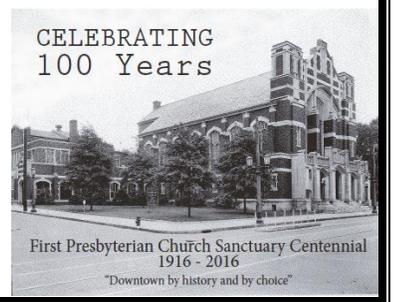


First Presbyterian Church

JULY 5, 2016



Sunday, July 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Mindy L. Douglas, preaching

Lectionary Texts:

Old Testament	Amos 7:7-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 82
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:25-37
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 1;1-14

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

Croasdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

After Worship Greeters:

Will McDow (Side/front),

Miriam Morey (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey** (head),

Nate Pienkowski (flowers), **Tim**

Strauman, Dale Gaddis, Mary-Jo

Keenan

Communion Elders:

Wes Carson (B1, process), **Lenore**

Champion (B2), **Phyllis Verhey** (B3),

Michael Schultz (B4)

Alice Raney (C1), **Laura Hanson** (C2,

process), **Jane Williams** (C3), **Kristin**

Meade (C4)

Emily Diy (Shepherd center aisle), **Talitha**

Kwon (Shepherd front aisle), **Eric Wiebe**

(Shepherd pulpit aisle)

Al Arrowood (Head, replenish elements)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

What "pearls of wisdom" can we glean from Jesus' parable about the Pearl of Great Price? Is the Kingdom of Heaven like a pearl, or is it like a merchant seeking to find pearls? **Jon Abels** will lead us in a discussion about this parable on Sunday.

Come contribute to the collective wisdom of the Church, using Short Stories by Jesus, by Amy-Jill Levine. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

How do you react to criticism? The prophet Amos had a harsh message of condemnation for the people of Israel.

Jesus, in his time, often used gentler parables to make a similar point about the need to change our lives. How did their hearers respond? How would you? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation Class

We meet in the church basement at 9:45.

Susan Dunlap leads the discussion. New faces welcome!

Scripture Readers Class

This class will meet this Sunday, July 10 and on July 24th at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor. Please prepare by being ready to read Romans 8. **Steve Rimmer** leads this class.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The children and youth will spend the Sunday School hour watching the first part of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in room 205 the education building. All are welcome!

Dear friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday weekend this weekend with time to breathe, relax, laugh, and be with friends and family. I hope you also had a moment to pause and give thanks for the freedoms we have in this country, particularly the freedom to worship in the way we feel called to worship. So many around the world are required to keep their faith secret, so as not to be persecuted. So many of our sisters and brothers are not free to worship and pray together openly as we do each Sunday.

This past Sunday we sang together the words printed here by Lloyd Stone to the tune by Jean Sibelius. This song captures well the love we have for our own country, for the vast, diverse and endless beauty we find in this nation, and for the hopes and dreams we pursue openly here. This song also captures the desire that we have for all to be able to live in peace in the countries they love. In a period of time so filled with violence around the world, from our own nation to Istanbul to Bangladesh to Baghdad, may we sing, pray, and act for peace in whatever ways we are able.

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

<https://youtu.be/WDXNHPerB0k>

May the peace of Christ be with you and with the world.

Mindy



SUNDAY, JULY 17

HYMN SING AND PICNIC

11:00 – Hymn Sing during worship, led by the bluegrass group, High Clouds

12:00 - Picnic under the crepe myrtles with more home-grown music

Change of plans: The church will provide barbecue and a vegetarian alternative along with tea, lemonade and water. Please bring a side dish to share and a blanket or lawn chairs.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Pick up a copy of the **Service and Mission Committee's Summer Service and Mission Brochure** on Sunday to learn more about opportunities to serve the Durham community. There are opportunities for all ages to serve during July and August.



ANNUAL
REPORTS

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 McMillian** in the church office by **July 31**. If you need to see a past year's report or have questions, contact Valerie by email: v.mcmillian@firstpresdurham.org. Summaries should be sent electronically if at all possible.

HELP FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed teams to West Virginia to provide a ministry of presence to the presbytery and congregations, and assist with assessments and clean up after massive flooding. Support these efforts by praying and also giving online: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/>. Thank you.

MEMORY BOOK

The Sanctuary and Organ Centennial Celebration Committee wants to capture your FPC memories and your hopes for the future! A memory book will be in the church foyer (by the bulletin board) for the next few months for you to leave any thoughts you have about what FPC means to you – looking back and looking forward! You can send thoughts by email to **Caroline Rourk** or write them on a note card and place them in the book.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Margaret Eme is thrilled to have been visited this weekend by her daughter from Nigeria

Jerry Tyren is the oldest member of FPC, and she will turn 100 on July 24. It would be lovely to let her (and her family) know how much she is loved.

Sam Miglarese will be away directing DukeEngage from July 9 – August 5, 2016 in Durham, England. He will be available by email.

Added this week:

Tom and Dawn Carsey and their family (Tom was recently diagnosed with ALS; please respect the family's privacy at this time)

Jean Moore is doing well in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village as she recovers from pneumonia

Chris, Meredith and Logan Brown, recovering from a car accident

Sarah and Pete Finbow
Florence Shackelford

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village

Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner,
Peaches McPherson

Roy Blackwell, father of Sheila Miglarese

Molly Bowden, former FPC member

Elizabeth Chombi, niece of Mercy Ndambiri

Foster Family, friends of Chris Brown

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson

Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

Margaret Pfeiler, grandmother of Julie Maxwell

Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon

Jeanne Somerville, mother of Katharine Whitmore

Desiré Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

Judy Woodard, friend of Chris Brown



YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Middle School Conference

July 7 – 10

High School Conference

July 24 – 30

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss Kent Haruf's book, *Our Souls at Night*, on **Tuesday, July 12** at 7:00 p.m. **Delia Kwon** is leading the discussion. **Celia Dickerson** is hosting (4412 Sunny Ct). Please let Celia know your plans to attend: cdickerson17@nc.rr.com

NIA FITNESS CLASS

Led by **Heather Wallace**, White Belt

Tuesdays, through July 26

4:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

FIRST FRIENDS

Friday, July 15

Potluck Gathering

6:30 p.m. at the Baldasare/Wettach home. Hosts are providing ham and biscuits. Please bring sides, desserts, and drinks to share. For a little fun, we're inaugurating the First Friends Flash Chorus!!! More to come on that! Adults and music-loving teens invited!

Saturday, August 13

Potluck Gathering (Kid-friendly)

5:30 p.m. at the Momsen-Hudson home

September 23-25

First Friends and Families

Annual Beach Trip

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday,

July 23

We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot at **Occonechee Mountain State Park Area**
625 Virginia Cates Rd
Hillsborough, NC



PRIMETIMERS

Save the Date!

Saturday, August 13

Covered Dish Supper

at the home of

Al and Judy Arrowood

More details forthcoming!

STUDENT ACTION WITH

FARMWORKER'S

End of Summer Celebration!

August 6, 2016

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

at the American Tobacco Campus
Full Frame Theater

318 Blackwell Street, Durham

We need help with tasks such as decorating and setting up, interpreting, helping with food, supervising small groups of kids, or cleaning up after the event. Check out our list of volunteer opportunities and sign up at this site: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NierdAWRPDvVIRSP8EcIMYka31TnRh_1BpPur5QOVz8/viewform

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

FLOC and Triangle Friends of Farmworkers (TFF) are seeking volunteers who would be able to drive farmworkers to and from three critical FLOC Regional meetings in August or September, 2016 (schedule TBD later this summer). As soon as meetings are scheduled, we'll let those of you who have volunteered know to see if a specific meeting day would fit your schedule. Email Dave Austin: daustin@mindspring.com. Some Spanish helpful.

MEDICAID EXPANSION - LETTERS TO GOVERNOR

FPC members and friends who missed the May deadline but wish to be a part of this effort, may sign a letter and place it in the boxes provided in the foyer and narthex by the **July 22 deadline**. These letters will be delivered to the Governor. This initiative has the endorsement of the NC Council of Churches. Participation is optional.

ITEMS NEEDED

If you have **pots and pans** in good condition that you no longer need or use, please consider donating them to our friend Charles who recently moved into his own apartment near downtown. He would also like to have a working **"flat screen" TV**. Please contact Valerie in the church office (919-682-5511) if you have household items you'd like to donate to someone in need. We may know of someone moving from a shelter to permanent housing who could use your items that are in good (usable) condition.

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