 Noon Luncheon

Presenter: **James "Mickey" Efird**

More details to come!

We are ready to continue our men's basketball season with our first fall basketball evening! We



have reserved the Hope Valley Baptist Church gym for **Thursday, September 27** from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Please contact **Carl Rist** if you plan to play for FPC this fall season.

FPC MEN OF FAITH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Nosh's Café – 2812 Erwin Road

Please come by and stay as long as you can.

Growing Together '12

September 29, 2012

9:30 am – 3:30 p.m.

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh

Registration Fee: \$20; Lunch provided.

Registration Deadline September 20

Info is available from the table outside the Volunteer's Office at the church.

Iglesia Hispana Emanuel

Presents

La Fiesta Del Taco

Saturday, September 29

5:00 p.m.

2504 N. Roxboro St., Durham

For more information: 919-451-6626 or

919-672-4333

FLOWER VASES NEEDED

We are in need of glass vases about 9" high and 3-4" in diameter for distributing the sanctuary flowers to home bound members.

YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP: If you are a college graduate or older and looking for a group of graduate students and young professionals, perhaps this group is for you. **Michael Schultz** and **Heather Wallace** are facilitators. To join the group with all our announcements and events, email heather.wallace.42@gmail.com.

Daytimers had a good gathering at Bergama's Restaurant today. Thanks to **Joanne Harrar** and **Carolyn Wolfe** for hosting!

PRIMETIMER'S GATHERING

Saturday, September 29

at 6:30 p.m.

Shirley Frederick's home

3519 Westglen Road

RSVP to Shirley at 919-489-7102 or

shirleyfred@nc.rr.com and indicate

the dish you will bring to share.

WORSHIP FLOWER DONORS

Please confirm your standing reservation for Sundays in October and November as soon as possible. If you would like to donate flowers, donors are needed for **October 14, 21, and November 4**. Please contact **Susan Thompson** at 919-477-0425 or 919-361-8868 ext 292 or contact **Valerie McMillian** in the Church office at v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511. Flowers can be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or friend, to mark a baptism, a significant birthday or an anniversary.

Habitat in Honduras

Will 2013 be the year for you to reach beyond our borders and participate in an unforgettable mission? If so, consider joining **Margaret and Miguel Rubiera** for a Habitat for Humanity 10-day building trip to Honduras. While there, we will provide tangible, hands-on help for our Honduran brothers and sisters, while developing amazing relationships that transcend cultural and language barriers. As you labor and serve, you may just find that the life being changed is yours.

Dates: **January 25 – February 3, 2013**

February 8 – 17, 2013

Contact Margaret for more information at mrubiera@triad.rr.com or 919-425-1413.

WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY & PEACEMAKING

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

(Matthew 5:9)

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians to work for peace by tearing down the walls of hostility. The day to receive the Offering is **October 7, World Communion Sunday**, which is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace.