

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

October 16 -30, 2018

From the Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

I hope you are doing well this week. I know that many of you were without power for varying periods of time. For those of you who went for days without power, I hope you didn't lose too much from your fridge and freezer and are now happily back to taking a hot shower instead of a cold one! It is amazing how much we rely on power and internet to move through our days. I hope that, in the end, the loss of power created space for you to do things differently (and perhaps without the same daily frenetic pace and with an extra dose of no-cooking-required peanut butter!). Even more, I also hope that you all have returned to full power and some semblance of normalcy! It was good to see you brave pioneers who showed up to church on Sunday with your electric razors in hand or with a three-day stubble or un-styled hair. We were just grateful to have the chance to be together with you! What's important about a little grooming when there is a precious 3-year-old child to be baptized, a beautiful wind ensemble to enjoy, God's word of grace to hear and ponder, and **John Weicher** to welcome and celebrate? It was a great day to be together as FPC!

As we continue in our season of annual dedication for the coming year (Dedication Sunday is October 28), I want to answer a few more questions that you might have about stewardship and the Session's annual budget planning for 2019.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. Regarding increasing our annual budget to include more giving in the area of service and mission (Recall that our service and mission budget suffered significant budgetary cuts over the past many years and last year we were able to restore partially some of the cuts. This year we hope to bring us up to prior levels of support), what organizations do we currently support?

A. Our 2018 budget supports the following:

FPC Day School (scholarships and financial support)

Iglesia Emanuel Presbyteriana

PC (USA)

Housing for New Hope

Habitat for Humanity

Families Moving Forward

Urban Ministries of Durham

NAACP

Missionary Support

Theological Education

Senior PharmAssist

Step-Up Ministries

Partners for Youth Opportunity

Threshold

Meals on Wheels

NCCU Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry

If you are interested knowing about any of these, or in volunteer opportunities related to these organizations, please contact me (m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org) or the chair of the Service and Mission Committee, **Libby Gulley** (lpgulley@gmail.com). Most of these organizations have great websites and you can find out more there as well. Special offerings support our Walk-in Ministry as well as other organizations and emergency situations. You give to additional hunger ministries through the Hunger for Change offering each month (setting aside 2c per person/per meal each day) and support other local, national, and international causes and ministries through our four denominational offerings each year (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Joy Gift). Your generosity extends into our Christmas Eve Offering, which we designate for one or more organizations each year.

In addition to monetary gifts, stewardship is all about giving generously of our time and talents. We are blessed with members who volunteer their time and talents in many ways in each of the organizations listed – as board members, food preparers, tutors, builders, and other kinds of volunteers – and they always need more!

We are grateful for the time, talent and resources you generously give to support this work. Our congregation is full of kind and generous people who want to make a difference in the world – and are doing so! Your pledge to our annual stewardship campaign allows us to continue to support the ministries above and to build on our support of other critical ministries as well. Thank you!

2. Regarding our move toward pay equity for two staff members, does this mean that all other staff members are already being paid equitably to their peers in similar church positions which similar experience and skills?

A. Yes, to the best of our knowledge. The Personnel Committee has reviewed the salaries of all employees and have found them to be equitable. The committee will continue to review salaries and benefits of staff members periodically to make sure they remain equitable.

If you have other questions, please know that I would be happy to talk with you. I am endlessly grateful for all of you who make up FPC and make this church such a clear reflection of God's calling to us in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for all God calls us to do and be! What joy to worship together and share the light of Christ in the world in our work, our service, and our care for others in our midst, in the city around us, and far beyond.

I am ever grateful to be a part of this community of faith.

With love and gratitude,

Mindy



Added this week: Lee Courtland

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:

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Brent Barber, brother-in-law of Christyn Klinck

Peg Bracken, regular visitor

Lance Daniel, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

Gary Greenburg, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

June Hewitt, friend of Sue and John Fricks

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

Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleasants

Hayden Williams, family member of Carol Wills

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: **Lucas Warren McLean Rogers** was born July 26 in St Louis, MO to **Sarah and Bruce Rogers**. Proud grandparents are **John and Betsy Robinson**.

NOTES

- The **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** was administered October 14 to **William Bradsher Hyland**, son of **Chris and Laurie Hyland**, and little brother of **Brandon Hyland**.
- FPC's **Scratch/young adults** had an enjoyable potluck gathering at the home of **Matt Susen** and **Jenna Kneepken-Susen** on October 13, including a surprise celebration for **David Lorimer**.
- Congratulations to **Peter Fish**, who received an Excellence in History Award on Saturday, October 13 at William Peace University from the Presbyterian Historical Society of NC for his work on the history of First Presbyterian Church.
- Our congratulations, prayers, and blessing go out to **I Sil Yoon** who was ordained as a PCUSA Minister in September. I Sil is in her fourth year of doctoral studies and has just begun chaplaincy at Stanford Hospital. Until her ordination, I Sil was a member of our congregation. It was our privilege to be her sponsoring congregation through the Inquiry and Candidate phases of her ordination.
- Many thanks to those who helped move **Kerry Holbrook** back into her apartment after the flooding from Hurricane Florence (see her note). Those who pitched in to help Kerry included: **Diane Standert, Luke Everett, Marcia and David Lorimer, Walt Barron, Bob Pleasants, Judy and David Smith, Marie Sappenfield, Mindy Douglas** and **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

- The **FPC Confirmation Class** and their mentors had a fabulous visit to the **Sikh Gurudwara of NC** on Sunday, October 14 to worship with their members. Twenty-eight of us traveled to north Durham for worship there, taking off our shoes, covering our heads and sitting on the floor, as is their custom. Following a time of prayerful chanting in Punjabi, accompanied by harmonium and drum, we celebrated their equivalent of communion by partaking of Prasad, which is like warm cookie dough dropped into the palm of your hand. Then the Sikh congregation treated us to a fabulous Indian meal following worship. Their hospitality was extremely welcoming, and we are especially grateful to Kulpreet Singh for coordinating our visit. It's great to be making faith friends all over the Triangle. This Sunday we will be worshipping with the Quakers at the Friends Meeting House in Durham.
- All six 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** on October 21. Then on October 28, we welcome guest minister, **Steve Eason**, who will address the class, "One Size No Longer Fits All: Six Generations in the Church." The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

3 - Journeys & Scratch – combining their inter-generational forces to examine Walter Brueggemann's Prophetic Imagination. The class meets in room 205 of the CE Building.

4 - Women's Spiritual Formation – a great support system of sharing and prayer for women. For the next month, they will be joining the class *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

5 - 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 Wilson Parlor at 9:45).

6 - 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.



have gotten the pod without the churches help. So thank all of you for your generosity and constant support.

Shalom, **Kerry Holbrook**

Many of you know, I had some flooding in my apartment during hurricane Florence. I had to move my stuff quickly and I can not tell you how much I appreciate First Presbyterian Church. I could not have done it without the help of a group of kind volunteers who Marilyn rounded up for me who got up early on two Saturdays to move me in and out of my POD! And, I couldn't

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,
Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in and share worship with you on September 23. All our folks were amazed at the spirit of peace and welcome that inhabits your worship. Additionally, they all felt so grateful and humbled by the opportunity to have shared. That Sunday was beautiful. Thank you! Best, **StepUp Durham**

Day of Service and Hurricane Update

Thank you for the great response in providing cleanup buckets. Our high school Youth Group assembled the first 40 buckets, and 17 volunteers completed the effort on the Day of Service (October 6) , finishing with 82 buckets. Volunteers from The Presbytery of New Hope collected the buckets on October 8th , stopping at several other Triangle area churches before delivering 587 buckets to New Bern and Pollocksville. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is planning to open two or more Host Sites for volunteers to stay while working on Florence Recovery in the coming months.

Thank you also to the volunteers and team leaders for the Day of Service. Forty five people worked at five sites, sorting food, gleanng, painting, making buckets, and moving one of our members who had flood damage.

Tyler Momsen-Hudson



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Worship and Music

When we moved to Durham in 1963, finding a Presbyterian church to attend that had worship with theological integrity, and good music and educational programs for adults and children was a high priority for us. The Welcome Wagon Woman, who came to our home to welcome us to Durham, suggested First Presbyterian Church.

We found all of these elements present when we became members along with many other positive qualities. Click to [read more](#).

Jane and Henderson Rourk

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE . . .

Friends, we're half-way through this Stewardship season, and it has truly been a gift hearing the stories about how this congregation shares and uses its wonderful gifts of time, talent, and treasure. As we know, these gifts, personal and professional, tangible and intangible, are all from God - we do not own them, but are merely *stewards* of these gifts during our time here. How we care for, utilize, and choose to share these gifts is our stewardship.

This Sunday, Oct 21, we will be distributing a new form to gather information on you and your interests. This "**Getting To Know You**" form will ask about current and past professions, training, skills, hobbies, and pastimes as well as include the many committees and service areas currently operating within the

church ready and waiting for you to share your time and talents. The Stewardship Committee will compile this information with the intention of not just filling current committees, but perhaps discovering new or renewed areas of energy and passion. The survey form will also be sent out via email as an on-line survey, and be available in hard copy in the church foyer. We thank you in advance for trying something new!

October 28th is Dedication Sunday, when we ask you to turn in your completed pledge forms during the Offering (if you haven't already turned them in by mail or online). This year, we are looking to complete the goals for staff pay equity and restoration of the service and mission budget that we started last year. Our previous campaign set us on a wonderful path, meeting our goal of a 10% budget increase. This 10% increase brought us to the half-way point. Our current goal is an 8.8% budget increase to complete this mission. Please click [**brochure**](#) or contact the co-chairs for more information.

Thanks again for all you do as stewards of this world and our community,
Cris Rivera ([**mcrisrivera@gmail.com**](mailto:mcrisrivera@gmail.com)) and
George Bernhardt ([**georgelynnbernhardt@gmail.com**](mailto:georgelynnbernhardt@gmail.com)),
Stewardship Co-chairs

SESSION BRIEFS . . .

September 2018 (reprinted here in its entirety)

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 Douglas** 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:

1. **Approved an increase in the fees for leased parking spaces** in FPC's parking lot, effective January 1, 2019, to \$90 per month for single-space arrangements and \$80 per month for multi-space arrangements.

2. **Approved the following members and staff for the Christian Education Building Ad Hoc Committee:** **Jennie Alwood, Chris Brown, Barbara Buckley, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, John Mozart, and Chuck Wilson.**

The Session also received advance copies of the Stewardship Committee's brochure, as well as individual pledge cards. The Stewardship Committee's enthusiasm for the coming season was infectious, and Session members left the meeting excited about Sunday's worship and kick-off lunch, and the goals of this year's stewardship campaign.

Respectfully submitted, **Christyn Klinck**, Clerk of Session

The Diaconate and Session will meet again on Monday, October 22.

Copies of Session minutes may be requested from **Christyn Klinck**, Clerk or Session ([**clerkofsession@firstpres-durham.org**](mailto:clerkofsession@firstpres-durham.org)), Minutes of 2018 Session

REPORT FROM THE STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

FPC members and friends,

We apologize for our delays. We have been doing some soul searching about how to move forward with this process in a way that is both inclusive and productive. We want to make sure that every voice is heard as we think about how our faith community should evolve in the coming years. We have realized the challenges of leading this process from the inside, and therefore are currently looking for some guidance from a professional team that can help us move forward. We are excited about some potential options and look forward to sharing updates in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Strategic Planning Team members: **Jon Abels, Jennie Alwood, Tom Bacon, Walt Barron, Jane Brown, Graham Curtis, Emily Diy, Leslie McDow, Carl Rist, Karen Romines**

Sunday, October 21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon:

Cheryl B. Henry, preaching

This Sunday, we welcome organist and composer *James Biery*. The entire service music will be hymn arrangements and compositions by Biery. The hymn arrangements will include a brass quintet made possible by the gift of the Ruth Mary and Horst Meyer fund for music and gardens. The offertory anthem is a work that he has written this fall especially for “Kathy Parkins and the Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC.” Read more about Biery [here](#).

Liturgist: **Bob Yoder**

Greeter: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters: **Delia Kwon** (side/font); **Leah Graves** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **John Mozart** (head), **Emily Wilkins** (flowers), **Julie Whiddon** (counting), **Mickey Velkey, Matt Cline**

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



Sunday, October 28

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DEDICATION SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Steve Eason, preaching

(click to read [About Steve Eason](#))

Liturgist: *to be determined*

Greeter: **Chris Williams**

After Worship Greeters: **Karen Romines** (side/font);

Cris Rivera (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Katy Barron** (head), **Emily Wilkins** (counting), **Dale Gaddis**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Children's Sunday School, Grades 3 - 6

This fall we are trying out a new rotation model of Sunday School which allows 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. 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 Hurricanes Florence and Michael! 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, **this Sunday**, Pastor Emeritus **Joe Harvard** who will conclude his three week series on the paper *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*. 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 online. Then on **October 28**, our guest presenter will be **Steve Eason**, former Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, who will address the topic, "One Size No Longer Fits All: Six Generations in the Church." Please join us in Watts-Hill Hall on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome!

Lectionary Class:

October 21: It takes a lot of nerve to stand before the Lord and make demands. How would you expect the Lord to respond? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

October 28: Does God have more important things to do than listen to our prayers? In our readings for Sunday, there are two examples of people who made their requests loudly and persistently. What response did they receive? "I sought the Lord, and he answered me."

Journeys and Scratch Class: This hybrid class of seasoned and younger members is exploring *Prophetic Voices* this year. We are now discussing chapter 3, *Prophetic Criticizing and the Embrace of Pathos*, from Walter Brueggemann's book "The Prophetic Imagination." All are welcome to join the discussion whether you have had time to read the book or not. We meet in **room 205** of the education building at 9:45.

Women's Spiritual Formation: We are currently meeting with the "Becoming an Anti-Racist Church" class at 9:45 in the **Wilson Parlor**. We will resume our

spiritual formation discussion with **Susan Dunlap** after Thanksgiving.

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 Wilson Parlor at 9:45.

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 again on **Sunday, October 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 are coming off another great visit to the Sikh Gurudwara of NC this past Sunday, where 28 confirmands and mentors enjoyed worship in Punjabi, and a fabulous Indian lunch. Our hosts could not have been more gracious in receiving us, instructing us, and answering all of our questions.

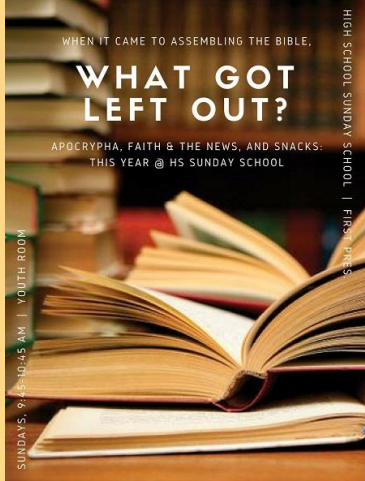
This Sunday, October 21, we will be traveling to the Durham Friends Meeting House at 404 Alexander Drive. We will meet at FPC at 9:15 to get there by 9:30, and will return at 11:45. Dress is casual for this worship service. Adults, let me know if you are able to drive. Then on October 28, we will be worshiping at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church at 10:00. Details will be forthcoming.

Learning to be good guests is part of our agenda for the semester as we will visit 9 different faith communities in the Triangle. During 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

This year's study is at a new time: **12 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.

High Schoolers

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

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

Happenings around FPC



You are invited!

Seniors Fall Luncheon
Wednesday, October 24

11:30 a.m. – Reception (East Parlor)

12 Noon – Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

Program: “A Walk on the El Camino” by Cheryl B. Henry

Please RSVP to the church office: 919-682-5511.

Be sure to indicate if you will need transportation or will require a special diet. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

PRIMETIMERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (All are welcome)

Friday, October 26

Covered Dish Supper

You are cordially invited to the home of Tom Juhnke and Diane Prosser for a Primetimer Covered Dish Supper, on Friday, Oct. 26. We will begin to gather at 6 pm, enjoy appetizers and conversation, followed by a potluck supper. Please respond via evite or email Diane at prosserjuhnke@gmail.com. Address is 208 Monticello Ave, Durham. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome.



It will soon be time for us to change our clocks!
We're falling back an hour this time!

**Daylight Saving time ends on Sunday,
November 4 at 2:00 a.m.**

**Remember to set your clocks back one hour
before going to bed on Saturday evening,
November 3.**

First Friends and Families Fellowship Group

SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday November 10: Firepit Party in the **Klincks' backyard**

Saturday, December 8: Advent Dinner at **Melinda Ruley & Stewart Fisher's home**

All are welcome!

New Member Luncheon

Have you joined FPC within this past year? Then you are invited to join the Membership Committee for a New Member Luncheon on **Sunday, November 11, following worship**. It's free! Your children are invited to lunch, too. We just want to thank you for joining, and celebrate the blessing that new members bring to First Presbyterian Church.

Parents Night Out for October

Really, it is a family night out: **Jazz in the Park, TBD, at Durham Central Park**, sponsored by Step-Up, Durham. The original event was canceled due to Hurricane Michael. Stay tuned; it will be rescheduled soon. 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. **Parents' Night out for November will take place on Sunday, November 11, from 4:45 – 6:15, rain or shine!**



A reminder that the next **BOOK GROUP** gathering will be **Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Mary-Jo Keenan's house**, 2407 Tryon Road. **Dale Gaddis** will be leading the discussion of

Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel by Carl Safina. Please RSVP to Mary-Jo to let her know you are coming.

Community Invitations

**The Inaugural Donald T. Moore, MD
Endowed Lecture Series**

featuring **Henry Foster, MD** and **Louis Sullivan, MD**
(both renowned in the field of obstetrics and gynecology)

Wednesday, October 24

5:30 p.m. at the Durham Armory

212 Foster Street, Durham

Dr. Moore was the first African American Fellow in the School of Medicine at Duke Hospital after desegregation. He served at Lincoln Hospital and trained many Duke residents, medical students, and nurses.

Dr. Foster is professor emeritus and former Dean at Meharry Medical College and clinical professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Sullivan is former secretary, US Dept. of Health and Human Services and founding dean of the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. The public is invited.

Durham CAN Assembly

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 27**, for the Durham CAN Assembly. **The meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** and will be followed by a walk across the street for a non-partisan "Souls to the Polls" event. The meeting will focus on criminal justice issues involving bail reform and will be attended by judicial candidates and the new district attorney. We need your support as we have promised to have 40 people from FPC attend!



Matthew Cates Presents Organ Recital

On **Saturday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary of FPC**, the Durham-Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present organist Matthew Cates on organ, featuring the complete works of Maurice Duruflé. Entitled "The Last Impressionist—The Complete Works of Duruflé," the listener will be immersed in a sea of vivid and

descriptive poems that tells a unique story in the life of Duruflé. Read about Matthew Cates [here](#).

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. Click [TICKETS](#) to purchase tickets, and [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.



Dementia Inclusive Durham

"Enhancing Well-Being of Persons Living With Dementia"

You're Invited!

Faith Communities Conference

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

The Forest at Duke

2701 Pickett Road, Durham, NC 27705

"Faith - a Wellbeing Approach to Dementia"

As welcoming and compassionate environments, faith communities can offer persons living with dementia and their families the opportunities for meaningful engagement and spiritual connections.

Conference Topics

- > ***What all of us should know about Alzheimer's and dementia***
- > ***How faith communities can embrace and uplift persons with dementia, their families, and carepartners***
- > ***The concept of inclusiveness and wellbeing***
- > ***Examples of enhancing wellbeing in faith communities***

Guest Speakers

- > **Goldie S. Byrd, PhD** - Director, Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity
- > **Rev. Katie Crowe, MDiv** - Senior Pastor, Trinity Ave, Presbyterian Church
- > **Eleanor S. McConnell, PhD** - Associate Professor, Duke University
School of Nursing

For questions or further information, please contact:

dementiainclusivedurham@dclsinc.org or call 919-724-5596

"Good music + Good food + Good Cause:

What's not to like?

A Yiddish Songfest to benefit Urban Ministries of Durham

3 pm Sunday, November 11 Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

\$15 in advance (yiddishsongfest@aol.com) \$20 at the door

Each year, local singers perform widely diverse songs drawn from the many worlds of those Yiddish speakers, past and present, whose lives are reflected therein. Beth-El worshipping is at Trinity Ave. during their renovations which inspired this year's theme: "Friends and Neighbors".



If you have a heart for helping members of our Hispanic community learn and grow, a special volunteer opportunity awaits you. Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel is starting a Tutoring Program to help school children in reading and math, and adults learn English as a Second Language and basic computer skills.

This program is set to launch the week of November 12 in the Education Building of Iglesia Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro, Durham 27704.

There will be training provided for volunteer tutors in advance. The proposed schedule is:

- **Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**, Reading and Math for school-age children. All the children speak English, so you do not need to know Spanish to be a tutor.
- **Monday, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, English and Computer classes for adults (Some knowledge of Spanish would be helpful for the computer classes)

Refurbished computers have been donated by Triangle Eycling. Now all we need are dedicated volunteers! For more information, or to sign up to be part of this much needed program, please contact **Miguel Rubiera** at miguelrubiera1@gmail.com

October Birthdays

The next church newsletter will be issued October 30.

Please submit your articles / news to Valerie in the church office
by Sunday, October 28.

Online Church Calendar



Visit our website