

First Presbyterian Church

July 28, 2015



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Sunday, August 2

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

This Sunday is a fasten-your-seatbelt Sunday: **Sam Miglarese** returns from his travels with Duke to preach; we will dedicate the new pottery communion chalices hand-made for us by Jane Williams; we will bless and commission **Joe and Carlisle Harvad** and **Kirsten** and **Ana Ruschman Santos** as they leave us for a year to follow Christ's vocational call into other parts of the world; and we will adjourn to the Memorial Garden following worship to dedicate the beautiful new Celtic Cross given by **Charles and Peggy Hammond** and fashioned by **Paul Cornsweet**. *They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love; they will know we are Christians by our love.*

Sermon: "Forgiveness"

Sam R. Miglarese, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 51:1-12
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel Lesson	John 6:24-35

Croasdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Phyllis Supple (rear/narthex)

Peter Compton (side/front)

Ushers: **Gray Wilson** (Head), **Sherry**

Everett (flowers), **Delia Kwon**, **Carolyn Merritt**, **Susan Seahorn**, **Emily Wilkins**

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenish: **Andy Henry**

B1: **Phyllis Verhey** B2: **Michael Schultz**

B3: **Bill Lorimer**

B4/Process: **Alice Raney**

C1: **Joseph Ngumi** C2: **Will McDow**

C3: **Marcia Lorimer**

C4/Process: **Dan Hudgins**

Shepherd Font side: **Mary Gitata**

Shepherd Center: **Margaret Rubiera**

Shepherd Pulpit side: **Diane Standaert**

WE MORE THAN MET THE CHALLENGE!

Thanks to very generous FPC members, we passed our goal of raising up to \$20,000 to be matched by an anonymous member! We raised \$21,500, which added to the \$20,000 grant makes \$41,500!!! The Service and Mission Committee and those involved with our Walk-in Ministry will prayerfully study through the month of August to discern and decide the best usage of these funds to help meet pressing needs of those in our community, nation and world. Once decisions are reached, we will update members. A big **THANK YOU** to all those who participated!

Beth Eisenon and **Will McDow**
Service and Mission Committee Co-Chairs

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEES

Reminder to all FPC committee chairs and program staff: An annual report summary for your respective committee or area of ministry is due to Valerie in the church office by **July 31**. The report should cover September 2014 – August 2015.

FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT "Everyday Saints"

July 31 (6pm) – **August 1** (3pm)
Avila Conference Center, Durham
Led by **Cherrie Henry / Susan Dunlap**

PUTTING YOUTH FAITH INTO ACTION THIS SUMMER!



Many thanks to those of you who have already responded to the call for donations of blessing bags and items for Meals on Wheels. FPC is such a generous faith community! We have a good supply of blessing bags on hand, so hold your donations at home for now. Check the brochure (copies on the tables in the narthex and foyer) for other ways you can put your faith into action this summer. You can also view the brochure online at: <http://firstpres-durham.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/FIRST-PRESBYTERIAN-CHURCH-SUMMER-SERVICE-AND-MISSION-OPPORTUNITIES.pdf>.

CHILDREN / YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten and up
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Movie: "Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe"
Meet in Room 205 of the CE building to watch and discuss the movie, then enjoy a snack. Three year olds through rising kindergartners meet in the Playroom. The nursery is open for younger children. Older youth can join the Lectionary Class or Faith and Community Class.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

"Blessings"

To live a spirituality of stewardship, day in and day out, means that we are conscious of how richly we have been blessed and how important it is to share our blessing with others. It is essential that our giving of our time and resources be motivated by gratitude rather than duty. My experience over the years has consistently reaffirmed my conviction that those who are most aware of being blessed by God are those who are most generous and most joyful in sharing their blessings with others. Awareness of being blessed is the key to the kind of Gospel living we strive to embody as a church community. These thoughts were reinforced for me by the generosity of the June Service and Mission challenge and the reading of Chapter 8 of Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians where he spoke of generosity and service. I urge you to read and pray over this wonderful text during the summer weeks, especially as we prepare for fall activities. Once we have grasped how richly we are blessed by our generous God, there is never a question regarding our willingness to share those gifts generously with others.

Sam

NOTES

Sunday's Hymn Sing was a wonderful full-blown congregational experience! We want to thank the more than 50 people who submitted favorite hymns: your parents' hymn, your wedding hymn, the hymn you sang at your daughter's birth, your hymns of comfort and support . . . and many hymns submitted by our young adults and youth. So thank you! And thanks to **Kathy Parkins** for bringing **High Cloud** to provide musical accompaniment to our singing. We'll do it again. A new tradition, perhaps! And we'll keep using the hymns that we did not get to on Sunday.

The regional meeting of the **NAACP**, hosted by FPC on Sunday, was well attended by our members! About 30 of you came out to show solidarity and unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Marilyn Hedgpeth** is most grateful for the hospitality which you embodied for our guests.

Special thanks to **David Lorimer** for hosting the young adults and the **Momsen-Hudsons** for hosting First Friends and families in July. A good time was had by all who attended these fellowship events!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

We'll continue our TED Talk/Backs, viewing "On Being Wrong." Most of us will do anything to avoid being wrong. But what if we're wrong about that? "Wrongologist" Kathryn Schultz makes a compelling case for not just admitting but embracing our fallibility. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

Sometimes the word of the Lord hits too close to home, as when Jesus disclosed his listeners' real motives, or when Nathan tricked David into condemning his own great sin. How do you feel when Scripture points a finger at you? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap** and meets at 9:45 in the lower level classroom.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Howard Knickerbocker and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
Jack Trout, stepfather of David Smith
Edward Robinson, brother of Joe Robinson,
Sylvia Landis, friend of Valerie McMillian
Richard Hays, friend of FPC

Traveling mercies to **Sarah Finbow**,
Amy Wilson and the senior high youth who are attending a youth conference in Montreat this week.

Paul Cornsweet, preparing for surgery
Minnie Cameron, recovering from surgery
Ann Prospero, home after rehab

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: **Dewey Lawson** **Randall McLeod**

The Forest at Duke

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

- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Becky Brown**, mother of Amy Sanchez
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeh
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht
- **Virgil Yalong**, cousin of Lyn Francisco

Coming soon . . .

A "GREENER" NEWSLETTER

Over the next few weeks we will transition to sending the weekly newsletter electronically to those of you who have email addresses. This will enable you to read the newsletter the same day it is published. This will save paper and staff time, and will be easier on the church budget. If you prefer not to receive the electronic version in your inbox, you can choose to read it on the FPC website. Thank you for helping to be good stewards of our resources.



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YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The high school youth are in Montreat this week and are already having a great time! Please keep us all in prayer as we share "our story" and see how it fits into God's story!

Sarah Finbow **Amy Wilson**
Grace Abels **Alan Carrasco**
Nathan Creadick **Sydney Curtis**
Ellie Dilworth **Gwen Dilworth**
Anna Kasibhatla **Aurelia Klinck**
Parker Klinck **Talitha Kwon**
Jenna Leonard **Juliana Miglarese**
Carter Momsen-Hudson
Kennedy Wilkins **Frances Zehmer**
Blessings,
Sarah

Save these Dates

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Spartacus Restaurant

Arrangements by **Shirley Frederick**
Watch for details



PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

Saturday, August 29

at 6:30 p.m. at the home of

Jerry Postema and **Leslie Winner**
Watch for details

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Annual Beach Trip

Tentatively scheduled
for **September 11-13**.

Please contact **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** or **Kathy Conner** if you prefer a different date.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In the churches we attended growing up we would occasionally sing a hymn entitled "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing."



We certainly have felt showered with the blessing of your many and varied expressions of sympathy / condolences in the weeks following Anne's death, both verbal and written, along with food offerings. We also wish to thank all who contributed to the reception following Anne's memorial service last Saturday.

Lastly, we want to express our appreciation to **Amy**, **Cherrie**, **Stephen** and **David** for their beautiful rendition of Bobby McFerrin's "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Other church members have spoken about the love and concern received from our church family, but not until one experiences it does one fully appreciate how meaningful and comforting it is. Our hearts are full to overflowing with gratitude.

– **Beth & Vernon Neece**

WORK DAY AT THE

FOOD BANK

Call the church office (919-682-5511) if you can join **Marie Sappenfield** this Thursday, July 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the Food Bank distribution center on Angier Avenue in Durham. Youth, ages 12-17, can participate if parents sign a consent form when they bring them along.



10 Most Needed Items

Crayons (boxes)
Glue in Bottles
Glue Sticks Folders
Index cards Rulers Markers (boxes)
Pencils (packs) Scissors Spiral Notebooks

Other needed items:

calculators, boxes of colored pencils, composition books, construction paper, reams of copy paper, erasers, packs of pens, hand sanitizer, highlighters, boxes of tissues, packs of loose leaf paper, supply boxes pencil sharpeners, Post-it notes.

FPC is a collection site through August 9th. Please place supplies in the containers in the foyer. For more information, go online to: <http://www.crayons2calculators.org/>

NAMI Family-to-Family

Free Education Program

A 12-week series taught by trained NAMI members in a confidential setting for family and friends of people with mental illness

Chapel Hill Class meets Thursdays

September 3 – November 17

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Seymour Senior Center

2551 Homestead Rd

Contact Nancy Brickman 919-818-8065
nbrickman@nc.rr.com

Durham Class meets Tuesdays

August 25 – November 17

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

3639 Old Chapel Hill Rd

Contact Violette Blumenthal 919-358-6788
f2durham@yahoo.com

Registration required;

Class size limit is 25.

CAREGIVER SURVEY

Do you currently provide care to an adult family member diagnosed with cancer? Are you 18 years old or older? If so, please consider completing this study (approved by the UNC Greensboro IRB) on how people adjust to the caregiver role. The online study will take 30-45 minutes to complete. Those who complete the study and provide an email address will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$100 gift card. Start the survey now by going to: <http://bit.ly/cgwellness>. Thanks for your time and help!

– **Catherine Majestic**, Ph.D. student in the Clinical Psychology program at UNC-G

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