

First Presbyterian Church



Established 1871

October 28, 2014



SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
This Sunday, the **Confirmation Class of Judea Reform Congregation** will worship with us. After worship, they will have conversations over lunch with our youth.

Sermon:

**"Building on a Firm Foundation:
2. Taking Hold of Life"**
Mark E. Diehl, preaching



Daylight Saving

Time ends at 2:00 a.m.

on Sunday, November 2.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

"Building on a Firm Foundation"

I Timothy 6:18-19

**Pastoral care is a vital foundation
of our church.**

I once thought pastoral care was limited to ministers visiting the homebound and caring for ill members. When **Will** and I had two sick children over a short time period, we experienced the pastoral care provided by the wider congregation of caregivers.

Our first gift of pastoral care came to us in December 2003. I was pregnant with high-risk twins. Only one twin survived and was born at 29 weeks. You know her as **Laura Mishler**. Laura Mish spent 10 weeks in the NICU while Will and I worked saving leave until she could be home.

First Pres members surrounded us with prayers, meals, dog walking, leaf raking, and other amazing acts that were invaluable in such a stressful time. This kindness came from members we didn't know well at a time when we were still new to the church. What a gift of pastoral care!

Our second gift of pastoral care came a few years later after Will and I had our second daughter **Florence**. Florence became sick at age two with a difficult to diagnose disease. Will and I traveled with Florence across the country seeking medical advice.

The stress of medical travel and living at different hospitals for months is indescribable. But yet First Pres was active on our home-front: delivering meals, retrieving groceries, hosting Laura Mish play-dates, reading to Florence, singing Christmas carols, raking bags of leaves, and showering us with prayers. Each of these generous acts gave us courage to continue on the journey knowing that God is good.

When the community of church members, along with the ministers, together takes part in the care-giving, this is pastoral care at its best! And this is an essential part of our foundation.

With gratitude, **Leslie McDowell**

REMEMBER TO RSVP!

Thursday, November 6

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Katie Owen Aumann

Duke Campus Minister



Sunday, November 2

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at FPC

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

AND Thanksgiving Feast

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Okay, I admit it. I bought a Christmas present last week, before Halloween and lo-o-o-ong before Thanksgiving. Prepare an intervention for me, please.

My mother would hit the sales racks on the days between Christmas and New Years Day to pick up treasures for NEXT year's Christmas. Often those presents would sit in their festive wrappings for 360 days before the recipients could open them. She kept them in a closet and throughout the year had to dust them to keep the presents looking nice. I comfort myself that I haven't gotten that bad yet.

My mother loved both "the hunt" and "the anticipation" of gift giving. She rationalized what others might consider compulsive behavior in three ways: the money she saved, the quality of gifts she could give, and having her Christmas shopping done by January. As a recipient of her largess, who was I to argue with those rationalizations?

As much as she loved getting a bargain, giving thoughtful and well-considered gifts to her loved ones was even more important. Giving motivated her, whether it was at Christmas time or merely hosting company in her home. In an unusual way, my mother had a gift for focusing on others. And as I've gotten older, I am realizing what an important attribute and spiritual gift that can be.

No, it is not Christmas time yet. But when is giving and generosity ever out of season?

Grace and peace,

Mark

SESSION BRIEFS

OCTOBER 26, 2014

- Approved the **Mission Study Committee Report** which now goes to Presbytery for approval. Once the report is approved, FPC will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee which can begin work immediately.
- Adopted **Child and Youth Protection Policy** which will be implemented during the next months.
- Adopted the **Needs Budget for 2015**; observed that the gap between expenditures and pledges has been growing slightly in the last four years which has caused a smaller percentage to be directed toward missions.

- **Barbara Gerwe**, Clerk of Session

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the Scanlon family. **David H. Scanlon III**, grandson of the Rev. David H. Scanlon, minister here from 1920-1938, died in Knoxville, TN on October 24 and was buried Wednesday in Maplewood Cemetery. He worked on the Scanlon Papers in our archives last August and now he has joined the Church Triumphant.

Journeys Class
Journeys will continue discussion Paul's letter to the Romans on Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor of the CE building.

Spiritual Formation Class
Join **Susan Dunlap** at 9:45 in the lower level classroom located across the hall from the Youth Room for discussion.

Family Matters Class
Using **Seamless Faith** as our study book, this Sunday, we will discuss "Ignatian Examen" (Chapter 6 - p. 124). Join us on the second floor of the CE building at 9:45.

Scratch/Young Adults Class
This week **Carlo DiY** will lead a discussion on creation (from Guthrie's **Christian Doctrine**). Join us at 9:45 in the lower level classroom.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Louise Miglarese, mother of Sam Miglarese
Juliet Bethune **Nowell Creadick**
Dorothy Graham **Edward Kwon**
Beth Neece **Ann Prospero**

Carolina House:

Helen Garrison (Chapel Hill)
Julian Boswell (Durham)

Croasdaile Village:

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

Hillcrest:

Randall McLeod
Ruth Buck, mother of Susan Buck

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Dorothy Anderson**, grandmother of Laura Kelley
- **Jo Banner**, sister of Dan Banner
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Norma Cardoni**, mother of Sheila Breitweiser
- **Roger Edmund-Adcock**, father of Catherine Admay
- **Brad Holbrook**, father of Kerry Holbrook
- **Peter Keese**, friend of Peter and Barbara Fish
- **Lawson Family**, Arlington, VA
- **Carol Morris-Hostetter** and **Katie Warren**, friends of Beth Eisenson
- **Donato Yalong**, uncle of Lyn Francisco

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth of FPC had a fantastic time joining with the youth of Trinity Ave and Westminster this past Sunday night for a great time of fun and fellowship! Over 80 youth and adults attended! This Saturday, we will be volunteering our time gleaning sweet potatoes. We will also enjoy regular youth groups on Sunday evening!

Blessings,
Sarah

CONFIRMATION

Class will meet in our classroom this Sunday to discuss our experience of worshipping at Efland Presbyterian Church last Sunday, and to talk about some of the "saints" in our lives. Mentors (saints) are always invited to join us.

II CORINTHIANS STUDY

The Friday/Sunday study groups are reading **II Corinthians: Reconciling Paul**. One group meets on Friday mornings from 10:30 - noon (with childcare provided upon request), and the other meets on Sunday afternoons at Heritage Hall in Croasdaile Village from 3:00 - 4:30. Study books will be available in class.

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, November 11
The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the home of **Beth Eisenson** to discuss **Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngoze Adichie on November 11th. **Celia Dickerson** will lead the discussion. Please RSVP to Beth to let her know if you will be coming (heisenson@aol.com).

SCRATCH POTLUCK

Saturday, November 1

6:00 p.m. at the home of

Heather Wallace

Please respond to the EVITE

PINK RIBBON BUILD

On **Saturday, November 1**, come join your FPC friends for a special work day on the Pink Ribbon Build. Sign up for the morning (8:30 - 11:30) or afternoon (12:30 - 3:30) shift. Tools will be provided — you just have to bring your enthusiasm! Address: 2306 Harvard Ave, in NE Central Durham. Contact **Margaret Rubiera** at margaretmr29@gmail.com or 919-425-1413 to learn more and to sign up.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle and Bible Study

Monday, November 3

10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor

Susan Dunlap will lead the Bible Study.
New faces always welcome!

Dear friends,

Lina and Bob want to thank everyone for their expressions of concern, their thoughts, and their prayers during Bob's unplanned glaucoma surgery. His eye is now stable with a more normal pressure. Your love has been made very real. - **Bob and Lina Yoder**



NEW MEMBERS:

Please welcome the following who joined FPC on Sunday, October 26, 2014:

Matt and Marcia Floding, 12 St. Elias Drive, 27705, 919-564-9739, moved to Durham from Holland, MI in July, 2012.

Matt accepted a position at Duke Divinity School as Director of Ministerial Formation and Field Education. His educational background includes studying at Bethel University, Wheaton College, McCormick Theological Seminary and Western Theological Seminary. Matt grew up in Minneapolis, MN; Marcia hails from Ohio. Marcia also studied at Bethel University and completed her formal education at Northwestern College, enabling her to become a Christian Educator. The Flodings are the parents of three adult children. Their shared interests include music, hiking and reading. Marcia also enjoys sketching and water colors. Matt cites cooking as a special interest. They are transferring their membership from a local congregation.

Karen Swope, 400 Bywood Drive, 27712, 919-382-3462, was born in Harrisburg, PA and raised in Fayetteville, NC. She was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville. She has been a resident of Durham since 1997. Karen majored in Regional and Urban Planning at Appalachian State University and is a Senior Planner in the Durham City/County Planning Department. Since worshipping at FPC, she has prepared blessing bags for our Walk- in Ministry and collected children's gently used clothing in response to special requests. Karen enjoys traveling and relaxes with reading and gardening activities. She is joining FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

Jane Williams, 2804 Ashland Drive, 27705, 336-577-8240, and her husband, **Roger Kalthoff**, recently relocated to Durham from Winston-Salem, NC following her retirement from the Wake Forest School of Medicine. A native of Russellville, AK, her educational path pursuing the field of Clinical Psychology took her to both UCLA and Harvard. Jane was an active member of Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, AR for over 25 years (served as Elder). Since 2004 she has been a member of Parkway UCC in Winston-Salem. Jane is very interested in social justice and has worked on social action projects both in the U.S. and Third World countries. She is joining FPC by transfer of her membership from Parkway UCC in Winston-Salem.

Jennie and daughter Frances Zehmer, 716 Ferris Road, 27704, 919-627-1442, recently moved to Durham from Hickory, NC. Jennie, a native of Virginia, studied at Virginia Commonwealth University and George Washington University. She is President of Here to Home, Inc., a business that helps people organize their present home or make transitions to smaller living quarters. Jennie enjoys traveling and in her spare time she likes to cook. In addition to Frances, her family includes her teenage son, James who resides in Hickory. Frances was born in Pennsylvania while the family resided there. She is a freshman at Riverside High School, and attends Sunday school at FPC and is active with the Senior High Fellowship. Frances plays lacrosse and also the guitar. Jennie and Frances are joining FPC by transfer of their membership from Church of the Master UCC in Hickory.

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