

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

June 12 - 25, 2018

From the Associate Pastor . . .

The Wisdom of Children

Marilyn Hedgpeth and **the McDows** shared with me from the Faith and Community Sunday school sessions that addressed School shootings. I pray that what was different at Parkland, Florida, from all other series of killings from Colorado to Newtown is the message that "Enough is Enough." These young people are signs and a challenge to the consciences of all Americans to wake up. May their tenacity and persistence continue! May they receive our full support along the way! May we move out of our slumber where the banality of evil and a sense of normalcy reigns which numbs our demand for meaningful action from our elected officials!

I preached a sermon in 2012 at the time of the Newtown massacre called "The Family Table." I really believed at that time that we finally reached the tipping point where action and consensus on eliminating the legal sale of assault rifles would be reached. And frankly since then it has been exhausting to repeat the same arguments about gun control as our children are massacred from Columbine to Sandy Hook to Parkland and Santa Fe. I laid out three directions to follow: the way of compassion, the way of prayer, and the way of hope.

The time has come now for us to demand in the pending midterm election cycle that those who wish to be elected as representatives to Congress announce to us their positions clearly on banning military style weapons that are produced to kill human beings. The ban on military-style weapons will not solve the problem but without that ban no series of other actions will succeed. The front page story of the *News and Observer* on June 11th indicates that our elected officials will be held accountable because of the wisdom and outcries initiated by the students of Parkland.

Laura and the children of America have roused us from our sleep; we must pursue the dreams and the hopes that our children are so committed to achieve in their genuine outrage.

Sam Miglarese

Welcome the Huslage/McClain family to FPC

***Erin Kathleen McClain and Daniel Kirk
Huslage***, 1816 Haddington Dr., Durham, NC



27712; 919-403-1951 (home), 919-604-1632 (cell-Erin), 919-604-0499 (cell-Kirk); **ek.mcclain@gmail.com** (Erin), **khuslage@gmail.com** (Kirk). **Erin** works as Assistant Director for the UNC Center for Maternal and Infant Health. She holds a Master of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from UNC Chapel Hill, MA in International Affairs (Human Rights and Forced Migration) from American University, and BA in International Studies from

Meredith College. She enjoys being a Girl Scout troop leader and loves to read, bake, and ballroom & swing dance. **Kirk** works as Directory of Clinical Operations for Infection Prevention at Duke University Hospital. He holds a MS in Public Health in Environmental Health and Microbiology from UNC Chapel Hill, BS in Nursing from John Hopkins University, and BS in Zoology from NC State University. He enjoys being a Little League Baseball coach, and loves music, cooking, and survivalist TV shows. Erin and Kirk joined FPC by letter of transfer on June 4, 2018, with their two children, **Maeve** and **Rhys**.

Our Condolences . . .

We extend heartfelt sympathies to:

- the family of **Franklin Sesay**. FPC member who died May 28th in Sierra Leone;
- **Mary Skinner and family** on the death of her mother and former FPC member, **Amelia Thompson**, on June 5th at the age of 99; A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for Amelia on **Thursday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. at FPC, Burlington.**
- **Phyllis Verhey** on the sudden death of her brother, **Steven DeKruyter**, on June 10th in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Added recently:

Ann Prospero, Croasdaile Pavilion
Russell Roberson, recent surgery
Carolyn Wolfe, recovering at home
Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson
Ron Smith, husband of FPC Day School director Katharine Smith

Bette Conroy, recovering at Croasdaile Pavilion, room 133

Carsey Family
Graham/Seawell/Boyle Family
Keever Family
Lorimer Family
Susan Seahorn
Margaret Sims

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: **Julian Boswell**
Croasdaile Pavilion: **John Kerr, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford** (room 245)

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: **Mary Clark**
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**
The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson**

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James
Ching-Chang Chin, father of Li-Chen Chin
Maria Holland, daughter of Katy and Bruce Loebrich
Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis
May Juhnke, mother of Tom Juhnke
David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High (Air Force, stationed in England)
Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost
Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece
Evelyn McDaniel, mother of Mary Kay Robinson
Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook
Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
Anne Turlington, aunt of Jack Kost
Wally Watson, grandfather of Megan Champion

PARISH NOTES

- **Our prayers go with Rev. Cherrie Henry** as she travels to St. Louis, MO this week to serve as a minister-commissioner from New Hope Presbytery to the 223rd meeting of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), which is held every two years. Cherrie was commissioned during worship on Sunday.
 - **Congratulations to Carolyn McAllaster**, who received an award recently at this year's Defenders of Justice Dinner in Chapel Hill. Carolyn was honored for her work in establishing the AIDS Clinic at Duke Law School.
 - **Road closures around FPC:** On **Saturday, June 16**, the 300 block of east Main Street will be closed to through traffic for the annual Juneteenth Festival. On **Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23**, the 300 block of east Main Street will be closed for Durham's HipHop Festival. We will be able to enter and exit the church's parking lot during these times.
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YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

Calling ALL Youth! The Youth Pastor search committee needs YOUR input about what YOU think is important, going forward for YOUR YOUTH GROUP!
Please attend a listening session THIS Sunday morning during Sunday School at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor to meet with several members of the committee so that your voices will be heard.

Calling ALL parents of YOUTH! The Youth Pastor search committee needs YOUR input about what YOU think is important, going forward for your children's Youth Group!! **Please attend a listening session THIS Sunday during the Congregational Lunch** to meet with several members of the committee so that your voices will be heard. Bring your lunch to the East Parlor and meet with the Committee until 1:00 p.m.

Youth Pastor Search Committee: *Lenore Champion* (chair), *Brent Curtis*, *Griffin Monsen-Hudson*, *Charlotte Maxwell*, *Marilyn Hedgpeth* (staff).



Imam Abdul Waheed wrapped up his three week session in Faith and Community on Islam by presenting copies of *The Quran* to those who didn't already have one. We are much indebted to Imam Waheed for his wise teaching and for his friendship.

Sunday, June 17

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Surprising Growth"

Sam Miglarese, preaching

Following worship, everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall for the **Great Big Church Family Festival kickoff congregational lunch**. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

Liturgists: *Torrell and Vanessa Armstrong*

Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Gray Wilson* (side/font);

Al Arrowood (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Katy Barron* (flowers), *Paul Cornsweet* (counting), *John Mozart*, *El Hess*, ***need one more usher***

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



GBCFF (Great Big Church Family Festival) starts this Sunday! Registration is open, or you may register on site,

June 17 (Mt. Bethel Presbyterian)

June 18 (Duke Memorial UMC)

June 19 (Trinity Avenue Presbyterian) nightly from 5:30 – 7:30, and an August 5 reunion at

Camp New Hope from 4:00-7:00 p.m., with swimming, pot-luck, singing, and games. This year's theme is "Serve the Lord with Gladness", and each evening we will be joining in an inter-generational service project together to serve our Durham community, in addition to dinner, crafts, and singing. GBCFF is for children of God young and old. Last year we had great participation from FPC:

from our Session, from our youth, from our families, from our singles, and from our children. We hope everyone turns out to be good guests and good hosts for this multi-church event. Click [here](#) to register yourself or your entire family.

Sunday, June 24, 2018

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. - Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "One Little Word, or Two"

Marilyn Hedgpeth, preaching

Liturgists: **Joseph Ngumi, David Smith**

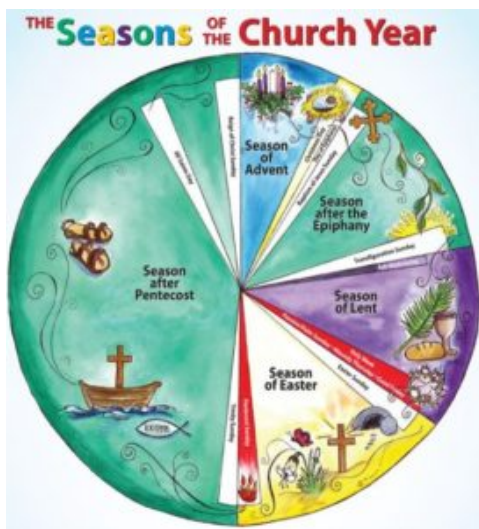
Greeter: **Chris Williams**

After Worship Greeters: **George Bernhardt**(side/font);

Alice Raney (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **John Mozart** (head), **Christy Gudaitis** (flowers), **Matt Cline** (counting), **Dale Gaddis, Laurie Williamson, El Hess**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



Teachers, did you receive your teacher appreciation gift? If you were not at church on June 3, and missed being "appreciated," see Marilyn Hedgpeth who has something for you from the CE Committee.

Will we have Sunday School this summer? You bet! We'll *Rock Around the Liturgical Clock*, and observe **Advent in June, Christmas in July**, and Lent, Easter and Pentecost in August. We'll celebrate each season with drama, music, presents, crafts, water play, maps, tie-dye, Easter egg hunts, cooking, and

seasonal foods. **For the next two Sundays**, we will do Advent art and cookies, crafts and candles to continue our liturgical mashup for children and youth. Join us in room 208.

Summer Sunday School for ADULTS

What's up for the summer months in Faith and Community? We will study three books that have something to do with **faith and resistance**. We begin **this Sunday, June 17** (through July 1) with *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved*, by Kate Bowler. Kate tells it straight: the good, the bad, the ugly, and the endearing about wrestling with stage 4 colon cancer as a young person, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Kate is Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity in North America at Duke Divinity School, with expertise in the American Prosperity Gospel. In 2015, she was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer at age 35. For those struggling to make sense of illness, hers is an honest and refreshing read. Our conversation will be guided by church members who recently have known suffering: **Marcia and David Lorimer**,

Dawn Carsey and *Julie Maxwell*.

Down the road, we'll look at **Jimmie Carter's** latest book, *Faith*, and **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove's** book *Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion*.

Lectionary Class: This year-round class meets at **9:45 in the East Parlor**.

June 17:

"We walk by faith, not by sight." Paul was not the most obvious choice as an apostle, as David was not the most obvious choice as king. But God knows what we do not understand, God sees what we do not see, and God works in ways that are mysterious to us. What does God see in you?

June 24:

Who calms the storm for you? Who subdues the dangerous, hostile forces for you?

Journeys and Scratch/Young Adults Class: Journeys and Scratch **will not meet during the summer**. We will reconvene in early August to decide if we want to continue as a joint group and what subject matter we want to cover next fall. Please join one of the other adult classes for the summer, or help with the children.

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 summer break! Youth conferences are just around the corner! In July, middle schoolers will go to Massanetta Springs and high schoolers will go to Montreat! Watch your e-mailbox for final details if you registered to attend. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Happenings around FPC . . .

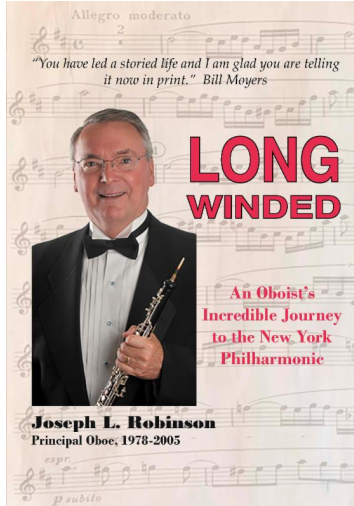
Book Group

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet **THIS EVENING, Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of **Barbara Gerwe** (2704 Trailwood Dr), at which time we will enjoy a potluck supper (remember to bring something to share) and offer suggestions for our next season of book discussions. Enjoy reading books? You are welcome to come!

Our **July** read will be "*The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*," by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams. **Marila Stone** will host in her home on **Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Lee Courtland** will lead the discussion.



Another landscaping and grounds workday has been scheduled for **this Saturday, June 16, from 9:00 to noon**. Contact **Barbara Buckley** to find out the work to be done: bjbuckley1@frontier.com.



As the producer of *NC Bookwatch* at UNC-TV, **Katy Loeblich** is thrilled that they were able to tape an interview with FPC's own, **Joe Robinson**, talking about his memoir, *Long Winded!* Host DG Martin and Katy were delighted to bring Joe on to the show - and of course, he brought his oboe! Joe's episode is the grand finale of their 20th anniversary season.

The episode will air on our North Carolina Channel on Tuesday, June 19 at 8:00 p.m., on UNC-TV's main channel on Sunday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. and on Thursday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m.

PLUS, look for a bonus online extra with Joe performing "Gabriel's Oboe" on Facebook the week of the 19th. Here is a [link](#) to the web extra.

Primetimers' Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by **Marcia Lorimer, Alice Raney and Phyllis Supple** at the home of Marcia Lorimer - 661 Lipford Dr, Cary. Please respond to the EVITE and remember to indicate the type of dish you will bring. Not getting the EVITE? Contact Valerie in the church office to be added to the list: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Day Timers' Luncheon

Tuesday, June 26 at 11:30 a.m. at Bullock's Barbecue

3330 Quebec St., Durham

Elizabeth High, hosting

RSVP to the church office: 919-682-5511 by Sunday, June 24.

First Friends and Families

Please note and save the dates below for our summer gatherings!

July 14, hosted by the Wettach/Baldasares

August 11, hosted by the Momsen-Hudsons

We're planning our **annual beach trip for September**; date TBD.

Stay tuned for more information and EVITEs, and we hope to see you there!

Please let Valerie know if you would like to be added to this group's EVITE list.



COMING IN JULY . . .

Myrtle Fest

On **Sunday, July 15**, the 11:00 a.m. worship will feature favorite hymns and music by *High Clouds*. **You will again be invited to submit favorite hymns for the service beginning this Sunday, June 17. Please**

complete the card found in the bulletin. Following worship on July 15, everyone is invited to stay for a picnic (potluck) and enjoy more homegrown music in the courtyard under our lovely crepe myrtles!

Service and Mission Opportunities . . .

Volunteer needed for Church Map Project

The Emergency Management Team is looking for a volunteer to assist with making some maps for different areas of the building. Please contact Chris Brown (jamesbro@gmail.com) if you're interested in assisting with this project.



Please continue to bring **snack crackers, individually packaged fruit, nutrition bars, and regular-sized bottles of water on COMMUNION SUNDAYS for the Walk-in Ministry blessing bags.** All donations are very much appreciated.

Helping Feed our Neighbors

If you are looking for a fun and meaningful way to get engaged with our neighbors in need, join the amazing group of volunteers who help prepare and serve breakfast at Urban Ministries on the 3rd and 5th Fridays of every month, and also those who prepare lunch bags on the 3rd Mondays and 4th Thursdays. We are always happy to add new names to our volunteer list. That way, you would be the first to hear about openings. Children over the age of 10 are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact **Margaret Rubiera** at margaretmr29@gmail.com to get started!

HUMAN RIGHTS: A CALL FOR ACTION!

This spring, FPC focused on understanding the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), and adversity like child abuse, neglect and separation from parents is trauma with life-long consequences for physical and mental health, educational attainment, and costs billions in public health, criminal justice, education and social services. Many of us are horrified by the Administration's policy to remove children from the parents as they seek asylum in our country. This is a human rights violation, is deeply traumatic and is anti-family.

Please contact your Congressional Delegation this week, especially on Thursday when a national movement is planned. You may call the Congressional Switchboard to be connected to your House member: (202) 224-3121 and call **Senator Burr** at 202-224-3154 and **Senator Tillis** at 202-224-6342. Please raise your voices in support of ALL of God's children and families.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



ART EXHIBIT

PALESTINE: UNLIMITED

Award-Winning Photos from Dar Al-Kalima University College of Arts & Culture, Bethlehem, Palestine

Now through August 12, 2018

West Raleigh Presbyterian Church is pleased to host a unique photography exhibit by young Palestinian artists and media students from Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture. **Prints** will be available for sale at the exhibit that support the artists and scholarships at Dar al-Kalima University. **For more information, go to: www.brightstarsbethlehem.org.**

West Raleigh Presbyterian Church

27 Horne Street, Raleigh, NC

919-828-5468;

To schedule a tour, email huffstetler.k@gmail.com

Resource Center for Women & Ministry in the South

The Art of the Condolence Note

Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Resource Center for Women

1202 Watts St, Durham

In this workshop attendees will discuss the history of condolence notes and their value for both the recipient and the writer. Facilitator **Carol Henderson** will demonstrate what makes a note successful and show examples of do's and don'ts. Each participant will practice writing a note and leave knowing how to tackle this difficult task.

Carol Henderson is a writer, editor, and workshop leader who has taught in the US, Europe, and the Middle East. She is the author of *Losing Malcolm* and *Farther Along: The Writing Journey of Thirteen Bereaved Mothers*, and edited, among other titles, *Wide Open Spaces: Call Stories*. Learn more about Carol at www.carolhenderson.com.

Cost: \$10 donation to RCWMS appreciated. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Contact: RCWMS, 919-683-1236, rcwmsnc@aol.com

Spiritual Direction Training

The **Listening Place Spiritual Center** (1803 Chapel Hill Rd) is currently accepting applications for its two year training program in the art and ministry of spiritual direction. Classes meet ten hours per month (one Saturday, one Monday) for ten months each year. Topics covered include the history of Christian spirituality, the mystics, prayer traditions and practices, discernment, use of the arts in spiritual direction, and guidelines for ethical conduct. A certificate is awarded upon the successful completion of the program. **Application deadline is June 15, 2018.** For more information contact *Mary Grace McCoy*, Director, at 919-417-6279. Website: listeningplacespiritualcenter.org

The next church newsletter will be issued June 26, 2018.

Please submit your articles / news to Valerie in the church office
by Sunday, June 24, 2018.

[Click here for the June Birthdays List](#)

[Online Church Calendar](#)



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