Sunday, August 28, 2011
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OWL DAY
(Weather Permitting)

It’s time to crank up Sunday School again for all ages, meet new teachers, “fly up” to our new classes, and begin anew the quest for “wisdom”: hence the name, OWL DAY! Come hungry for a free breakfast of cereal, bagels and cream cheese, and fruit at 9:45 sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. We’ll entertain all things OWL (WOL, according to Pooh Corner; Hedwig, according to Harry Potter!), and celebrate the beginning of wisdom that keeps us grounded in faith. All Sunday School teachers will be dedicated during worship, as will the other talented educators in our midst. (Teacher training will take place immediately following worship, with lunch and childcare provided, until 1:30 p.m.)

Worship Texts
Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm Lesson 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Epistle Lesson Romans 12:1-3, 9-21

Acolytes: Leo Kernan, Jack Brigman
Cruiser: Corey Allen
Croasdaile Driver: Mary-Jo Keenan
Narthex Greeter: Sarah Todd
After Worship Greeters: Peter Fish (font), Phyllis Verhey (Narthex, Main St)
Ushers: Bill Brown (head), Christine Kinlock (flowers), Nancy Kost, David Lorimer, Dale Gaddis, Carolyn Merritt

Save the Date!
Sunday, September 11
10th Anniversary of September 11 Tragedy
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Worship
This service will be held in FPC’s sanctuary and is open to the public.

Dear Church family,
Thank you for your loving concern, cards and prayers during my mother’s illness and passing away.
Your support is greatly appreciated by me as well as Tabitha and Edward. Your kind thoughts meant so much to me.

-Della Kwon

From the Associate Pastor
Dear Friends,
Well, it looks like Hurricane Irene is rolling our way, and regardless of our plans for the weekend, the point of (God’s) order seems to necessitate that we stop and pray for those who might happen to find themselves in harm’s way and prepare to be church to those in need: those who live on the coast, immediately, and next, those who live in low-lying areas prone to flooding. I’m wondering, if the “wise” thing to do under these conditions, might be for FPC to postpone “Owl Day” - when we get wise, fly up to our next grade level in classes, and dedicate our teachers - until September and focus on riding out Hurricane Irene this Sunday, and preparing to be helpful. If so, I suggest we bring bottles of Clorox, rubber gloves, large garbage bags, hand sanitizer and paper towels to the church when we come, and we’ll assemble clean-up kits to share with our neighbors once the storm subsides. Stay tuned! We’ll put out an APB if this is going to be our new plan.

I had a wonderful week of continuing education at Chautauqua Institute in New York last week, and am excited about sharing some of the exciting learnings of the week with you. As our schools and universities crank back up, our new church officers take their places of leadership, and our Sunday School classes fill up again, may we all seek God’s wisdom for weathering both external and internal storms with empathy and great compassion. Stay safe, and I hope to see you Sunday.

Marilyn

Notes
• Daytimes had a lovely gathering at Neo China today. Many thanks to John Kerr for hosting.
• Happy Birthday to Robert Daye on August 28th!
• Due to forecasted severe weather for this weekend, the Memorial Service for Elizabeth Usher has been postponed. You will be informed when it has been rescheduled.

Birth Announcement
Congratulations to Adam and Holly Buchanan on the birth of a son. Gavin Hudson Buchanan was born August 11th at Duke Hospital. Mom and baby are doing well. Gavin joins big sister Megan.
Friends,

It was an inspired gathering, yesterday afternoon, of advisors, youth and a parent to discuss plans for the FPC youth groups for 2011-2012. Thanks to everyone who stayed for lunch and participated in planning. We have a fantastic year of mission, exploration, recreation and worship ahead for us all!

This Sunday is OWL Sunday (weather permitting), and the beginning of Sunday School for the year. Plan to come for a yummy breakfast and then a fun introduction to your class and teachers.

There will be no formal youth groups until Sunday, September 11 (a Birthday Bash for EVERYONE!) but if you all want to get together for fun and fellowship, on your own, please DO!

Also, check out the bulletin board in the church foyer and our calendar online at http://www.google.com/calendar/fpc Durham YOUTH. Soon, you’ll begin to receive our weekly e-newsletter and NOW you can find out about happenings at our Facebook page, FPC Durham Youth!!!

There are no excuses for not knowing what’s happening with FPC at all the ways to find out!!!

Finally, THIS week we start crucifer and acolyte duties again. You should have received a copy of the schedule but if you haven’t let me know.

Love and peace to everyone.

Rebecca

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Celebrate the end of summer!

BEACH RETREAT

September 9 – 11, 2011

Contact: Kathy Conner to say you are coming or for more info: 382-6332 or kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Beth Eisensohn, 1423 Acacia Street, to discuss In Sorcery’s Shadow: Apprenticeship Among the Songhay of Niger by Paul Stoller and Cheryl Oakes.

Please RSVP to Beth at 688-5818, or heisenson@aol.com.

FPC MEN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
6:30 p.m. at the Rists’ home
809 Watts Street, Durham

Please join the FPC men for a viewing of the recent movie “Of Gods and Men,” a French film about a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community who, under threat by fundamentalist terrorists, must decide whether to leave or stay. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Carl Rist at rist@frontier.com.

Save the Date!

PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK

Saturday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Harriett Mitchell
3402 Ogburn Court, Durham

This “Remembering the 1960s” fellowship event is being co-hosted by Harriett Mitchell and Ruth and Russell Roberson

What are your biggest health concerns?

Share your thoughts at

COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

Thursday, September 8
6 – 7:30 p.m. - South Regional Library
4505 S. Alston Avenue, Durham

Tuesday, September 13
6 – 7:30 p.m. - Little River Community Center
8305 Roxboro Road, Bahama

Monday, September 19
6 – 7:30 p.m. - East Regional Library
211 Lick Creek Lane, Durham

Come hear about and discuss findings from the 2011 Community Health Assessment and select the top health issues for Durham County. Free dinner served!

Contact Mel Downey-Piper by email at mpiper@durhamcountync.gov or call 560-7833 for more information.

ALZHEIMER’S CAREGIVERS:

WHAT TO EXPECT

Thursday, September 8
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Southwest Regional Library
3605 Shannon Rd.

Learn what can occur at different stages of Alzheimer’s and get advice on managing care of the disease from Lisa Gwyther with The Duke Family Support Program.

Sponsored by the Durham County Library
For more info call: 560-8590

“Because You Have Never Died Before: spiritual issues at end of life”

featuring

The Reverend Dr. Kathleen Rusnak
to nationally renowned Hospice educator, teacher and clinician

Tuesday, September 13
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Millennium Hotel
2800 Campus Drive, Durham
Registration fee: $125
(Fee includes education sessions, materials, refreshments and lunch)

Call 919-479-3399 for more information.

Sponsored by Duke Home Care & Hospice and Duke University Health System Clinical Education & Professional Development

Remember to bring your Pennies for Hunger offering on Sunday!

Bibles Needed

Do you have a LARGE PRINT Bible that you no longer use or need? Would you be willing to purchase one for someone in need? Durham Urban Ministries is in need of LARGE PRINT Bibles for their clients who attend Bible study. Any large print English translation will be welcomed. Please bring the Bible or your donation to FPC. For more information, contact Valerie McMillian in the church office.
September 11 is the 254th day of the year (255th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. 111 days remain until the end of the year. Between the years AD 1900 and 2099, September 11 of the Gregorian calendar is the leap day of the Coptic and Ethiopian calendars. These leap days occur in the years immediately before leap years in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. In all common years of the Coptic and Ethiopian calendars, September 11 is New Year's Day. Date Facts: September 11, 2061 was a Sunday. Zodiac Sign for this date is: Virgo. This date was 14,932 days ago. September 11th 2021 is on a Saturday. Someone born on this date is 40 years old. If you were born on this date