



# The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

## Education . Mission . Fellowship

DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

10-24-2019

In reflecting upon Ephesians 2:8 (“You are saved through faith), in his sermon *The Scripture Way of Salvation*, John Wesley writes:

From the  
Youth & Young Adult  
Pastoral Assistant



“What is salvation? The salvation which is here spoken of is not what is frequently understood by that word, the going to heaven, eternal happiness. It is not the soul’s going to paradise, termed by our Lord ‘Abraham’s bosom’. It is not a blessing which lies on the other side of death, or (as we usually speak) in the other world. The very words of the text itself put this beyond all question. ‘Ye are saved.’ It is not something at a distance: it is a present thing, a blessing which, through the free mercy of God, ye are now in possession of.”

In discerning God’s will for our individual lives and the life of our community, we must begin from this point: You are saved. This is not exclusively a future-oriented hope, though it is that as well, but a present reality. Only in light of our participation in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, can we discern what God desires for us, his people.

The peace and perfect love of Christ be ever with you, now and forever. Amen.

Matt

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### This Sunday October 27

All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of the Divinity School (across the Chapel quad from Page Auditorium) from **9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.** Refreshments are available at **9:30 a.m.** New participants are welcome at any time.

- **WEE PRAISE:** For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **GODLY PLAY:** For children ages 4-1<sup>st</sup> graders in 0054 Langford.
- **GODLY PLAY ADVANCED:** For children in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades in 0050 Langford.
- **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** For youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades in 0013 Westbrook.
- **NEW MEMBER CLASS:** For those considering membership in 0014 Westbrook
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** A study of Isaiah in 0015 Westbrook.
- **ADULT FORUM:** Steve Harper, Congregation member, will share “Notes on Modern Vietnam” in 0012 Westbrook.

### UNIVERSITY WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel

#### Reformation Sunday

Preaching: The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, Director of Religious Life at Duke Chapel  
Scripture readings: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14  
Hymns: #110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God; #368 My Hope Is Built; #117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
All are welcome!

### MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

- The Education Committee will meet in the Chapel kitchen.

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## EDUCATION

### DINNER FOR GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on **Mondays, October 28, November 11 and November 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the book of Isaiah. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact [Matt Wright](#) or the [Congregation Office](#) for additional information.

### **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**

The Lectionary Bible Study will meet on **Friday, November 1 at 10:30 a.m.** in the library at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community, [2701 Pickett Avenue, Durham](#). The focus of the study will be 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12.

### **ADULT FORUM**

With a variety of guest speakers, the Adult Forum offers presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics. The thought-provoking topics include Biblical studies, current social issues and the work of mission agencies.

**November 3** – Michael Larbi, Pastoral Assistant for Discipleship, will discuss “Thoughts on Discipleship and Discipleship Ministry in the Congregation”.

**November 10** – The Rev. Dr. Jerusha Neal, Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Duke Divinity School, and guest preacher in Duke Chapel, will present “Witness to the Resurrection: Scripts, Substitutes and Sermons”.

**November 17** – “Supporting Heart Languages in Asia”.

**November 24** – Joseph Kovas, Duke Divinity School Intern, will present “Reality Ministries”.

### **CHILDREN’S FALL FELLOWSHIP**

Children and families enjoyed a time of fellowship at Brown Farm in October as they navigated the corn maze, fed farm animals, played on the playground, and rode on a hayride through the pumpkin field!



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## **MISSION**

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICK-OFF**

The kick-off for the [Habitat for Humanity](#) house sponsored by Duke Chapel, the Congregation, the Duke student chapter of Habitat for Humanity and several Duke departments, will be held on **Saturday, October 26 at 8:30 a.m.** at 607 Belmont Dr., Durham. The future homeowner of this property will be Ms. Dorethea Hart. Following the kick-off ceremony, volunteers are welcome to stay to help build walls. For several months following the kick-off, volunteers will be needed to help build the house. Individuals may sign up to work by way of either of these links: [Durham Habitat - October Build Event with Robyn](#) or [Duke Fall Build 2019](#) (Saturdays).



### **SERVICE PROJECT NOVEMBER 9**

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12-noon** to sort and fold donated clothing at [Urban Ministries of Durham](#) located at 410 Liberty St, Durham. Urban Ministries connects poor and homeless neighbors to food, shelter and a future. UMD programs end homelessness by providing neighbors with emergency shelter and case management to help them overcome barriers such as unemployment, medical and mental health problems, past criminal convictions and addiction. The ministry assists

approximately 6,000 people each year who need food, shelter, clothing and/or supportive services. Transportation to the service project is available for students. [Please sign up here](#) or contact the [Congregation office](#) for more details.

### URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed every month to serve our neighbors at [Urban Ministries](#). The Congregation will be providing dinner on **Sunday, November 10** at **5:15 p.m.**

Please contact [Cricket Scovil](#) if you are able to assist. New volunteers are welcome at any time and detailed instructions are provided.



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## FELLOWSHIP

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NOVEMBER 10

November is almost here. The month of being Thankful for all that we have. A time to see our cup as half full. The month of being thankful we have a cup. Join the Fellowship Committee for lunch at the Broadhead Center following worship on **Sunday, November 10**. The Broadhead Center is located a short walk from the Chapel and volunteers will be on hand to provide directions. Diners will purchase their meal from one of many vendors, then gather in the Great Hall to visit with other worshipers. Celebrate with the newest Congregation members and visit with old friends. See you there!

### SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **November 13** at **12-noon**, participants will gather at [First Watch, 5307 New Hope Commons Blvd Ext, Durham](#). Each person will purchase their own meal. Please email the [Congregation Office](#) or call 919-684-3917 by **Monday, November 11** if you plan to attend.



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## GOOD TO KNOW

### WHY I GIVE



#### Dave Vos

I wish I could say I give til it hurts. But we have been blessed materially so that we don't need all we receive. I trust recipients of our charity because I have met many of those responsible for re-giving/ using our donations. Most of all I am motivated by the fact that all I have is really God's—Psalm 24:1, and I don't have a right to it or deserve it. The uplifting of my spirit and the joy of the fellowship at our church is an exclamation point to my motivation for giving. That's why giving includes time and effort besides money. That's why church donations are foremost, when my mail usually has literally dozens of appeals for funds in any given month.

#### Jan Gwyer

"I give because — I was trained to give money to my church when I was quite young. I remember that my mom and dad watched me in the pews when the collection plate passed, and my sweaty palms did not always put in ALL the coins. How many days of my life have I given gifts to churches? How could I not?"



### MAKE A PLEDGE

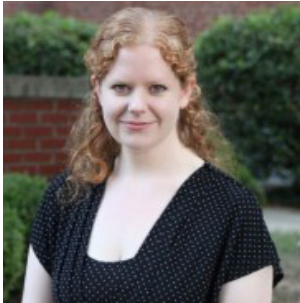
The financial support for the Congregation at Duke Chapel comes entirely from members and friends of the Congregation. Details about [giving are on the website](#) as well as available from the [Congregation office](#). Please join the staff and council in providing financial support to the congregation. Pledges are requested by **Friday, November 15** and may be confidentially [emailed](#) or placed in the U.S. mail.

## HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

The International Students Inc. matches Duke international students with host families for Thanksgiving dinner, providing students with the opportunity to experience this holiday with a local family. Detailed information and [sign up is online](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 10 – Fellowship Lunch in the Brodhead Center
- November 13 – Second Wednesday Lunch at First Watch
- February 1 – Winter Retreat with Greg and Susan Jones
- March 8 – 13, 2020 – Lenten Service Trip
- April 22 – May 1, 2020 – Visit ZOE Empowers in Zimbabwe



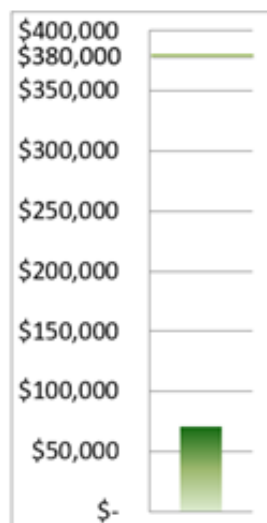
## MEET A CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER

### Council Secretary: Mary Anderson

I joined the Congregation at Duke University Chapel in 2016. I have sung in the Chapel Choir since 2011. As a member of the choir, I participated in so many rehearsals, services, and Messiah and spring oratorio performances that Duke Chapel became my home away from home. I started becoming involved in the Congregation service projects, and through that opportunity for fellowship and service with members of the Congregation, I realized that the Chapel had become my spiritual home as well. Outside of my time in the Chapel, I am an academic editor. I edit scientific papers written by researchers around the world. I live in Durham with my enormous Russian Blue cat, Sergei (named after Rachmaninoff, of course!).

## MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

<i>July 2019-June 2020 fiscal year</i>	Actual to September 30	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$71,077	\$380,000
Other Income	\$941	\$3,000
Restricted Assets Released	\$8,875	\$0
Expenses	\$92,563	\$381,473
Difference	-\$11,670	-\$1,527



## COMING IN NOVEMBER

### November Birthdays

- 1 Ann Sanders; Teddy Shea
- 2 Telisa Loveless; Joe Schnople
- 4 Josh Manchester
- 5 Jack Wojciechowski
- 6 Kohl Boydston; Erin K. O'Connor

7 Jane Gagliardi; James Garrison; George Parkerson  
8 Carter Pack; Lindsay Wojciechowski  
9 Dick Heitzenrater; Randy Jirtle; Liza Nye  
10 Jessica Hulett; Sean O'Connor; Franklin Snyder; Patricia Winters  
11 Jeff Harrison  
12 Meredith Newlin  
13 Tamela Davis; Genevieve DeAlmeida  
14 Kirsten Ford; Karen Witzleben  
15 Layne Baker  
16 Scott Harmon; Scott Hill; Erica Moore; Ken Pittman; Jack Steele  
17 Jen DeNeal; Ryan Mullis; Bill Wager  
18 Chip Chesson; Elizabeth Huettel; Nicholas Huettel; Philip Snyder V  
19 Acelynn Barefoot; Caroline Haynes; Eleanor Smith  
20 Ellen Davis; Duncan Wilson  
21 June Griggs; Jeffrey Washam; Nicole Washam  
22 Susan Aitken; Antoinette Bethea; Jim Ferguson; Nelson Strother  
23 Ellie Ferguson; Sam Hansen; Ned Hickey; Matt Wright  
24 Martha Hall  
25 Roxanna Bottjen; William Hockett; Ann Marie Pendergast  
26 Robbie Cox  
29 Preston Petters  
30 Ann Recesso

### **November Communion at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community**

**November 18, 11:15 a.m.**

2701 Pickett Road, Durham

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

### **November Worship Services**

**November 3:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

**November 10:** Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jerusha Neal, Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Duke Divinity School **12:15 p.m.** Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing in Memorial Chapel

**November 17:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

**November 24:** Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel

**12:15 p.m.** Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing in Memorial Chapel

### **HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

The Congregation Office will be closed **November 28 and 29** in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday.

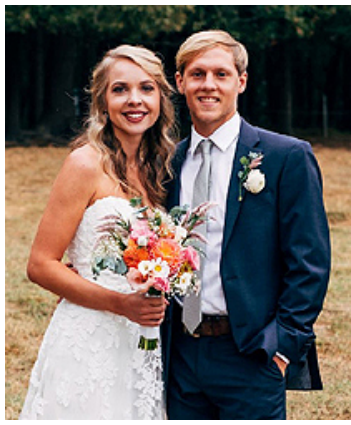
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## **CONGREGATION CALENDAR** **DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

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### **CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERN**

- *Elaine DeAlmeida:* Elaine is recovering from a broken wrist.
- *Steven DeAlmeida:* Steven is at Brookshire Senior Living, Hillsborough.
- *Audrey Harlow:* Audrey died on October 12. Her memorial service will be Monday, November 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Duke Chapel.
- *Pat Murray:* Pat is ill with a brain tumor. She requests no visitors or calls at present, yet welcomes prayer and cards.
- *Harry Nolan:* Harry continues with a cancer treatment protocol for lymphoma.
- *Susan Nolan:* Susan requests prayers for strength and comfort in supporting Harry's cancer treatment.
- *Anna Wirzba Mincey:* Anna and Luke Mincey were married on October 5.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) .

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[Visit our Website](#) | [Visit our Calendar](#) | [Visit the Duke Chapel YouTube Channel](#)

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