

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

October 30 - November 12, 2018

From the Pastor . . .

Dear friends,

It was late afternoon on Saturday by the time I heard the news of the horrific violence at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA. I had been away from the media all day in places of significant diversity and powerful love – first at the Durham CAN assembly around prison reform, where almost 600 people gathered in our sanctuary – black, brown, and white siblings from different faiths and denominations, of every age, with different languages and cultures, and then at the New Hope Presbytery meeting in Raleigh where pastors and ruling elders gathered to support one another in the work and ministries of our congregations and our lives.

I cannot fathom how hatred like this against a group of people can exist in the heart of a human being. This community of Jewish believers was at worship, in a sacred space, offering prayers for peace, blessing a child, when all changed for them forever. Our hearts ache for the grief, pain, fear, anger, and confusion felt by this community and people around the world who have learned about this act of violence and hatred. Like the Psalmist, we cry out, “How long, O Lord?”

I do not know why there is evil in the world and why humans are capable of hurting one another in ways that are unfathomable. I do not know why pain exists or why disease or tragedy strikes some and not others. I do not know what fuels the fires of hatred to burn in some against others. I do not know.

I do believe, however, that we are not alone. That our pain is felt deeply by the God who created us and desires for us to live in love for one another. I believe that our tears are blended with God’s tears as we face the pains that come into our lives undeserved. I believe that God is our God and that we do not walk alone in the valley of the shadow of death, but are surrounded by the everlasting arms. God is our God. We are not left without hope.

This week I share a prayer from our *Book of Common Worship*. I pray that it might bring you support in the face of this and other tragedies in our world and in our lives:

God our refuge, shelter us under your wings as we kneel before you in grief and pain. We pray for all those who have lost a beloved child, parent, sibling, lover, or friend . . . those who have witnessed horror . . . those who are wounded in body or spirit . . . for each of them is a child made in your image. We pray for ourselves, O Lord. Restore our hope, and mend our hearts, even as we weep with grief and tremble with anger. Give us strength to support the brokenhearted, and your light to find our way in the darkness, that we may be bearers of your light to all we encounter, in the name of Christ, our healer and our light. Amen.

May God be with us all and bring peace to our broken world.

With love,
Mindy



SYMPATHIES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following;

- ***The Hedrick family*** on the death of FPC member ***Jim Hedrick*** on October 24, 2018. A graveside service was held October 29th at Maplewood Cemetery in Durham.
- ***The McPherson family*** on the death of FPC member ***Margaret (Peaches) McPherson*** on October 28, 2018. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection is planned for November 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at FPC. A reception will follow in Watts-Hill Hall. Interment will be private.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

Added this week:

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins

Traveling mercies also go with ***Brent, Lesley, Graham and Sydney Curtis*** as they travel to St. Louis for the funeral of Brent's sister, ***Marsha Hussung.***

Home/Care Communities

Lee Courtland

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***

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Brent Barber, brother-in-law of Christyn Klinck

June Hewitt, friend of Sue and John Fricks

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

Kathy Johnston, niece of Jeanne Hervey

Beth Livingston, friend of Carol Wills

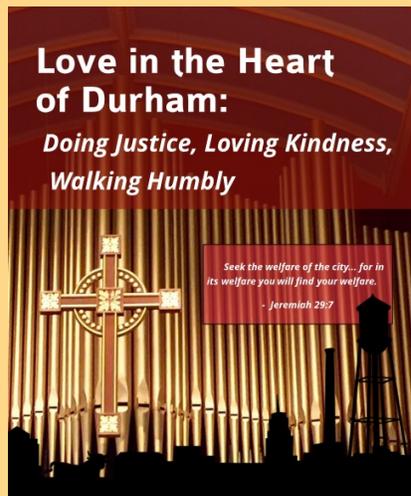
John Morey, father of Robin Morey

Hayden Williams, family member of Carol Wills

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to ***Emily Durham Diy and Carlo Diy*** on the birth of a daughter. ***Anna Ruth Durham Diy*** was born October 21, 2018. Mom and baby are doing well.

NOTES

Many thanks to **Diane Prosser and Tom Juhnke** for hosting 46 **PrimeTimers** at their home on a rainy Friday, October 26.



Love in the Heart of Durham:

*Doing Justice, Loving Kindness,
Walking Humbly*

Seek the welfare of the city... for in
its welfare you will find your welfare.
- Jeremiah 29:7

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

From the Stewardship Committee

Thank you to everyone who has returned their 2019 pledge cards and to all who shared their personal stories during this fall's Stewardship Season. Dedication Sunday was quite moving, as we heard the powerful words of **Rev. Steve Eason** on the heart that makes First Presbyterian Church, listened to a new arrangement by guest composer **James Biery**, and brought forward our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We are so blessed to be on this journey with you. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge, you can do so **online** or mail it in. Please also take the opportunity to complete the **[Time and Talent Questionnaire here](#)**.

Again, thank you for being the heart of this community and for being witnesses of Christ's love in the city,

Cris Rivera and **George Bernhardt**

SESSION BRIEFS . . .

October 2018

The Session met on October 22, 2018. Following dinner with the Diaconate and conversations with six people interested in joining the congregation, the Session began the meeting by voting to receive the new members into the life of First Presbyterian.

The Session approved three motions:

1. Serving of wine at the reception prior to the **SONAM** concert on the evening of January 5, 2019;
2. Giving new members a copy of **Peter Fish's** history of FPC when they join the church;
3. Approving a letter to **Reynolds American Inc.** which endorses the boycott of VUSE e-cigarettes, in support of NC farmworkers.

Most of the meeting was spent in discussions led by members of the Strategic Planning Team (SPT), in small groups and all together, considering the process of strategic planning at First Presbyterian. The Session asked the SPT to continue their work, and for the SPT to bring to the Session proposals from outside consultants to facilitate the development of a strategic plan.

Finally, **Delia Kwon** and **Dewey Lawson** were elected as delegates to the New Hope Presbytery held October 27, 2018, and **Kim Abels** was attending as an observer.

Respectfully submitted,

Christyn Klinck

Clerk of Session

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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

Dear FPC members and friends,

Your Strategic Planning Team met with the Session on October 22, 2018 for a small group and large group discussion. During this time, we discussed the following (among other things):

- **What a strategic plan is not.** It is not a document to be put on a shelf and never referred to again. It is not a business plan. It is not a new mission study. It does not mean that anything is wrong with what we are currently doing. In fact, we are pretty enthused about worship, education, and ministry at FPC. We know we have areas that could be strengthened (our children's ministry, our facility), but we also know that FPC is built upon a firm foundation of faithful stewardship of gifts, vision, and resources across almost 150 years.
- **What a strategic plan is.** The kind of plan we hope to develop will take the work FPC has done recently through the Mission Study and the eight Core Values of the church (Reformed Worship, Diversity and Inclusivity, Faith Exploration, Pastoral Care, Historic Placement, Social Mission, Faithful Stewardship, and Community – **Core Values**). This study and these values will help us map our specific steps to help us enhance our ministries at FPC and fulfill our vision of being the church in the heart of Durham that God has called us to be.
- **Communication** – The Session encouraged us to do a better job of communicating with the congregation as we do our work so that everyone can be on-board and informed.
- **The need for an outside perspective to guide us in next steps** – The Session voted unanimously to support the team as it interviews potential outside persons /teams to help guide this discernment process and give an objective perspective alongside the internal subjective perspective of the Session and the planning team.
- **Need to be intentional about implementing the final plan** – Many Session members had experiences with plans that had ended up on the shelf and never put to action. We must be vigilant in making sure that what the session approves as the final plan has a realistic way to be implemented as we move forward.

God brought FPC into being when faithful people of Durham and the surrounding area had a vision for a place where the gospel of Christ could be preached and taught and where God's people (inside and outside of the church) could be cared for spiritually, physically, and emotionally. We believe God is calling us to a future of faithfulness, discipleship, service, stewardship, and mission that will point us into a future in this beloved city with God's beloved people. As our parents in the faith built this church with us in mind 150 years ago, may we continue to build on

that foundation as we plan for generations ahead who will worship and serve in this place.

With gratitude to be called to this faithful work at FPC,
The FPC Strategic Planning Team

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



In light of the tragic shooting at the synagogue in New Jersey this past week, FPC's Racial Equity Task Force would like to recommend these resources to

help us understand why anti-Semitism is on the rise in America:

"Understanding Anti-Semitism", a resource by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice

<http://jfrej.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JFREJ-Understanding-Antisemitism-November-2017-v1-3-2.pdf>

"Member of Whose Tribe?", a NPR Code Switch 30-minute podcast (and link to transcript below) that looks at anti-Semitism from the perspective of a Black Jewish woman amidst the backdrop of the anti-Semitism that was present at the white supremacy gathering in Charlottesville, VA in August.

<https://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=602678381&ft=nprml&f=510312>

"The Past Didn't Go Anywhere: Making Resistance to Anti-Semitism Part of All of Our Movements,"

<http://dimus.parrhesia.press/the-past-didnt-go-anywhere-making-resistance-to-antisemitism-part-of-all-of-our-movements-april-rosenblum-2007/>

"The Soros Myth," short article written by member of Durham's Jewish community outlining the anti-Semitic and white supremacy roots of long-standing rhetoric about George Soros. It is part of a long-standing trope of "using the anti-Semitic notion of rich Jewish financiers as the 'puppet masters' of social unrest ... It is deeply troubling to see these same tropes, indeed some of the very same language, being used against today's social movements "

<https://jewishcurrents.org/essay/the-soros-myth/>



Sunday, November 4

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

John Weicher, preaching

This Sunday during worship, we will remember by name "our saints" who in the past year joined the church triumphant, who are now part of that

great cloud of witnesses.

Liturgist: **Jennie Alwood**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Alice Raney** (side/font);

Raymond Mbah (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Mary-Jo Keenan** (head), **Christy Gudaitis** (flowers), **Katy Barron** (counting) - **Need three more ushers.** Click [here](#) to sign up to usher.

Communion Elders:

Head elder/replenish elements: **Barbara Buckley**

Bread: **Sharon Hirsch** (B1/process), **Alice Raney** (B2), **Lenore Champion** (B3), **Dewey Lawson** (B4)

Cup: **George Bernhardt** (C1), **Kim Abels** (C2/process), **Karen Romines** (C3), **Raymond Mbah** (C4)

Shepherds: **Sigfried Fullenkamp** (font aisle), **Andy Henry** (center aisle), **Gray Wilson** (pulpit aisle)

Sunday, November 11

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (*with Ordination and Installation of Officers*)

Mindy Douglas, preaching

The **Handbell Choir** will provide music during worship.

Liturgist: **Cris Rivera**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

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

Chris Brown (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Emily Wilkins** (counting)

Need four more ushers. 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

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. **November bring a new story for us: *The Great Family: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*** The class meets in room 201 of the CE Building at 9:45. Bring friends and join us!

Adult Studies

Faith and Community Class: **Sam Miglarese** has agreed to lead the class on **November 4**, and introduce us to “The Saints I Have Met” for All Saints Sunday. Perhaps you have met some, too, and didn’t even know it!

Then on **November 11**, we welcome **Catherine Dumas**, Executive Director of Human Kindness Foundation, and **Sita Lozoff**, Spiritual Director, to reflect on the 45th anniversary of HKF, and to tell us about the times they crossed paths with Mister Rogers in their ministry. The class meets in **Watts-Hill Hall** at 9:45. All are welcome!

Lectionary Class:

November 4: "What's love got to do with it?" What is so important about love -- love of God, love of neighbor, or (in the case of Ruth) love of mother-in-law?

November 11: Sometimes stories from the Bible seem remote to our lives, even if the words are familiar. There are no high priests offering sacrifices for us, and we do not know any scribes who wear long robes in the marketplace. We are not bound by customs requiring a man to marry his kinsman's widow. How can we find a message for our time in these stories?

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

Journeys and Scratch Class: We will discuss chapter 4, *Prophetic Energizing and the Emergence of Amazement*, 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.



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

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

The FPC Confirmation Class and their mentors traveled to the Durham Friends Meeting House on Sunday,

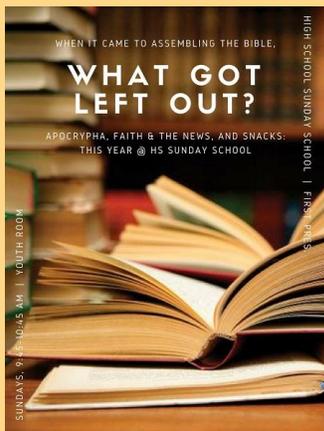
October 21 to sit in silence and wait for the stirring of the Holy Spirit among their members. Before the meeting, **Elizabeth Wintermute**, who once served as a Director of Christian Education here at FPC, greeted our group of 24 and explained the history of the Quaker/Friends movement in the United States. After the meeting, members of their youth stayed to answer any questions our youth might have. On October 28th, the Confirmation Class experienced worship at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in south Durham. The Service of the Divine Liturgy lasted for two hours, after which Father Stavroforos stayed and explained the service to the group, and invited them to share the agape feast of

the blessed bread. Twelve members of the class traveled and worshiped at St. Barbara's. Many thanks to parents and mentors who are driving our youth and accompanying them on these visits. While we were away, a group of Jewish youth from Durham's Jewish Community Center joined us for worship at FPC for Dedication Sunday.

This **Sunday, November 4**, we are meeting at FPC to reflect, and compare notes on our visits during October. We will compare and contrast, talk about rites that are similar to those in our Presbyterian worship, and those that are markedly different. We will meet in the basement youth room at 9:45.

The following **Sunday, November 11**, we travel to Farm Church, which is another PC(USA) congregation in the city. We'll get to do a little gardening before that service begins; get our hands a little dirty. Stay tuned...details coming later.

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)

Bible Study: Isaiah

This year's study is from **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 have been 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. **We will end our current study of Isaiah on November 16, then take a break for the holidays and resume our study of Isaiah in January.**



YOUTH GROUPS

Sunday, November 4 from 12:15- 2:30 p.m.

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers combined for Presbyterian Paint Wars

Sunday, November 11

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
"Wouldn't You Like to Know"

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. High School Youth
"Love Your Neighbor"

Supper is provided for both groups from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Happenings around FPC



The FPC Worship and Arts Committee presents **Art by Hendrika Vande Kemp** (on display at FPC during November)

Hendrika discovered iris folding about 10 years ago, when she was searching for a new Christmas card idea. The technique of iris folding was first developed to recycle envelopes with printed interior designs. Iris folding patterns are created by starting with a polygon and fitting a series of smaller polygons inside the first.

This creates a series of external triangles which are covered, sequentially, with folded strips of paper, working from the back side of the card, resulting in an inward-spiraling effect and an "iris." Adapting this technique to decorative art, Hendrika works with re-purposed frames and mats and a variety of recycled and re-purposed papers: metallic envelope liners and printed envelopes; stationery sheets; book jackets, end papers, and decorative borders; candy, chocolate, and tea bag wrappers; and gift wrap and gift bags. She loves the combination of a geometrically structured pattern and the creative challenge of coordinating paper colors and texture with a frame and mat. For this exhibit at First Presbyterian Church (on display in Watts-Hill Hall), Hendrika has created a number of new designs with liturgical and theological themes, including a Celtic Cross, an Anchor, ICTHUS, a Pearl of Great Price, a Shofar, a Pomegranate, The Holy Grail (Chalice), and a Violin.



If gardening and landscaping is your thing, join **Barbara Buckley** and others this **Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. -12 noon** for some fall sprucing up of the grounds at FPC. For details on the work to be performed, contact Barbara at 919-210-0482 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com.



It is 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.

Presbyterian Women Circle & Bible Study



Monday, November 5
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon in the East Parlor
Susan Dunlap will lead the study.
New faces welcome!



FPC will be a polling place
Tuesday, November 6

On Tuesday, November 6, FPC will serve as a polling place (due to the closing of the Durham Public Library for renovations). We recommend that you contact the staff by phone or e-mail that day as there will be very little, if any, parking available during regular hours. The Day School will operate on its normal schedule. Meetings that are not affected by parking restrictions will meet as scheduled. Please contact **Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator, at tajbloom@firstpres-durham.com if you have questions.

First Friends and Families Fellowship Group

Saturday November 10:

Firepit Party in the Klincks' backyard at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome! Check out the EVITE with details. Not getting the EVITE? Contact Valerie in the church office to be added to the listserv.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, December 8

Advent Dinner at **Melinda Ruley & Stewart Fisher's** home
Details forthcoming!



Luncheon for New Members

Have you joined FPC within this past year, or plan to join on November 18th? Then you and your family are invited to be guests of the Membership Committee for a New Member Luncheon on **Sunday, November 11,**

following worship. It's free! We want to thank you for joining, answer any questions that you might have, tell you what's going on over the up-coming holidays, and celebrate the blessing that new members bring to First Presbyterian Church. We want to celebrate YOU!



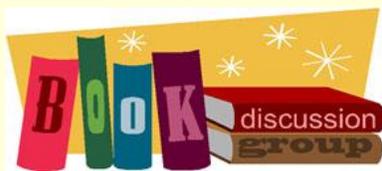
Parents Night Out for November;
Parade and Pageant for December

Okay, so Jazz in the Park was cancelled, due to Hurricane Michael. Bummer! But it is supposed to be rescheduled soon. However, we need to have another Parents' Night Out on **Sunday, November 11**

from 4: 45 - 5:15 p.m. to plan for the Durham Holiday Parade and Christmas Pageant.

The **Durham Holiday Parade** takes place on **Saturday, December 8**, and we line up at 9 a.m. to march down Main Street to Duke's East Campus. Our theme this year is "Light of the World", and we have neon glow necklaces for everyone to wear as we march. In addition, you may wear as many lights around your hat or your waist or your coat as you want. We want to sparkle, blink, and bring Jesus' light to the world as we march.

The **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be the next day, **December 9, during 11:00 worship**. Marilyn has ordered a simple story that uses handbells as sound effects. Pray...that the material comes before November 11, so that we can practice it that evening. **Please turn out on November 11, if your family wants to be in either the parade or the pageant.**



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 (mjkeenan@39@gmail.com) to let her know you are coming.

Leftover Candy?

Kathy Parkins will gladly take your leftover Halloween candy for the children's choir. On your next visit, bring your extra candy and leave it in the volunteer's office or in Kathy's mailbox at the church.

Community Invitations

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 **info** 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@dcsInc.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

3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 11

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham

\$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, who 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



FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD FUNDRAISER

Durham has an incredible food scene.

It also has a significant problem with family homelessness. **Please join Families Moving**

Forward on Friday, November 16 from 6-9

pm at The Rickhouse (609 Foster St, Durham) for our Chefs for Change Dessert Gala for an evening of community celebration, local desserts, auction/ raffle, live entertainment, and the unveiling of their 2019 Chefs for Change Series chef line-up!

They will also be awarding the James T Hewitt Distinguished Service Award. Sweets aren't your thing? They'll have savory dishes as well. Dress up or dress down – all are welcome! Go to fmfnc.org/gala for more info and to get your tickets. (\$50 each, \$33 is a tax deductible donation!)

Support for those who mourn

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who have lost a loved one. The meetings begin with a short presentation about one aspect of grief and then we break into small groups for discussion. On November 13, Nell Noonan will speak about “Knew Me/New Me.” On **November 27**, Duke HomeCare and Hospice will lead the session on “Surviving the Holidays,” and on December 11, Debbie Davis will perform on her cello. On weeks without a formal presenter, our facilitation team offers some discussion-starters.

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. Meetings are held year-round on Tuesdays (except for holidays) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis. We gather at 4:00 pm for registration, coffee, and cookies; the meeting starts at 4:30 and ends by 6:00 p.m.

November Birthdays

**The next church newsletter will be issued November 13.
Please submit your articles / news to Valerie in the church office
by Sunday, November 11.**

Online Church Calendar



Visit our website