

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM
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 Newsletter
 November 15, 2016

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Dear friends,
 Each year I have the pleasure of gently guiding our young people as they read through and learn from scripture in order to plan out their youth Sunday service. One of the most important parts of this service to me is the way in which this group of youth finds such important lessons to relay to the rest of the congregation. For one Sunday each year we sit back and listen to the ways in which God is speaking through them and allow ourselves to be taught by them. The lessons from the minds and hearts of our youth were especially pertinent to me as I sat to type everything they had written last week. The youth decided to focus on the theme "from darkness into light" based on the lectionary texts this year, and their words were exactly what I needed to read. I hope that you all will find the deep meaning in their voices this Sunday at our annual youth Sunday worship, as each word of the service was written or hand-picked by our amazing youth.

Sarah Finbow



OUR SYMPATHIES:

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Lyn**

Francisco on the death of her cousin, **Virgil Yalong, Jr.**, on November 12 in San Diego, CA.

Joanne Harrar, recovering at Croasdaile Village Pavilion (room 110)

Traveling mercies for **Mercy Ndambiri** who is in Kenya to care for her niece, **Elizabeth Chomba**.

Bob Kever, receiving hospice care

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill: **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village: **Jean Moore, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren**

Hillcrest: **Randall McLeod**

Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson**

- **Mary Frances Fisher**, mother of Doug Fisher
- **Freda Rose Hamilton**, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
- **Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson
- **Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson
- **Kit Little, mother-in-law of Hank Majestic**
- **Paul McCombs**, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
- **Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- **Sallie R.**, friend of Kerry Holbrook
- **Marcella Thompson and son Alex**, friends of the Walk-in Ministry
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
- **Young girls who lost their mother and the aunt who will now care for them**, friends of the Williamson family



Sunday, November 20, 2016

Christ the King Sunday

Youth Sunday - FPC's middle and high school youth will lead the 11:00 a.m. worship.

Our regular monthly **fellowship lunch** will be available following worship. The youth who participated in the summer Appalachian Service Project will give a **presentation** on their work during lunch. Donations will be received to help offset the cost of the meal.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Theme: **"From Darkness into Light"**
 Youth messages will be given by **Peter Compton, Ellie Dilworth, and Aurelia Klinck**

Worship Texts:
 Hebrew Scripture Lesson: **Jeremiah 23:1-6**
 Epistle Lesson: **Colossians 1:11-20**
 Gospel Lessons: **Luke 1:68-79; Luke 23:33-43**

Serving this Sunday:
 Acolytes: **Noah Rokoske, Charlie Kelley**
 Crucifer: **Parker Klinck**
 Liturgists **Sophie Wilkins, Parker Klinck, Noah Rokoske, Graham Curtis**
 Croasdaile Driver: **Michael Honeycutt**
 Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**
 After Worship Greeters:
Phyllis Verhey (Side/Font)
Eric Wiebe (Rear/Narthex)
 Ushers: **Lucie House** (head usher), **Julie Whiddon, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Grace Abels, Jo Bernhardt, Carl Anglin**
 Youth Ushers: **Maddie Brigman, Alan Carrasco, Diana Carrasco, Kayla Champion, Matthew Dickerson, Charlie Kelley, Frances Zehmer**
 Communion Setup/Cleanup: **Jerry Postema, Phyllis Supple**
 Youth Servers: **Grace Abels, Peter Compton, Sigfried Fullenkamp, Sam Henry, Aurelia Klinck, Almira Mbah, Juliana Miglarese, Carter Momsen-Hudson**

Stewardship Season

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
 - Luke 12:34



Thank you to everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2017. We are off to a good start with our officers leading the way! Pledges can be mailed in, dropped off, or made online via the church's webpage. If you have questions about the pledging process, please contact **Tom Bloom** in the church office: 919-682-5511 x 216 or t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Classes for children (through 5th grade) are held on the second floor of the Christian Education building at 9:45.

Middle and high school youth meet in their designated classrooms in the basement (below the sanctuary) at 9:45.

Faith & Community Class (Adults)

The Sunday, we welcome guest presenters from **Church Without Walls** to speak to us about their work with prison ministry. The class meets at 9:45 in **Watts-Hill Hall**. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class (Adults)

Will the Day of the Lord be a pleasant time or not? Our readings paint a confusing picture. On the one hand, Isaiah shows a vision of joy and delight, with long, peaceful lives; on the other hand, Jesus warns of war, famine, persecution and hatred. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

Journeys Class (Adults)

This Sunday, Journeys will discuss chapter 12, "Night Watch," of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. All are welcome to join the discussion in **basement classroom B-17** at 9:45.

Scratch Class (Young Adults)

We are using Lauren Winner's book, *Wearing God*, as our study book. This Sunday we will discuss "God as Bread and Vine" (pp 91-109). Join us on the second floor, **CE building, room 205** at 9:45 for an interesting and informative class led by **Heather Wallace**.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap will lead our discussion. This class meets in **basement classroom B-16**, at 9:45.

Family Matters (for parents with young children)

This parent-led class is using *Searching for Happiness* as a guide for our study. Join us on the **second floor, CE building, room 209** at 9:45.

The Confirmation Class will NOT meet this Sunday so that the youth can practice for Youth Sunday during that time. We will convene once more with mentors on Sunday, November 27. Then we'll take a break and start classes again in January.

A New Bible Study: Parables

A new study is forming to look at the parables from many points of view. **The class will meet for an introduction two Fridays in November (11th and 18th) from 10:30 – noon, upstairs in the Education Building. We'll break for the holidays before beginning in earnest on January 6th.** New members are welcome and encouraged to join the conversation. If you are interested in joining, or need a study book, contact Marilyn.



No evening Youth Groups this Sunday!

The youth who participated in this summer's

Appalachian Service Project will give a presentation on this mission trip on Sunday following worship during the fellowship lunch in Watts-Hill Hall. Hope to see you there! - Sarah Finbow

NOTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC was well-represented at the Groundwater Presentation and DurmTalks Community Forum sponsored by the Racial Equity Institution and OAR-Durham on Saturday. Of the more than 100 participants, the following members of FPC were present: **Lea Bingham, Kathy Krahenbuhl, Jennie Altwood, George Bernhardt, Kerry Holbrook, Libby Gulley, Jon and Kim Abels, Emily Wilkins, Sharon Hirsch, Susan Dunlap and Marilyn Hedgpeth.** The more complete REI Phase 1 workshop in Durham is scheduled for January 26 and 27. Stay tuned for more details about that event. Scholarships are available.

WINTER EXAM CARE PACKAGES

The Pastoral Care Committee will be collecting small items to send to our college members. **Please drop off your donations in the volunteer's office by November 27th.** Suggested items include hot chocolate packets, chewing gum, small candies, granola/energy bars. Thank you for supporting our college students as they get ready for winter exams.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: Please confirm with the church office your college student's correct CAMPUS mailing address so their package can be delivered and not returned this year. Thank you.

A Service of Hope and Healing

The holidays can be especially difficult for people who are grieving as the result of an event or the loss of a loved one.

First Presbyterian Church will hold a special service of hope and healing (with candle lighting) on **Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** All are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Bennett Point Grill - 4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham
Hosted by **Maxie Honeycutt** and **Sydnor Patrick**
RSVP to **Maxie Honeycutt** at 919-286-4680 if you plan to join us.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH POTLUCK

Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Hosted by **Carlo and Emily Diy**

2512 Yorkdale Ct., Durham
Please respond to the EVITE.

SERVICE AND MISSION

IGLESIA EMANUEL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

We will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 23 with a performance at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30. We welcome donations of turkeys, preferably cooked, by 3 or 4 pm that day, or uncooked turkeys on Monday, November 21 or Tuesday, November 22. Please call or email Julio Ramirez-Eve at 919-673-4333 or jre0412@gmail.com to let us know what to expect. Thanks for your support.

Please continue to bring items for Blessing Bags, Toiletry Kits and Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry. Donations are needed year round!

Thank you for your generous support of Faith Connections on Mental Illness with your donation of \$100. The mission of Faith Connections on Mental Illness is to work with all faith communities to welcome, include, support, educate and advocate for individuals and families who are living with mental illness.

Hugh Tilson, FCOMI Board



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