First

Presbyterian Church

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The Creator of the universe – no aloof God this – does not leave the humans alone or walk elsewhere. God seeks a response from the fearful and ashamed human beings, but they move to the "blame game" rather than confession. The sin has led to dissonance in every relationship, between humans, humans and God, humans and animals, humans and the earth, and within the self (shame). -Terence Fretheim, God and Word in the Old Testament

Sunday, June 7

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Class of 2015 graduates will be acknowledged during worship.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Announcements 11:00 a.m. **Worship & Holy Communion**

Sermon: "Blame it on the Snake" Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Genesis 8:8-15
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Croasdaile Driver: Miriam Morey Narthex Greeter: Delia Kwon After Worship Greeters:

Mary Gitata (rear/narthex) **Laura Hanson** (side/font)

Ushers: Abi Bissette (head), Sherry Everett (flowers), Nate Pienkowski, Mary-Jo Keenan, Talitha Kwon, Leslie McDow

Communion elders:

Head / Replenisher - Alice Raney

Bread 1/Process - Tom Bacon

Bread 2- **Bob Breitweiser**

Bread 3- *Kate Busa*Bread 4- *Harold Dunlap*

Cup1 - Mary Gitata

Cup 2- **Jean Wilson**

Cup 3/Process – *Marie Sappenfield*

Cup 4- *Phyllis Supple*

Shepherd Center- Lea Bingham Shepherd Font- Wes Carson

Shepherd Pulpit- **Beth Eisenson**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

It's summer, and we're changing gears for our time together. Our theme for this summer is: TED Talks/Back. Each week, we will view a short TED Talk with our theological eyes, and then interact and discuss what we have experienced and how it informs our faith. This week we will watch Brene Brown: The Power of Vulnerability. Brown studies human connection - our ability to empathize, belong and love. In a poignant, funny talk, she shares a deep insight from her research, one that sent her on a personal quest to know herself as well as to understand humanity. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Election season is starting to heat up, and in an ancient version of a negative campaign ad, the prophet Samuel tells the people all of the bad things that a king will do to them. Why doesn't it convince them? Have kings and rulers changed in the past 3000 years? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Check with your Sunday School class leader to see if your class will be meeting this summer.

C JUNE MATCHING

FUND CHALLENGE Although we are in Ordinary Time in the liturgical year, some things happening at FPC should not be "ordinary". The phone and doorbell ring constantly with the cries of our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet or who are homeless. Our mailbox is full of requests for assistance. The PC USA National / World Missions and Disaster Programs are stretched hard to reach those struggling outside our community. But, a very generous anonymous FPC member has offered to match funds (up to \$20,000!) donated during the month of June by congregation members

for Service and Mission! The additional funding will help our committee support our own Walk In Ministry, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, summer programs for youth in poverty at Emanuel Iglesia and efforts through our Presbytery and National and World PC USA Programs. Please give generously so we can receive these matching funds! Make checks payable to FPC and in the memo line put June

Matching Fund Challenge and mail it in or put in the offering plate during the month of June. Whether it is serving others at our doorstep or in far off places like Africa or Nepal....

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it to me" - Matthew 25:40

Beth Eisenson and Will McDow FPC Service and Mission co-chairs

SENIOR RECITAL

Wednesday, June 10

Benjamin Conner (trumpeter) will be giving his senior recital at First Presbyterian on June 10 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The music will feature selections from Haydn and Strauss, and several collaborations with other young musicians. All are welcome!

BOYCHOIR IN CONCERT

Monday, June 22 7:00 p.m. FPC Sanctuary

The Minnesota Boychoir features 74 boys from their two premiere ensembles. In their 53-year history, the Boychoir has performed during Mass at the Vatican in the Sydney Opera House and on National Public Radio. A freewill donation will be collected during the concert. Learn more about the Minnesota Boychoir online at www.boychoir.org.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Do teachers deserve a break? Yes, I think our 50+ church school teachers and support staff need a little breather over the summer. On Sunday, we expressed our appreciation to those who allow deep relational bonds to develop within our community under the nurturing umbrella of God's Word. It is so important for our life together to be deeply rooted in the stories about God, about Jesus, and about relationships founded upon faith. And each little class is a well of deep support for the people who engage in study and sharing. I am so grateful to each one of you who steps up to lead a class on Sunday, or during the week, to provide opportunities for the spiritual growth and nurture of our members.

Will we continue to have church school over the summer? Absolutely! The Lectionary Class plans to continue for adults and youth. The Faith and Community Class will be interacting with TED Talks each week, that tie in, in some way, with the lectionary texts for the day. And our youth and children will be watching movies through their 3D theological lenses and sharing what they see. It's a change of pace. It's a time of rest for the weary. But it will continue to be a time of spiritual growth and nurture. So come!

Do we still need you in worship? Again, yes! Your presence is very much needed in worship, as we round the corner and head into the final stretch (we hope) of our interim time together. Exciting times lie ahead for First Presbyterian Church, and your presence and prayers are very much needed by the PNC, by the staff, and by the outreach ministries of our congregation. It is important that we "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12: 1-2).

Marilyn

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

FPC's newly-elected ruling elders and deacons will meet this Sunday, June 7, from 12 noon -2:00 p.m. in the East Parlor for officer training and lunch. The Book of Order and Book of Confession have been ordered, but if you have an older copy, please bring it with you. Please think about which committee you might like to serve on during the upcoming year. Contact the church office if you are unable to attend. Our next Officer Training will take place on June 28th from 12 noon -2:00 pm.

PARISH NOTES

- Many thanks to the Christian Education Committee for a lovely **Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast** on Sunday. Honoring our theme of "Fishin' for a Mission", our FPC's 50+ teachers were dutifully thanked and allowed to "fish" for a prize. Members of this year's CE Committee include: *Marcia Lorimer*, *Dawn Carsey*, **Katharine Whitmore**, *Emily Durham*, *Bill Lorimer*, *John Abels*, *Sarah Finbow*, and *Marilyn Hedgpeth*.
- Last Sunday in worship, we bade farewell to Jon and Christina Nelson, who are moving to Baltimore this week. Jon has been called to serve the Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, where he will be ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, June 21. Christina, a teacher, will be looking for a position in the Baltimore area. It will be great for FPC to have a contact in the Baltimore area, so our churches can be helpful following the racial unrest there. Both Jon and Christina have been very faithful members of our community for three years, and we wish them God-speed in their new lives in Maryland.
- The Summer Gathering of **The Presbytery of New Hope** will take
 place July 28 at Covenant Presbyterian
 Church in Durham. Volunteers are
 needed to help distribute the boxed
 lunches to commissioners and ancillary
 personnel on that Tuesday. If you can
 help that day from 10:30 1:30,
 please contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth**.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Bob Yoder is leading a book study on Charles Sheldon's book *In His Steps:* What Would Jesus Do? It takes place at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activity Room from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Books are \$12.00 each (large print).

CAN YOU HELP?

Our long time, faithful Friday afternoon office volunteer, Sally Ensor, is moving to another state. We are looking for persons who are willing to fill this FRIDAY time slot, either on a weekly basis or alternate sharing it with another person(s). The afternoon shift is from 1:00 to about 4:30 p.m. In addition to answering the door bell and telephone, another of the regular responsibilities for Friday afternoon is helping to stuff inserts into Sunday's worship bulletin. We are also looking for subs for other days of the week to fill in when our regular sub travel over the summer. For more information contact Shirley Frederick at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Dewey and Bet Lawson* on the death of Dewey's mother, *Anne Lawson*, on May 23rd. A memorial service was held in Smithfield on May 30th.

OUR CONCERNS

- Bette Conroy, a patient at Duke Hospital
 Bob Parkins, husband of Kathy Parkins, having back surgery on Wednesday
- Bill and Jean Robinson, parents of John Robinson
- Wajid Bangura, grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

Edward Kwon Mercy Ndambiri Ann Prospero

Brookdale Senior Living

(formerly Carolina House of Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (CPHL): Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:

Friendship Hall: *Bob Keever*Pavilion: *Anne Davis, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren*

Hillcrest:

Dewey Lawson Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant Ken Goldner Joan Englund Peaches McPherson

<u>Treyburn</u> (Peak Resources): **Sara Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece

- *Patricia Adcock*, mother of Catherine Admay
- Roy Blackwell, father of Sheila Miglarese
- Becky Brown, mother of Amy Sanchez
- *Ruby Brown*, mother of Eugene Brown
- Ching-Chang Chin, father of Li-Chen Chin
- *Geneva Day*, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- *Gino England*, nephew of Larry Reed
- Gera Fleming, mother of Christyn Klinck
- Cherie Haines, sister of Vernon Neece
 Genie V. Martin, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- *Louise Miglarese*, mother of Sam Miglarese
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- *Lindsay Morris*, sister of Emily McClure
- *Judy Robertson*, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth
- Virgilio Yalong, uncle of Lyn Francisco

TRIANGLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS IN CONCERT

Saturday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. Pilgrim United Church of Christ 3011 Academy Rd, Durham

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

1801 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Suggested Donations:

\$10 in advance from www.tgmchorus.org
At the door: \$15 adults,
\$10 students and children

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The school year is drawing to a close - our students are finishing up exams and our high school seniors are preparing to graduate next week! Their plans for the summer and beyond are as amazing as they are! From VCS and church trips to Montreat or Massanetta, to service and school trips around the country and the world, to interesting jobs and internshipsour youth and college students are preparing for exciting journeys. Ask them about what they have planned for this summer!

Blessings, Sarah

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will have a potluck supper and book selection meeting on **Tuesday**, **June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Barbara Gerwe* (2704 Trailwood Drive, Croasdaile). We will be selecting books from three categories: fiction, non-fiction, and religion / spirituality. Please bring no more than three recommendations. Please let Barbara know if you will be coming: bebegerwe@gmail.com.



Saturday, June 20 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

For details contact **Barbara Buckley**: bjbuckley1@frontier.com.

PRIME TIMERS

SAVE THE DATE!

Covered Dish Supper Saturday, June 27 6:30 p.m. at the Lorimer home. Watch your email for an EVITE.

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR

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SHRIMP JAMBALAYA DINNER

Saturday, June 6, 2015 5:00 – 7:00 pm Yates Baptist Church 2819 Chapel Hill Rd. Durham

Dine In or Carry Out
To reserve plates or quarts, email
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