

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

July 24 - August 6, 2018

From the Associate Pastor . . .

Friends,

I shared briefly my journey with Cuthbert to Session Monday night (July 23) and thought you might enjoy how my travel to this North Sea island turned into a pilgrimage.

This was my 5th journey to Durham, England, for and with DukeEngage, the signature civic engagement program at Duke. I have toured the great Norman Cathedral each time with registered docents who with pride recount the familiar story of the founding of the city of Durham by Monks from the monastery of Lindisfarne in 695. The Vikings kept raiding the island and the Monks had enough and left with the incorrupt mortal remains of their Bishop, Cuthbert. After many years they found their way to the peninsula overlooking the river Wear where the cart that held the coffin got stuck in the mud and would move only when they followed a milkmaid and her lost cow towards "Dunholme." This was the sign they needed to finally place their beloved Cuthbert to rest.

But the fact is, of all my visits, I never was able to find my way to the holy island until this year July, 2018. The schedule for our program is tight but I found my way to the Northumberland coast to make my pilgrimage to that holy island on Monday, July 16, 2018. Finally my relationship to the spirit of Durham is now complete all be it in reverse from the holy Monks of that island in 686. I began my Cuthbert journey first at his shrine in the magnificent Cathedral and now after many years worked my way back to the church called St. Peter's where the Bishop was first buried after his return from his hermit life at the island of Inner Farne.

So my Durham story now is complete and I ask all DukeEngage Durham Students present and future, "why would you not go to Lindisfarne?" I recommended that this journey be part of their story of service in Durham.

Sam Miglarese

Associate Pastor

MEMORIAL SERVICES at FPC . . .

The family of ***David Ashbaugh*** has requested a Service of Witness to the Resurrection be held Friday, July 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of FPC. David was the son of the late Elizabeth (Betty) Ashbaugh and Virgil Ashbaugh, Jr. David died July 23, 2018. (Steve Rimmer, officiating)

The family of FPC member **Florence Shackelford** has requested a Service of Witness to the Resurrection be held Friday, August 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of FPC. The family will receive friends at a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service. (Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth, officiating)

The family of **David Powell** has requested a Service of Witness to the Resurrection be held Saturday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of FPC. (Joe Harvard, officiating)



Added recently:

Franzi Rokoske

Carolyn Wolfe

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: ***Julian Boswell***

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

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: ***Mary Clark***

Durham Regent: ***John Kerr, Ann Prospero***

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: ***Helen Garrison***

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

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Dan and Mary Banner, friends of FPC

Jay Barron, cousin of Walt Barron

Marc and Polly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

Kyle, grandson of Linda Dobson

Maria Holland, daughter of Katy and Bruce Loebrich

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Carolyn Kreuger, former member of FPC

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Mary Putman, friend of FPC

SESSION BRIEFS

The FPC Session met for its July stated meeting on Monday the 23rd. At the meeting, the elders:

- Heard a report from the **FPC Legacy Society**, encouraging all to think about what we want First Presbyterian to become “generations out”; and
- Celebrated the news of the successful search for a **new Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families, John Weicher**, approving a one-year renewable contract (a separate email will share the details on Wednesday, July 25) .

In addition, the Session passed four motions:

1. **From the Personnel Committee**—Approved a request for proposals for a church staffing consultant;
2. **From Finance and Investment Committee**—Approved financial support for seminarian John Curran, an ministry inquirer from our congregation, who will begin at Chicago Presbytery next month;
3. **From the Service and Mission Committee**—Approved the endorsement of two applications to the Presbytery’s Hunger for Change

Grant program, from the Durham Food Pantry and from the NCCU Presbyterian Campus Ministry;

4. **Approved the formation of an ad hoc committee** to consider solutions to the ongoing physical deterioration of the CE building.

In addition, the Session approved the use of the sanctuary by **Durham CAN's Souls to the Polls** on October 27, and heard reports from all the committees and the Strategic Planning Team.

~*Christyn Klinck, Clerk of Session*

PARISH NOTES

FPC hosted the July monthly meeting of the local branch of the **NAACP this past Sunday, July 22**. Thanks to *Mindy Douglas, Phyllis Supple, Libby Gulley, Kathy Krahenbuhl, Emily Wilkins*, and *Alice Raney* for volunteering to lead the worship period and provide hospitality to the organization. If you have interest in joining the Durham Branch NAACP, membership applications are available from the table in the church foyer.

Our **High Schoolers** are away at Montreat this week for the Youth Conference there. Eight high schoolers are attending with **chaperones Sarah Finbow, Vernon Cooper and Lenore Champion**. Those attending the conference are: *Sam Henry, Matt Dickerson, Alan Carrasco, Maryn Leonard, Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Frances Zehmer, Charlotte Maxwell, and Matthew Brockman*. Please pray that they will have safe travels, and a wonderful, spiritually-insightful experience with friends at Montreat.

Many thanks to all who contributed favorite hymns for last week's **Myrtlefest hymn-sing and celebration**. It was wonderful to welcome **High Clouds** back to FPC, and to enjoy the beautiful music of *Maria Hernandez and Steve Luteman*, along with *Kathy Parkins*. And we are grateful, as always, for the ample picnic lunch organized by *Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield*, and those who brought such good food to share. It really was a delightful and joyful day. Great singing, Presbyterians!

Thanks to *Jane Wettach and Paul Baldasare* for hosting **First Friends** in their home on July 14.

Thanks to *Parker and BJ Morton* for arranging the **Daytimers' Luncheon** for July at Bennett Pointe Grill today. About 18 persons gathered for lunch and some good conversation.

CORRECTION (July 10th Newsletter): The **Sacrament of Baptism** was celebrated on **July 1** (not July 8) during worship for *Juneau David Schultz Wallace*, son of *Heather Wallace and Michael Schultz*.

August BIRTHDAYS

John Curran was commissioned during worship on July



15. He is leaving Durham to begin seminary in Chicago.

I want to thank First Presbyterian for the generous hospitality and extravagant welcome! As soon as I stepped into this sanctuary on October 8, 2017, I was welcomed by several members of this congregation. From that first Sunday, I knew that this was going to be my church home. I can't express how grateful I am for this congregation and for the support I have received from Mindy, Marilyn, and Cherrie. As the next chapter of my life begins and I embark on this journey, I am grateful that I have this congregation to journey with me. And while I will miss

worshipping with you on a regular basis, I will be back to visit as often as I can. Thank you. - **John Curran**

Sunday, July 29

9:45 AM Summer Sunday School

11 AM Worship

Greeter: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**

After Worship Greeters: **Dewey Lawson** (side/font);

Delia Kwon (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Amy Dillon** (head), **Emily Wilkins** (flowers), **Mickey Velkry**

Need three ushers - Click [here](#) to sign up to usher.

FAREWELL to the Finbows:

Sunday, July 29 will be our Youth Minister **Sarah Finbow's** last Sunday with us, before she and her family relocate to New Jersey. We'll have a simple **Lovefeast in worship**, as a way for us to celebrate the miraculous and loving providence of God. Youth especially are invited to join us that Sunday, to recognize and thank Sarah in worship, and to celebrate with **Sarah, Pete and Sadie** at a **reception** immediately following worship in Watts-Hill Hall.

Sunday, August 5, 2018

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. - Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Sam Miglarese, preaching

Liturgist: **Amy Dillon**

Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Kim Abels** (side/font);

Griffin Momsen-Hudson (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Christy Gudaitis** (flowers), **Amy Dillon** - four ushers needed - Click [here](#) to sign up to usher.

Communion Elders:

Head/replenish elements: **Alice Raney**

Bread: **Kim Abels** (B1/process), **Griffin Momsen-Hudson** (B2), **Delia Kwon** (B3), **Diane Prosser** (B4)

Cup: **Raymond Mbah** (C1), **Chris Brown** (C2/process), **Leah Graves** (C3), **Lenoir Champion** (C4)

Shepherds: **Carol Carson** (font aisle), **Andy Henry** (center aisle), **Libby Gulley** (pulpit aisle)

Great Big Church Family Festival

Picnic Swimming Crafts Gaga Ball Worship

Date: August 5, 2018

Time: 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp New Hope,

4805 NC-86, Chapel Hill

Intergenerational Event

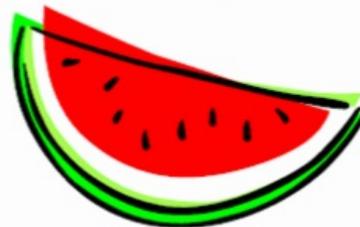
with Duke Memorial United Methodist,
Mt. Bethel PC, Trinity Ave. PC, and First PC.

FPC's Special guests: Iglesia Emanuel

Picnic cost:

Families: \$10; Individuals: \$5

Pay on site



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WITH GLADNESS!**

Bring school supplies for our
Crayons2Calculators
service project.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more info: call 919-682-5511 or send
e-mail to: m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org

Our **GBCFF reunion at Camp New Hope** is just 12 days away. Young and old, children and adults are invited to “Serve the Lord with Gladness” on August 5 from 4-7 p.m. at Camp New Hope. Our special guests for the afternoon will be friends from Iglesia Emanuel, as well as our GBCFF family from Mt. Bethel Presbyterian, Duke Memorial UMC, and Trinity Avenue Presbyterian. FPC will need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** as we will serve as the hosts for this final event. Our reunion will include a picnic dinner provided by **Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield**, swimming, crafts, playground time, gaga ball, a service project (please bring school supplies for Crayons to Calculators), energizers, and worship. Our Iglesia guests come for free: others pay \$10 per family or \$5 for an individual at Camp New Hope. If you have not already registered, or if you would like to help lead one of the activities, please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children and Youth

Summer Theme: *Rock Around the Liturgical Clock*

Laura and Vanessa Armstrong will help us celebrate Lent on **July 29th** by baking, icing, and eating some hot cross buns. Eastertide will be celebrated again in August (every Sunday is actually a little Easter) with tie-dyed butterflies, an

Easter-egg hunt and snacks, led by **Tom Admay and Delia Kwon**. This great rock around the church's liturgical year meets in room 208. We've almost completed the whole circle of the church year, but it's never too late to join us. All children and youth are welcome.

Adults Summer Study

Faith and Community Class: On July 8, we began discussing Jimmie Carter's 34th and latest book, *Faith*. We will complete our discussion of faith, focusing on some challenges to faith on **July 29th**. Now more than ever, we need to be putting our faith into words and action! Then in August, we'll present Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove's book *Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion*. **Kathy Krahenbuhl** from the Racial Equity Group will lead that discussion on **August 5**, followed by **Jane Williams** on August 12. Faith and Community meets on Sunday morning in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45. All are welcome, including youth!

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

July 29: Are you aware of God's presence in your daily life? Do you encounter God as a compassionate provider of wonderful gifts? Or do you live your life unaware of God's presence, making decisions (sometimes very bad decisions, as in one of our readings) for your own reasons?

August 5:

Sometimes the word of the Lord hits too close to home, as when Jesus disclosed his listeners' real motives, or when Nathan tricked David into condemning his own great sin. How do you feel when scripture points a finger at you?

Journeys and Scratch/Young Adults Class: Journeys and Scratch will not meet during the summer. We will reconvene **soon** to decide if we want to continue as a joint group and what subject matter we want to cover next fall.

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.

Happenings around FPC . . .



Namibia Bird Show

Namibia is a country in southwestern Africa that consists mostly of deserts and dry rocky mountains. But even so, there are some remarkable birds and other animals that live there. In March of this year, **David and Judy Smith** visited Namibia, as well as neighboring Botswana. Join them on Wednesday, **July 25, at 7:00 in Watts-Hill Hall** for a photographic exploration of the wildlife of Namibia.

SCRATCH (Young Adults) August Potluck

Saturday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m.

at the home of Ian and Jennie Bell

Please reply to the EVITE when received.

First Friends and Families

***** New Date*****

Saturday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. "Fun in the Sun" gathering at the Momsen-Hudson home - please respond to the EVITE.

September 7-9, ANNUAL BEACH TRIP

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



Ben Maxwell Cello Recital

Sunday evening, August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Ben Maxwell, son of *Jody and Julie Maxwell*, will play a cello recital in the sanctuary with pianist *Deborah Hollis* featuring cello sonatas by Debussy and Prokofiev as well as the Unaccompanied Bach Cello Suite No. 3. The performance is free and open to everyone.

Attention Committee Chairs and Ministry Staff:

Annual Report summaries for the 2017-2018 church year are due to Valerie in the church office by July 31, 2018.

Contact Valerie (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) if you need help. Copies of past year summaries are available.



Crayons to Calculators is again conducting a community-wide drive to collect school supplies to be distributed to elementary school teachers in Durham schools for students who are unable to provide their own supplies. **FPC members can donate supplies up until August 17.** If you can't attend the GCBFF reunion at Camp New Hope, you can bring your supplies and place them in the bins in the foyer or

narthex at the church. Click [here](#) to see a list of most needed items for the upcoming school year.

NEWS FROM THE RACIAL EQUITY TASK FORCE

Registration is open for the next **REI Youth Phase I workshop: August 13-14, 2018 (Monday/Tuesday)** [Register](#)

If you have any other questions regarding registration, please contact **Kathy Krahenbuhl**.

Antiracism Training in Montreat

Looking for an opportunity to counter institutional racism in your church, community or organization? check out Crossroads Antiracism Training in Montreat. With workshops on preaching, church leadership, engaging youth and young adults, and more, there's something for every church member and leader to learn at this weekend training being held **August 17-19**. \$77 program fee. Click [here](#) to register.

People of Color Caucuses

If you have attended the REI two-day training and have more questions, there are **caucuses** that meet regularly to help folks continue the conversation and dive deeper. Contact **Kathy Krahenbuhl** if you have questions about this or need more information about the People of Color Caucus.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HELP FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area religious and civic organizations to provide support and comfort to those who mourn. Following the presentation, we break into small group discussions.

Meetings are held year-round on Tuesdays at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1200 W. Cornwallis. We gather at 4 pm for coffee and cookies, and the meeting starts at 4:30 and ends by 6.

In her **August 7** presentation, Donna Kaye will cover "Befriending Your Unexpected Grief Waves," and on **August 21**, Arti Hendricks will discuss "Helping Yourself After the Death of a Loved One."

Choral Society Summer Sing (with a social afterwards)

Monday, July 30

7:30 p.m. at Mt Bethel Presbyterian Church

3541 Rose of Sharon Road, Durham

This event is open to anyone who likes to sing and is quite informal.

You're Invited:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

7:30 PM

**Fundraising Concert for
the NC Farmworker Union, FLOC
Performance by Rod MacDonald**

Conveniently in Downtown Durham

Sponsored by Triangle Friends of Farmworkers
& the National Farm Worker Ministry

For tickets, contact Dave Austin at daustin@mindspring.com



ART EXHIBIT

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

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

The next church newsletter will be issued August 7, 2018.

Please submit your articles / news to Valerie in the church office

by Sunday, August 5, 2018.

July Birthdays

Online Church Calendar



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