## First

## Presbyterian Church



**Organized 1871** 

## June 30, 2015

### Sunday, July 5

14<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School10:55 a.m. Announcements11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion Sermon: "The Prophetic Word"

Sam R. Miglarese preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Ezekiel 2:2-5
Gospel Lesson	Mark 6: 1-6
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Croasdaile Driver: *Michael Honeycutt* 

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon** After Worship Greeters:

Barbara Gerwe (rear/narthex)
Marie Sappenfield (side/font)

Ushers: *Kathy Conner* (head), *Lucie House* (flowers), *Susan Seahorn, Emily Wilkins, Dale Gaddis* 

Communion Elders:

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Bread 1/Process – Wes Carson

Bread 2 - **Peter Compton** 

Bread 3 – *Lisa Rist* 

Bread 4 – *Margaret Rubiera* 

Cup 1 - Barbara Gerwe

Cup 2 - **Dan Hudgins** 

Cup 3/Process – *Lea Bingham* 

Cup 4- *Marcia Lorimer* 

Shepherd Center - *Will McDow* Shepherd Font side - *Joseph Ngumi* 

Shepherd Pulpit Side – *Tom Bacon* 

#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **Faith and Community Class**

Country and culture used to serve as the cornerstone of identity, but what does "home" mean to someone who comes from many places? We'll interact with TED Talk speaker and writer *Pico Iyer* about the meaning of home in a world where old boundaries of nation-states no longer apply. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two into unknown territory with only the shirts on their backs. What would "home" mean to them? To us? Class meets at 9:45 in Watts Hill Hall. All are welcome.

#### **Lectionary Class**

The citizens of Israel recognized David's greatness and anointed him as king. The citizens of Nazareth were amazed at Jesus' deeds and actions, but refused to believe in him. How do we respond in the presence of greatness? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

#### **Spiritual Formation Class**

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap** and meets at 9:45 in the lower level classroom located across the hall from the Youth Room.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN / YOUTH

Kindergarten and up 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

July 5 - Charlotte's Web

Each Sunday the children and youth meet in Room 205 of the CE building to watch and discuss a movie, then enjoy a snack. Three year olds through rising K's meet in the Playroom. The nursery is open for younger children. Youth can also join the Lectionary Class or Faith and Community Class.

The Church office will be CLOSED this Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe holiday

celebration!





#### **WE MET THE CHALLENGE!**

We are so excited to report that due to the overwhelming generosity of FPC members, we have just exceeded our goal of raising \$20,000 that will be matched by an anonymous FPC member for service and mission! And in case you missed the obituary last week for our dear friend and committee member Ed Kwon, we wanted you to know that any memorial contributions were requested to go to this fund. The phones have been ringing off the hook at FPC this week, but don't worry; you are not too late to contribute! Make checks payable to FPC and put in the memo line June Matching Fund Challenge and mail them in or put in the offering plate Sunday. Many thanks for your generosity!

# FPC Co-Hosting PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Presbytery of New Hope needs help with its next gathering on **Tuesday**, **July 28 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham**. Volunteers are needed to help with parking from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Others are needed to help with lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and to sing in the choir for worship from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **If you could help in any of these areas**, please call or email the church office. It would be helpful to have at least four members of **FPC for each area**.

#### **FPC Session Briefs**

#### June 29, 2015

- Approved FPC church-wide sponsorship and participation in the NC Pride Parade on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Congregation donations have more than matched the June Matching Challenge Grant.
- Sent a letter to Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC, offering FPC's support and praying for reconciliation and healing in Charleston, Durham and throughout the country.

Submitted by **Barbara Gerwe**Clerk of FPC Session

# FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

#### The Fourth of July Reflections

This weekend we celebrate our birthday as a nation, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! It is a time when all of the conflicting tensions in government are put aside to celebrate a common national vision and identity. President Obama and Congress are divided over the budget, the Affordable Care Act, and foreign policy, (Iraq, Iran, Syria and the Middle East, and let us not forget the Ukraine) so we might have very little to celebrate this 4<sup>th</sup> of July with such dissension and partisan debate.

But I do think we have good reason to celebrate. We do have the right of free speech; we can raise questions about how our President oversees our nation; we can vote into office representatives in Congress to change the laws of government for the people, by the people. We have a judiciary that calls all branches of government to remain faithful to the letter and spirit of our constitution.

Yes, celebrate we should, but let us make sure we all do our part in making the legacy of our great nation one that works for all the people, since we are "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." I hope you have a happy holiday!



#### **NOTES**

FPC welcomes to the church staff *Alex*Stayer Brewington, a student intern and candidate for ministry in the New Hope Presbytery. Alex is from Wilmington, NC, attended UNC-CH and graduated with a BA in Religion. Alex is presently attending Duke Divinity School, pursuing a Masters in Divinity. He and wife *Caroline*Stayer Brewington have been attending FPC for about two years and are active with the SCRATCH / Young Adult group. Alex will begin serving with us on July 1st.

The *These Days* devotional booklets for July – September have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available from the table in the foyer and in the narthex. This quarter, our own *Bob Yoder* has written daily meditations for September 13-19. Pick up a copy on your next visit to FPC, while supplies last.

The **Young Adults** had a fun gathering at **Sarah and Pete Finbow's** new home in Durham on Saturday evening.

**Primetimers** had a lovely gathering at **Bill** and **Marcia Lorimer's** home in Cary on Saturday evening as well.

#### CONGRATULATIONS . . .

to *Joe Harvard* who has been called to serve as the transitional pastor of the First Scots Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC. He will begin serving on August 15.

#### **OUR SYMPATHIES**

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to:

- Sam, Sheila and Juliana Miglarese on the death of Sam's mother, Louise Miglarese, on June 24. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 27 in Hampton, SC;
- Vern and Beth Neece, Ben Neece, and Sarah Neece Silleto. on the death of Beth's sister, Sara Anne Martin on June 24th. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at FPC at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 25.

#### **OUR CONCERNS**

Traveling mercies to Valentine Ndambiri as she travels to Ireland for a student exchange program; and Cecil and Mary Macaully who have traveled to Sierra Leone.

Wajid Bangura, infant grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

> Guy Cecelski **Bette Conroy** Mercy Ndambiri

> > **Brookdale Senior Living**

(formerly Carolina House of Durham): Julian Boswell

**Brookdale of Chapel Hill** 

(formerly Clare Bridge): Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:

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

> Hillcrest: Dewey Lawson Randall McLeod

#### The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant Ken Goldner

Joan Englund Peaches McPherson

- 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
- Gino England, nephew of Larry Reed Gera Fleming, mother of Christyn Klinck
- Genie V. Martin, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- Brooks Minks, grandmother of Lucie
- Lindsay Morris, sister of Emily McClure
- Bill and Jean Robinson, parents of John Robinson
- Judy Robertson, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth

#### **FLOWER DONORS**

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please check the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the foyer for open Sundays. Information on how to donate flowers is also available there.

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Middle School Youth Conference Massanetta Springs July 9-12** 

**High School Youth Conference Montreat** July 26 - August 1

Contact Sarah Finbow for details.

### SCRATCH/ Young Adults Potluck

Friday, July 17 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Lorimer

200 W. Woodcroft Pkwy. #61-D

### **FIRST FRIENDS AND** FAMILIES POTLUCK

Saturday, July 18 5:30 p.m. at the Momsen-Hudsons

New address (same location) 1339 Holden-Roberts Farm Road, Hillsborough

Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.

For more info contact Deborah at: 919-732-9595 or dmomsenhudson@gmail.com

#### **FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT**

"Everyday Saints"

**July 31** (6pm) – **August 1** (3pm) **Avila Conference Center, Durham** Led by Cherrie Henry / Susan Dunlap Cost: \$75 (scholarships available)

Please register by July 22

To register, contact Valerie McMillian in the church office at 919-682-5511 or by email: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org

#### SCHOOL FOR CONVERSION

School for Conversion is a Walltown organization directed by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove that partners with Duke Divinity School and the NC prison system, helping beloved communities unlearn habits of social division.

#### **Class Offerings**

• July 9 – 30 "Church and Mass Incarceration Working Group" - a fourweek intro to the issues surrounding mass incarceration. For more information and to register for the class: http://www.schoolforconversion.org/thechurch-mass-incarceration/

#### •September 22 - November 10

"Spiritual Memoirs" – an eight-week community class (taught in prison) that follows the model of Project Turn (Orientation July 27 - required for all participants). For more information and to register for the class: http://www.schoolforconversion.org/proj ect-turn-community-class/

#### SUNDAY, JULY 12

11 a.m. Worship and Baptism Wilson Gunn, preaching

Gunn matriculated at Davidson College (BA), Duke University (MDiv and ThM) and UNC-CH (PhD). He presently serves as General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery.

2 p.m. Extended Communion at Croasdaile Village (led by Bob Yoder)

#### **FPC** HOSTS

#### **MEDICARE BASICS SEMINAR**

## Friday, July 17

1 – 3 p.m.
The N.C. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and Durham nonprofit Senior PharmAssist are presenting a "Medicare Basics" seminar at First Presbyterian for individuals who would like to learn more about Medicare and provides an overview of the options available. Caregivers who would like to better understand Medicare are also welcome. To register, call 919-682-5511 or email *Lyn Francisco* at I.francisco@firstpres-durham.org.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for persons to fill the FRIDAY afternoon time slot, either on a weekly basis or rotating with another person. 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 volunteers travel over the summer. For more information contact **Shirley** Frederick at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org.

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEES

Reminder to all FPC committee chairs and program staff: An annual report summary for your respective committee or

area of ministry is due to Valerie in the church office by July 31. If you need to see a past year's report or have questions, contact *Valerie* by email:

v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. Summaries should be sent electronically to Valerie.

Dear Friends.

Thanks to all in my First Presbyterian Family for your prayers, your emails, cards, calls, and the comfort food, too. A special thanks to those who came from Durham to be with us at this holy time and to Marilyn who had double duty without me to assist. You all have helped us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord and these full hearts say thank you!

Sam, Sheila, Juliana and family

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