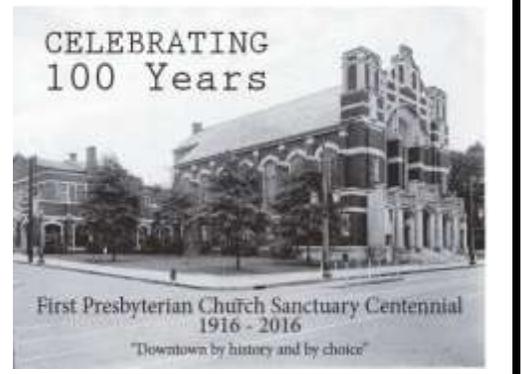


First

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Church

JANUARY 12, 2016



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship



Martin Luther King, Jr.
remembered

Sermon: "Not Another Dream"

Keith Daniel, preaching

Reverend Daniel is ordained in the American Baptist Church tradition. He is Executive Director of Operations and Strategic Partnerships for StepUp North Carolina (SUNC). Prior to joining SUNC, he served as Executive Director of DurhamCares.

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Genesis 28:10-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 36:5-10
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:12-25
Gospel Lesson	John 2:1-11

Crucifer: **Carter Momsen-Hudson**

Acolytes: **Sam Henry, Minna Fullenkamp**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters: **Bob Breitweiser** (narthex/rear), **Al Arrowood** (font/side)

Ushers: **Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey** (head), **Michael Honeycutt** (flowers), **Karen Swope, Julie Whiddon, Margaret Keller, Thomas Keller**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Sam Miglarese will review the new movie, *Spotlight*, and how everyone failed to protect the children. You should catch the movie before class so you'll be better prepared for the discussion. You'll see why it's important that FPC has a child and youth protection policy, as cumbersome as it may seem. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall and all are invited.

Lectionary Class

What does it take for someone to recognize and believe that God is at work? Does it take a miracle, on a small or grand scale? Or is it just a matter of spiritual discernment? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

The Book of Job introduces some of the most intriguing questions in the Bible concerning God's hand in human suffering. Journeys will read Job and discuss these questions. All are welcome to join.

Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger children share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture. We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

Scratch/Young Adults

This Sunday **Michael Schultz** will lead our discussion on an intriguing edition of "This American Life" podcast called "The Ten Commandments," an exploration of people struggling to follow the commandments. Join us at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

Podcast: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/332/The-Ten-Commandments>

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION KICK-OFF

Thursday, January 14

7:00 p.m. Presentation by Peter Fish

FPC's Centennial Celebration is a year-long commemoration of our having worshipped in our current sanctuary and enjoyed beautiful music offered to the glory of God from our Austin organ for 100 years. Childcare will be available. **Peter Fish** will give a presentation on the church's history, looking back 100 years. Portions of FPC's historical timeline now appear on the bulletin board in the foyer as part of the celebration! Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. for those who made a reservation.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

January 17, 2016



The Deacons of FPC invite members to do something radically compassionate for a stranger as a way to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You might do something like . . .

- Pay for someone's meal
- Rake a neighbor's lawn; mow their grass
- Pay for someone's gas
- Take a meal to someone
- Give umbrellas or blankets to those on the street
- Visit prisoners
- Invite widows for a meal together

The Deacons want to know how you choose to participate. Please complete a Compassion Sunday card and return it to the church. You do not need to give your name.

Vox Virorum Concert Sunday, January 17

3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Fend off the winter blues with Vox Virorum as they present a wintry mix of classic and exciting men's choral selections.

Free admission for FPC members.

Others: \$10 suggested donation.

For more info on Vox Virorum, go to: <http://www.trianglesings.org/vox-virorum-mens-chorus-2/>

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Grades 3-5)

It's time for us to work on energizers and music again with songs pertaining to water and baptism. It might be a good way to stay warm on a cold day. **Li-Chen Chin** and **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will be leading the class.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of January 11, 2016, **176 pledges** had been received totaling \$760,732.76, representing **91.01%**

of the 2016 Pledge Goal of \$835,885.05. Please contact **Tom Bloom** in the church office (919-682-5511 x 216 or t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org) if you have questions or need help with the pledging process.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

What a fabulous start to the new year! Did you see how many people were in worship last Sunday for Baptism of the Lord Sunday? There were 228! And did you see how many children gathered around the font for Sam's children's sermon? Did you know that 13 members from FPC attended the wonderful Dawah (outreach) event at Jamaat Ibdar-Rahman, the masjid in Parkwood? Did you know that 20 of our members attended the Epiphany service with Iglesia Emanuel and Covenant Presbyterian? And so many of you have made New Year's resolutions to participate in the Service and Mission outreach of FPC. Actually, I'm totally wowed by your response, and I think whoever comes in next as pastor inherits a fabulously committed congregation. Thanks be to God!

Sunday is MLK Sunday, and we look forward to remembering the stony road from slavery to freedom that still hampers many of our brothers and sisters. Our guest preacher is **Keith Daniel**, who I know will bless us with his words.

Compassion is the recognition that others are suffering, coupled with the sincere prayer that they be free of their suffering. Dr. King was a champion of compassionate action, and in his honor, our Deacons have asked us to practice a random act of compassion on Sunday afternoon. I look forward to hearing the kinds of heartfelt things that you will do.

Grace and peace,

Marilyn

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time to form the Nominating Committee for officers. This committee will recommend a slate of officers for the Class of 2019 elders and deacons. A total of four (4) at-large representatives will be elected from the membership to serve with **Kristin Meade** (chair), **Jo Bernhardt** (deacon) and **Marie Sappenfield** (elder). Cards for making nominations will be available in the worship bulletin on Sundays, January 17 and January 24. **The deadline for making nominations is Sunday, January 24.**

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board by the parlors. Info regarding the flower donation process is also located there. You may also contact **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com). Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2016 with Phyllis as soon as possible.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Sarah Cox** who will celebrate her 99th birthday on January 26th.

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the family of **Joan Englund**, FPC cradle roll member and resident of The Forest at Duke, who died on January 7th. A celebration of her life will be held at The Forest at a later date.

Sympathies also to **Sue and John Fricks** on the death of Sue's cousin, **Pam Spiegel**, who died on January 10th.

Mary Clark Paul Cornsweet
Becky Crockett Sarah & Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living:
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Coasdaile Village:
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
Pavilion: **Jean Moore**
Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke:
Fran Bryant

Ken Goldner Peaches McPherson

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson
Please remember to keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your loved ones and friends.

INVITATIONS

Annual MLK Unity March and Commemorative Worship Monday, January 18

The **March begins at 10:30 a.m.** from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 West Chapel Hill Street)

and ends with a 12 noon worship in FPC's sanctuary. Participants are asked to **bring new and gently used children's books** for donation to the Book Harvest's Dream Big Book Drive. Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality for this event. **Please call the church office if you plan to attend.** These are public events. All are welcome.

2016 DCIA Banquet Thursday, January 21

5:45 – 8:00 p.m. at Judea Reform
1933 W. Cornwallis Rd

\$15 per plate; RSVP by January 19 to dcia@dcia.org or 919-688-2036

Keynote Address: **Imam Abdullah Antepili**, Chief Representative of Muslim Affairs, Duke University

YOU CAN VOTE Team Training January 23, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at FPC

You may have been trained before, but now it's officially 2016 and the new rules that make voting even more complicated have gone into effect. Come get trained or re-trained. For more information, contact **Kate Fellman** at 919-274-9117 or Katefellmann@gmail.com

A Conversation on Politics, Society, and "The Long Shadow of Vatican II" Thursday, January 28

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Smith Warehouse Bay 8, first floor
114 W. Buchanan Blvd

The Duke Office of Civic Engagement (DOCE) and **Sam Miglarese** will lead the conversation. Refreshments available

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Amazingly 35 youth and adults joined together for a great evening of fellowship at the bowling lanes this past Sunday. It is always so wonderful to share in the joy and laughter of our fantastic middle and high school students! This coming Sunday we will be joining our brothers and sisters from the local Jewish congregations and Sikh Gurdwara for our 2nd annual MLK service project. This project is a great way to connect with other faiths while serving our community and showing the youth that their classmates are also very active in their own youth groups!

Blessings,
Sarah



2016 Souper Bowl Chili Cook-Off!

Do you think you have the best chili recipe?? This year's Souper Bowl Sunday will be a chili cook-off contest! Anyone is invited to make a big pot of chili using your best recipe to share on **February 7th** after worship! The best tasting chili will win the golden ladle prize and all proceeds from the chili sales will go to fight hunger in Durham – just like in years past! Please contact **Sarah** (s.finbow@firstpres-Durham.org) if you are interested!

Below are excerpts from two letters of solidarity received from the Muslim community. Copies of the entire letters have been placed on the table in the foyer.



Dear Friends in Faith,
Peace Be unto You!

It is our immense pleasure to inform you that we have received your letter with kind words from you and your community. Your solidarity and kind words, especially in this very difficult and challenging time, mean a lot to us. The Muslim community in Durham is very appreciative of your solidarity and support. . . . Thank you so very much and may God continue to bless us all with guidance to that which is the most just and correct.

In gratitude,
Shk. Mowlid Ali,

Imam, Jamaat Ibad-Ar Rahman

Pastor Hedgpeth,

Peace be upon you and all the members there at First Presbyterian Church! On behalf of the staff and the members here at the Ar-Razzaq Islamic Center, we would like to sincerely thank you all for thinking about us and sending over such a beautiful card. It is truly a good feeling to know that we have neighbors such as yourself not too far away, especially during these times when the threat of Islamophobia is major concern for all us. . . . Please extend our thanks to everyone that signed the card and we pray that G-d will continue to bless you all for the great work that you all do here in the Durham Community.

Sincerely,
Greg Rashad Marrow,
Resident Imam,
Ar-Razzaq Islamic Center

RESOLUTIONS OF SERVICE

Members of First Presbyterian Church have a long history of service to those in need, and we have new opportunities for service that we'd like everyone to consider as we start the new year. Some are with our traditional community partners like **Habitat, Genesis Home, Florence Forth**, and our own **Vacation Church School**. Others are with new organizations that are just getting started in Durham, such as **StepUp Ministries**.

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about some of these service opportunities. Also, we will have a sign up table in the foyer after church to make it easy for you to add your name and join a group from the church working to further God's kingdom and build a stronger community here in Durham.

New Year's resolutions can be frustrating and so hard to keep, but a Resolution of Service will bring immediate rewards for you and those who are served. Join us in making 2016 a Year of Service at FPC! – **Tom Bacon**

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 26
11:30 a.m. at Bennett Pointe Grill
4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham
Arranged by **Maxie Honeycutt**
RSVP to Maxie: 919-286-4680

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, February 5

FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK
Hosted by the **Momsen-Hudsons**
More details forthcoming!

Saturday, February 6
YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

6:00 p.m. at the home of
Stephen and Mary Berry
More details forthcoming!

Saturday, February 20
PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER
6:30 p.m. at the home of
Chuck and Jean Wilson
More details forthcoming!

June 13-17

Vacation Church School 2016
New Hope Camp and Conference Center
(After VCS, there will be a Music Camp for FPC children)
Registration begins February 1 for campers.

June 26-July 2

Youth Appalachian Service Project

Week 1, June 13-17
Week 2, June 20-24

Durham Youth Summer Service Camps

July 8-10

Massanetta Middle School Youth Conference

July 17-23

Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30

Montreat High School Youth Conference