

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

*"Downtown by history and by choice"*

## *Bi-Weekly Newsletter*

**February 20 - March 5, 2018**

### **From the Pastor . . .**

Dear friends,

I am excited to share with you information about the new Strategic Planning Team appointed by the session. As many of you will remember, the church went through an extensive time of study following Joe Harvard's retirement in May 2013. At that time, the session appointed a Mission Study Team who conducted an extensive survey and led many listening sessions and focus groups. The result was an extremely helpful document ([click here for Mission Study report 2014](#)) that guided the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in their work as they looked for the next pastor.

One thing the PNC shared with me was the need to take the next step, to take the study and have a plan for the next 5-10 years. This new Strategic Planning Team (SPT) will be the ones to build on the mission study and take FPC to the next step of planning and implementation of the plan.

Because almost five years have passed since Joe's retirement and the start of the mission study, the congregation has changed somewhat – some people have moved away or are no longer able to be active, while others have joined FPC during that time. The city is changing around us at a rapid pace. While much remains the same, much also has changed.

The SPT, understanding the changes in our congregation and around us over the past 3-5 years, will be doing a bit of work in the next several months to build on what the extensive mission study already did. They will be putting together a few small targeted focus groups to help them glean information to build a new (much shorter) survey for the congregation, which will focus less on finding a new pastor and more on who we are and where we want to go in the future. The results of the survey will guide the SPT as they begin to host listening sessions and focus groups. Their hope is that this three-step process will allow for everyone's voice to be heard so that we can move forward into the future with a common vision.

The SPT will be working all year and looks forward to hearing your thoughts about the strengths and opportunities we have as a vital and vibrant, faithful and social-justice minded congregation in the heart of the city of Durham.

Stay tuned for regular reports in this newsletter from the team, whose names are listed below. Keep them in your prayers and pray that God will guide us all in the ways we should go as this congregation into the future God intends for us. How exciting it is to be a part of FPC in 2018 and beyond! Thanks be to God for our history, our present, and our yet-to-be-determined future.

With gratitude for all of you,

***Mindy***

**Strategic Planning Team members:**

Jon Abels  
Jennie Alwood  
Walt Barron  
Jane Brown  
Graham Curtis  
Emily Durham Diy  
Sharron Johnson  
Leslie McDow  
Carl Rist  
Scottie Seawell  
Beth Stringfield

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## OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Kim and Kevin Kaufeld* on the birth of a daughter. *Isla Anne Kaufeld* was born February 10<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque, NM. Isla joins big brother **Alden**.

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***Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*** - Matt. 5:4

We extend **CONDOLENCES** to *Lee Courtland* on the death of her uncle, ***Dr. George C. Hopkins*** in Florida and to ***Emily Durham Diy*** and ***Amy Wilson*** on the death of their grandmothers. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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**Added this week: *Bob and Marilyn Towne***, parents of *Kim Abels*

***Mary Clark*** and son, ***Claiborne Clark***

***Paul Cornsweet***

***Dorothy Graham***

***Bob Keever***

***Julie Maxwell***

***Florence Shackelford*** – the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

**Atria Senior Living: *Peggy Mordecai***, mother of Beth Eisenson

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

**Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin***

**Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison***

**The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson***

**Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:**

***Marc Crawford***, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

***Angelita Cruz***, sister of Lina Yoder, in the Philippines

***Kim Cummings***, father of Drew Cummings

***Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg***, family from South Dakota  
(Heath is receiving care at Duke)

***Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase***, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

***Dell McMillian***, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

***Jon Pratt***, recovering from an assault in NYC

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

***Jerry Walter***, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle

## PARISH NOTES

- Thanks to all who participated in the **2nd Annual FPC Legacy Society Luncheon**, held on February 6. Attendees were inspired by FPC's pastor, **Mindy Douglas**, who shared her vision for the future of FPC and how their participation in the FPC Legacy Society will help bring that vision to fruition.
  - Parents of Young Children had a great night out on Sunday evening while their children baked bread and talked about the different kinds of people with whom Jesus ate, as reflected in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The children who participated included: **Noah and Rory Dillon, Millie Admay, Vanessa and David Armstrong, Logan Brown, Rhys Huslage** and **Art and Henry Kelley**. Many thanks to helpers **Katharine Whitmore** and **Susan Buck**.
  - **Flu Season Awareness:** We have placed dispensers of hand sanitizer at each of the sanctuary entrances and in the foyer, and we encourage you to use them as needed and when entering and exiting the sanctuary.
  - **Name Tags:** Church and visitor name tags are now available on Sunday mornings in the foyer (lower level, elevator alcove). If you enter the sanctuary through the narthex (rear of the sanctuary), your name tag can be picked up and dropped off there (add a yellow dot to the back of your tag to indicate this location). Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings, and as you leave the sanctuary after worship, drop it in the containers provided. We encourage everyone to wear a name tag, including our visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.
  - The Friday morning Bible Study is deviating from virtues for Lent (Feb. 16 – March 30), and focus on vice in a course called: "What's Nice About Vice: A Positive Look at the Seven Deadly Sins". The curriculum for the course will consist of a series of TED Talks about topics such as sloth, gluttony, pride and lust, which we will discuss together in class, supplemented by biblical stories and passages that are pertinent. The topic for this week is "envy". The class is open to everyone, on Fridays from 10:30 – noon at the church. **Marilyn Hedgpeth** leads the class and would love to have you join us as a Lenten practice.
  - **Acolytes / Crucifers needed**  
Interested in serving as an acolyte or crucifer during worship? We are looking to welcome more people, regardless of age, into this important aspect of our weekly worship! Please email [s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) if you are interested!
  - **Calling all Ushers**  
Friends, we have been having a difficult time of late filling our roster of folks to usher. If you'd like to perform a really easy service to FPC, ushering is one way to do it. This only takes a few minutes out of the service and is a real help to us all. The Head Usher has a few more tasks to do, including counting the offering (with a second usher to help double check). Please let us know if you would like to be put on the list to be available to usher either on a regular basis, or just from time to time. You don't have to be a Deacon or an Elder to do this. Email either **Stephen Berry** ([stephen.d.berry@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.d.berry@gmail.com)) or **Kathy Krahenbuhl** ([kat.krahenbuhl@gmail.com](mailto:kat.krahenbuhl@gmail.com)) to be added to the list to receive emails for the Sign-Up Genius. We'd love to have you join us.
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## Congregational Meeting - Election of Officers

On **Sunday, February 18, 2018**, at a Congregational Meeting called by the Session, the following persons were elected to serve as officers and at-large on the next iteration of the Nominating Committee:

### Class of 2021 Elders

Kim Abels  
Tom Bacon  
Chris Brown  
Lenore Champion  
Leah Graves  
Raymond Mbah  
Diane Prosser

### Class of 2021 Deacons

Katy Barron  
Brian Castle  
Matt Cline  
Kathy Conner  
Grace Mbugua  
John Mozart  
Bob Pleasants

### Class of 2019 Elders

Sigfried Fullenkamp  
Griffin Momsen-Hudson

### Class of 2019 Deacons

Amy Dillon  
Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey  
Minnie Fullenkamp  
Sam Henry

Once the above persons complete officer training, they will be ordained and installed on May 20.

### **2018-2019 Nominating Committee** (at-large representatives)

Walt Barron  
Shirley Frederick  
Jane Rourk  
Michael Schultz  
Sophie Wilkins

## Sunday, February 25 - Third Sunday in Lent

### **2018 McPherson Lectureship this Weekend!**



#### **Sunday, February 25 – Monday, February 26**

#### **Guest Lecturer: Starsky Wilson**

Senior Pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis, MO; President and CEO of Deaconess Foundation and member of the Ferguson Commission

**THEME: *Martin, the Messiah and #MeToo: Framing Faith-Inspired Activism***"

Click [schedule](#) for more information about this year's Lectureship.

**All are welcome. Lunch reservations are required for the Clergy / Church Leader Gathering on February 26: [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).**

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#### **9:45 a.m. Sunday School**

**NOTE: All adult classes are invited to Watts-Hill Hall to hear the Lectureship Presentation, *"The Church's Response to Racial Injustice."***

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

**Sermon: "Unfinished Business"** (John 20:30 - 21:1)

**Rev. Starsky Wilson**, preaching

The **Hunger for Change offering** will be received during worship. Please give generously to help combat hunger.

Narthex Greeter: *Harriett Mitchell*

After Worship Greeters: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (side/font);

*Jerry Postema* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **TBD** (head), **TBD** (flowers), *Julie Whiddon, Will Chambliss, Miriam Morey, Carl Rist*

## Lenten Study Series

Please sign up to participate

### Lenten Class Offering (Sundays)

#### Holy Listening:

#### Poetry Reading & Writing

led by Marilyn Hedgpeth

*An introduction to poetry as a spiritual discipline: both reading and writing.*

We'll look at some of the poetry of the Bible, as well as poetry by Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Wendell Berry, Gerard Manly Hopkins, and others, including poems participants bring to share. **Classes meet on three Sunday afternoons from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the church: March 4 (living in the moment), March 11 (love) and March 18 (devotion).** Bring your ears, your heart, maybe something to write with, and a few good poems and prayers. Childcare provided upon request; the youth will be meeting at the same time. Class is open to members and non-members.

**To participate, contact Marilyn: [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).**

### Lenten Class Offering (Wednesdays)

#### in Spiritual Autobiography

led by *Cherrie Barton Henry*

*"God shows up as your life."*

(Richard Rohr)

We all know that God is speaking to us through the stories of our own lives and the lives of other Christian disciples. In this Lenten class, we will take time to reflect upon what God might be saying to us through our life stories. In order to have a quality experience together, participants will commit to attending at least three of the four classes. **Classes meet Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at FPC.**

Participants are welcome to BYOS (Bring Your Own Supper) or enjoy the healthy snacks that will be provided.

**Sign up for this class by emailing Cherrie Henry: [cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com).**

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## Membership Inquiry Classes Coming This Spring

Some of you have been visiting FPC for quite some time; some of you have already joined; and some of you are entertaining the concept of membership. To address your questions, and to introduce you to other like-minded people, we will be offering a series of six Membership Inquiry Classes this spring for those who have expressed a curiosity about membership. These classes will begin with an introductory luncheon following worship on **Sunday, March 4**, and continue on Sundays thereafter (excluding Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday) at 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. through April 29. We do not require anyone to take these classes before joining; you are welcome to join at any time, as your schedule allows. Just let the pastors know if you are ready to join, and we'll convene the Session of the church to make that happen.

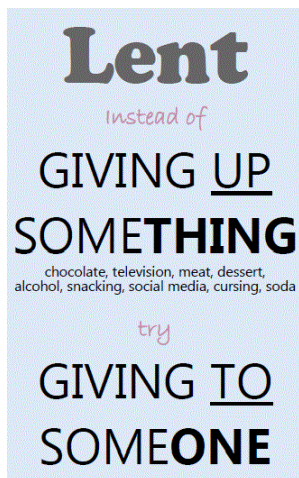
These classes are an opportunity for you to ask your questions, and to make an informed decision with knowledge of the history, ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

Let *Marilyn Hedgpeth* know, please, if you would like to attend the luncheon on **March 4** (so we'll have enough food for you and your children), and the series of classes which follow. Know that we would love to include you and get to know you better.

**The schedule, topics, and presenters are as follows:**

3/4 - Fellowship luncheon, and intros (following worship)	Marilyn Hedgpeth
3/11 – Scripture and Prayer (9:45)	Marilyn Hedgpeth
3/18 – Baptism and Eucharist (9:45)	Sam Miglarese
3/25 – <b>No Class (Palm Sunday)</b>	
4/1 – <b>No Class (Easter Sunday)</b>	
4/8 – History and Theology (9:45)	Mindy Douglas
4/15 – Liturgical Year and Worship (9:45)	David Smith
4/22 – Presbyterian Polity and Theology (9:45)	Phyllis Supple
4/29 – The Christian Life/Meeting with the Session (9:45)	Mindy Douglas

(Those who wish may join during the worship service at 11:00 on April 29th.)



## LENTEN MATCH

Lent is a time to step back from our usual routines and engage in acts of transformation. The church traditionally suggests a threefold form of action for Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As Jesus instructs his disciples, *Come and see what is happening. Come and follow me.* (John 1 35-50), we follow Jesus with a sense of wonder as to how things will turn out. Will our actions make a difference?

In this Lenten season of 2018, a generous donor has invited our congregation to join them in enabling transformative acts of service and mission. The donor will match gifts given by the congregation with their own gift up to \$20,000. The money will go to meeting emergency needs through our Walk-In ministry, feeding individuals who are elderly or disabled through Meals on Wheels, providing shelter through Urban

Ministries of Durham, and to other organizations focused on meeting basic needs.

This opportunity to follow with a sense of wonder began on February 14<sup>th</sup> and lasts till March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you feel called to participate, please make checks to FPC, designated to "Lenten Match" and put them in the collection plate or send them to the church office. **You may also give online using this [link](#).** Thank you.

## Sunday, March 4 - Third Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Marilyn Hedgpeth, preaching

**Remember to bring supplies for blessing bags on Communion Sundays.**

Liturgists: *Jennie Alwood, John Curran*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Eric Wiebe* (side/font); *Alice Raney* (rear/narthex)

Communion Elders:

Bread: *Eric Wiebe* (B1, process), *Lenore Champion* (B2), *Gray Wilson* (B3), *Libby Gulley* (B4)

Cup: *Al Arrowood* (C1), *Delia Kwon* (C2, process), *Alice Raney* (C3), *Dewey Lawson*

(C4)

Shepherds: **George Bernhardt** (font aisle), **Tyler Momsen-Hudson** (center aisle),  
**Caroline Rourk** (pulpit aisle)

Head / Replenish elements: **Barbara Buckley**

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Jane Williams** (count)

(Click [here](#) to sign up to usher)

## Sunday, March 11 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

Liturgist: **Amy Dillon**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters: **Cris Rivera** (side/font);

**Karen Romines** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **TBD** (head), **TBD** (flowers), **Karen Swope** (count), **Amy Dillon**

## Sunday, March 18 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

**Members of the Habitat for Humanity Mission Team to Honduras will be commissioned during worship.**

Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters: **Caroline Rourk** (side/font);

**Jane Wettach** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **TBD** (head), **TBD** (flowers), **Christy Gudiatis** (count), **Dale Gaddis, Amy Sanchez**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Children's and Youth Sunday School is a wonderful example of small group ministry in our church. This **Sunday, February 25**, we will meet in the upstairs Spirituality Room for some music, prayerful doodling, braiding, scrabbling and building. **Li-Chen Chin and Marilyn Hedgpeth** will be leading the class.

We begin a new story on March 4; one disciples being too afraid to follow Jesus from Mark 14. It's a great Lenten story, which prepares us for Easter. Hope to see you on Sunday.

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

Many thanks to **Laura Hanson and Susan Dunlap** who led the Faith and Community Class on Sunday in a discussion about caring for people with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. We will have one final presenter on this topic in April to conclude our series on dementia and Alzheimer's, which has been valuable in increasing awareness of an area in which FPC can grow in its inclusivity.

### **ALL ADULT CLASSES COMBINED THIS SUNDAY!**

This **Sunday, February 25**, our McPherson Lecturer, **Rev. Starsky Wilson**, will address the class on the topic of "The Church's Response to Racial Injustice." We are expecting many to

attend this class, so plan to arrive early to get a good seat.

**Lectureship resources to read before the class:**

[https://ssir.org/articles/entry/philanthropy\\_on\\_the\\_frontlines\\_of\\_ferguson](https://ssir.org/articles/entry/philanthropy_on_the_frontlines_of_ferguson)

<https://www.faithandleadership.com/starsky-wilson-find-your-ferguson>

<https://forwardthroughferguson.org/report/executive-summary/>

The following three **Sundays, March 4 – March 18, Sam Miglarese and Robert Brawley** will begin a series of Lenten topics to prepare our hearts for Easter.

**The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall, and all are welcome.**

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**Lectionary Class:**

Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

**March 4:** What is the Law? Is it a set of strict rules to be followed grudgingly? Is it a mysterious word from God, which we are incapable of understanding? Or is it a precious gift to be treasured?

**March 11:** What does it take to remove our sins? Surely there is a price we must pay or a difficult task we must perform or a punishment we must endure, in order to be forgiven.

**March 18:** What do you do when what you've always done doesn't work anymore? It can be frightening to abandon the old ways -- old structures, old covenants -- and try something very new, but the rewards can be wonderful. As Jesus said, bury the old seed and it will grow into a new plant.

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**Journeys and Scratch/Young Adults Class:**

On **March 4**, Journeys will discuss and select the scripture, books and topics that will be covered over the next several months. All are welcome to join the conversation. We meet in the corner room of the 2nd floor of the education building. We will read and discuss the scripture reading for March 4 to start this class session.

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**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.



**Join us on Sunday evenings . . .**

**Middle Schoolers at 5:00 p.m.;**

**Supper for all youth at 6:00 p.m.;**

**High Schoolers at 6:30 p.m.**

All youth are welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

**Sunday, February 25: "Screenagers" (offsite)** with Westminster and Trinity Ave PC youth groups. Check your

email for details on where to be dropped off and picked up on Sunday evening.

**Upcoming FPC Events . . .**

**Indonesia Bird Show**

Indonesia is a nation made up of thousands of islands, and many of those islands are home to special endemic birds, mammals, really big lizards, and other creatures. In November of 2017,



**David and Judy Smith** made their second birding trip to Indonesia, visiting five islands. (Along the way, they also stopped briefly in Singapore, a small and densely populated island that still has some remarkably good natural areas.) Join David and Judy on **Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 in Watts-Hill Hall** for a photographic exploration of the wildlife of Indonesia and Singapore.

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### **First Friends and Families Fast Break**

**Friday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

**at the home of Brent, Lesley and Graham Curtis** (2713 Dogwood Rd, Durham)

Teenage and older kids welcome!

This is a potluck so please bring a dish to share!

Please respond to the EVITE. Not getting the EVITE and wish to be added to the list? Contact

Valerie in the church office: [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

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### **Primetimers' Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

**at the home of Jean and Chuck Wilson** (25 Pennington Place, Durham)

Please respond to the EVITE and remember to comment on the type dish you will bring. The hosts will provide a TV upstairs for those who wish to eat and follow the Duke basketball game.

Not getting the EVITE and wish to be added to the list? Contact Valerie in the church office:

[v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

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### **FPC Officer Meetings**

**Monday, February 26**

**6:00 p.m. - Diaconate**

**6:30 p.m. - Joint Officers' Supper**

**7:00 p.m. - Session**

Remember to send your reports / agenda items to Christyn ASAP and to RSVP for the supper via the link provided by email.

### **Daytimers' Luncheon**

**Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m.**

**at Bennett Pointe Grill** - 4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham

Arranged by **Linda and Chuck Barenchi**

Please RSVP to: 919-908-6156 or [cnlbars@gmail.com](mailto:cnlbars@gmail.com).

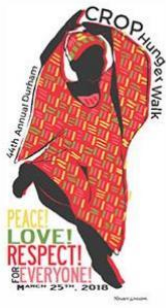
### **FPC Annual Meeting**

The FPC Session has set **Sunday, March 4** as the date for **the Annual Meeting of the Church** (at the end of worship). The members will hear a report on the 2018 Operating Budget and vote on changes in terms of call for installed pastors.

### **Upcoming Evening for Families with Young Children**

Our next event will be the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, on the morning of **Palm Sunday, March 25** at 9:30 a.m., followed by a treat of Hot Cross Buns, before the Palm Parade around neighboring downtown churches steps off at 10:15. Then later that afternoon, the Durham Crop Walk will take place beginning at Duke Chapel at 2:30 p.m. These are all wonderful family activities in which all ages can participate. Please sign up for the Crop Walk in the FPC foyer.

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## Annual Crop Hunger Walk

It's time to get our team together to walk in this year's Durham Crop Walk for hunger relief.

**The 44th Durham Crop HUNGER Walk will be Sunday, March 25, 2018 beginning at 2:30 p.m. from Duke Chapel.**

Not able to walk this year? Support FPC's team by sponsoring a walker. Please make checks payable to Durham Crop Walk and give to the person you are sponsoring.

For more information about this event, go to [\*\*DURHAM CROP WALK\*\*](#).

To sign up to walk and/or make a donation, click [\*\*FPC Crop Walk Team\*\*](#).

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## CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

**Regular season ends Monday, February 26 and then it's tournament time.** Come cheer for FPC! Games are played on Mondays and Thursdays (7:00, 8:00, 9:00 p.m.) in the Hope Valley Baptist church gym, located at the corner of Garrett and Hope Valley Roads. Click [\*\*schedule\*\*](#) to see when FPC's teams play.

## Racial Equity Corner

The next meeting of the FPC Racial Equity Task Force is on **Sunday, March 4** right after worship in the Wilson Parlor. If you have ideas you'd like to share or would just like to join us in planning ways to share education with our fellow church members, please do. If you have any questions, just drop **Kathy Krahenbuhl** an email ([\*\*kat.krahenbuhl@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:kath.krahenbuhl@gmail.com)).

The registration pages for the Racial Equity Institute (REI) Spring trainings are up on the new OAR Alliance web page, including Phase II in March. Please attend if you can:

[\*\*https://www.oaralliance.org/schedule/\*\*](https://www.oaralliance.org/schedule/)

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## SAVE THESE DATES!

**June 17, 18, 19** – at participating churches  
GBCFF (Great Big Church Family Festival) 2018

**August 5** from 4-7 p.m. Reunion at Camp New Hope

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## New Service Opportunities with Urban Ministries

A strong group of faithful volunteers from our congregation continue to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries 3 or 4 days each month. **Coming next month, we have an additional opportunity to lend a hand on Good Friday.** We will be preparing and serving a special breakfast from 8:30 - 10:30 that morning, **March 30**. If you would like to honor that sacred day by giving of your time to help feed our neighbors in need, contact **Margaret Rubiera** at [\*\*margaretmr29@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com). Children over the age of 10 are

welcome as long as they are accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

If preparing food is not your calling, but you still would like to be involved with Urban Ministries, then consider joining together with a small group from our church to help sort and organize donated clothes for their **Clothes Closet** one day a month. Any time you can give would be wonderful! To add your name to the potential volunteer list, or for more information, contact Margaret at [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com).

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## **Free Movie Screening and Community Discussion**

**"FIX IT - Healthcare at the Tipping Point"**

**Thursday, February 22**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Kehillah Synagogue - Chapel Hill**

**1200 Mason Farm Road - Parking is free**

Event is sponsored by [www.facebook.com/healthcareforall/](http://www.facebook.com/healthcareforall/)

The discussion will provide the pros and cons of creating an improved **Medicare For All** system.

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## **2018 Bread for the World Convention**

The 2018 North Carolina Bread for the World Convention, scheduled for Saturday, April 7, is rapidly approaching. This year's theme is "Spiritual Politics: Resisting the Impending Hunger Crisis." Again this year, the convention will be held at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in downtown Durham. Registration is now open at <https://spiritualpolitics.eventbrite.com>. Individual pre-registration is just \$25 per person. A discounted rate of \$15 is available for students. Scholarships also are available upon request. Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be available throughout the day. This year's keynote speaker will be **Michael Becketts**, former director of the Durham County Department of Social Services and now Assistant Secretary for Human Services at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Plan now to attend.

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## **Durham Senior Games & Silver Arts**

**Monday, April 16 - Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Ages 50 or better may participate

**Early Bird Special - Save \$2 between February 5 - March 2**

For more information call or visit: 919-560-4355 ext 27232 or [DPRPlayMore.org](http://DPRPlayMore.org)

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## **Refugee Resettlement**

Several FPC members have been helping a refugee family from Afghanistan to resettle in Durham, after they spent 4.5 years in Turkey. The couple has three daughters, the youngest less than two-years old, and the other two already enrolled in Durham Public Schools. The father works part-time, but his income is not sufficient for their expenses. He is an IT professional with 12 years of experience with computers, both hardware- and software-related problem solving, including working with the US Embassy in Kabul and the United Nations. Information on potential contacts that might lead to a full-time job, which could use all of his professional skills,

would be very helpful. If you would like to receive a copy of his CV, please get in touch with Jean Wilson at [JeanJWilson@gmail.com](mailto:JeanJWilson@gmail.com) or Marila Codeiro-Stone at [marilacordeiro@hotmail.com](mailto:marilacordeiro@hotmail.com).

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## Supporting "Sanctuary"

The **Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill** has become a sanctuary church. FPC is a partner in this effort as part of an interfaith network of volunteers. Volunteer activities include everything from prayer support to providing a meal, paying a visit, doing laundry, advocating to change inhumane immigration laws, or providing medical care. **Individuals who are interested in volunteering can sign up at: <http://eepurl.com/c77iRn>.**

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## Membership Directory: SMARTPHONE ACCESS

Do you want access to the church membership directory and the online events calendar on-the-go? You can have access when you download the Church Life app to your smartphone. You must sign up and then download the app. Read all about it [here](#). Contact the church office if you need help getting the app to work on your device.

**The next church newsletter will be issued March 6, 2018.  
Please submit your articles / news to Valerie in the church office  
by Monday, March 5, 2018.**

**The birthdays list for March is enclosed  
as well as the Lenten Activity Calendar (placemat).**

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