

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DURHAM

"Downtown by history and by choice"

FPC Bi-Weekly Newsletter

June 11 - 24, 2019

From the Parish Associate:

A clergy friend recently told a group of us that every baptized Christian is called to sit in three chairs: the armchair, the circled chair, and the pew. By the armchair, she meant that solitary daily place where we contemplate and pray in the presence of God. By the circled chair she meant those weekly and monthly places where we sit in small circles face-to-face with other disciples of Christ to study, serve, and share our lives. By pew, she meant weekly worship where we gather on long benches to all face in the same direction in worship to God.



As Trinity Sunday nears when we contemplate the three-in-one, one-in-three mystery of our God, we see often will see portrayals of the Trinity as three Celtic knot interlocking circles. When I think of my friend's three chairs they seem to me to be like those overlapping Celtic Trinity circles. Each place we sit informs the other places. Taken together they dance a "holy chair dance" that sweeps us up into their orbit and makes us more complete. Each chair is important. No chair can be forgotten, just as no person of the Trinity can be forgotten. Every chair is interdependent and makes the others more satisfying places to sit.

This summer, I pray we will all hear the call of these three chairs. May the Spirit sound in our souls the call of those beautiful chairs to us. A call to be knitted together, inside and out, individually and as a community, into the saving wholeness God wants for us all.

Cherrie Henry

Joys/Concerns

CONGRATULATIONS to *John and Sue Fricks* who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21st. They are in Maine with family this month to mark that celebration.

We rejoice with *Claire Tipton* who was recently engaged to *Jill Casey*.

This week:

Judy Arrowood, preparing for knee surgery

Kendrick Cates, Walk-in Ministry client

Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King and patient at UNC Hospital

Home:

Sally Hendrickson

Margaret Mubanga

Joseph Ngumi

Franzi Rokoske (and her mother)

Caroline Rourk

Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Larry Gray, brother of Rena Pinnix (caregiver to Carol Johnson)

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins

Linda Jones, Walk-in Ministry client

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Charlie Ramos, great-nephew of Nora Tubbs Tisdale

Paul Sanders, brother-in-law of Jane Brawley

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Eric Wright, Walk-in Ministry client

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of **\$774.00**.

Supporting the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is such a caring and compassionate way to bring comfort and relief to our neighbors in need. Every day throughout central and eastern North Carolina, we hear stories of mothers and father in struggling households who skip meals so their kids can eat. They hope their kids won't notice but kids notice everything. Parents go hungry and their children take on the burden of adult worry. But thanks to you, their burden is lighter today. Because of your generosity more families can sit down to a family dinner tonight where everyone has food on their plate. They can relax and stop worrying about their parents going hungry. They can go to sleep tonight with full stomachs and lighter hearts. . . . Thank you again for being a friend to the Food Bank - and to our neighbors in need.



Sincerely,

Peter Werbicki

President/CEO



Thank you to the Class of 2019 officers who completed their tenure on June 2, 2019. A job well done!

Ruling Elders

George Bernhardt

Barbara Buckley

Sigfried Fullenkamp

Libby Gulley

Delia Kwon

Dewey Lawson

Griffin Momsen-Hudson

Karen Romines

Gray Wilson

Deacons

Amy Dillon

Catherine Dumas

Minna Fullenkamp

Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey

Sam Henry

Mary-Jo Keenan

Elizabeth Klinck

Kathy Krahenbuhl

David Lorimer

NOTES

- Click [here](#) to read about those who are journeying with us this summer in worship leadership and pastoral care while Mindy is on sabbatical.
- **The Great Big Church Family Festival (GBCFF)**, hosted by FPC on Sunday night was a huge success, thanks to the help of so many people. We had 96 people attend the event: 68 adults, 28 children, including our 15 Muslim guests from INCA Relief in Raleigh. Coming on Pentecost Sunday, there was a powerful spirit of openness that pervaded the activities, as friends from FPC joined with Trinity Avenue Presbyterian, Mt. Bethel Presbyterian and the Muslim community to spend an evening in fellowship together. It was a beautiful exhibition of “God so-loving the world” as we came together to share a meal, enjoy a fabulous story and skit about “who’s the greatest” from Mark 9:33-37, and to engage in service projects that benefit three missions to our community. The group made 250 lunches for Urban Ministries of Durham, and decorated lunch bags with messages of hope and encouragement; decorated baffles to hold insulation for Habitat for Humanity; and packed 10 buckets with cleaning supplies for hurricane relief to benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. **Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera** provided another beautiful and filling meal to keep everyone happy and healthy as they worked. Many thanks to the support team which helped welcome and host our guests for the evening: **Michael Honeycutt, Jo and George Bernhardt, Celia Dickerson, Kerry Holbrook,**

Katharine Whitmore, Brent Curtis, Lenore Champion, Kim and Jon Abels, Eric Wiebe, Griffin and Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Delia Kwon, Marie Sappenfield, and Amy Dillon. And thanks to all the families and individuals who attended and shared neighbor-love with our guests! **The next GBCFF will be on Sunday, July 7 at Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church, from 5:30 – 7:30,** where we will do mission projects that benefit our veterans. **And the final one will be on Sunday, August 4 at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church.**

- It was great to see FPC members at a **community vigil** to support **Medicaid Expansion** on Wednesday, June 5 in downtown Durham. Those who participated included *Carl and Lisa Rist, Jane Wettach and Marilyn Hedgpeth.* Covenant Presbyterian member *Mary White*, a very passionate advocate for Medicaid Expansion, spoke at the vigil.
- **Housing for New Hope** held its 2019 Annual Breakfast on Tuesday at the Cotton Room in Durham, and it was great to have FPC represented at that event. *Terry Allebaugh* was honored with a new Legacy Fund established in his name to prevent and combat homelessness in Durham. The breakfast was followed by a ribbon-cutting at the new Holloway Place (formerly Dove House), which has been refurbished to house seven female tenants. *FPC is one of the sponsors for decorating one of the interior rooms in that house.* Congratulations to Housing for New Hope for providing affordable housing in Durham.

FPC is accepting applications for the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families position

FPC's Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has published a Ministry Information form (MIF) on the official Presbyterian job site and is now accepting applications. To recommend candidates for this position, please direct them to our [MIF](#) or share your thoughts with [Kim Abels](#), APNC chair, by email.



The **Annual Report Summary** deadline has come and gone! Committee Chairs and program staff are asked to submit their annual report summary (by email) to [Valerie](#) in the church office as soon as possible. If you need help or more time to complete your summary, please let Valerie know. Thank you.



Sunday, June 16

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Brent Curtis, preaching

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

Following worship, those who made a reservation will enjoy a special Father's Day meal in Watts-Hill prepared



by **Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield**. A donation of \$8 per person / \$24 for a family will be received as you enter the serving line. Credit card payments will be accepted. Thank you for making a reservation.

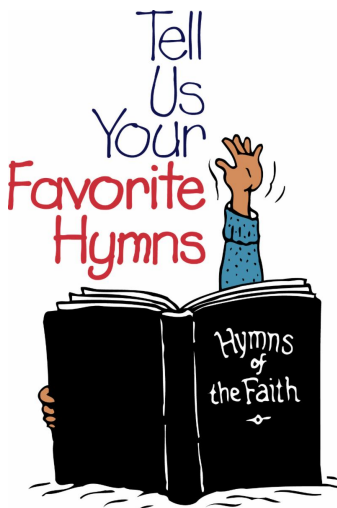
Sunday, June 23

9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

John Weicher, preaching

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



Sunday, June 30 – Myrtlefest

Join us at 11:00 a.m.

for an old-fashioned hymn sing

We need hymn suggestions! You are invited to submit the name of one or two of your favorite hymns, which we will include as part of a hymn sing in worship on June 30th. Favorite Hymns cards are available from the tables in the narthex and foyer through Sunday, June 16. On June 30, special music will be provided by world-renown, award-winning mandolin player, **Tony Williamson**. Following worship on June 30, we will fellowship over a picnic potluck lunch and enjoy more music by the mandolin player. A main meat

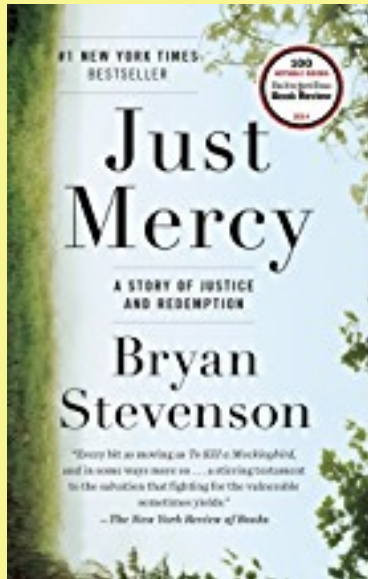
and beverages will be provided by the church. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship under our beautiful crepe myrtles!



Summer Sunday School is off and running for children, youth and adults. Children will meet upstairs in room 208 for Storypath, an exploration of some of the best new books in children's literature with theological implications for young and old alike. Shhhh....this week's book is *Quiet*. Crafts, snacks, reading and discussion will be led by **Joe and Carlisle Harvard and Linda Dobson**. In contrast, June 23rd's book, *Horrible Bear!* will be introduced by **Josh and Amanda Waters**. Children and youth are invited to follow the Storypath for the summer.

Options

Summer Sunday School for Adults



The Faith and Community Class continues its discussion of Bryan Stevenson's book, *Just Mercy*, an honest and moving look at mass incarceration in America. **Diane Standaert** will return this **Sunday, June 16**, to address the spike in incarceration in North Carolina, and in Durham, particularly, and what might be done to address it. Beginning June 23, **Jane Williams** will lead a discussion of the introduction of the book, *On Higher Ground*. So keep reading ahead to better engage in the fascinating discussions. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45, and members and guests are all welcome. Click [here](#) for the class study schedule.

Adult Journeys/Scratch and The Thoughtful Christian classes are taking a break this summer.

Adult Lectionary Class -

The Lectionary Class continues to meet during the summer, to study the texts being used in worship each Sunday. This summer they are taking the challenge of stepping into Year D, and exploring some of the difficult texts in scripture omitted from the Revised Common Lectionary. If you're up to a challenge for the summer, please join them in the East Parlor at 9:45. **David Smith, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Robert Brawley** and others lead that class.

For June 16: Jesus told his disciples that the world hated them, just as it hated him. Do we belong to the world, or to the church, the modern-day disciples of Jesus? Is it possible to belong to both? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

For June 23: Isaiah and the other prophets of ancient Israel saw God's hand in the affairs of the world: God punished the people through famine or military defeat; God restored the people through bountiful harvests or success in battle. Do we still see God acting in the modern world?

Women's Spiritual Formation Class -

Susan Dunlap leads this class year-round class for women. It meets in the **basement parlor**

at 9:45. This class is a great support system of sharing and prayer for women.

PELICAN'S SNOBALLS HANGOUT:

TUESDAYS, 5-6 PM, ALL SUMMER LONG

RISEING 6TH GRADERS THRU GRADUATED SENIORS

3217 N. ROXBORO ST., DURHAM

JUNE 18 & 25



JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 (TBD) & 30

AUGUST 6, 13, 20 & 27 (TBD)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DURHAM YOUTH MINISTRIES
FRIENDS WELCOME - JESUS LOVES YOU - SUGAR ICE IS YUMMY

GREAT BIG
CHURCH
FAMILY
FESTIVAL

6/9, 7/7, 8/4

5:30-7:30 PM

SUMMER '19

YOUTH MINISTRIES CALENDAR FOR
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DURHAM
ALL NON-TRIPS FOR 5TH-12TH GRADE

MASSANETTA

JUNE 25-28

TRIENNIAL

JULY 15-20

MONTREAT

JULY 21-27



HANGING OUT @ PELICAN'S SNOBALLS)
TUESDAYS, 5-6 PM, 3217 N. ROXBORO ST.

JUNE 18 & 25

JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 (TBD) & 30

AUGUST 6, 13, 20 & 27 (TBD)

SERVING AT THE CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - LOOK FOR DETAILS



YOUTH ROOM CREATIVE MASTERPIECE
& PARLOUR ICE CREAM, JULY 11, 6:30-9 PM

ENO RIVER STATE PARK HIKE & SWIM
AUGUST 11, 12:15-5 PM



FRIENDS WELCOME, JESUS LOVES YOU, DINNER PROVIDED



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & SNAPCHAT.





The **Shallowford Presbyterian Church of Atlanta's Youth Choir** is presenting a **FREE CONCERT** in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian, Durham (305 E. Main Street) on **Thursday evening, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.** This vibrant Youth Choir from Atlanta is touring sites in the Southeast sharing beautiful, uplifting music by students in grades 6 – 12. The theme is “Peace, Hope, & Unity,” and the music will consist of standard youth choir anthems, world music, and gospel music, with some scripture and thematic material (spoken parts) woven throughout. The Chapel Choir is directed by Shallowford's Director of Music, Emily Floyd. Not to be missed! Bring your friends!



A GROUNDS WORKDAY is planned for Saturday, June 15 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Contact ***Barbara Buckley*** (919-210-0482) for information on the work to be done.



Ecuador Slide Show

Ecuador is small among South American nations, but it is one of the most popular destinations for birders and other nature-lovers. ***Judy and David Smith*** spent two weeks in Ecuador in March of this year, and they returned with photos and stories of birds and bird conservation. Join them for a slide show on **Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 pm in**

Watts-Hill Hall.

**Primetimers & Scratch (Young Adults)
Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m.
at the home of Marcia Lorimer
*Marcia Lorimer, Phyllis Supple, Alice Raney,***



and David Lorimer will host Scratch and Primetimers together in Marcia's home in June. It's a potluck, so please bring your favorite potluck dish. Hosts will provide non-alcoholic drinks, wine, and beer and there will be a basket set out to contribute toward the cost of the wine and beer. Evite is coming soon! Please respond if you plan to join us!

Pastoral Care Opportunity

Needed: a ride to and from church on Sundays for **Margaret Eme** who lives at Williams Place on East Carver Street in Durham. Contact [Marilyn Hedgpeth](#) (call 919-682-5511 x 220) if you can help with a ride.

FPC Members . .

Do you want 24/7 access to the church's membership directory and/or want to view the church calendar on the go? If so, you need the Church Life App on your smart device. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to add this great App to your smart device.



HELP is here!

This free service of Project Access of

Durham County recycles, restores, and issues for re-use donated durable medical equipment (canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, bath tub aids, etc.) to any Durham resident as a 3 month loan with renewal if there is a longer need. The service exists for anyone; we just need to have proof of residency. HELP also needs volunteers to help at our free site on Tuesdays or Fridays; volunteers are asked to work 8 hours per month.

See [flyer](#) for more information.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress for Success Triangle is looking for volunteer Career Coaches to join our Durham team!

Dress for Success Triangle empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and life.

Career Coaches help women develop or edit her resume and cover letter and ready her for interviews. Basic

WHEELS4HOPE

Wheels4Hope has an immediate and urgent need for volunteers in our Triangle and Triad offices. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help provide safe and affordable transportation for our vehicle recipients.

Volunteer needs include:

Mechanics

Do you like to tinker with cars? Are you pretty handy with a wrench? Jobs for all experience levels available!

Car Runners

computer skills are required. Most coaches work one three-hour shift a week, two shifts a month, or one Saturday a month. Weekday shifts are hosted Tuesday-Thursday mornings and afternoons. Must be 23 years of age and training is required.

Training will be hosted at our Durham location (1720 Guess Rd) on **Thursday, June 27 from 1:30pm-3:30pm.**

Please sign up for orientation on our website: <https://dfstrianglenc.org/signup>

Pick up donations, take cars to garages, get vehicles gassed and inspected. All you need to do is drive!

Car Washers

Make our cars spiffy for their new owners. Great opportunity for all ages!

Call 919-832-1941 or visit <http://wheels4hope.org/volunteer/> for more information.

**New location in Cary:
411/415 East Durham Rd.**

CHECK THIS OUT!



Religion and science are not in opposition on the issue of climate change. Science has a great deal to teach us about both the urgency to act and the solutions that are at hand. Our faith informs the actions that we take to care for Earth and all of its inhabitants. So how do people of faith and conscience seize the moral opportunity to lead on the most important issue of our time?

***** TONIGHT *** June 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Pullen Baptist Church located at 1801 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC,**

Rev. Susan Hendershot, president of Interfaith Power & Light, and Ken Kimmell, president of the Union of Concerned Scientists, will speak on the intersection of faith, science, and climate solutions. They will be joined by leaders from Interfaith Power & Light state affiliate, providing local context and opportunities for action.
[Please register here.](#)

Presented by The Justice Theater and an event which compliments our study of *Just Mercy*: "Caroline, or Change" - an awe-inspiring gospel and blues musical that will melt your heart in the Louisiana heat.

WHERE: Umstead Park UCC
8208 Brownleigh Drive, Raleigh 27617

WHEN: June 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 (with afternoon and evening performances)

Tickets: \$28-\$21

1963. In quiet Lake Charles, Louisiana, the destruction of a Confederate statue might just signal that change is in the air... But, whatever the progress of the civil rights movement, in the Gellman household things seem just the same – for now

at least. Eight year old Noah, heartbroken by the death of his mother and his father's remarriage, sneaks down to the basement to spend time with the maid he idolizes, Caroline Thibodeaux: Caroline who runs everything. The basement is a fantastical place - even the appliances sing! Features a virtuosic score by Jeanine Tesori (*Shrek The Musical*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Fun Home*).

**The next church newsletter will be issued on Tuesday,
June 25.**

**Please submit your articles to Valerie in the church office
by Sunday, June 23.**

June 2019 Birthdays

Online Church Calendar



Visit our website