

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

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Newsletter

June 27 - July 10, 2017



From the Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

In our summer newsletters, we examine six areas of Christian living: corporate worship, personal devotion, service to the world, stewardship of gifts, fellowship with others, and biblical and theological study. In the last newsletter, we looked at corporate worship. This week, we look at personal devotion.

In addition to corporate worship, God calls us to a discipline of daily prayer and devotion. Such prayer and devotion can take many forms. Some people pray in silent meditation, perhaps in a quiet place at a certain time of the day. Others pray out loud or repeat a phrase such as “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy,” or “Jesus Christ, Son of God, grant me your peace.” Some meditate on recorded music, while others sing and make music with their voice or another instrument. Some use guided devotional books such as *These Days*, while others follow the daily lectionary scripture readings. Some pray as they walk, run, or do yoga. Others pray while painting, sculpting, throwing a pot, or doing another form of visual art. There are many ways to come to God in personal prayer and devotion. The important thing isn’t how we come to God each day, but *that* we come to God each day. For more ideas to guide your personal prayer and devotion, use this link from the PC(USA) website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotions/>

In my own personal devotion, I often turn to writers and poets who draw me into a deeper reflection with God. One of my favorite writers is Howard Thurman and I close with a powerful prayer from him:

Lord, open unto me.

Open unto me — light for my darkness.

Open unto me — courage for my fear.

Open unto me — hope for my despair.

Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me — strength for my weakness.

Open unto me — wisdom for my confession.

Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me — love for my hates.

Open unto me — thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

May you find God in your prayer and personal devotion every day. God waits.

With love,
Mindy

NOTES:

A group of middle schoolers and their chaperones will be heading to the Massanetta Middle School Conference, July 6-9. Those attending include **Clarabelle Brown, Charlie Kelley, Sophie Wilkins, Joshua Padilla, Chris Baquedano, Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Laura McDow, and chaperones Will McDow and Marilyn Hedgpeth.** Please pray for the safe travels and spiritual enrichment of the group during the conference.

Kudos to **Cherrie, Andy and Sam Henry**, for having completed the 200m/322km pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago trail in Spain. They received a certificate in Latin to confirm their completion of the pilgrimage. Cherrie is on sabbatical until September, and will talk about her pilgrimage upon her return.

OUR JOYS

Congratulations to **Ellery Wiebe and Anthony Harvey**, who were married in Duke Gardens on Sunday, June 25. **Eric Wiebe and Cynthia Shimer** are Ellery's proud parents.

OUR SYMPATHIES:

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Bette Conroy and family** on the death of her grandson, **Charlie McWhirter.**

Robin Kramer Puckett's Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, July 2 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Doris Duke Center (Kirby Horton Hall), Sarah P. Duke Gardens, 420 Anderson St., Durham.

OUR CONCERNS:

Added:

Ken Goldner, a patient at Duke Hospital

Ben Miles, son of Alissa and Justin Miles, recovering from a tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy

Beth Neece, surgery at Duke Hospital; recovering at home

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Claiborn Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Louise Dykes, aunt of Will Chambliss

Beth Eisenson, recovering at home from knee surgery

Barbara Gerwe, recovering at home from back surgery

Atria Senior Living: Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell

Croasdaile: Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

Cherie Haines, sister of Vernon Neece

Tony Lopez, husband of Linn Lopez

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Janice Rattray, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley



Please welcome the **Boggs Family** to FPC!

Eric and Kelly Boggs joined FPC on Sunday, June 18, 2017. They reside at 1025 Sycamore St, Durham with their three children: **Thomas**, age 5; **Catherine**, age 4; **Barbara**, 11 months old. Barbara received the Sacrament of Baptism on June 18 during worship.

Eric's contact information; 919-360-0238 (mobile); eric.boggs@gmail.com; Eric works with RevBoss, a sales software company. He was born in Dallas, NC and is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned undergrad and graduate (MBA) degrees.

Kelly's contact information: 919-601-8727 (mobile); kelly.boggs@gmail.com; Kelly is a stay-at-home mom to their three kids. Kelly was born in Gastonia, NC and is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. Her special interests are serving as a wedding ceremony coordinator and playing the flute.

Eric and Kelly joined FPC by transfer of membership from another Presbyterian Church. Their sponsors are **David Lorimer** and **Matt and Laurie Williamson**.

Sunday, July 2

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Worship texts: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon: "Called to Welcome" - Mindy Douglas, preaching

Serving July 2:

Liturgist: **Amy Dillon**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Al Arrowood** (narthex/rear); **George Bernhardt** (side/font)

Ushers: **Mary-Jo Keenan** (head), **TBA** (flowers), **Karen Swope**, **Julie Whiddon**, **Judy Arrowood**, **Amy Sanchez**

Meeting: Working with Refugees

There will be a meeting following worship **THIS SUNDAY, July 2** of all of those who are interested in being involved in a new ministry to refugees in our community. Topics for the meeting include the possibility of sponsoring a new refugee family

through Church World Service; working with a family that has completed formal sponsorship by CWS but still has needs for support; discussing the issues around becoming a sanctuary church; engaging in individual volunteer activities to support refugee families such as tutoring children. If you are interested in being involved in some way or simply want to learn more about the possibilities, please join us in the **East Parlor** following worship this Sunday.

Sunday, July 9

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, July 9 (at the end of worship) for the purpose of electing a deacon to the Class of 2020 (replacing Patricia Kennedy) and electing an at-large member to the Nominating Committee (replacing Geoffrey Kennedy).

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Worship texts: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: "*I Will Give You Rest*" - **Mindy Douglas**, preaching

Serving July 9:

Liturgist: **Bob Yoder**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters: **Lenore Champion** (narthex/rear); **Jane Williams** (side/font)

Ushers: **Michael Honeycutt** (head), **Celia Dickerson** (flowers), **Alissa Miles**, **Stephen Berry**, **Amy Sanchez**, **(need one more)**

Communion Elders:

Bread: **Lenore Champion** (process), **George Bernhardt**, **Gerald Postema**, **Gray Wilson**

Cup: **Barbara Buckley**, **Eric Wiebe**, **Libby Gulley**, **Karen Romines**

Shepherds: **Delia Kwon** (font), **Al Arrowood** (center), **Dewey Lawson** (pulpit)

Head replenish elements: **Miriam Morey**



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children (and youth) Sunday School

During the month of June at 9:45 in room 205 we have been meeting to watch *Zootopia* (PG), which uses animals to address some of the ways we tend to stereotype others and repeat harmful assumptions.

During July, we will be making paper mache animals like those featured in the movie, for some hands-on fun. If you don't mind getting your hands messy, plan to join us for five weeks of fun. **Jo Bernhardt and Delia Kwon** will be leading the group on July 2; **Celia Dickerson and Kathy Colville** will be leading on July 9. Thanks to **Katharine Whitmore**, and to these volunteer leaders.

SUMMER OFFERINGS FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Book Study (aka Faith and Community Class): We will continue our study of Will Willimon's book, *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*. **Sam Miglares** and **Mindy Douglas** will lead our discussions for the next two Sundays as we juxtapose our deepest fears with our greatest hope in Jesus Christ. The class meets at 9:45, and all are invited to join us.

Lectionary Class (meets year-round at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**):

July 2: Does God ask us to do impossible things? Are we required to live a perfect life, or to give up what is most dear to us?

July 9: We go through our daily life, eating and drinking, working and relaxing, living alone or in families, sometimes doing good, sometimes not.... Is God involved?

Journeys Class and the Scratch/Young Adults Class are on summer break. We'll resume in the fall. You are encouraged to join another class that is meeting.

Spiritual Formation This year-round class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap** and explores the topic of spiritual formation. Join us at 9:45 in **basement classroom B-16**.



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.

Minute for Stewardship



Over forty years ago, First Presbyterian Church initiated an exciting innovative program now known as the **First Presbyterian Day School**. During the ensuing years, the Day School has served hundreds of children and their families, helping to prepare these youngsters for future successful experiences in other school settings.

The Day School can accommodate 64 children, with slots designated from infant ages through children who are 4 years old. Each of the five age-appropriate classrooms has a teacher and teacher assistant with special credentials and experience in working with that age group. Perhaps the most radical feature of this new program (true to this day) was the plan to create classrooms with enrollment balanced between children

whose families are able to fully pay their tuition with children and families whose tuition fees are subsidized by government agencies and funds donated by FPC and the Day School.

The First Presbyterian Day School is one of FPC's most significant missions for several reasons: 1) The Day School is the largest recipient of our church's mission funds (designated through the Service and Mission Committee), and 2) The Day School represents perhaps the greatest investment in the Durham community — both because of the large amount of FPC mission funds directed to the Day School, and because the Day School may well be our most significant investment in the future of Durham.

HYMN SING AND MYRTLE FEST PICNIC



Join us on **Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m.** for worship as the congregation engages in an old fashioned hymn sing. Music will be provided by a bluegrass duo. Following worship, we will picnic outside under our crepe myrtles and enjoy more bluegrass music. All are welcome to bring sides (main meat, a vegetarian alternative and beverages provided), and a blanket or lawn chairs!

"Time Out" Radio Show

Monday, July 3 - 5:00 p.m.

Bill Hendrickson will interview **Diane Standaert** who will talk about her Human Relations role in Durham and elsewhere. The radio show can be heard on WCOM, FM 103.5 locally in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and elsewhere on wcomfm.org.

SCRATCH / Young Adults HIKE - Saturday, July 8

Stephen and Mary Berry have organized a great hike in Hillsborough at Occoneechee Mountain State Park. If you plan to do the hike, let us know by responding to the EVITE. **For those who want to carpool, we will meet at FPC promptly at 9:00.** Afterwards, we'll enjoy a sandwich together in downtown Hillsborough at Bona Fide Sandwich shop. We should return to FPC around 1:00 p.m. The more people, the more fun. Hope you can make it!

You can check out this state park at <https://www.ncparks.gov/occoneechee-mountain-state-natural-area>.

First Friends and Families

July Potluck

Saturday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m.

at the home of

Susan Dunlap

and Prasad Kasibhatla

Bring a favorite dish to share.

Please let us know your intentions by responding to the EVITE.

August Potluck

Saturday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.

at the home of

Deborah and Tyler

Momsen-Hudson

Bring lawn chairs and a dish to pass.

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 p.m. Book Group

at the home of **Beth Eisenson**

Dale Gaddis will lead a discussion on

"Becoming Wise" by Krista Tippett



Join us on **Saturday, July 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon** for more work on the FPC grounds. For work details, contact **Barbara Buckley** at 919-402-8551 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Wednesday, July 5

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Monday, July 10

6:30 p.m. Service & Mission Committee

Wednesday, July 12

6:00 p.m. Budget Working Group

Monday, July 17

1:30 p.m. Investment Sub-Committee

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Needlepoint Project

Do you do needlepoint (also called canvas embroidery)? Would you like to add your talents to a new project for the beautification of the sanctuary? **Jane Rourk** and **Barbara Fish** are beginning work on a needlepoint banner to be displayed in the sanctuary on the Sundays when Communion is served. If you are interested, please contact Jane or Barbara:

Jane: jrourk@nc.rr.com or 919-489-5820;

Barbara: barb2fish@yahoo.com or 919-688-9125.

Flower Ministry

The flower ministry of FPC offers a meaningful way to donate flowers for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion. If you would like to reserve an upcoming Sunday to provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the calendar in the foyer. **Ruth Roberson** (RuthHRoberson@gmail.com, 919-949-2106) or **Jean Wilson** (JeanJWilson@gmail.com, 919 403-7333) will be glad to provide more details about ordering flowers and the discount offered to FPC by Ninth Street Flowers. **Dates are available in July and August.** Thank you!

Mission Opportunity: Quilting

If you are not into knitting or needlepoint, try quilting. Presbyterian quilters need your help making baptism and mission baby quilts. **All supplies are in quilt packets and will be given out following Church on Sunday, July 2.** Any questions contact **BJ Morton**: BJMorton1954@aol.com or Linn Lopez: tonylinn@netzero.com

Hurricane Matthew Recovery (Summer Mission Trip)

FPC is organizing a mission team for **Kinston NC for July 30 – August 5** to help with Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts that are still on-going. Participants must be at least 14 years old. We have about 8 crew members and would welcome more. Please contact **Tyler Momsen-Hudson** for more information: tylermmh@embarqmail.com.

Items Needed . . .

The Property Committee is looking for the following items to be donated to the church:

Clothes dryer (new or in good working condition)

Two foldable wheel chairs

Annual Report Summary Deadline: July 31, 2017

Contact Valerie in the church office if you need assistance in completing the annual report summary for your committee or ministry area.



The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Wishing everyone a safe holiday.



Dear Friends,
We are deeply grateful for the warm reception we received on Sunday. What a wonderful worship service and meal! It is good to be back home. It is a great honor to be your Pastor Emeritus.

With gratitude and love,
Carlisle and Joe

I really appreciate the thoughts and prayers for my husband Tony. We appreciate the card that the Pastoral Care Committee sent. It is amazing how much it helps to know that you have moral support. - ***Linn Lopez***

Community Invitation

An Invitation to a Book Reading

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 p.m. The Regulator Bookshop, Durham

You are invited to a reading by Jane Williams from her recently published book, ***Mysterious Moments: Thoughts That Transform Grief.***

The next newsletter will be issued July 11, 2017.