

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

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Newsletter

August 8-21, 2017



From the Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

In our summer newsletters, we have been examining 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 personal devotion. This week, we look at **fellowship** with others.

Recently, I have been asking church members to share three words that describe First Presbyterian Church for them. As different people have shared words, I have noticed overlap in certain areas. The words welcome and hospitality show up often, as do social-justice, justice-seeking, and peacemaking, worship and music. But the one word that shows up 95% of the time is this one: community. Members and friends of FPC feel a strong sense of community in this place. People often comment on how the people of FPC are like a second family to them. They feel welcomed and included in this place. Those who have been around for a long time have seen children grow and develop, go away and come back. Those who are new (like me!) feel welcomed into this family of faith and are quickly invited into fellowship groups and intergenerational events where they get to know one another at a deeper and more personal level. The sooner new members get involved in fellowship opportunities, the sooner they feel a deeper and longer lasting connection with the worshipping community.

We can get to know one another only so well as we sit in the sanctuary together for worship. The places we really get to know one another are the places where we play together, laugh and cry together, work side-by-side, and share meals with one another. The word fellowship in the Christian Church is translated from the Greek word *koinonia*, which can also mean association, community, communion, and joint participation. The more we share our lives together in *koinonia*, the more we are strengthened in our Christian community, our family of faith.

While some believe that coming to worship is enough to be a part of the Christian community, in truth, we grow in our faith and life best when we take the time to fellowship with one another and find the face of Christ in those around us we grow to know and love. May FPC continue to be a place that invites fellowship and nurtures community.

In love,
Mindy

NOTES:

Congratulations to **Larry Peaden and Johnathan Jones** who were married at FPC on Saturday, July 29. We wish them much happiness in their new life together.

Congratulations to **Carolyn McAllaster** for being honored with a Distinguished Chair award from Duke University. It was determined that Carolyn "has made an outstanding contribution to clinical practice and teaching in a particular field of advocacy and service". Carolyn is the founder of the Health Justice Clinic at Duke Law School, directs the HIV/AIDS Policy Clinic,

and teaches a course on AIDS and the Law.

Brian and Jeanette Castle are home with their new baby, **Zeke**. It's been quite a journey from Zeke's adoption in Florida to their arrival back in North Carolina. Welcome home, Castles!

It's back to work/church for **Sarah Finbow**, FPC's youth minister, who returned from maternity leave on August 1. It is great to have Sarah (and little **Sadie**) back in the creative mix that keeps FPC interesting and committed to our ministry. Welcome back, Sarah!

Many thanks to the **Momsen-Hudsons** for hosting **First Friends and Families** at their home on August 5th.

FPC has many talented young people. This past Sunday, **Juliana Miglarese**, daughter of **Sam and Sheila Miglarese**, served as soloist for worship. This coming Sunday, **Rosa Ramirez**, daughter of **Julio and Marty Ramirez**, will sing during the offering.

OUR JOYS

Joanne Harrar has returned to her home after an extended period of rehab at Croasdaile Village.

OUR SYMPATHIES to **Richard and Carrick Goldner, and Jonathan Goldner** on the passing of Richard's mother (Jonathan's grandmother) and FPC member, **Eunice (Ken) Goldner** on August 2, 2017. Ken was a resident of The Forest at Duke. **A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. at FPC. A reception will follow in Watts-Hill Hall.**

OUR CONCERNS:

Elections in Kenya: Today, August 8, Kenyans will go to the polls to vote in their general elections. Churches and civil society organizations realize that it's possible that unrest/violence will occur in the time leading up to, during, and after the election period and have been working hard to mitigate it. Please pray with our brothers and sisters of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa for fair, free, and peaceful elections.

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Katrina Downey, friend of Joanne Harrar

Dave and Jill Eckl, friends of Martha and Steve Rimmer

Atria Senior Living: Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell

**Croasdaile: Bette Conroy, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin,
Florence Shackelford**

The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Louise Dykes, aunt of Will Chambliss

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

From the Associate Pastor:

The Communion Line

Every Christian Church tradition highly values the importance of the Lord's Supper as sacrament or ordinance in some way. The way in which congregations distribute communion is as varied as the theologies and practices of the underlying traditions of faith. When the ***Miglarese*** first arrived at First Presbyterian in 2000, this congregation celebrated communion by passing the bread plate and small cup trays filled with the fruit of the vine, all while seated. We were delighted to see a change.

The movement from seated to the formation of a communion line to receive the elements of faith through the method of intinction was established. In this method, we all do not drink from the common cup like in some traditions, but take the bread and dip it into the cup thereby taking the wine/juice and bread at the same time. Yes, the Lord is received as our strength and nourishment no matter what method we use, but I love the communion line.

The communion line is just amazing. It is so because we commune not only with the Lord in this sacred sacramental act but also with one another and that is clearly, visibly experienced in the act of moving from pew to the Table in the presence of one another. Presiding at the Table and observing from the chancel as one of your pastors, gives me an extraordinary glimpse into the assembly of the faithful gathered around the table of the Lord. It is a privileged position. We observe college students, middle-schoolers, children of all ages, the newly married and the recently divorced, same sex couples, the elderly and the young, people of all races and genders, Catholics and Protestants, the sick and suffering, too, and yes, former priests as well.

It seems that the depth and breadth of humanity is represented in that line up for communion. It is so because all of our lives contain stories of hope even in the midst of our fears and concerns for the ones we love most. We process and walk, drawn to the one table together to eat and drink of the body and blood of our Lord. It is all a foretaste of what liturgists call the "heavenly banquet."

I pray that our communion line gets longer and longer so that more can experience the working of God in their lives. I am so grateful to walk with you in the communion line at First Presbyterian Church. Thank you.

Sam Miglarese

Sunday, August 13

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13 is also a Day of Prayer for the Peaceful reconciliation of the Korean Peninsula.

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "*The Still Eye of the Storm*" - Sam Miglarese, preaching

Worship Texts: 1 Kings 19:9-13; Romans 10:5-15 ; Matthew 14:22-33

Serving August 13:

Liturgist: ***Jennie Alwood***

Narthex Greeter: ***Maxie Honeycutt***

After Worship Greeters: **Sigfried Fullenkamp** (narthex/rear); **Dewey Lawson** (side/font)
Ushers: **Mary-Jo Keenan** (head), **Michael Honeycutt**, **Lea Bingham**

Extending Communion to Croasdaile Village

Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Contact **Bob Yoder** (DrRobertL.Yoder@excite.com) if you would like to join him in visiting our members and friends at Croasdaile Village this Sunday. In-room communion will be offered.

Sunday, August 20

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "He Made Himself Known" - Marilyn Hedgpeth, preaching

Lectionary Texts:

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Serving August 20:

Liturgist: **to be determined**

Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters: **Miriam Morey** (narthex/rear);

Tyler Momsen-Hudson (side/font)

Ushers: **Alissa Miles** (head), **Dale Gaddis**, **Andy Henry**



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children (and youth) Sunday School at 9:45 in room 205

We will continue watching the movie, *Moana*, through August 20, and put the finishing artistic touches on our paper mache animals from the movie, *Zootopia*. Summer is zipping by, so come and spend some down-time with church friends of all ages before Sunday School begins, in earnest, on August 27. All are welcome!

Adults (aka Faith and Community Class):

This class meets at 9:45 in **Watts-Hill Hall**, and all are invited to join us.

August 6, 13, & 20, we are studying and discussing the book, *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving. This book is a wonderful reflective resource for those who want to do the long, hard work of personal examination on the topic of white privilege in America. It has questions for guided reflection at the end of each chapter, which lends itself well to journaling – which is recommend to everyone.

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

August 13: Before he was sold into slavery in Egypt, Joseph was an annoying, arrogant little brother. Was his suffering in slavery required for his spiritual growth? To ask it another way, did Peter have to sink into the sea before his faith could grow?

August 20: How can we understand God's great mercy? Because Joseph, understanding God's purpose, forgave the brothers who sold him into slavery, a family and a nation were saved. Does that mercy extend beyond the children of Israel? "God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all."

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 GROUP is still on break for the summer! We will begin our evening gatherings on **September 10th** with our annual kick-off party!

Parents of Middle School Youth should look for an email from Sarah about the Presbytery retreat to **Camp Don Lee**, October 6-8, 2017. **The registration deadline is September 3** (the week before youth group starts for the year!) The cost is \$95 per youth. And we are looking for 2-4 adults to join our fabulous group!

FPC History Books still available...

There are **four methods** by which the book may be purchased:

1 - **At FPC** for \$25 cash or check made out to the First Presbyterian Church

2 - **At the Regulator Bookshop** (Durham) for \$30

3 - **From Carolina Academic Press** via its website using the Discount Code FPCBOOK; a shipped copy for \$38.44 (includes shipping and sales tax) or call CAP at 919-489-7486 and give the discount code.

4 - **From Amazon**; a shipped copy for \$65.

Parking Lot Safety Reminders

Our new traffic patterns have been working well. Many thanks for your cooperation.

- The **only entrance** to our lot is from Liberty Street. Drivers coming north on Roxboro are asked to pass the lot, turn right onto Liberty, and use that entrance.
- All **traffic moves clockwise only** in the main part of the parking lot.
- **Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**, certain sections are reserved for Church Staff, Day School Staff, and Rental Parking. These areas are clearly marked with signs. **Handicapped spaces** are reserved 24/7/365.
- The **only exit** is onto Roxboro Street (please note that you may only turn right onto Roxboro Street; crossing Roxboro Street to Parrish Street is illegal).

- **The Property Committee**

*** NEW *** A Lending Library



Do you like to read? Have books you would like to share with others (and do not want returned)? Beginning next week, the church will have a **LENDING LIBRARY**, located in the church house on the middle bottom shelf across from the restrooms (first floor).

The only rules: **bring one, take one and enjoy.**

Questions: contact *BJ Morton* (bjmorton1954@aol.com)

~ MEETINGS/ FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ~

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Worship and the Arts Committee
Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30 PM (Rom 208, CE Building)

Investment Sub-Committee
Monday, August 14 at 1:45 PM (East Parlor)

Christian Education Committee
Monday, August 14 at 6 PM (Watts-Hill Hall)

Property Committee
Monday, August 14 at 6 PM (West Parlor)

Service and Mission Committee
Monday, August 14 at 6:30 PM (East Parlor)

Budget Working Group
Wednesday, August 16
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Wilson Parlor)

FPC Officers will meet on Monday, August 28.

Scratch / Young Adults August Potluck
Saturday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m.
at the home of David Lorimer
Check the EVITE regarding parking.
Remember to bring a dish to share.

Daytimers' Luncheon
Tuesday, August 22 at 11:30 a.m.
Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant
at Northgate Shopping Mall (entrance nearest to Sears)
RSVP to shirleyfred@nc.rr.com or 919-489-7102

Christian Education Committee News

Christian Education is in need of several adults to teach Sunday school. We especially need teachers for the middle and high school Sunday school classes but are happy to have you no matter what age you feel called to teach. We also need a couple more adults to work with our youth groups (middle school, high school or both!) Please contact **Sarah Finbow** or **Marilyn Hedgpeth** ASAP (preferably prior to teacher training on the 20th of August)

Do you love to clean and organize? We could use some help straightening and organizing the Sunday school rooms and resource room. Please contact **Sarah Finbow** ASAP to help with this project! We would love to have all the rooms organized prior to September 10th.

Promotion Sunday is August 27th. Our theme this year is **Walking with Jesus**. We will be collecting gently used footwear to be donated to our neighbors in downtown Durham.

Sunday, August 20

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Teacher Training and Orientation
(Mandatory for new teachers; preferred for all teachers)

Come meet fellow teachers; pick up curriculum; get your class roster; check out your classroom; review child and youth protection policy;

Sunday, August 27

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Watts-Hill Hall

You are invited to a **Congregational Breakfast** (eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc.) lovingly prepared by **Cris Rivera** and **Beth Stringfield** to kick-off our new Sunday School year! Come meet your teachers, your classmates, your friends, and enjoy the fellowship of the Beloved Community
All are welcome!

Teacher Dedication in Worship

Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastoral Care Committee News

Attention all our new and returning college students, those giving a year of service, and our military men and women . . .

Before you head off for these new adventures please make sure that we have your address. Your First Presbyterian Church family wants to keep in touch with you. Please send your address to **Valerie McMillan** at v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org or call her at 919- 682-5511.

Need a ride to worship?

If you would like to have a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings, please send a request to **Valerie McMillan** at v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org or call her at 919 682-5511.

Book Group

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Jane Williams** to discuss Trevor Noah's book, ***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood.*** **Mary-Jo Keenan** will lead the discussion. New faces welcome.

Durham Pride Parade

The **Durham Pride Parade** is right around the corner **on Saturday, September 30.** FPC's Scratch is helping to lead the church's representation at the parade. If you're interested in getting involved, mark your calendars for the date, and be in contact with either **Claire Tipton** (clairetipton@gmail.com) or **Andrew Kim** (adkim12@yahoo.com), both of whom have graciously volunteered to lead the charge for FPC.

Service and Mission Opportunities

Let's Organize a Faith Team

Faith Teams of The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham

Do you feel a call to serve those who live on the edges, the least among us?
Is the opportunity to work at the intersection of evidence-based practice and social justice intriguing to you?

Faith Teams are specifically developed to work with people returning from prison. We use an evidence-based practice based in Restorative Justice to substantially reduce the risk of re-offending. We do this by developing friendships that transcend race, class, and background to build the Beloved Community here in Durham.

First Presbyterian is forming a Faith Team to support someone returning from prison to the Durham community. The team will include six volunteers and meet for approximately one year, two times per month.

Training will be on **September 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the church.** Please email **Libby Gulley** if you'd like to attend or want more information gulley@nc.rr.com.

Crayons2Calculators SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



10 Most Needed Items

**Crayons Markers Highlighters Glue Sticks Erasers Pencils
Clipboards Dry Erase Markers Composition Books Copy Paper**

Other needed items:

**staples, calculators, boxes of colored pencils, spiral notebooks,
tape, construction paper, packs of pens, hand sanitizer, boxes of
tissues,
packs of loose leaf paper, supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, Post-it
notes.**

FILL THOSE BINS! FPC is a collection site again this year. Please place donations in the specially-marked plastic container in the foyer.

Supporting Urban Ministries of Durham

The opportunities for serving our neighbors in need in a wonderful and tangible way at Urban Ministries are ongoing. We will be preparing and serving breakfast, and preparing lunch bags, on the following dates: **Friday, August 18** (breakfast and lunch shifts), **Thursday, August 24** (lunch). Please contact **Margaret Rubiera** at margaretmr29@gmail.com to check on availability or for more information. Many volunteers will also be needed in September — Friday, Sept 15 (breakfast and lunch), Thursday, Sept 28 (lunch), and Friday, Sept 29 (breakfast and lunch). Join the fun and make a difference in our community!

Urban Ministry of Durham's Food Pantry clients now shop with a volunteer "buddy" using reusable shopping bags, and for every reusable bag clients bring back on subsequent visits, they will get bonus food, which UMD wants to be especially healthy. You can help Urban Ministry of Durham's Food Pantry program in three ways:

- 1) **Donate reusable grocery bags**, new or gently used.
- 2) **Donate healthier foods** such as whole wheat pasta and crackers, low and no-sodium non-perishable foods, cereals without added sugar (oatmeal included), organic foods, sugar free foods, tortilla chips, salsa, coffee, teas, brown rice, spices, herbs, cornmeal, whole wheat flour, unrefined sugar, nuts, raisins and other dried fruit, muffin and pancake mixes (preferably needing just water).
- 3) **Donate most needed foods**. We have a huge supply of canned vegetables but need canned meat (especially chicken), pasta (dry and canned), pasta sauce, mac & cheese, rice, and shelf-stable milk.

Let's help our neighbors who don't have enough food by bringing items to FPC. The Service and Mission Committee will see that your donations are delivered to the UMD Food Pantry this summer.

Anti-Racism Education Corner

If you haven't had a chance yet, please try to visit the Race Exhibit at the Natural Sciences Museum in Raleigh. Here's a brief description: "What does the word "race" mean to you? This exhibition looks at race through the lens of science, history, and personal experiences to promote a better understanding of human variation. Interactive exhibit components, historical artifacts, iconic objects, compelling photographs, multimedia presentations, and attractive graphic displays offer visitors to RACE an eye-opening look at its important subject matter. RACE tells the stories of race from the biological, cultural, and historical points of view offering an unprecedented look at race and racism in the United States." (<http://naturalsciences.org/exhibits/featured-exhibitions/race>) This exhibit runs through October 22. Maybe some of us can go as groups.

The Montreat Crossroads training on August 18-19 has been postponed until 2018. We will let you know as soon as it has been rescheduled.

Other Racial Equity Institute training dates:

September 8-9, 2017 REI Phase 1, Durham;

September 21-22, REI Phase 1, Raleigh.

Please register early as these workshops fill up fairly quickly. Go to <http://www.oarnc.org/events/> and click on *Register Here* to see if there are any openings.

CONCERT at FPC

Saturday September 9, 2017
7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary.

EL FUEGO Early Music Ensemble presents "Spanish Devotions," a selection of Secular and Sacred Spanish Baroque cantatas by Jose de Nebra and Juan Manuel de la Puente: Salomé Sandoval, soprano, baroque guitar, archlute and artistic direction; Matvey Lapin, baroque violin; Chris Nunnally, baroque cello; Jennifer Streeter, harpsichord.



ADMISSION:

General Audience: \$15.

Seniors and Students with ID: \$10.

FPC members: \$10.

Email: elfuegofire@gmail.com for more information.

The next newsletter will be issued August 22, 2017.

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