

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

October 2 - 15, 2018



Sermon illustration September 30, 2018

From the Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

What a day we had this past Sunday! The music, the drums, the candles, the prayers, the singing, the baptisms in worship warmed my heart and cheered my spirit after a long, hard week. What joy, too, after worship, to have so many of you gather for a FEAST prepared by **Cris Rivera, Beth Stringfield**, and their faithful team. With full bellies we remembered what it means for us to be FPC – a church that worships, studies, welcomes, serves, and builds community together – and we heard the exciting challenges before us as we dream of a 2019 budget that includes pay equity for our staff, increased service and mission funding, and a renewed emphasis on ministries for children, youth, and their families. If you were not able to be here, we missed you, as you are a part of our church family and we are stronger when we are all together!

Here are some FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions – with Answers!) on Stewardship for you this week:

1. What is stewardship?

A. A “steward” is one who oversees, manages, and cares for property and goods. “Stewardship” is the act of overseeing and caring for property and goods. As Christians, we understand that everything we have comes from God – the earth, the sky, the seas, the world around us, our gifts and talents, and our financial resources. We are called to care for those gifts God has given us in ways that care for others and honor God’s calling that we love God and love one another. Check out this article from Luther Seminary about stewardship:

<http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=5179>

2. Why is there a stewardship “season?”

A. Technically, stewardship is something we Christians do year-round, as we care for the environment, volunteer using the gifts God has given us, and give of our resources to support the ministry of this church and other ministries and programs that care for those in need. While we are stewards of God’s gifts year-round, there is a certain time of the year (in our case, it is the month of October) when we encourage our members and friends of FPC to consider how they might be able to support the ministries of the church in the coming year.

3. What is a pledge?

A. A pledge is an anticipated giving estimate for the coming year. The Stewardship Committee invites members and friends of FPC to make “pledges” for 2019 so that our session might be able to put together a budget that reflects the reality of the generosity of this congregation. In doing so, we have goals that help guide our giving so that we might live fully into the way God is calling us to live and grow as a particular people of God at FPC.

4. What do my gifts support?

A. The gifts of FPC members and friends support our weekly worship, our Christian education for children, youth, and adults, our fellowship opportunities, and our staff that support all these ministries and programs. Your gifts also support important ministries beyond our Sunday activities, including the FPC Weekday School, Iglesia Emanuel, our twice-weekly walk-in ministry programs, Habitat for Humanity, Urban Ministries of Durham, Families Moving Forward, Step-Up and many other organizations in Durham and beyond. In addition, your gifts help keep the lights on, the temperature comfortable, the garden beautiful, and the building safe and available for constant use. This church is *your* church, *your* home, and *your* place to find community and to grow in your own life of faith. Thankfully, it is also the church, home, and community of *all* God’s children. What a joy it is to be stewards together of the gifts God has given FPC!

5. What do I need know about FPC and our 2019 goals?

A. You should find most of the answers to your questions in this brochure:

[http://pub.lucidpress.com/Stewardship2019/?](http://pub.lucidpress.com/Stewardship2019/?src=fb#cYq9~BY87xna)

[src=fb#cYq9~BY87xna](http://pub.lucidpress.com/Stewardship2019/?src=fb#cYq9~BY87xna) If you have other questions that you don’t find answered here, feel free to contact me (m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org), or one of our Stewardship Co-Chairs, **Cris Rivera** (mcrisrivera@gmail.com), or **George Bernhardt** (georgelynnbernhardt@gmail.com).

6. I heard there were videos at the luncheon, but I was unable to be there. Is there a way I can see them?

A. Absolutely. They will be released over the next few weeks on social media and will soon be available on our website. The full stories told by our members in the brochure are already available on the website – www.firstpres-durham.org.

7. This is exciting! How can I make a pledge to FPC?

A. There are several ways to pledge:

1. If you have already received your packet, you can fill out the pledge card there and mail it in directly, or you can bring it to Dedication Sunday worship on October 28 (and hear our guest preacher **Steve Eason!**)
2. If you have not yet received your packet and you are a member, you should receive yours in person or by mail this week.
3. If you have not received a packet and would like one, extra packets are available in the foyer at the church, or upon request from our Financial Administrator, **Tom Bloom** (t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org).
4. If you would like to donate online, click on the green "donate" button on the top left of the website (www.firstpres-durham.org).

Further questions? Happy to answer them! Please feel free to contact me (m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org), or one of our Stewardship Co-Chairs, **Cris Rivera** (mcrisrivera@gmail.com), or **George Bernhardt** (georgelynnbernhardt@gmail.com).

Additional note from Mindy:

Friends,

The events of this past week have caused much pain for women and men alike as graphic stories of sexual assault have been shared on our news media. This has awakened painful memories for some and has made many sick at the thought of the way people in our world have treated others with such violence, aggression, and clear disregard for humanity. Recently, some of my friends have come forward with painful stories of sexual abuse and/or assault. Some of these stories have been told before, but many have remained hidden for years due to pain, shame, and personal blame. This is not okay. To begin with, these things never should have happened and we must examine the culture of male entitlement and power that makes anyone think that such activity is okay and even justifiable. In addition, this pain should not be endured alone and we have resources to help.

First of all, I hope any of you who need or want to talk know that our pastoral staff are willing and ready to listen and offer support in whatever ways possible. Here is a listing of our staff with email addresses - <https://firstpres-durham.org/about-us/staff/>. The FPC main phone number is 919-682-5511.

If you would rather talk to someone outside of the FPC community, our NC counties have crisis phone lines and trained staff where you can find a listening ear and resources of support. The Durham Crisis Response line is 919-403-6562. The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is 866-935-4783. The North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault is 919-871-1015. If you have been hurt, please reach out in some way to receive support and healing help.

In the meantime, know that all of our pastors and staff are in prayer for you who have endured abuse, violence, and/or aggression in your lifetime. May God be with you and may you find healing on your journey.

Grace and peace,
Mindy



SYMPATHIES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Elna Jelstrup** and family on the death of her mother, **Betty Jelstrup**, a regular attendee to FPC and participant in Presbyterian Women. Betty died on July 8th in Burlington, NC. A memorial service was held September 29th in Pelham NY.

Added this week:

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Peg Bracken (regular visitor)

Lance Daniel, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

Dr. Gary Greenburg, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

Rev. Dr. June Hewitt, friend of Sue and John Fricks

Judd Irish, friend of Griffin Momsen-Hudson

Home/Care Communities:

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:

Brent Barber, brother-in-law of Christyn Klinck

Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

John Hendrickson, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

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

Kathy Johnston, niece of Jeanne Hervey

Beth Livingston, friend of Carol Wills

John Morey, father of Robin Morey

Hayden Williams, family member of Carol Wills

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Urban Ministries of Durham congratulates FPC on the following volunteer power achievements:

- During the past year, **62 different volunteers from our church helped prepare and serve meals in the Community Cafe, logging over 450 hours!!**
- In addition to helping in the Community Cafe, quite a few volunteers have stepped up multiple times to help with special projects, such as bulk mailing and preparing holiday gifts for those who come for meal.
- Beginning this past April, another group of about 10 volunteers began helping sort and organize clothes for the Clothing Closet. **Amy Dillon** organizes the volunteers from our church, and about 2 people per week give their time on Tuesdays, for about 2 hours.

- Our congregation was incredibly generous in response to the request for shelf-stable food items this summer for the Food Pantry, as well as for specific clothing items.

Kudos and immense gratitude to all of you! These numbers make me so proud to be part of such a caring and active congregation. We are truly taking the light and love of Christ out into the community in very tangible ways.

- **Margaret Rubiera**

NOTES

The **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** was administered Sunday to **Lomituzi Mbilika**, 16, granddaughter of **Margaret Mubanga**, and to **James Lancaster Wilson**, infant son of **Gray and Amy Wilson**.

The **Daytimers** had a well-attended lunch together at Neo-China on September 25, organized by **Maxie Honeycutt**. The **Senior Luncheon** at the church will be on **Wednesday, October 24** at 11:30 a.m.

Many thanks to those who attended a **Prayer Vigil for Those in Need of a Place to Call Home** at FPC on September 25 at 6:00. The vigil was sponsored by Church World Service and organized by **Jennie Belle** to address the recent displacement of many people due to Hurricane Florence and due to the warehousing of immigrants and their children along our US border.

The **Fifth Sunday, Multi-Sensory Worship Service** on Sunday was a rich experience. Many thanks to the members of the Confirmation Class who helped give out prayer candles and processed in the banner streamers; to liturgists **Izzy Allison-Pleasants, Noah Rokoske, Maryn Leonard, and Sam Henry**; to those who sang in the Inter-generational Choir; to **Lenore Champion** and this summer's GBCFF participants for the God's Eye Banner; and to all the courageous FPC congregants who sang, tensed, relaxed, prayed and doodled faithfully on Sunday.

All eight adult options for learning on Sunday morning will be offered this week and next.

1. **Adult Lectionary** – unpacking the texts for each Sunday's worship service. This class meets in the East Parlor.
2. **Faith and Community** – looking at the paper, *Reclaiming Jesus*, with Pastor Emeritus Joe Harvard. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall.
3. **Journeys & Scratch** – combining their inter-generational forces to examine *Prophetic Voices* from MLK to Flannery O'Connor and the Belhar Confession. The class meets in room 205 of the CE Building.
4. **After Church**
5. Scratch/Young Adults will gather following worship in the basement parlor to eat together and practice *lectio divina* for 45 minutes on Sept. 9 and 23, and October 7, 14, and 28. All are welcome.
6. **Women's Spiritual Formation** – a great support system of sharing and prayer for women
7. **Becoming an Anti-Racist Church** – an eight-week course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege and barriers to inclusivity led by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force (meets in the chapel beside the sanctuary).
8. **The Pleasures of Parenting** – a time of discussion and support for

parents who find raising children in today's world to be an exciting and daunting task. The class will meet in the apartment classroom, upstairs in the church house at 9:45.

Regular and large print copies of the **These Days** devotional book are available (free of charge) from the tables in the narthex and foyer while supplies last.



Carlisle and Joe Harvard visited in Germany this summer with **Dietrich Schneider** and **Markus Mueller** who served as student ministers at FPC in 1987 and 1988 when they were exchange students from Bonn University to Duke Divinity School. They are serving as pastors and send warm greetings and deep appreciation for their experience at FPC which both said greatly enriched their lives and

ministries.

The **Durham Pride Parade** on September 29 was phenomenal this year. Many thanks to those who came out to either visit the FPC table, or march with the FPC group, or cheer from the sidelines. Whereas in times past, most of the parade participants were observers; this year, most were participants in the massive parade itself. It was one of those great Gospel reversals: to witness the continued openness, acceptance and welcome of the LGBTQ+ community in Durham by the citizens and by the churches. Those from FPC who helped at our table or marched in the parade included: **Kathy Conner, Keith, Franzi and Noah Rokoske, Dan Hudgins, Sharon Hirsch, Julie and Jody Maxwell, Joe and Carlisle Harvard, Carl and Lisa Rist, MargEva and Eleanor Cole, Leslie and Laura McDow, Jean Danser, Bob Pleasants and Izzy Allison-Pleasants, Maryn Leonard, Andrew and Marilyn Hedgpeth, and Tim O'Brien and Mindy Douglas . . . and three dogs.** Many others were cheering from the sidelines! Many thanks to Mindy for organizing!



Many thanks to the Membership Committee (**Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**, Chair), and to teachers **Sam Miglarese, David Smith and Phyllis Supple** for hosting and leading the fall series of Membership Inquiry Classes. If any of our visitors are interested in membership, please speak

with one of the pastors, and we will gladly work out a time for you to join. And if you want to know more about the theology, mission, polity and shape of active membership at FPC, our next series of Membership Inquiry classes will take place in January.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

FPC's Commitment to Service and Mission

Recently when our kids teamed up with friends to have a lemonade stand, they decided that half the money needed to get donated. The first thing Vanessa thought of was that the money should go to Hunger for Change. YES! OUR church is making an impact in subtle ways in their everyday

decisions.

When we chose First Presbyterian as our church home, we also thought about church as a reinforcement to our individual values and a place where we could attempt to raise good human beings. The diverse array of service and mission opportunities that this church supports continues to show that we made the right decision for our church home. Our passion for social justice and racial equity is an excellent match with our church's commitment to affordable housing, crisis services, and agencies and groups committed to supporting vulnerable populations.

First Presbyterian Church gives us the opportunity to live intentionally through volunteering and stewardship. These are points of pride for us and we will be doing our part to increase our pledge this year to ensure that we continue to grow these opportunities to help our community. We hope you choose, if you are able, to do the same.

Laura and Torrell Armstrong

SESSION BRIEFS . . .

Session Highlights September 2018

The Session met on Monday, September 24 for its monthly stated meeting. **Brent Curtis** led a devotion reflecting on stewardship and stories. The Session heard reports from **Mindy** and each of the Associate Pastors, and formally approved a previously passed motion for the use of the sanctuary by Church World Service for an interdenominational prayer vigil. The Session also passed two motions:

Copies of Session minutes may be requested from **Christyn Klinck**, Clerk or Session (clerkofsession@firstpres-durham.org), Minutes of 2018 Session meetings are now available on the church website, www.firstpres-durham.org.

Season

Now may the Lord of peace . . . give you peace at all times in all ways.
— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

In his book *The Cost of Discipleship* Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes:
“The followers of Jesus have been called to peace. When he called them they found their peace, for he is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace BUT make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult.”

WE have been called by God to peace and in that call, we have OUR peace AND we are called to make peace. We cannot shrink away from God’s calling. We are God’s instruments of Peace and God has work for us to do.

This Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, please join Presbyterians/ Christians around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Please “let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord” as we come to worship:

- Wear something from another nation or ethnic group.
- Bring your 2018 Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Note: 25% of our offering will support the training of peacemakers at RECONCILE (Resource Center for Civil Leadership in South Sudan).



Sunday, October 7

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Sermon: "Hearts of Flint"

***Marilyn Hedgpeth*, preaching**

On Communion Sundays, the congregation is asked to bring supplies for blessing bags and leave them at the communion table during communion.

Liturgist: ***Amy Wilson***

Greeter: ***Delia Kwon***

After Worship Greeters: ***Chris Brown*** (side/font);

Andy Henry (rear/narthex)

Ushers: ***Julie Whiddon*** (head), ***Laurie Williamson*** (counting)

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

Communion Elders: *Delia Kwon* (Head/ replenish elements)

Bread: ***Carol Carson*** (B1/process), ***Andy Henry*** (B2), ***Raymond Mbah*** (B3), ***Karen Romines*** (B4)

Cup: ***Lenore Champion*** (C1), ***Gray Wilson*** (C2/process),

Miriam Morey (C3), ***Jean Cary*** (C4)

Shepherds: ***Diane Prosser*** (font aisle), ***Chris Brown*** (center aisle),

Cris Rivera (pulpit aisle)

The **Racial Equity Task Force** will meet on **Sunday, October 7 following worship in the Wilson Parlor**. Interested persons are welcome to join us.

Sunday, October 14
27th day in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Mindy Douglas, preaching

Liturgist: *to be determined*

Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters: **Sigfried Fullenkamp** (side/font);

Libby Gulley (rear/narthex)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Click [here](#) to see full list of class offerings)

Children's Sunday School, Grades 3 - 6

We will be trying out a new rotation model of Sunday School, which will allow our 3rd – 6th graders opportunities to experience the foundational stories of the Old Testament in many different ways through drama, art, games, LEGOS, music, cooking, gardening, etc. Should be great fun for the students and for the teaching teams! We're up to our necks now in the story of **The Flood** from Genesis 6-9. Never was a story more timely, than following Hurricane Florence! The class meets in room 201 of the CE Building at 9:45. Bring friends and join us!

Adult Studies

Faith and Community Class: With the love letters of faith behind us, and in gratitude to guest presenter **Mary Grace**, who led this Sunday's class on the letters of Dorothy Day, we now look forward to welcoming our **Pastor Emeritus, Joe Harvard**, who will lead a three week series on the paper, *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*, and on the *Barmen Declaration*. published by *Sojourners*. *Reclaiming Jesus*, rejects racism and welcomes the refugee. Many pastors signed on to affirm this recent declaration. If you want to read ahead, you may find a copy of the paper on-line. Please join us in Watts-Hill Hall on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome!

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

October 7:

Job was said to be "blameless and upright." What does it take to be blameless and upright? Is it a matter of enduring suffering, as Job did? Is it a matter of following the letter of every law? Is blamelessness something we can achieve on our own, or does God have something to do with it?

October 14:

We know that God gives good gifts to us. But sometimes it seems that God demands that we give up things that are dear to us. Is suffering or poverty required?

Journeys and Scratch Class: This hybrid class of seasoned and younger members is exploring *Prophetic Voices* this year. This Sunday we will continue our exploration of how the prophets still talk to us. We will discuss the preface and first chapter (Click [here](#)) of Walter Brueggemann's "The Prophetic Imagination." All are welcome to join the discussion whether you have had time to read the book or not. Join us in **room 205** of the education building at 9:45.

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.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church – an eight-week course (began September 23) on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege and barriers to inclusivity led by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force. Class meets in the basement conference room below the sanctuary.

The Pleasures of Parenting – a time of discussion and support for parents (led by *Mindy Douglas*) who find raising children in today's world to be an exciting and daunting task. The class will meet in the apartment classroom, upstairs in the church house at 9:45.

SCRATCH (Young Adults) "AfterChurch"

The Scratch/Young Adult group will meet on **Sundays, October 7, 14, 28** following worship for AFTER CHURCH in the parlor room down under our sanctuary for a cheap (\$3!) lunch, time to catch up with one another, and a bit of time to practice the old spiritual discipline of slow reading sacred texts (*lectio divina*). We do not stay more than 45 minutes once everyone is gathered. Please talk with our leaders *Mary Berry, Alex Stayer-Brewington*, and *Rev. Cherrie Henry*, if you have questions. Childcare available upon request. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.



for 7th, 8th, 9th graders and up

(plus youth from Covenant PC who will be joining us)

We had two great back-to-back visits: one with **Imam Greg Rashad** and the congregation of Masjid Ar-Razzaq, where

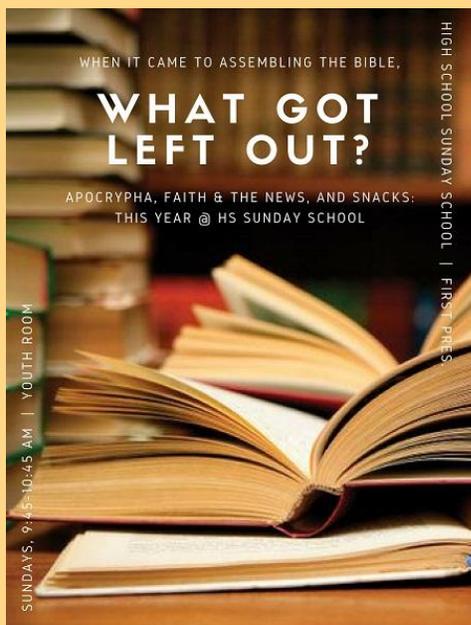
34 of us were warmly welcomed and treated to lunch; and the other to Judea Reform Congregation for Friday Shabbat service, where 14 confirmands and their

mentors experienced the Holy Day of Sukkot.

Sunday, October 7, we will gather in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. to reflect on our visits together with our teachers and mentors.

Sunday, October 14, we will visit the Sikh Gurdwara of NC, to worship with them and to sit down (on the floor) for lunch together. This is a visit you will not want to miss.

Stay tuned for details! Learning to be good guests is part of our agenda for the semester as we will visit 9 different faith communities in the Triangle. Then in the winter, we will spend some time in the classroom articulating what it means to be a Christian in the Reformed Tradition. Contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you have any questions.



Youth Sunday School

Grades 9-12

Join us in the youth classroom at 9:45 on Sunday mornings.

Class leaders: **John Weicher**, **Emily Hansel**, and **Leslie McDow** (alternate)

New Bible Study: Isaiah

What can we learn from the visions of the prophet Isaiah? Perhaps the people who walk in darkness will see a great light again! I attended a funeral not too long ago, and the person being memorialized was noted as saying that he insisted upon a little bit of Isaiah and a little bit of jazz every day. Thus my interest was piqued into delving into the longest of all the books in the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah. **This year's study is at a new time: noon – 1 p.m. in room 205 of the Education Building**, and is open to everyone. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch and eat while we are reading, discussing, and praying. We will be using the *Kerygma* Curriculum of Isaiah, and the Bible for our study. Contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** (m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org) if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUPS

Middle Schoolers

Sunday evenings 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Making promises we can keep...



High Schoolers

Sunday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to view the Youth Groups calendar for 2018-2019.

Responding to Hurricane Florence

The Presbytery of New Hope is organizing a Flood Bucket Collection to take to flood impacted areas to assist families in cleaning their homes after the water recedes. Instructions on how to assemble a bucket are available from the table in the foyer. **Please bring your bucket or supplies to FPC by October 7th.** You can also give financially to FPC, memo "buckets" and supplies will be purchased and buckets assembled on your behalf next Saturday during the "Day of Service." **The deadline for collecting buckets is October 8th.**

Assistance through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

Go online to: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant, ongoing response to hurricanes that affect the United States. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line (DR000169 or Hurricane Florence Response) and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Assistance to St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC for cleaning up after extensive flooding:

Online: <https://www.sa.edu/donation-forms/give-to-st-andrews> or mail a check (payable to St. Andrews University) to: St. Andrews University, Office of the President, 1700 Dogwood Mile St., Laurinburg, NC 28352.

Happenings around FPC

Day of Service Saturday, October 6

There are four volunteer opportunities available. Please register at the sign-in table in the foyer after worship or by emailing **Tyler Momsen-Hudson**: tylermmh@embarqmail.com.



Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC

2700 Angier Ave, Durham
Sorting food donations from 9 a.m. - Noon
Ages 12 -17 need parental consent and adult supervision
Andy Henry, Team Leader

Society of St. Andrews (Gleaning)
Harvesting sweet potatoes for food ministries
Meet at FPC to drive to Louisburg farm, time TBA
All ages welcome
Lenore Champion, Team Leader

Rebuilding Together of the Triangle
609 Buxton Drive, Durham
Exterior siding, windows, and painting
8 a.m. – Noon, with lunch provided
Age 14 +
Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Team Leader

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Assembling hurricane cleanup buckets at FPC
9:30 a.m. – Noon
All ages welcome.
Deborah Momsen-Hudson, Team Leader

Parents Night Out for October

Really, it is a family night out: **Jazz in the Park, Friday, October 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Durham Central Park**, sponsored by Step-Up, Durham. Come bring lawn chairs and blankets and sit with other FPC families to enjoy live jazz, food trucks, drawings and a raffle on a beautiful fall evening (rain or shine). Please let Marilyn know if you have questions or concerns.



October 13, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Contact **Barbara Buckley**
for details:
bjbuckley1@frontier.com.

PRIMETIMERS - Save the Date!

Friday, October 26 (Time: to be announced)

Covered Dish Supper

Primetimers will gather at the home of **Diane Prosser and Tom Juhnke**
208 Monticello Ave, Durham

First Friends and Families - SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, October 6: Day of Service We encourage you to sign up for one of the service day opportunities, and to invite others in First Friends to serve with you.

Saturday November 10: Firepit Party in the **Klincks' backyard**. More info TBA.

Saturday, December 8: Advent Dinner at **Melinda Ruley and Stewart Fisher's home**. More info TBA.

Community Invitations

Monday, October 8

Dr. Erskine Clarke will present:

“The Presbyterian Struggle with Race: An Historical Perspective”

11:00 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church

2620 Weaver Street, Durham

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Rene Baker at rbaker@nhpresbytery.org if you will join us.

Thursday, October 11

Presbyterian Campus Ministry at NCCU

Fall Fundraiser with Dr. William Turner Jr., M. Div

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham

Dinner: 5:30—6:00 p.m. / Program: 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$20 - RSVP to: larmstr6@nccu.edu

Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope

Do you love your city? Are you looking for ways to connect your faith with the place you live? The Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope is an opportunity to connect Durham's story, your own story, and God's story. Through a weekend of visiting important places and hearing the stories of leaders who have shaped the city, participants reckon with the challenges Durham has faced and witness the hope in our community. There are also discussion gatherings that meet beforehand and afterwards to help us see all of life as a pilgrim journey.

The next weekend immersion is October 19 at 3:00 p.m. through October 21 at 4:00 p.m. YOU MUST REGISTER NOW!

This opportunity is sponsored by DurhamCares and the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School. To register, and for more information, visit

www.durhamcares.org/pilgrimage. If you have questions, contact Tammy Rodman at trodman@durhamcares.org.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society FALL MEETING

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Main Building at William Peace University, Raleigh, NC

The main event will be an audio-visual presentation by Donald C. McLeod about the Scottish emigration to NC, the very interesting mix of Scottish Presbyterian ministers who answered the calls for clergy, and the early churches or kirks in which they preached. Registration is \$20, including lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Acting Program Chair Barbara Cain at 919-782-0944.

GODSPELL at DSA's Black Box

You are all cordially invited to the Durham School of the Arts production of Godspell, **October 31-November 3**. Show time is 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box at DSA each evening. The link for online tickets is now live! **Sam Henry** (as "Jesus") and **Maddie Brigman** (as "Lindsay") will be in this production.

TICKETS

Click [here](#) for additional details.

OPEN TABLE MINISTRY

Walk in Their Shoes

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.

Solite Park at 4704 Fayetteville Road in Durham

Walk in Their Shoes is Open Table Ministry's main annual fundraiser and is a fantastic opportunity to walk for a cause! Come to Solite Park on the American Tobacco Trail in Durham on November 3, walk (or run) as you see fit, and enjoy some food from a local food truck, coffee, music, and conversation! Can't attend but would like to donate or support a walker? Donations/sponsorships are welcome [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

October Birthdays

The next church newsletter will be issued October 16

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

by Sunday, October 14.

Online Church Calendar



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