

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

*"Downtown by history and by choice"*

## Newsletter

May 30, 2017



### From the Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

One of the classes I teach with new members is a class on “The Christian Life.” I approach the class with the question, “How does my faith in Christ affect the way I live my life?” I approach the answer by looking at six different areas of Christian living: corporate worship, private devotion, service to others, stewardship of gifts, fellowship with others, and biblical and theological study. Over the summer, I will look at each of these six areas a little more closely and examine ways that we all can explore ways to learn and grow in our spiritual lives as individuals and as a community of faith.\*

This week, I want to share with you some words from Brother Lawrence, a humble monk who spent most of his life in the kitchen, cooking and cleaning pots:

*We must not grow weary of doing little things for the love of God, who looks not on the great size of the work, but on the love in it. We must not be surprised at failing frequently in the beginning; in the end, we will have developed the habit that enables us to produce these acts of love without thinking about them, deriving a great deal of pleasure from them.*

*All we have to do is cultivate faith, hope, and love to attach ourselves solely to the will of God. We should be indifferent to everything else. We must stop at other things as if we were pausing on a bridge, passing over them very quickly in order to lose ourselves in our one single goal through faith and love.*

In every moment of our lives of faith in Christ, may we seek to lose ourselves in the one single goal of attaching ourselves to the will of God through faith, hope, and love. As God clings with unconditional grace to us, may we cling more closely to God.

With love,

**Mindy**

\*Remember that during the summer we will publish bi-weekly newsletters – May 30, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22. Weekly newsletters begin again on September 5.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** On Sunday, May 21, we welcomed **Hailey Reid** and confirmands **Riley Pienkowski** and **Minna Fullenkamp** into the membership of FPC.

**Hailey Reid**, (100 Village Circle Way #1032, Durham NC 27713; 845-270-1142; [hailey7310@gmail.com](mailto:hailey7310@gmail.com)) was born and raised in Atlanta, GA, and moved to Durham in November 2015. She is a doctoral student at UNC Chapel Hill and holds a B.A. from the University of Colorado and MPH from UNC. Hailey is the proud parent of 13-year-old Skyler. In her spare time, she enjoys crochet, health and wellness, and community outreach. Hailey joined FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

**Minna Fullenkamp** is the daughter of **Karen Romines** and **Connell Fullenkamp**. Her siblings are **Sigfried** and **Thilo**.

**Riley Pienkowski** is the son of **Brandy Salmon** and **Nate Pienkowski**. Riley has one sister, **Nataleigh**.

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**CONGRATULATIONS . . .** to **Susan Seahorn** who will be sworn in this week as the first woman in the 15B judicial district to hold the office of Public Defender. She asks for our prayers as she performs the duties of this office.

**OUR CONCERNS:**

**Peaches McPherson**, recovering from a fall  
**Barbara Gerwe**, recovering at home following back surgery  
**Lauren Bethune Scroggs**, sister of Alec Bethune

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**Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell**  
**Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): Helen Garrison**  
**Croasdaile Village: Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford**  
**Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson**  
**Hillcrest: Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

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**Family and Friends of FPC Members:**

- **Dot Blyth**, aunt of Libby Gulley
- **Robert G. Cope, III**, great nephew of Sam Miglarese
- **Katrina Downey**, friend of Joanne Harrar
- **Michael Gilbert**, co-worker of Kerry Holbrook
- **Mike Gray**, cousin of Linn Lopez
- **Rick Hager**, friend of Celia Dickerson
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Paul Martin**, brother of Beth Neece
- **Tyrone McMillian**, husband of Valerie McMillian
- **Shade Mecum**, stepfather of Katherine Higgins
- **Linda Momsen**, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Janice Rattray**, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- **Lisa Short**, cousin of Alissa Miles

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**NOTES**

Copies of **Peter Fish's** history of FPC book can be purchased through the church for \$25, at the Regulator Bookshop for \$30, or through Amazon.com for \$65. Peter will continue to be available on Sundays following worship to inscribe books. When purchasing books from the church, checks should be made payable to FPC.

From May 30 - June 2, **Sam Miglarese** will be attending a conference celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the ninety-five thesis: Luther and the Shaping of the Catholic Tradition at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Thanks to **Maxie Honeycutt** for arranging the Daytimer's luncheon for the month of May at Bennett Pointe Grill. It was an enjoyable time for all who attended.



**Sunday, June 4**

Remember to wear **red, orange or yellow** for Pentecost!

**We will also acknowledge our graduates  
New officers will be ordained and installed**



**9:45 a.m. Sunday School Grand Finale** (with a light breakfast provided) and **Teacher Appreciation**

**11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

The **PC(USA) Pentecost Offering** will be received during worship. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you help to enrich the lives and deepen the faith of youth in the Presbyterian Church and around the world. **Special envelopes will be available for this offering.**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21**

**Sermon: "Signs of the Spirit" - Mindy Douglas, preaching**

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Serving today:

Liturgist: **Jennie Alwood**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Alice Raney** (narthex/rear); **Dewey Lawson** (side/font)

Ushers: **Mary-Jo Keenan** (head), **Karen Swope** (flowers), **Michael Honeycutt, Sharon Hirsch, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**

Communion Elders: **Al Arrowood** (head, replenish elders)

Bread: **Alice Raney** (B1, process), **Caroline Rourk** (B2), **Eric Wiebe** (B3), **Kate Busa** (B4)

Cup: **Bob Breitweiser** (C1), **Delia Kwon** (C2, process), **Dewey Lawson** (C3), **Phyllis Verhey** (C4)

Shepherds: **Gray Wilson** (pulpit aisle), **Emily Diy** (center aisle), **Jane Williams** (font aisle)

**Sunday, June 11**

**Legacy Society Sunday**

**9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School begins**

**11:00 a.m. Worship**



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Serving today:

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters: **Lenore Champion** (narthex/rear); **Jerry Postema** (side/font)

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Christy Gudaitis, Chris Anglin, Jane Williams**



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## Sunday School at FPC

**Sunday, June 4 – Sunday School Finale and Teacher Appreciation** at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall as we honor our Sunday School teachers and thank them for another great year. Finger foods will be available for everyone. Following our “thanksgiving ceremony,” children will be dismissed to the playground, and adults will remain to hear reports from our adult teachers about each of their classes: Faith and Community, Lectionary, Women’s Spiritual Formation, Journeys, and Scratch. It’s a great opportunity to recruit participants for next year.

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## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday, June 11 – Summer Sunday School begins!**

**Children** will meet upstairs in the Education Building at 9:45 to begin watching *Zootopia*, which depicts the unlikely partnership between a rabbit police officer and a red fox con artist to uncover a conspiracy involving the disappearance of savage predator inhabitants of a mammalian metropolis. “*Zootopia* is constantly asking its characters to look past species stereotypes, and not use species-ist language or repeat hurtful assumptions,” says film critic Matt Zoller Seitz. The film is rated PG.

**Adults** will meet in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 to begin a discussion of the book *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*, by Will Willimon. A few copies of the book are available in the church office for \$10. See *Marilyn Hedgpeth* for books. In the introduction, Willimon notes that xenophobia, fear of the stranger, was last year’s “word of the year”. “An outbreak of xenophobia and irrational fear of the Other is a divine summons for American Christians to stand up, speak out, and live up to our beliefs that Jesus Christ is Lord and other presumed lordlets are not,” Willimon says. “This gutsy, biblically rich, theologically searing book by Willimon gigs everybody’s sacred cow. Not only is the one whom Christ loves Other but God is Other. The ground beneath us shakes the walls that divide us. If you’re holed-up happy with people who look like you, don’t read this thing. It will screw up your world,” says Tex Sample.



**Youth groups are currently on break for the summer.**

For those of you who signed up for Massanetta (July 6-9) and Montreat (July 23-29) Conferences, watch for reminders by email.

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## SPRING CONCERT June 4

The **North Carolina Boys Choir** will present their Spring Concert at First Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**. The choir was founded 45 years ago at First Presbyterian by Bill Graham and is glad to return home for this event. Currently led by Robert Unger and David Cole, the treble-voiced boys in the concert choir are augmented by a chamber choir of several fathers and alumni singing tenor and bass on a number of selections. A girls' ensemble *Prima* will also participate, along with the training choir. The program will consist of classical, folk, and patriotic selections, with some audience participation. Composers include Casals, Fauré, Parry, and Purcell. Admission is free but

donations are welcome.

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## Time Out Radio Show

**Monday, June 5**

**5:00 p.m. live on the air: FM103.5 and online at: [wcomfm.org](http://wcomfm.org)**

**Bill Hendrickson** will interview **Sam Miglarese** (FPC Associate Pastor) and **Christy Lohr Sapp** (Associate Dean of Duke Chapel) about the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (95 thesis being published by Martin Luther).

## Great Big Church Family Festival

**“Surprising Friendships”**

Don't forget to register!

This summer, FPC is co-sponsoring an event called the Great Big Church Family Festival (GBCFF), June 11-14, from 5:30 – 7:30. This year's theme is *Surprising Friendships*, and sometimes we will host our surprising friends, and sometimes we will be the surprising friends who visit other churches. In either case, FPC will be hosting on Sunday, June 11 and one Wednesday, June 14 – and we need YOU (families, singles, grandparents, children, parents and young adults) to gather around tables and practice our hospitality skills.

**The Schedule and Theme for each night is as follows:**

### **Sunday, June 11 – First Presbyterian Church**

5:30 – Registration/Name Tags/T-shirt Distribution

5:30 – Dinner in Watts-Hill Hall (by Cris Rivera), with child-friendly items

6:00 – Story (Jesus and Zacchaeus/Luke 19: 1-10)/Singing/Table Talk

6:30 – Outdoor Activities at Stations – Crafts, Playground, Kona Snow Cones

7:20 – Circle up for prayer and dismissal

### **Monday, June 12 - Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5:30 – 7:30**

**Tuesday, June 13 – Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church, 5:30 – 7:30**

### **Wednesday, June 14 – First Presbyterian Church**

5:30 – Dinner, Watts-Hill Hall

6:00 – Story (3 Visitors to Abraham and Sarah/Genesis 18: 1-10) Singing/Table Talk

6:30 – Outdoor Activities at Stations – Crafts, Playground, Kona Snow Cones

7:20 – Circle up for prayer and dismissal

Registration forms are in the foyer, and can be found on our FPC website, too. Sign up now, and join the GBCFF, which includes Trinity Avenue Presbyterian, Mt. Bethel Presbyterian, Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian, and Duke Memorial Methodist. Come and practice being both a hospital host and a gracious guest.

## Book Group Potluck



The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, June 13, at 6:30 PM**, for a potluck dinner at **Dale Gaddis'** house, 900 Urban Avenue, to select books for the coming year. Bring a dish to share and up to 3 book suggestions, one each in the categories of fiction, non-fiction, and spirituality/religion. RSVP to Dale if you plan to attend: [dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com](mailto:dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com).

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**Last fall, our Service and Mission Committee offered 6 different Listening Sessions to hear what members felt are important activities. The top priorities were:**

- 1. Education:** More education about FPC's ongoing service and mission activities, our financial commitments to organizations, and information about individual member's social justice activities.
- 2. Small group ministries:** New opportunities for small group ministries focused on issues such as refugee resettlement, prison ministry, or fighting racism.
- 3. Mission Trips:** Continued participation in non-denominational mission trips, such as Habitat trips to Honduras and the Appalachian Service Project, as well as intergenerational mission trips and intergenerational service activities.
- 4. Information on denominational international mission work:** Education that will possibly lead to a relationship with an international mission co-worker and/or partner.



**In response:**

1. Over the next several months, we will use Minute for Mission, the Newsletter, and our website to increase education about FPC's activities and support.
2. A small group on racism has formed, and educational opportunities to learn about programs for refugee resettlement and prison ministry have been provided.
3. Educational opportunities are planned for the fall about denominational international missions.
4. There will be an opportunity to travel to Honduras after the first of the year.

In addition, we will work on easy sign up for service activities, more information about required skills, more intergenerational activities, education on how to help without being intrusive, and education about how to involve young children with age-appropriate service activities.

**Thanks for your suggestions and participation.**

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**Summer Soccer Camp - REGISTER NOW!**

**Iglesia Hispana Emanuel** is once again sponsoring a "Summer Soccer Camp"

DATE: **June 12 - 23** (with the possibility to extend one more week).



Registration is open. Call **Guillermo** (919-451-6626) or **Pastor Julio Ramirez-eve** (919-672-4333).

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## ATTENTION FPC OFFICERS: Date change!

**Monday, June 19** First meeting for new officers -  
Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.  
Elders meet at 7:00 p.m.  
Supper for all officers at 6:30 p.m.

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**Sunday, September 24**

**\*\*\* NEW EVENT \*\*\***

**FPC All-Church Gathering  
New Hope Camp and Conference Center  
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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**Saturday, September 30**

**Durham Gay Pride Parade  
1:00 p.m.**

**FPC plans to participate in the parade. More details forthcoming!**



## SERVICE AND MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteering at Urban Ministries of Durham

**Margaret Rubiera** is now coordinating FPC's monthly volunteer opportunities at Urban Ministries of Durham. Volunteers are needed on the following days:

- **Friday, June 16, breakfast and lunch**
- **Thursday, June 22, lunch**
- **Friday, June 30, breakfast and lunch**
- **Friday, July 21, breakfast and lunch**
- **Thursday, July 27, lunch.**

If you have been, or would like to begin, volunteering to serve breakfast or prepare lunch bags, **please contact Margaret: [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com)**. This is a great way to serve the downtown community.

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**Step-Up Durham** has the opportunity of receiving a \$50,000 matching grant from the AJ Fletcher Fund, if they can raise \$50,000 from individual donors by June 30. At this point, they are about \$20,000 shy of that goal. FPC is a strong supporter of Step-Up Durham; however, the Fletcher matching grant requires that donations come from individual donors. **If you are interested in helping, please consider donating to Step-Up Durham.** Step-Up Durham is an organization transforming the lives of adults and children through employment and life-skills training. Last year they were able to place 76 individuals in sustainable jobs. About 60% of those were individuals coming out of incarceration. Recently they were able find placements for two refugees from Egypt. Thank you!

## MOOGFEST 2017 at FPC

To Whom It May Concern,  
I wanted to offer my gratitude for opening your church to the public during Moogfest. This is our second year attending this festival, and we (my wife and I) cannot imagine what the experience would be like without First Presbyterian Church being in the list of venues. It is very gracious of you to share this beautiful church with people outside of your congregation and/or faith.

All the best,  
**James Corbett**



The next newsletter: June 13, 2017

Enclosures:      June 2017 Birthday list  
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