



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

06-18-2020

Did you cry or scream or pray when you heard the story of another black man killed in the midst of an arrest? Do you long for justice? Does your worry intensify when you see the number of cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in North Carolina? Do you pray daily for the health of our communities and world? Do you find yourself ending conversations and emails with the phrase “Stay Safe”? I answer “yes” to all these questions. Perhaps because of this, a reading in the gospel of John took on a new meaning for me.

From the
Senior Pastor



Jesus said: “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” Then a little later, he said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:4-5,12)



When we are overwhelmed by events and circumstances that is the time to deepen our connection to Jesus Christ. We are nothing and incapable of bearing good fruit, unless we find our strength and nourishment in our Risen Lord. Now is the time to renew and deepen our faith, not in order to retreat from the world, but so that we may love the world and its residents. Love, rooted in Christ, will take concrete forms such as working for justice, caring for the sick, and praying for others.

This past Sunday at our Annual Business Meeting, we approved our 2020 Strategic Plan. This plan retains a tag line we have used for several years, that of “*deepening connections*”. As a congregation, we strive to deepen our connections with God, each other, and our neighbors. Now is a good time to do that.

May we abide in Christ and love as he loved.

Carol

Note: Our Congregation’s 25th Anniversary logo is a diamond shaped element found throughout the chancel in Duke Chapel. The image of the plant suggests the biblical metaphor in John 15 of Christ as the vine and us as the branches, with the three leaves symbolizing the Trinity.

This Sunday June 21

Sunday morning classes will meet virtually from **9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**

- **WEE PRAISE:** Children ages 0-3 along with parents or caregivers may utilize the online videos previously shared via email. If you are not receiving emails with this information, please contact [Phyllis Snyder](#).
- **GODLY PLAY:** Children ages 4-5th graders can find a new video, and re-watch previous videos, on the [Congregation’s YouTube channel](#).
- **PSALMS BIBLE STUDY:** This week’s class will focus on Psalm 76 and the theme of attributes of God. Dr. Will Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, will teach the class. Zoom link: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/96379488242>

UNIVERSITY WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. Online

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: Dr. Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation

MEETING THIS SUNDAY

Administration Committee will meet virtually at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

FELLOWSHIP

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

During this time of anxiety and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to be able to connect with one another. To this end, the Fellowship Committee has scheduled two virtual events.

- The first event will be held on **Wednesday, June 24** at **7:00 p.m.** This will be a casual event where Congregation members can visit friends, share experiences and spend time together (virtually.) Zoom link: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/97438996103>.
- The second will be a Zoom Games event on **Sunday, July 5** at **1:00 p.m.** Zoom link: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/93242978343>. Past Zoom Games were greatly enjoyed by attendants of all ages. Games are casual, noncompetitive and fun. Click on the dates for links to the Zoom Fellowship events.

If you have not used Zoom before, please [watch this short video](#) for instructions. If you are attempting to join but are having difficulties, feel free to call for assistance: (919) 270-6183 or (919) 830-0964.

GROWING THRU GRIEF

Growing thru Grief, a weekly support group for those in mourning, is now meeting virtually. Growing thru Grief provides support and education on **Tuesdays** from **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** For Zoom login information, please email admin@growingthrugrief.org.

EDUCATION

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual discussion of the wisdom literature in the Bible on **Mondays, June 22** and **July 13** at **6:30 p.m.** All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact [Matt Wright](#) for login information.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS

All are welcome to join a study of the Psalms on **Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.** The class schedule and [suggested reading is here](#).

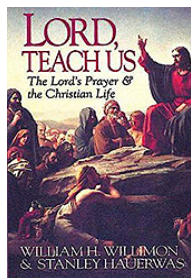
Upcoming classes are:

June 28 – Psalm 19 with Matt Wright teaching

July 5 – Psalm 50 with Marsha Altmeyer teaching

July 12 – Psalm 32 with Ken Moland teaching

The class will be held by way of Zoom at <https://duke.zoom.us/j/96379488242>. If you would like to join by telephone instead of computer, please contact the [Congregation office](#). New participants are welcome at any time. Past sessions of the Bible study are available on the [Congregation's YouTube channel](#).



BOOK GROUPS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

Next week's session of the book groups will discuss chapters 5-10 of *Lord, Teach Us* by Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon. New participants are welcome. The book groups will be held as follows:

Wednesday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. <https://duke.zoom.us/j/94213749336>

Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. <https://duke.zoom.us/j/95459820661>

If you prefer to call in with the telephone rather than join by computer, please contact the [Congregation office](#).

NEW SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY THIS FALL

Seeking spiritual growth? The Congregation will begin a program of small groups this fall providing opportunities for participants to strengthen spiritual lives and build closer

connections with each other and God. The program builds on successful pilots the Education Committee recently conducted. Group meetings will include connection-building among participants, new dimensions of spiritual development and personal discipleship, and prayers for joys and concerns. Meeting times will be set to fit participants' schedules and likely will include day and evening meeting possibilities. Groups will meet weekly and group size generally will be about 8 participants. Weekly meeting duration is expected to be about one hour. Congregation, University, and community members are welcome and cordially invited to participate.

Logistics will be finalized based on University re-opening as well as participant interest and preferences.

This spring, the Education Committee piloted these small groups. In reflection on their experience with the groups, participants said the following:

- The group helped us know each other better and feel we were not alone during these difficult times.
- I learned so much and found myself refreshed spiritually and intellectually after each meeting.
- Sharing my life and faith with others in a small group has strengthened my faith.
- Practical spiritual disciplines helped me grow in my daily life as a Christian.
- Faithfulness of the other group members encouraged me when I felt depressed in my Christian walk.
- A very meaningful experience. Loved the chance to pray together at this difficult time!
- I felt edified and uplifted after each meeting.

To indicate your interest in participating in a group, [please fill out this short form](#). This is an interest form only at this point. For more information, please contact the Congregation office or any member of the Christian Education Committee.

MISSION

JUST MERCY FILM

Duke Chapel is hosting a gathering on **Wednesday, June 24 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** to view and discuss the film *Just Mercy*, which is based on [the book](#) of the same name written by Bryan Stevenson. *Just Mercy* film makers have made the film free to watch for educational purposes for the month of June. Given recent events and the ongoing struggle against racism in the U.S., the film will prompt discussion of a legacy of anti-black racism in the United States, in our faith communities, and in your own experience. To register for the film and discussion please contact [Breana Van Velzen](#) for login information.

GOOD TO KNOW

DEAN POWERY ADDRESSES RACISM, JUSTICE, AND BECOMING A BELOVED COMMUNITY

In an extended interview with the [Working@Duke](#) news site, Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery and Kimberly Hewitt, Duke's vice president for the Office for Institutional Equity, discuss the ongoing history of structural and sustained racism and the implications for Duke. [Watch the conversation here](#). Also see a message from Chapel Assistant Dean Bruce Puckett on [Standing for Justice and Against Racism](#) and how the Chapel is [Lamenting Injustice and Those Who Have Died](#).

ONLINE GIVING

Donations to the Congregation may be mailed in to the Congregation office or [given online](#). Donors are welcome to use whichever method they prefer.

HOLIDAY

The Congregation Staff will be observing the Independence Day holiday on **Friday, July 3**.

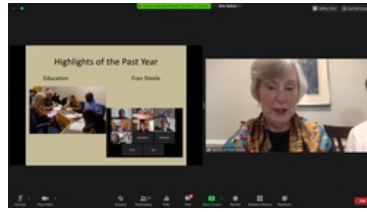
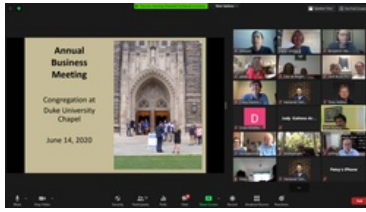
TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

Duke University announced that effective **July 1**, the campus will be tobacco free. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and volunteers. Details on the

announcement are [available here](#).

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Congregation held its Annual Business Meeting on June 14 with excellent attendance of nearly 80 people. The Congregation received [annual reports](#), approved the [2020-2021 budget](#), elected the leadership listed below, and [showed a video](#) highlighting the events of the last year.



COUNCIL UPDATE

Congregation Leadership for July 2020-June 2021

**denotes member of The Congregation Council*

Executive Committee and Officers

*President	<i>Craig DeAlmeida</i>
*Vice-President	<i>Brady Surlis</i>
*Secretary	<i>Lucy Worth</i>
*Treasurer	<i>Sara Marks</i>

Program Area Coordinators

*Chapel Support	<i>Drew Middleton</i>
*Congregational Care	<i>Han Setiawan</i>

Standing Committees – Council Representatives

*Administration	<i>Ben Wechsler</i>
*Christian Education	<i>Fran Steele</i>
*Finance and Stewardship	<i>John Mullins</i>
*Missions and Outreach	<i>Diane Garber</i>
*Nominations and Leadership	<i>Whitney Schwab</i>
*Staff-Parish Relations	<i>Regina Ford</i>

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Chairperson: *Jen DeNeal*

Members: *Whitney Schwab, Ken Arneson, Jane Fellows, Harry Rodenhizer, Lucy Worth*

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Chairperson: *Terry Yuschok*

Members: *Regina Ford, Brenda Brodie, Jeannie Norris, Mike Smith, Patsy Willimon*

Additional Leaders and Chairs

Altar Guild	<i>Ellie Ferguson</i>
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Elaine DeAlmeida</i>
Calling Ministry	<i>Linda Gauger</i>
Chapel Choir Outreach	<i>Deb Hackney</i>
Christian Education	<i>Jack Steele</i>
Finance	<i>John Mullins</i>
Fellowship	<i>Emily Alexander and Elizabeth Kenly</i>
Loaves and Fishes	<i>Pam Marcom</i>
Membership	<i>vacant</i>
Mission and Outreach	<i>Bill Jones</i>
Nominating and Leadership	<i>Jen DeNeal</i>
Nursery	<i>Julie Hockett</i>
Offering Counters	<i>Frank Coble</i>
Refugee Resettlement	<i>Steve Harper</i>
Ushers	<i>Jim Ferguson</i>
Visitation and Care Ministry	<i>Linda Gauger</i>

MEET A CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER



Council Secretary: Lucy Worth

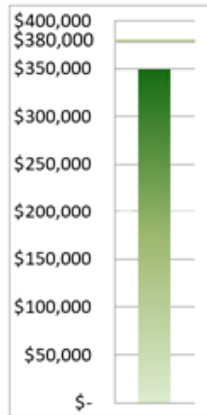
I joined the Congregation in the winter of 1985/86 following my family’s move to Durham in the summer of 1985. We visited several churches in town but felt the preaching and music at the Chapel suited us best. The Congregation was just forming and was offering Sunday School for our children and ourselves so that sealed the deal.

I’ve been involved in lots of Congregational activities over the years, and have served on Council three times—twice as Finance Chair and once as Congregational Care representative, but my most meaningful experiences have been going through the Disciple series with many of you.

Over the past 20 years or so I’ve explored moving to various places where I have more family or more history. I even gave serious consideration to becoming an expat for awhile. In the end, each time I stayed for one reason—you—my Congregation, and, of course, my Chapel, where I worked for ten years before I retired.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2019-June 2020 fiscal year</i>	Actual to May 31	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$349,205	\$380,000
Other Income	\$3,039	\$3,000
Restricted Assets Released	\$24,128	\$0
Expenses	\$351,185	\$381,473
Difference	\$25,187	\$1,527



COMING IN JULY

July Birthdays

- 1 Diane Garber
- 3 Marsha Altmeyer; Kelly Marcom
- 4 Sam Lakis
- 5 Carl Singley
- 6 Andrew George; Du Zhang
- 7 Barry Berger; Caroline Wisner
- 8 Nell Noonan
- 9 Ian Gao; Megan Gao; Katherine Manuel; Blair Sheppard
- 10 Barbara Sharpe
- 11 David Eck; Dan Thomas
- 12 Bill Jones, Jr.
- 13 John Denning; Barton Haynes; Carl Hollomon; Anna Mincey
- 14 Frances Page
- 15 Janet Hortin; Bram Lovelace; Forrest McDougal
- 16 Hilary Boydston
- 17 Cevaeh Bentley; Charles Roedel
- 18 Desiree Bonadonna; Rachel Davies
- 20 Marilyn Christian; Cricket Scovil

- 21 J Geneczko
- 22 Janell Lovelace; Larry Snyder
- 24 Joann Claytor
- 25 Katalin Dezsi; Bob O'Connor; Bernadette Viola
- 26 Catherine Hall; Lucy Solie; Ana Teel
- 27 Macy Boydston; Allison Pack; Susan Ward; Andrea Wilson
- 28 Sarah Gauger; Ellie Nye; Rick Wilfong
- 31 Sue Frederick; Cecilia Highben

July Communion at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community - CANCELED

July Worship Services at Duke Chapel – ONLINE

Worship Services will continue to be broadcast live on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. From the Duke Chapel website: [Tune in live](#) to Sunday morning services on the [Duke Chapel YouTube Channel](#), channel 12 of the Duke Hospital TV System, channel 110 of the Duke Campus Vision TV system, and WDNC Radio (620 AM). Listen to rebroadcasts of services on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on WPTF Radio (680 AM), as well as on The People's Channel on Spectrum Cable in Durham and Chapel Hill.

Preaching Schedule

June 28 The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapman, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Duke Divinity School

July 5 The Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel

July 12 The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

July 19 The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

July 26 The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, Director of Religious Life, Duke Chapel

CONGREGATION CALENDAR **DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Pat Fox:* Pat is recovering from gallbladder surgery.
- *Ed Karolak:* Ed is in hospice care at home.
- *Leroy McRae:* Leroy is recovering from abdominal surgery.
- *Harry Nolan:* Harry is recovering from a fall.
- *Ginnie Ruckert:* Ginnie is in rehabilitation.
- *Mike Smith:* Mike is recuperating from heart surgery.
- *Steve Winters:* Steve is continuing his medical mission work in Kenya and will return to the U.S. when travel restrictions are lifted.

PRAYER REQUESTS: To request confidential prayer from members of the Prayer Ministry, please send your confidential request to the [Prayer Ministry](#) .

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All e-News articles and announcements are to be submitted to the following e-mail address: congregation@duke.edu by 5:00 p.m. each Monday.

SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT: Please send corrected email addresses or requests to be unsubscribed to congregation@duke.edu .

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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