

First Presbyterian Church



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September 8, 2015

Sunday, September 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Sermon: "On the Way, with Jesus"

Katherine Higgins, preaching

Worship Texts

Psalm Lesson	Psalm 19
Gospel Lesson	Mark 8:27-38

Croasdaile Driver: **TBD**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Will McDow (rear/narthex)

Talitha Kwon (side/ font)

Ushers: **Abi Bissette** (Head), **Carolyn Merritt, Eric Wiebe, Gray Wilson**

Communion Servers:

Michael Schultz (B1/P), **Wes Carson** (B2),

Marie Sappenfield (B3), **Laura Hanson**

(B4), **Phyllis Verhey** (C1), **Emily Durham**

(C2/P), **Kristin Meade** (C3), **Will McDow**

(C4)

Shepherds: **Jane Williams** (Font aisle),

Joseph Ngumi (Center aisle), **Kate Busa**

(Pulpit aisle), Head / Replenish elements:

Alice Raney

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

What is the state of the Ebola crisis in West Africa, one year later? What have we learned? What have been the consequences for the countries affected? We welcome to our class **Cecil and Mary Macaully**, our passionate members from Sierra Leone, to share their knowledge with us this Sunday about Ebola, and how our church has been helpful in the past. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

Where does wisdom come from? From a great teacher, or from years of experience, or from ancient authority, or maybe from unexpected insight? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will read and discuss the first nine chapters of Proverbs. All are welcome to join the discussion. We meet at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building, classroom at the end of hall.

SCRATCH/Young Adults Class

This fall the young adults group will be looking at the history of FPC in hopes of better understanding where we are today.

Alex Stayer Brewington will lead the discussions. Join us as we discuss the theology of place and what it means to be a disciple of Christ at the corner of Roxboro and Main. We meet in a basement classroom.

Family Matters Class

Parents with young-ish children (elementary age and younger), join us for a low-key, pleasant class where we share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture (stand-alone lessons). Class meets at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women in a discussion on spiritual formation. Class meets at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

VISITORS / NEWCOMERS

A class for visitors/newcomers to First Presbyterian is being planned for families, couples, and individuals who want to learn more about the ministry and mission of our congregation. The first class will begin on **Sunday, September 20** following the morning worship service. Subsequent classes will be held on the following three **Sundays, September 27, and October 4 and 11** during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact **Shirley Frederick**, Membership Coordinator, at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org.

FALL BOOK STUDY

"The Road to Character"

The Friday/Sunday study group will reconvene this year with a look at *New York Times* columnist David Brooks' new book, *The Road to Character*. Brooks explores what it means to cultivate an inner life. Men and women are welcome to join either group for a six-week study beginning **Friday, September 11** at 10:30 a.m. in room 208 at the church, or **Sunday, September 13** at 3:00 p.m. at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activities Room. You may either acquire your own copy of the book or contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you need a copy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Parents of children in the first through fifth grades: Children's Choir will get started THIS Sunday, September 13 right after worship. **First Friends:** we know some of your children will be at the beach and can't come but we decided that this will allow our new director, **Samantha Arten**, to get to meet some children now. Samantha is a Ph.D. candidate in musicology at Duke University, writing her dissertation about metrical psalmody in the English Reformation. Here in Durham, she sings with the Duke Vespers Ensemble and the Vocal Arts Ensemble, and is co-director of Concentus Carolina, a local choir that specializes in Early Music. She also sings in a women's barbershop quartet called Ringtones. Her husband, **Isaac**, just graduated with his Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School and will be starting his own Ph.D. in historical theology this fall at St. Louis University. Samantha is extremely delighted to work with the children's choir and can't wait to get to know all of the lovely people of First Presbyterian.

SCRIPTURE

READERS' GROUP

Are you interested in Scripture reading training? What are your preferred times for six sessions, Sunday morning or Monday evening? To sign up, please contact the church office (919-682-5511) or **Steve Rimmer** at 919-529-2235 or csrimmer@nc.rr.com.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

First of all, thank you for coming to worship on Labor Day weekend! All things considered, I thought we had excellent attendance for the day. Since the Psalmist tells us that the Lord who watches over us "neither slumbers nor sleeps" (Psalm 121), it is fitting that we remain vigilant in worship and prayer wherever we might be.

Having said that, and having noted on Sunday that sometimes Jesus was "prone to wander" out of bounds to reveal God's boundary less love, I want to encourage you to participate in upcoming Sacred Visitations in Durham sponsored by Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA). On Monday, September 28, we are invited to attend Sukkot Service at Beth El Synagogue in Trinity Park from 9:00 a.m. - noon; and on Wednesday, September 30, Bible study at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. As our visiting Goodwill Ambassadors have learned this summer, this is a great way to get to know the faith communities that surround us and to learn about our own faith from other perspectives. Sometimes what we observe and learn can rock our world, which has been my experience of ecumenical exchanges.

So what I'm trying to say in a round-about way is to keep up your worship attendance here because that is important. But also mix it up by worshipping in other places to see how the Good News is being embodied all around us and to better understand the migrating masses who may be coming into our world sooner than we think.

Shalom,

Marilyn

SACRED VISITATIONS

Join faith communities around Durham for a week of interfaith hospitality and learning. Experience the spiritual practices of your neighbors with time for questions and conversation! RSVP required for each separate event. For details and to register to attend: <http://www.dcia.org/sacred-visitations-fall2015/>

Monday, Sept. 28 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Sukkot Service at Beth El Synagogue

Wednesday, Sept. 30 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study at Mount Gilead Baptist Church

Thursday, October 1 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Meditation at Shambhala Buddhist Center

Friday, October 2 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Jumah Prayer Service at
W. Deen Mohammed Islamic Center

Friday, October 2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Shabbat service at Judea Reform Congregation

Saturday, October 3 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Blessing of Animals by Franciscan Friars at
Immaculata Catholic School playground
(Burch Ave)

NOTES

It was a pleasure to have **Debbie Gulino**, (daughter of **Bill Hendrickson**) lead music with our toddler class on Sunday morning. Debbie is an accomplished music educator and publisher of CD's for children. We hope she'll come back again during the year when we'll have more children for her to lead.

As summer winds down we are grateful to **Dawn Carsey** and **Katharine Whitmore** who coordinated Summer Sunday School for the children and youth each week; to **David Lorimer**, who provided technical assistance to the Faith and Community Class; and to **Rebecca Harvard Barnes**, who organized the visits of FPC's Goodwill Ambassadors. And KUDOS to the ruling elders (**Tom Bacon, Beth Eisenson, Mary Gitata, Dan Hudgins, Marcia Lorimer, Phyllis Supple**) and deacons (**Kathy Conner, Kit Law, Karen Romines, Lyn Williams, Carol Wills, Gray Wilson**) who have rotated off after three years of service, and to youth officers (**Peter Compton, Gwen Dilworth, Aurelia Klinck and Talitha Kwon**) who completed one year of service, and who now rest from their labors!

Thanks to **Steve Rimmer, Wes Carson** and **Harold Dunlap** for leading worship and communion at The Forest at Duke on Sunday.

Congratulations to **Walt Barron** who received a work promotion! Check out the news article posted on FPC's bulletin board in the church foyer.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week

Jean Moore, a patient at Duke Regional
Gwen Cleary, recovering from broken foot
Chris Anglin, friend of FPC

Minnie Cameron **Nowell Creadick**
Paul Cornsweet **Dewey Lawson**
Ann Prospero

Brookdale Senior Living
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill
Helen Garrison

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

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke

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

- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Richard Hays**, friend of FPC
- **Howard Knickerbocker** and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht

Please remember to keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your loved ones and friends.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

Youth group finally starts this Sunday, September 13! I am looking forward to all youth (grades 6-12) meeting at church from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for games, fellowship, and food! Please bring snacks to share and we will also have pizza! See you Sunday!

Blessings,
Sarah

HELP NEEDED WITH YOUTH WORSHIP BULLETIN

We are in need of someone who is willing to create the youth worship bulletin each week. The task is NOT creating the bulletin from scratch. It is a matter of re-formatting a Microsoft Word document and copy/pasting some links from a website that has already designed puzzles that go with the lectionary each week. The task takes about 30 minutes, and is done on Wednesday or Thursday with a firm deadline of Friday morning. Training and support available! Please contact **Dawn Carsey** by email if you have interest: dailybread88@hotmail.com.



Saturday, September 12
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Contact **Barbara Buckley** for more info:
919-402-8551 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com.

CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday,

September 14
at 10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor. **Susan Dunlap** will lead the Bible study. Study books have arrived. Please pick up a copy from **Shirley Frederick's** office on your next visit to the church.



YOUNG ADULTS PICNIC POTLUCK

*** DATE CHANGE ***

Sunday, September 20
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Stagville

hosted by
Alex and Caroline Stayer Brewington
Watch for an EVITE!

AN INVITATION

FPC member and Duke Public Policy Professor **Mac McCorkle** will discuss how faith informs political decision-making with Michael Gerson, former speechwriter and senior policy advisor for President George W. Bush and current columnist for *The Washington Post*, on **Thursday, September 17 from 12:20 – 1:15 p.m. at Duke Divinity School (Room 0012 Westbrook).**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The third largest expense in our annual budget is plant and property. Heating, cooling, electricity, phone lines, and maintenance of a copier for communications are some of the items covered with an outlay of \$115,187. Improvements to the building are always anticipated. This year, we bought a smaller and quieter ice maker and replaced our old dishwasher with a contracted one that comes with regular service. Our buildings are constantly in use by the community; thus, we see maintenance as part of our mission in Durham.

Save the Date

FALL DAY OF SERVICE
October 31st

More Details forthcoming!

DURHAM CAN INVITATION

Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) invites you to a discussion with City Council on **Thursday, September 10 from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. at City Hall** on the issue of affordable housing. Durham CAN would like city-wide support for housing for firefighters, teachers, law enforcement professionals, nurses, and others who are overqualified for public housing, yet cannot afford the average market-rate home in downtown Durham. FPC is a member congregation of Durham CAN which continues to advocate for mixed income housing options in our rapidly changing downtown community.

WALK-IN MINISTRY

The following are needed at this time:

For Blessing Bags

Snack crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese), small bottles of water, small boxes of dried fruit (raisins, etc.) or applesauce squeeze pouches

For Toiletry Bags

Travel sizes of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hand lotion

Your continued generosity appreciated.

KIDS CLOTHING NEEDED

A single mother of four with two school-aged children needs help with back-to-school (fall) clothes and shoes for a **boy and girl. Sizes needed are 6x, 6 regular or 7 slim in jeans, and size 13 or 13 ½ in shoes.** Boy sneakers are especially needed. New or gently used items are appreciated. Feel free to bring donations to the church. Please label your donation packages as "Kids clothing." Thank you.

HABITAT MISSION TRIPS

Miguel and Margaret Rubiera will be leading two 10-day trips with Habitat for Humanity to Honduras in early 2016. We will work hard building houses but also have multiple opportunities to visit orphanages, a home for the elderly, and a family-owned coffee farm. Dates: **January 22 – 31** and **February 5 – 14.** All-inclusive price: \$1,800. Contact Margaret for more information at margaretmr29@gmail.com.