



NDPC COMMUNICATOR

October 14, 2015

From the Pastors, David & Beth

It's here! Happy 60, NDPC!

This week join us as we embark on a four-week celebration of NDPC's 60th Birthday. The church was founded in the summer/fall of 1955 in local living rooms. If you don't know how it all began, you might look back at our website (<http://ndpc.org/about/our-story/>) and read the history Martha Vardeman prepared for our 50th. It's a fun read, with great stories and many familiar names. One of those names from NDPC's past, the Rev. Joe Harvard, will be our guest preacher at the 11am service on Sunday. Joe was the pastor of NDPC from 1974 - 1980, and recently retired as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Durham, NC, where he served for 33 years. Joe and his wife Carlisle will greet friends old and new at a reception after worship. In perfect NDPC style, we mix something old and something new, as we welcome a class of new members into our congregation.

Put your party clothes on and see you Sunday.

Worship

October and November are amazing months for worship at NDPC, featuring a month-long celebration of our congregation's 60th birthday.

Sunday, October 18 - 8:30 & 11am; Joe Harvard, former NDPC pastor, preaching
Sunday, October 25 - 8:30 & 11am; 60th Anniversary Celebration; Joanna Adams, former NDPC pastor, preaching

Sunday, November 1 - 8:30 & 11am; All Saints Day; Holy Communion; congregational meeting following worship

Sunday, November 8 - 8:30 & 11am; Agnes Norfleet, former NDPC pastor, preaching

Contemplative Prayer will meet October 8 at 7pm in the Library and all following Thursdays.

Capital Campaign

Congratulations to all of you – you have brought us over the \$1,000,000 mark! Thank you to every single one of you who has participated in the campaign thus far. This amount of money will allow us to do many of the important projects on our wish list:

- New Roof on the Education Building
- New HVAC throughout
- Resolve the moisture problem in the library
- Renovate Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen
- Upgrade audio equipment in the sanctuary (including hearing aid loop) and include new A/V equipment in the Fellowship Hall renovation
- Benevolence contributions both “Here” and “There”
- A lump sum deposit to our Property Reserve to help bring it back to adequate levels as we move forward with a commitment to fund it annually

On October 13 the Building Committee met with Epsten Group (our architectural firm).

The next step is for them to create construction documents (a four-month process) after which we will select a contractor. Please watch for opportunities to send comments to inform their design process; our small group cannot think of every way our building is used, so if you see a particular need, they want to know about it at this stage. We may not be able to satisfy every request, but this is the time to consider them.

So you have pledged – now what? If you indicated a commitment for a specific amount for 2015, we ask that you meet that portion of your pledge by 12-31-2015.

To submit a pledge or for any questions about pledges, you may contact Jack Kittle at Jack@ndpc.org You may also contact us at campaign@ndpc.org

With gratitude,

Capital Campaign Committee

Susan Constantine and Roberta Goldbaugh, co-chairs

Bob Way, Kent Haythorn, David Evans, members

Christian Education

Quite Please: The students of adult education request we observe silent space in the adult education wing from 9:30 to 10:30am Sundays. All conversations should take place in Fellowship Hall or Pastor's Study, not in the hallways.

Adults can choose from the 3 courses offered in September and October:

- Liberative Theologies (Rev. Tom Are, facilitator) - *Parlor*
- Fit for Faith: Striving Towards Wholly Living –*Large Classroom*. (Rev. Karen H. Webster, PC(USA) pastor, certified Exercise Physiologist, Nutrition Manager, and Master Gardener, facilitator)
- Global Mission 101: Social Justice & Long-Distance Friendships (team facilitation) – *Library*

Weekly Bible Study with Rev. Lewicki every Tuesday, 6-7pm. You are invited to sit with Rev. Lewicki and study the text for the following Sunday's sermon. Each week will begin with some teaching, followed by reflection, group discussion, and prayer. The point of this study is to bring the Bible's stories into your life. Attend every week or only the weeks that work for you. See you on Tuesday!

Community Fellowship

Join us following worship on Sunday October 18 for a hike through Red Top Mountain State Park on Lake Allatoona. Following worship, we will carpool up to the park (located about 45 minutes from the church), where we will eat our lunch looking out over the lake. We will then hike about 7 miles of trail, with the option to return to the car at mile 3. Wear your hiking boots to church, bring a picnic lunch and water, and join the carpool. We will meet in fellowship hall following worship. Driving directions will be provided. Either a state park pass or a \$5 fee will be needed for each car to enter the park. Trip leader/contact: Katherine Roguski – Cell: [732-939-6962](tel:732-939-6962); Email: Katherine.roguski@gmail.com

Sages Seekers, Tuesday, October 20, 10am in the Parlor: Good for you! You finally have a corner of the den for your art supplies. You've mastered the basics of knitting, pie crusts or throwing a clay pot. One advantage of retirement is having more leisure time to pursue avocations. Sages Seekers will meet in the parlor at 10am on Tuesday, 10/20. This will be a time of meditation and sharing about "Hobbies that Last." Bring your story, your enthusiasm. Leave the bowling trophies at home. We believe you.

60th Birthday Countdown (October 25)

Pull out your party shoes for NDPC's Birthday Celebration and 1950s Lunch on the Lawn.

- Worship at 11 a.m. with Joanna Adams, NDPC pastor 1987-1991
- Lunch on the Lawn following worship

- Food by Badda Bing
- Music by Hicks with Picks
- Supervised playtime for children



Volunteers needed for 60th Birthday Party

We've planned a "no muss - no fuss - just enjoy" birthday party, but we need a few volunteers for small tasks. Please let Fran Mohr know if you can assist with any of the following.

1. **Help Linda Davis set the tables** with placemats/centerpieces.
2. **Help Peter Dickson gather the utensils**, plates, cups, and napkins.
3. **Be on call to help position tables** inside after Church School if David's order for perfect weather gets adjusted and we have to eat solely inside. (The tables and chairs will be delivered at 8am Sunday morning and picked up that afternoon by the vendor.)
4. **Adults (over 18) to be in two tag teams to assist youth with childcare.** Childcare on playground if we're outside and in classroom with toys if we're inside.
5. **Help the Birthday Team clear the tables and straighten up after the event.**
6. **Pray – Light Candles – do Clear-weather Dances for beautiful October weather on 10/25/15.**

Thanks in advance for volunteering. Contact Fran Mohr at kfmohr@gmail.com or 404-210-7341.

Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil, Saturday, November 7, 4:00-7:00PM: The Brogan/Ellis family is hosting a backyard Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil on November 7. Tickets are \$25, for all you can eat Oysters, shrimp and sides. Bring a guitar for pickin'. Children are welcome. There will be hot dogs for roasting and a backyard of fun: chickens, trampolines, zip lines. Dinner will be served from 4-7pm, but the festivities will continue until the fire goes out. The money raised will go to support youth missions. Please RSVP to Linda Ellis by Nov. 1 at lindaellis37@yahoo.com. Please indicate whether you will be eating oysters, shrimp, hot dogs or any combination of the above.

The next Thirsty Thursday Women's gathering is Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm at the home of Linda Curry, 201 W Ponce de Leon Ave #509. Bring a light appetizer to share and an appetite for thoughtful conversation. RSVP to: decaturcur@aol.com

Service & Mission

Thank you to our NDPC congregation for being faithful in donating quarters to the Homeless Laundry Ministry. We begin our 3rd year in October, we have made good friends with our Memorial Drive PC partners, spread goodwill and kept a clean closet filled with clothing for Mercy Church street folks in the process.

We continue to invite drop in volunteers. Come for fellowship, bring a reflection to share and provide a work of mercy. Our seasons are as follows:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6-8pm @ the Medlock Laundry (across from NDPC)

OCT 7 - DEC 16 2015 (FALL)

JAN 6 - MAR 16 2016 (WINTER)

APR 6 - JUN 15 2016 (SPRING)

JUL 6 - SEPT 21 2016 (SUMMER)

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list the following roles will gladly be of assistance:

--Leading in a devotion that you wish to share

--Bringing the envelope of quarters and detergents collected from the previous week.

--Sending out the reminder e-mail to the group the weekend before Week 1 & 3 monthly.

Please contact Lynne Repasky [404 680-9816](tel:4046809816) (lynne_repasky@yahoo.com) to get better informed.

NDPC's week for serving dinner at North Druid Hills Presbyterian Homeless Shelter begins this Sunday, October 18. Opportunities abound for your involvement. We need food prep and servers. The format will be different this month. Dinner will be served at 1:00pm for 100 people instead of our usual 65. Servers need to be at North Druid Hills Presbyterian Homeless Shelter by 12:30pm. Please let us hear from you. Contact Charlotte Stone-Black at stone.charlotte@gmail.com or 404.932.4298

NDPC has a thriving mission partnership with the Eco Villages of Haiti. The Eco Villages, begun in 2011, provide a solution for Port-au-Prince refugees displaced by the 2010 earthquake. Our Haitian partner organization, the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP), is a 40 year old grassroots agricultural movement that empowers small farmer groups, like the Eco Village residents, by teaching sustainable, organic methods of agriculture. Members of NDPC and other local churches are helping to build a school for children in the area. In the month of October, our goal is to raise \$9,000, which will help us meet our overall goal of \$90,000. With a small effort from each person who reads this, you can put us over the top and get the school funded!

We are not asking you to contribute financially (but will not discourage you). We would like for you to share this meaningful cause with your family and friends via email or social media to help broaden our base of support. You can do this by sharing the following...

- Website (created by our own Carolyn French) - <http://www.haitiecovillageschool.org>
- Like and then Share posts from our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Haiti-EcoVillage-School-279311442266651/>
- Send a personal email on behalf of the organization (see attached for suggested text). Make any changes you need so that it fits you.

Thank you! -Lin Wormley and the Haiti Partnership of NDPC

Duffel Bags Needed At El Refugio: We have received a request from our partners in the El Refugio ministry at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin County, Ga., for a new supply of duffel bags and basic clothing for the men who are being deported from there. Our partners at Koinonia report that because of a policy change, the number of detainees held there has increased to 1800 and the pace of deportation has picked up so that many more bags filled with clothing are needed. We encourage everyone to search your closets, contact your friends and your local low-cost store to find "zippable" bags and articles of clothing specified below and to bring those treasures to the church El Refugio box under the stairs near Amanda's office. Clothing needs are: Men's shoes (7-9), socks, underwear, undershirts, and 32" waist pants. We request that the donated items be in good condition. For more information, contact Joe or Kathryn Sandifer re bags and Bert or Karen Weaver re clothing needs.

Continue to bring your **DEAM cereal donations**. Leave your cereal donations in the narthex each week when you come to church. Thanks for your participation in this important ministry.

For Your Information

Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert featuring our very own organist, Clint Miller, Saturday, October 17 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary: The program entitled "New Horizons" will include Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Verdi's Overture to "Nabucco," and Handel's Organ Concerto in F major, featuring our organist Clint Miller. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Discounted advance tickets are available at www.atlantaphilharmonic.org

Join Wendy Farley on a Yoga and Meditation retreat in Sewanee, TN on November 6-8. For details click [here](#), or go to the NDPC website and click on 'Resources' and 'Retreat Flyer'.

Parking Considerations: All NDPCers..... If you can, please help us reserve the spaces around Retreat Nail Studio in Medlock Plaza for their customers and staff on Sundays. Thank you.

If you would like to meet at the church, weekday or weekend, please remember to reserve a room with Maria in the Church office (maria@ndpc.org)

This week's volunteers

Sunday, October 18

8:30AM Worship

Head Usher: Roberta Goldbaugh

Usher: Kent Haythorn

11:00AM Worship

Liturgist: Audrey Markham

Word In Worship: David Lewicki

Acolytes: Freeman Mosley, James Lewicki

Head Usher: Ben Green

Ushers: Mary Elizabeth Etheridge, David Evans, Becky Evans, Cathy Fincher

Sanctuary Flowers: Ellen Herbert

Greeters: Mary Alice Kemp, Betty Busbee

Extended Session

Nursery: Susan Constantine

Age 2-3: Ellen Gadberry, Ginny Bowen

Age 4-6: Tim Merritt, Jesse Bowen

Sunday, 10:30am, Coffee Fellowship Host(s):

TBD

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, October 25 - NDPC's 60th birthday celebration, Rev. Joanna Adams, preaching

Sunday, November 8 - Grounded in the past, growing toward the future; Rev. Agnes Norfleet, preaching
