



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

09-19-2019

“Naming the Powers identifies our experiences of pervasive forces that dominate our lives. Unmasking the Powers takes away their invisibility, and thus their capacity to coerce us unconsciously into doing their bidding. Engaging the Powers involved joining in God’s endeavor to bend them back to their divine purpose.”

From the
Senior Pastor



The quote above is from the first chapter of Walter Wink’s *The Powers That Be*. In this book, the author identifies the powers and principalities of this world, which he sees in institutions and systems of all types. He claims that all organizations, from houses of worship to international banks, have a spiritual power and none are completely corrupt nor are they completely good. They exist on a spectrum which range from very broken to less broken; nonetheless, all are created good, fallen, and redeemable.

Caught up as we are in the daily events of our lives, it is sometimes hard to step back to reflect on the organizations, systems, and cultural norms that impact our lives. Perhaps it is helpful to take a moment to discern those forces which influence or motivate us. Once we see and identify influences in our lives, then we can prayerfully respond to them. I appreciate Wink’s book to prompt us to think of discernment not only in our individual lives, but also in much broader contexts.

May we hear Paul’s words: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Carol

This Sunday September 22

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 4-1st graders in 0054 Langford.
- **GODLY PLAY ADVANCED:** For children in 2nd-5th grades in 0050 Langford.
- **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** For youth in 6th-10th grades in 0013 Westbrook.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** A study of Isaiah in 0015 Westbrook.
- **ADULT FORUM:** “Holy Dreaming”, led by Brady Surles, Chair of the Congregation Council’s Visioning Team, and Robin Barefoot, Visioning Team Advisor. Come share your dreams for the ministries, learning, and fellowship of the Congregation and listen to the visions of others. The discussion will take place in 0012 Westbrook.

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

Communion will be celebrated during worship. Families with children are invited to sit up front so they can better observe The Great Thanksgiving.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel

Scripture readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: The Power of Money

Hymns: #731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken; #581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service; #438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

All are welcome!

MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

- The Education Committee will meet after worship in the Chapel kitchen. All those interested in planning education events are welcome to attend.

MISSION

BACK PEW COLLECTION

To support Habitat for Humanity volunteers, the following items will be collected this **Sunday, September 22:**

- Duct Tape
- Sharpie Markers
- Construction Pencils
- Box Cutters
- Measuring Tapes

Please place donations on the back pew



HABITAT SERVICE PROJECT

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday morning, September 28** from **8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** to help build a house for neighbors in need through Habitat for Humanity of Durham. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcomed and must be 16 years old or older. Transportation is available if needed. Please sign up [here](#) to volunteer.

SIX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Six volunteers are needed on **Monday, September 30** and **Tuesday, October 1** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** to provide food, assist in serving food, and provide child care while parents are in a class, at Families Moving Forward, a shelter for homeless families. Volunteers may serve an hour or two on either or both evenings. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Fellows or Linda Daniel.



OCTOBER PARTNER AGENCY – SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste,

and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The Society of St. Andrew, which is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition, envisions a world in which physical and spiritual hungers are met through God's grace and abundance in Jesus Christ. The Society's regional office for North and South Carolina is located in Durham. Volunteers organized by the Society of St. Andrew glean food from local fields and distribute the produce to local food banks.

OCTOBER SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT - YAM JAM

A major area of food waste in America is in farmers' fields, where crops that don't meet top-grade quality are left to rot or be plowed under. Gleaning is the biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, or be plowed under after harvest. The Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers, growers, and distribution agencies to salvage this food for those who are hungry. The Congregation's Saturday Service Project on **October 5** will be harvesting sweet potatoes at First Fruits Farm near Louisburg. Former NFL football star Jason Brown donates his entire crop to feed others. This project will take from **8:00 a.m. to after 12-noon**, including travel time. Car Pooling opportunities are available. Sign up [here](#) to participate. Details will be sent by email after signup; for questions call Dave Vos 919-403-0584.

BACK PEW COLLECTION

The Back Pew Collection for October will benefit the Society of St Andrew. On Sundays, **October 6 and 13** please bring buckets for use by gleaners. Clean cat litter buckets and 5 gallon buckets from Lowes or Home Depot are appropriate sizes. Donations may be placed on the back pew.

EAT OUT ON WORLD FOOD DAY

On **Wednesday, October 16** a number of local restaurants will donate 10% of their sales to the Durham CROP Hunger Walk to fight hunger and poverty both in Durham and around the world. Details on the [participating restaurants are online](#).

URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Many thanks to those volunteers who cooked Stouffers lasagnas and helped feed our neighbors at the [Urban Ministries of Durham](#) Shelter on August 28 and on September 8, 2019. NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Seasoned volunteers are always on hand to help you get acquainted with serving duties. The time commitment is just under two hours at the shelter kitchen plus the time spent cooking two 12-serving frozen Stouffers (or store brand) lasagnas at home.



Thank you to the following volunteers who helped on August 28: meal coordinators Dave Vos and Judi Vos; and Cricket Scovil, Vernie Dove, Merabi Rich, Fran Steele, Kathy Jones, Bill Jones, Linda Daniel, Nell Noonan, Stacy Nelson, Rendon Nelson, Kathy Singer, Paul Singer, Patsy Willimon and Will Willimon. Number of meals served: 241.

September 8 volunteers were: meal coordinator Jeanine Valkos; and Cricket Scovil, Ruth Shallert, Dave Shallert, Bill Jones, Kathy Jones, Linda Daniel, Caroline Craig, Gary Bauer, Billie Bauer, Kathy Singer, Paul Singer, Beth Gray, Jim Gray, and Linda Gauger. Number of meals served: 200.



REALITY CAFÉ

The Reality Café is an opportunity to enjoy lunch prepared by and eaten with the participants of Reality Ministries. The delicious, seasonal, homemade lunch is available on the first three Fridays of the month. There is no fee for the lunch, however donations are gratefully accepted. This [short video](#) introduces the Café. To reserve a spot, please email [Julie DeConato](#).

DOWNSIZING? TOO MUCH FURNITURE?

A single mother and two young children supported by a Congregation team in 2017-2018 have recently moved into a new home and need furniture - kitchen/dining table and chairs, as well as den couch, chairs and tables. Kitchen appliances and dishes also welcomed. Please contact [Ira Mueller](#).

EDUCATION

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on **Mondays, September 23 and October 14 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](#) for additional information.

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.

September 29 – “Supporting Heart Languages in Asia” led by Steve and Mary Porter.

October 6 – The Rev. Dr. Kenyatta R. Gilbert, Professor of Homiletics, Howard University School of Divinity and guest preacher in Duke Chapel will present "Religious Hypocrisy and Tradition Accountability."

October 13 – Matt Wright, Congregation at Duke University Chapel Pastoral Assistant

for Christian Education.

CLASS FOR PARENTS

Parents of children from infants through middle schoolers are invited to a new class being held on Sunday mornings this fall on **September 29, October 6, October 13, and October 20** in 0016 Westbrook from **9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.** Congregation member Nell Noonan will lead a class on nurturing children in Christian faith based on the church year calendar. Nell holds a Master's degree in Religious Education and a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Studies. Her religious education experience of over 30 years includes everything from volunteer to Director of Education to Diocesan Education Minister for the Diocese of Mississippi. Plan now to take part in this new opportunity!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men are invited to a time of conversation and fellowship on **Sunday, September 29** at **9:45 a.m.** in 0014 Westbrook. The topic of discussion, "Kairos Moments in a Chronos World" will be led by Jack Steele. For more information, contact Dan Ford 919-418-1922.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The Lectionary Bible study will meet on **Friday, October 4** at **10:30 a.m.** in the Library at The Forest at Duke. Marsha Altmeyer will lead the study.

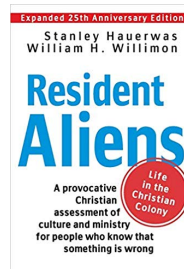
CHILDREN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP

Plan now to attend the annual Children's Fall Fellowship at Brown Farms in Rougemont, **October 12, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** You will receive an official eVite in September. The farm features a picnic shelter, recreation field, playground area, and farm tour hayride. There is a great maze made of corn, soybeans, sunflowers, and other grains where the children pick food to feed to the barnyard animals—horses, cows, rabbits, chickens, sheep, ducks and geese.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

A four-week new member class will begin on **Sunday, October 13** in 0014 Westbrook. The class will meet from **9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**, with refreshments and fellowship beginning at **9:30 a.m.** The classroom is 0014 Westbrook; this room is in the lowest level of the Divinity school, adjacent to the Chapel. Directions for finding the classroom are as follows: Coming from the Bryan Center parking deck, follow the sidewalk behind the chapel. As you pass the chapel, you will be facing the Westbrook building. Enter at the double doors, then go down two flights either by stairs or elevator. Once on the lowest level, you will see room 0014 off the wide corridor. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg.



ALIEN GROUP

On **Wednesdays, October 16, 23, and 30**, two book groups will explore *Resident Aliens* by Duke Divinity School professors Will Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas. This book will encourage readers to consider the nature of the church and its surrounding culture. The book groups will meet at **10:00 a.m.** and **7:30 p.m.** For detailed information and to indicate plans to attend, please contact the Congregation office.

FINDING OUR WAY IN THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove will lead the Congregation's fall retreat on **Saturday, October 19** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Participants will explore communal practices of discernment for the common good. How do we learn to hear the voice of God in community? Where do our individual desires and commitments intersect with others' in the process of discernment? Through a combination of Scripture study, song, and conversation, learn how we find our way in beloved community. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove is a spiritual writer, activist, founder of Rutba House, and a



resident of Durham. [Details on the retreat.](#) Childcare will be provided. Please contact the [Congregation Office](#) to make a reservation for childcare. A participant fee of \$10 will cover the cost of a catered lunch. Please make a reservation for the retreat by contacting the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917, by **Monday, October 14.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO BRING REFRESHMENTS

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments for fellowship at **9:30 a.m.** on Sunday mornings, prior to the education hour. Light snacks and beverages are all that is needed. [Please sign up here.](#)

FELLOWSHIP

VISITATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to visit members of the congregation who are homebound or in the midst of difficulty. The goal is to create on-going one-on-one relationships of mutual care. For more information, please contact Linda Gauger or [Carol Gregg](#).

INTRODUCTION TO GRIEF

Each fall, Growing thru Grief offers a six-week "Introduction to Grief" series. This year, the series begins on **Tuesday, September 24**, and will be led by Mitzi Quint, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 20 years' experience in grief and loss. The topics of discussion are as follows:

September 24 - Myth #1 - Grief is a time of sadness following the death of a loved one

October 1 - Myth #2 - Grief has 5 stages

October 8 - Myth #3 - Grief will get better with time; there is nothing we can do about it

October 15 - Myth #4 - Expressing grief is a sign of weakness

October 22 - Myth #5 - The goal is to get over grief and return to normal. ASAP!

October 29 - Myth #6 - Taking care of yourself is selfish

Growing thru Grief is a coalition of Triangle area organizations, including the Congregation, to bring ongoing support and comfort to those who mourn. The program, which features education and small group discussion, meets every **Tuesday** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Rd. in Durham. Refreshments begin at **4:00 p.m.**; the program runs from **4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On

October 9 at 12-noon, participants will gather at [Happy China](#), 2505 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please email the [Congregation Office](#) or call 919-684-3917 by **Monday, August 12** if you plan to attend.



FELLOWSHIP SNACKLUCK – OCTOBER 13

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." - L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

Come celebrate the time of year when every falling leaf is Mother Nature's way of waving bye-bye to the blistering heat of summer! The Fellowship Committee will host a "Fall Themed Snackluck," in the Chapel Lounge following worship on **Sunday, October 13**. Bring a snack to share with friends and leave it in the downstairs Chapel kitchen prior to the service. There will be food, fellowship and fun, and fall activities for children of all ages. Come one, come all and WELCOME FALL!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended and planned the Congregation picnic to enjoy fellowship, games, and a delicious meal.



GOOD TO KNOW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

About every five years, we declare who we are as a Congregation and envision where God is leading us as a body in Christ. Since June, volunteers on the Visioning Team have been meeting and working towards our strategic plan, and each of the last four Council meetings has included substantial discussion on the topic. With able help from Robin Barefoot, we have thought deeply about how best to structure the visioning process and discern our path forward.

We are at a critical stage, generating specific ideas and dreams for the Congregation, and we need your help. (Yes, you, the person reading this right now.) Tonight is the first of three opportunities to meet in person and talk about the future of the Congregation with members of the Visioning team. The next is during Adult Forum this Sunday, and the third is after church the following Sunday. Please sign up here to participate. Specifically, these dates are:

- **Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel kitchen.
- **Sunday, September 22 at 9:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012.
- **Sunday, September 29 at 12:15 p.m.** in the Chapel kitchen.

All are invited. If you cannot join us in person, send your thoughts online [here](#). In 2020, the entire membership will review and vote on our strategic plan. Your input over the next two weeks will do more to shape that plan than any other input we receive. Pause and consider how you can share your own vision for our church.

ORDERS DUE BY THE END OF THE MONTH

It is time to order Congregation Logo items again! Get your shirts (and hats!) to wear to all Congregation events and service projects. New this year are embroidered hats and embroidered polo shirts! We also have cotton t-shirts in long and short sleeves, dryweave/performance t-shirts with short sleeves, sweatshirts, hoodies, a draw-string bag, and a tote bag. There are a variety of child and adult sizes. Made with fair-trade products, all of the items are blue with white lettering, and are being sold at cost. Please [click here](#) to place an order. Orders are due by **Monday, September 30**, with delivery in about four weeks. Please plan to pay for your items when you pick them up.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held on the Chapel Lawn on **Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m.** This service, held on the Sunday in October closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis, has been a tradition at Duke Chapel since 1989. The service is open to the public and all well-mannered pets are invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 30 to October 4 – Visit to Family Health Ministries in Haiti
- October 12 – Children's Fall Fellowship
- October 19 – Fall Retreat with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
- 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

Christian Education Council Representative: Fran Steele

My husband Jack and I moved to Durham from Houston in mid-2018 and joined the Congregation at the first opportunity. The Congregation, Chapel and University were major factors in deciding to retire here. Jack and I were active members of St. Luke's UMC in Houston. We taught theologically and Biblically focused adult education classes for many years, and I co-led a woman's Bible study and chaired the Altar Guild. I was a member of the church council and chaired the long-range planning committee. I also facilitated convocation clergy groups for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, and

have coached clergy and not-for-profit executives.

I retired from a career in information technology and organizational change management in global energy, engineering and construction companies. I enjoy listening to classical music, reading, crosswords and needlepoint (although I haven't unpacked "works in progress" yet).

Our daughter, Annie Steele, lives in San Francisco. Her wedding there in June was just a few days after Jack and I celebrated our 40th anniversary.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

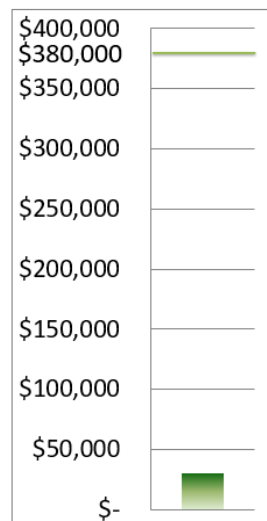
The Congregation Council met on September 12, 2019, at The Forest at Duke. During this meeting, the Council continued to engage in the visioning process. The Congregation mission statement and its ability to reflect the real work and life of the Congregation were discussed in detail.

In order to be successful, the visioning process must be informed by input and feedback from the members of the Congregation. One way to offer suggestions and help guide the future of the Congregation is to participate in Holy Dreaming, either by completing the survey or attending one of the upcoming meetings at the end of September. The Council encourages every member of the Congregation to share their dreams for the future.

If at any point you have concerns or questions that you would like the Council to discuss, please contact any member. Meetings are always open to any who want to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke on Pickett Road.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2019-June 2020 fiscal year</i>	Actual to August 31	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$30,485	\$380,000
Other Income	\$167	\$3,000
Restricted Assets Released	\$5,000	\$0
Expenses	\$25,068	\$381,473
Difference	\$10,584	-\$1,527



COMING IN OCTOBER

October Birthdays

- 1 Eric Hansen
- 2 Eryn Dennehy; Carol Gregg
- 3 Patrick Dennehy
- 4 Francis Donaie; Steve Grosso
- 5 Deb Hackney
- 6 Mimi Haase
- 7 Luca Grosso
- 8 Xiao Recio-Blanco; Carolyn Sangokoya; Tok Siu
- 9 Leroy McRae; Connie Warren
- 10 Clifford Best; Elaine DeAlmeida; Jan Radabaugh; Laura Solie
- 11 Emily Alexander; Gay Elliott; Allison Hall; Farrel Potts
- 13 Linda Alexander; Richard Di Giulio; Mary Sandor; Ronan Takacs
- 14 Marion Eck
- 15 Mike Smith
- 16 William Hix; Rick King
- 17 Meghan Benson; Sydnor Patrick
- 18 Linda Gauger; Carol Matteson; Sampras Takacs
- 19 Carmelo Gullotto; Donald Silver; Beth Sturkey; Samuel Todd
- 21 Brad Haithcock
- 22 Gabe George; Mary Jane Nye
- 23 Ann King; Ella Jean Shore

24 Ward Nye; Ginnie Ruckert

26 Tom Link; Cammey Manning; Israel McDaniel; David Riddle; Phillip Smith; Lee Tyrey

28 Jane Hix; Robert Sills

29 Emma Siburt

30 Jim Kelly

31 Frank Coble

October Communion at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community

October 21, 11:15 a.m.

2701 Pickett Road, Durham

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

October Worship Services

October 6: Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert, Professor of Homiletic, Howard University
School of Divinity in Washington, DC

October 13: Worship Service

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

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

October 20: Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence, Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching,
Columbia Theological Seminary

October 27: Worship Service

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

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

CONGREGATION CALENDAR **DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERN

- *Steven DeAlmeida:* Steven is a patient at Brookshire Nursing Center.
- *Melissa & Steve Grosso:* Melissa and Steve, along with brother Luca, announce the birth of their newest family member, Theodore James Grosso, born September 6.



- *Pat Murray:* Pat is ill with a brain tumor. She requests no visitors or calls at present, yet welcomes prayer and cards.
- *Shirley Ort:* Shirley is at home recovering from a broken foot.

PRAYER REQUESTS: To request confidential prayer from members of the Prayer

Ministry, please send your confidential request to the [Prayer Ministry](#) .

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