

# First Presbyterian Church

May 27, 2014



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## SUNDAY, JUNE 1

*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Recognition of Graduates*



### Sunday School Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation

We will gather in Watts Hill Hall **at 9:30** for a light breakfast, and then show appreciation for our many teachers. **ADULT CLASSES are invited to breakfast, too, as we will also "appreciate" your teachers!**

#### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Recognition of graduates and those who serve in a teaching ministry

Sermon: **"A Vision for Others"**

**Mark E. Diehl**, preaching

#### Worship Texts

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|---------------|---------------|
| Old Testament | Psalm 68:1-10 |
| New Testament | Acts 16:4-15  |

Acolyte: **Joseph Boulden**

Crucifer: **Colin Moore**

Croasdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Edward and Delia Kwon**

After worship greeters:

**Anna Kasibhatla** (narthex/rear)

**Mal King** (font/side)

Ushers: **Jeanne Hervey** (head), **Nate**

**Pienkowski** (flowers), **Briana Honea, Joy Kerner, Delia Kwon, Edward Kwon**

## PRAY, EAT, LOVE

Over the summer, you are invited to bring children and friends to meet at the church every Friday at 11:00 a.m. for prayer, and then at 11:30 to walk to a downtown venue for an early lunch. **This Friday, May 30**, we'll walk to Monuts on Parish Street. Over the course of the summer, we hope to visit Scratch Bakery, Old Havana, Bull City Burgers, Dos Peros, Rue Cler, and other eateries located within a short walking distance. Come support one another and our downtown community.

## NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

Calling all new elders and deacons: Before school is out and everyone scatters, we'll get together for fellowship, training, and group bonding. Come and get to know your fellow officers called to serve at this crucial time in our church's history. We'll meet this **Sunday, June 1** and **Sunday, June 8** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with a light supper included. RSVP to the church office (l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org) if you can attend.



In celebration of the birth of the Church, please **WEAR RED, ORANGE OR YELLOW** on Sunday, June 8 in observance of Pentecost Sunday. The PCUSA Pentecost Offering will be

received during worship. This offering benefits programs for children at risk and ministries for youth and young adults. Please give generously!

## FATHER'S DAY FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, June 14

Durham Community Band

5:00 p.m. FREE Concert in Central Park

Bring a chair or a blanket.

Food trucks will be available.

# Thank You, Teachers!

**June 1** is a day of Sunday School celebration and we are asking you to **bring a finger-food to supplement the feast**, if you can. Children and youth are asked to bring a note or picture honoring one of their teachers (or all of them). We will share these notes as a new way of thanking the many teachers in our midst. We will also be soliciting teaching teams for summer Sunday School, "Meet You at the Movies".

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School begins June 8<sup>th</sup>



and will focus on movies for children, youth, and adults. We'll look at film clips and talk theology around such movies as *Up*; *Mandela: Long*

*Walk to Freedom*; *Grapes of Wrath*; *Finding Nemo*; and *Shawshank Redemption*. Children and parents will have an opportunity to view their movies on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., beginning June 11, prior to the Sunday discussion. Please find a partner, and sign up to team-teach a class.



### "There's No Place Like Home"

Habitat for Humanity and Housing for New Hope invite you to a Beloved Community fundraising event: "There's No Place Like Home" - 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, June 1** at Duke Memorial UMC. This one-hour concert with reception to follow features: **Lois Deloatch, Terry Allebaugh, Mel Williams, United Voices of Praise, Cyril Murphy** and friends. All welcome!

## VOLUNTEER

### POSITION

FPC is looking for YOU! We are in need of weekday office volunteers – either weekly assignments or as an occasional substitute when regular volunteers are on vacation. **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** are regular openings available and other times periodically during the week. High school and college students are especially encouraged to help out. Wouldn't this experience look great on a resume? Please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or by email: s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org if you can help.



## FROM THE

### INTERIM PASTOR

Speaking from his experience as a Croatian in a period of ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia, theologian Mirsoslav Volf examines the tendency of humanity to dehumanize and devalue "the other" - any who are different in terms of tribe or ethnicity or custom or religion.

Articulating an alternate view of Christian theology in his book *Exclusion and Embrace*, Volf sees the appropriate response as embrace and reconciliation rather than repudiation and exclusion. As God has embraced us in Christ, so the Christian community is to embrace and engage in reconciliation. As he notes in his book, Volf thinks that is a tough sell in modern culture.

In our sermon this Sunday, we will look at two very different people from the New Testament and how their differences did not divide them but through Christ united them in something more significant than their political or social views. The text comes from Acts 16:4-15.

On another subject: Have you noticed how hot it has been in the sanctuary the past two Sundays? I sure have! The reason has been a thermostat that has not been functioning properly and the temperature has been much higher than it should be. This week, the thermostat is being replaced and the temperature for worship should be more comfortable! Since pulpit gowns don't come with air conditioning, I am pleased with this solution!

I do want to encourage you to dress comfortably and therefore more casually during the summer months. We are attempting to keep costs down, and comfortable attire (open shirts rather than coats and ties) will help us to do that more responsibly.

Grace and peace,

*Mark*

## NOTES

- Congratulations to FPC Day School Director **Katharine Smith**, who was one of the honorees at this weekend's Lawrence and Artella Perry Scholarship Fund Legacy Luncheon. Katharine was honored for her contributions to early childhood education.
- Kudos to **Cheryl and Amanda Englund** for hosting our parents with young children at a picnic on Saturday at their home.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Joseph Ngumi** and sons Eric, Anthony, and Lee, and **Mary Gitata** (cousin) on the sudden death of Joseph's wife, **Phyllis Wanjiru Githua**, on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Kenya. Joseph had just returned from a visit home and now will return to Kenya to celebrate and honor her life.

## OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Edward and Delia Kwon** on the birth of a granddaughter. **Pilar Jade Kwon** was born May 26<sup>th</sup> in South Dakota.

### Added this week:

**Bob Little and family**, friends of Kerry Holbrook

**James Compton** and students from Cooper House at Virginia Tech request traveling mercies while on a mission trip to Guatemala. You can follow them on this blogspot: <http://cooperhouseguat.blogspot.com/>

**Sam Miglarese** is in Venice directing a summer Global Education program. He will return to Durham on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Sam in your prayers this summer!

**Ken Goldner** **Dorothy Graham**  
**Edward Kwon** **Ann Majestic**  
**Ann Prospero**

**Carolina House (Chapel Hill):**  
**Helen Garrison**

**Carolina House (Durham):** **Julian Boswell**

### Croasdaile Village:

Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**  
**Jerry Tyren**

Friendship Hall: **Anne Davis**

**The Cedars, Chapel Hill:** **Mary Clark**

**Hillcrest:** **Randall McLeod**

### The Forest at Duke:

**Fran Bryant**  
**Joan Englund**  
**Peaches McPherson**

**Treyburn** (Peak Resources):  
**Anne Martin** (sister of Beth Neece)

- **Jim Goff**, father of Leslie McDow
- **The Lawson Family**, Arlington VA
- **Rich Lewis**, friend of the Henry family
- **Rosemary Orphys**, aunt of Kerry Holbrook
- **Brian Stringall**, friend of Joanne Harrar and Carolyn Wolfe
- **Julie Stroud**, friend of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Jeremy Taylor**, friend of Ben Neece

## MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

**Friday, May 30 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Nosh's Café – 2812 Erwin Road**

Please come by and stay as long as you can.

## FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

Join **Eric Wiebe / Cynthia Shimer** for an "ADULTS ONLY" gathering of First Friends on **Friday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.** Hosts will be providing a pork roast and sweet potato chili fries for everyone. Sides and desserts appreciated. Bring beverages to share. Plan to be outside, so a folding lawn chair might be a good thing to bring. Remember, no kids! Respond to the EVITE or contact Cynthia (919-493-3038 or [Ishimer59@gmail.com](mailto:Ishimer59@gmail.com)) for more info or if you need directions to the house.

## YOUTH NEWS



There are no regularly scheduled youth group meetings for the summer. HOWEVER, stay tuned for special events in between trips! Summer Sunday School will begin on June 8th. Join us at 9:45 for movie discussions.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're excited about VCS this year at Camp New Hope, June 16 - 20. We have 120 children, and 46 youth enrolled from our five collaborating churches. New hours are from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to better accommodate working families (and heat!), and **Kathy Parkins** is offering a music camp in the afternoons to fill out the day. We still could use volunteers daily to help with the camp; volunteers to drive children from Iglesia Emanuel; and scholarship support for children who have difficulty paying the \$90 fee. If you can help, contact **Sarah Finbow** or **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

## BOOK GROUP POTLUCK

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet for a potluck supper and selection meeting at **6:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Gerwe on Tuesday, June 10.** You can email Barbara for more information: [bebegerwe@gmail.com](mailto:bebegerwe@gmail.com).

## Primetimers and Scratch Group

**Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Covered Dish Supper at the home of **Marcia and Bill Lorimer**

Primetimers and the young adults are joining together for an evening of fellowship at the home of **Bill and Marcia Lorimer** in Cary. Bring your favorite potluck dish. Hosts will provide beverages! Hope you can make it!

## YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

**AUGUST 29-31**

Spend Labor Day weekend relaxing beside the sound at Camp Don Lee with young adult friends. The cost will be \$100/person. Financial assistance is available, if needed. To sign up (or for more information) contact: **Cherrie Henry** ([Cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com](mailto:Cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com)) or **Amy Wilson** ([alleamy@gmail.com](mailto:alleamy@gmail.com)).

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you need a little help with some task around your home or business? Do you have the summer off from school, or are in some other temporary situation where a bit of paying work would help? Want a great way to help and get to know someone in our FPC fellowship better? Check out our bulletin board on the FPC website: <http://firstpres-durham.org/bulletin-board-3/> OR for a "hard copy" see the "Employment Opportunities" portion of the bulletin board in the Church foyer. Persons 18 years and older are welcome to post or see opportunities. Please clear all postings with **Valerie McMillian** at [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

## FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

**July 25 (5pm) – 26 (4pm)**

**Avila Conference Center, Durham**

Cost: \$80 (scholarships available)

To register contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth**

## BE THE ONE!

**Be the CHANGE in a child's life.**  
**Become a Foster Parent!**

Training is available to help you learn more about becoming a foster parent. To find out if you are the one to change a child's life, call Durham County Department of Social Services at 919-560-8092 for more information.

I just want to thank everyone for their concerns, prayers, thoughts, love and outpouring of sympathy



for the recent passing of my father-in-law Nick Orphanos. Mark and Marilyn's offers to visit him when he was in Croasdaile and kind words after he passed meant quite a lot to our family in this troubling time. I am so happy to become part of this wonderful church and community.

– **Gary B. Elliot**

To the Pastor and members of FPC,

We are happy to acknowledge your warm regards through Joseph to our members of Joshua Kiongo Memorial Church. **Joseph (Ngumi)** looked fine and well-cared for, we congratulate you for the good job done on him. We also commend him for the proposal to be ordained as an elder in the Church. May God bless his ministry and his service to you. . . . Let us continue serving faithfully in the Lord's vineyard while waiting for his second coming. Pray for us, our country and all members, as we continue to explore our potentials here in Africa. . . . God bless you and increase you abundantly.

Yours in the Lord's service,  
**Rev. James N. Kahenya**  
Nderi Parish, P.C.E.A.

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