



# The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

## Education . Mission . Fellowship

DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

12-20-2018

Julian of Norwich, the fourteenth-century English mystic wrote, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." In reflecting on her words, author James Martin wrote "Or as the contemporary saying goes, all will be well in the end. And if all is not well, then it is not the end." (In *Seven Last Words*)

From the  
Senior Pastor



As we draw near to celebrating the birth of Christ, we are reminded once again of how much God loves this broken world and the extent to which God goes to restore and redeem. As we draw near to the end of the calendar year, we can look forward to the new year with hope. We know that all is not yet well with us or our world, which is a sure sign that we are not at the end and that God is not done with us. God has more to do. In response to God, we have more to do.

So as we proclaim the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, let us also rejoice that this miraculous birth is not an ending, but rather a beginning. God still comes to restore and redeem.

May your Christmas holiday be filled with love, joy, and peace.

Carol

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Four worship services will be offered on **Monday, December 24** to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The services will be:

**2:00 p.m.** Children's Christmas Eve Service – A family-friendly, 40 minute service.

**4:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service with Dean Powery preaching and the Durham Children's Choir singing.

**6:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Communion Service with Dean Powery preaching.

**11:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

All of the worship services are well attended, so please plan accordingly. The 6:00 p.m. service typically has more space and parking than the other three services.



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## This Sunday December 23

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

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, GODLY PLAY,** and **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** are **not meeting** this Sunday.
- **ADULT FORUM:** Dr. Richard Heitzenrater will lead an Advent study on "The Music, Message, and Meaning of Handel's *Messiah*" in 0012 Westbrook.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preaching: The Rev. Sally Bates, UMC retired elder and former Chaplain of Duke Divinity School

Sermon: The Sound of His Mother's Voice

Scripture readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

Hymns: #213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates; *printed in Bulletin* Face the Gospel Processional; #202 People, Look East  
All are welcome!

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## EDUCATION

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The annual Youth Christmas Potluck will be on **Friday, December 21** from **5:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.** at the Dennehy's home. All youth and their families are invited. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share and a small gift that is less than \$10 to participate in the gift exchange. The ski trip will be **Friday, February 15-Sunday, February 17**. Information and registration forms have been sent by mail. Please return the registration form before **January 3**. For questions or additional information, contact [Josh Stanley](#).

### THE MUSIC, MESSAGE, and MEANING OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The last class of the Advent study on Handel's *Messiah* led by [Dr. Richard Heitzenrater](#), will be this Sunday, **December 23** at **9:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012, which is in the lowest level of the Divinity school. All are welcome to attend.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES BREAK

- Wee Praise, Godly Play, and Youth Bible Study will not meet on **December 23** or **December 30**.
- Adult Forum will not meet on **December 30**.
- ALL classes will resume on **January 6**.

### ADULT FORUM

During the academic year, the Adult Forum meets weekly on **Sundays** at **9:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012. Offering a variety of speakers and topics, the Forum has been a part of the Congregation since the 1980's. Upcoming topics are:

#### **December 30 – No class**

**January 6** – Sarah Seibert, Duke Divinity School student, will discuss "Discovering the Land of the Bible."

**January 13** – Joel Marcus, Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, Duke Divinity School, and author, Anchor Yale Bible Commentary (Two Volume) on the Gospel of Mark will present "An Overview of the Gospel of Mark."

#### **January 20 – TBD**

**January 27** – Carol Matteson, Congregation member, will share a report on the 2018 service trip and plans for the March 10-16, 2019 service trip.

### LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The Lectionary Bible Study will meet in the library of The Forest at Duke on **Friday, January 4** at **10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be Isaiah 60:1-6.

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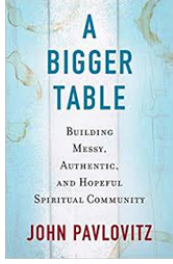
The young adults will meet on **Tuesday, January 8** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Participants will discuss the season of Epiphany and what it means to find hope in anticipation. All are invited to come with a hungry spirit and a hungry stomach. Food will be provided. If you have questions, contact [Josh Stanley](#).

### PUB THEOLOGY

Join the young adults on **Thursday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.**, at [Pour Taproom, 202 Corcoran Street, #200, Durham](#) to wrestle with questions and discussions over "Faith + Short Term Mission". A reading and intro questions will be provided in future updates. Regardless of what you drink or what you think, all are warmly welcome at the table! Questions, doubts, and a desire to discuss are the only requirements. Email [James Spencer](#) for more information, checkout the [Facebook Group](#), or you can sign up for the email list [here](#).



### BOOK GROUP



Beginning in January, all are welcome to participate in a Congregation book group to explore how to grow, maintain, and expand the Christian community by reading *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz. The gatherings will be on **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 16** and continuing for a total of five weeks. Participants will discuss chapters 1-3 during the first meeting. Please contact [Josh Stanley](#) for more information.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Lynn Holmes, will lead a study on the Gospel of Mark beginning **Sunday, January 20**. To begin this study, Dr. Joel Marcus will give a presentation on the overview of Mark in Adult Forum on **Sunday, January 13**. He writes, "Although it appears second in the New Testament, Mark is generally recognized as the first Gospel to be written. The captivating nonstop narrative characterizes this earliest account of the life and teachings of Jesus." Dr. Marcus is the Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Duke Divinity School, and author of the Anchor Yale Bible Commentary (Two Volume) on the Gospel of Mark.

### WINTER RETREAT

Escape the cold and come dance as the Congregation gathers for its winter retreat. Participants will continue to explore how the idea of community is lived out through fellowship with one another.

Instead of having a lecture to learn about Christian community, the Education Committee is sponsoring an all-church potluck supper followed by a time of dancing. The dancing, which will be guided by professional caller David Staples, will be appropriate for all experience levels and all ages. The purpose of the evening will be to spend time together, building relationships and building community. There will also be a brief educational interlude to reflect on the use of dance as a theological metaphor.

The retreat will be held on **Friday, March 1**, from **6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** at Reality Ministries [916 Lamont Avenue, Durham](#). To RSVP, please email the [Congregation Office](#) or phone 919-684-3917.



### OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Part education, part fellowship, part family reunion, the Annual Overnight Retreat has become a highlight of the year for many Congregation members. The retreat will be held **Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19, 2019** at [Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC](#) and will focus on the book of Ezekiel. There is also an option to arrive on **Friday, May**

**17**. In addition to the guest speaker and discussions, there will be plenty of time for fellowship during meals and play time at the beach!

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## MISSION



URBAN MINISTRIES  
OF DURHAM

### URBAN MINISTRIES LASAGNA DINNERS

Cooked lasagnas (Stouffer's Party size) are needed for **Wednesday, December 26** for the **6:15 p.m.** dinner at [Urban Ministries](#), located at 410 Liberty Street, Durham. Volunteers and lasagnas are also needed for dinners on **Sunday, January 13** and **Wednesday, February 27**. Please contact [Cricket Scovil](#) to volunteer.

### HABITAT HOUSE 2018-19

Duke's [Habitat for Humanity](#) chapter has identified the house to be sponsored for this current academic year. This house is sponsored by Duke Chapel, the Congregation at Duke Chapel, Duke students, and other Duke departments. The house is being built for the Hernandez family and is located at 117 Hillside Avenue in Durham. Congregation and community members can join in the support by volunteering for future dates [via this link](#). Volunteers need not have any prior construction experience - just a positive attitude and a willingness to



learn! Dates of special need include **January 5, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** when undergraduates will be away from campus on break.



Partners for  
Youth Opportunity

### **JANUARY PARTNER AGENCY – PARTNERS FOR YOUTH OPPORTUNITY**

The mission of Partners for Youth Opportunity (PYO) is to partner with the community to provide Durham youth with opportunities to connect, develop, and contribute through mentoring, employment and educational support. This incredible organization supports youth into young adulthood.

### **JANUARY BACK PEW COLLECTION**

Please bring the following items to benefit Partners for Youth Opportunity (PYO) for the Back Pew collection on **January 13 and 20**:

- Gloves and Mittens, for the gift of warmth
- Movie Passes, for the gift of cherished family time
- Laundry Detergent, for the gift of clean clothes

### **MLK SERVICE PROJECT WITH PYO**

Make the MLK holiday a day on, not a day off. Volunteers are needed to gather with others in the community to serve neighbors on **Monday, January 21, 2019**. The Congregation will be partnering with Partners for Youth Opportunities (PYO). There are two service locations:



Threshold: Threshold is a Clubhouse dedicated to helping adults with serious mental illness. They provide support to keep members out of the hospital and succeed in education, work, and personal goals. At Threshold, from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, volunteers help with tasks around the clubhouse such as tending the garden, cleaning up trash, organizing office supplies, and taking down holiday decorations. The clubhouse also serves lunch during this time so volunteers are welcome to join them and then clean up after lunch. Location is 509 Gary Street, Durham.



book harvest

Book Harvest: Book Harvest provides books to children who need them and engages families and communities to promote children's lifelong literacy. Book Harvest is having a Dream Big Festival for MLK day at Durham Central Park. There will be a food truck rodeo, concert and activity fair. Volunteers are needed from **12:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to help set up before and after the festival. During the festival, volunteers will be at the children's table helping children pick out donated books to take home. Location is 501 Foster Street, Durham. Please sign up here for either or both service projects.

### **LENTEN SERVICE TRIP**

Consider taking something on rather than giving something up this Lent. Volunteers are needed for a week-long service trip to help neighbors in New Bern, NC recover from the devastation of Hurricane Florence. The service team will be working with the Fuller Center **March 10-16, 2019**. Adults, university students, and youth age 16 and up are invited to participate. Details are online. At Adult Forum on **January 27, 9:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012, Carol Matteson will give a review of the 2018 service trip and will answer questions about the 2019 trip. For more information or to express interest in participating contact Carol Matteson.

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## **FELLOWSHIP**

### **EPIPHANY SNACKLUCK**

All are invited to stay after worship on **Sunday, January 6** for a time of fellowship in the Chapel lounge. An Epiphany cake will be served. Participants are asked to bring snacks to share such as vegetables, fruit, or other snacks.





### SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **January 9 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Zweli's Kitchen, 4600 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Suite 26, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office or 919-684-3917 by **Monday, January 9 by noon** if you plan to attend.

### FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

The young adults will gather for fellowship over a meal on **Friday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.** at Dos Perros, 200 N. Mangum Street, Durham. This is an opportunity to enjoy a local restaurant and one another's company as we gather after the holiday season. Each person will purchase their own meal.



## GOOD TO KNOW

### CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNITY CHOIR

All are welcome to sing in the community choir during the Chapel's Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service at **11:00 p.m.** on **Monday, December 24**. There is a preliminary rehearsal on **Thursday, December 20**, from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, and a required rehearsal before the service at **9:00 p.m.** For more information, email [chapelmusic@duke.edu](mailto:chapelmusic@duke.edu).

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Congregation Office will be closed on the following days:

- Christmas Eve: **Monday, December 24**
- Christmas Day: **Tuesday, December 25**
- New Year's Eve: **Monday, December 31**
- New Year's Day: **Tuesday, January 1**
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: **Monday, January 21**

### CHAPEL VIEW MAGAZINE

The most recent issue of the Chapel View magazine published by Duke Chapel is now available online. The issue contains an interview with a student, a sermon by Dean Powery, and an article of the *Messiah* performance.

### DUKE CHAPEL STAFF ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE

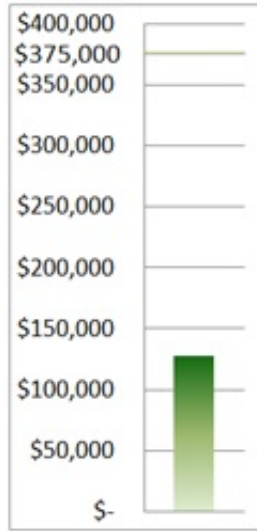
The Chapel is currently receiving applications for the position of Staff Assistant to work in the area of development. Details are online.

### DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

No Council meeting was held in December. The Council and Staff enjoyed a potluck gathering at Carol's home on December 13.

### DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year</i>	Actual to November 30	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$ 127,217.00	\$375,000
Other Income	\$1,199	\$1,800
Restricted Assets Released	\$21,123	\$0
Expenses	\$151,895	\$386,759
Difference	-\$2,306	-\$9,959



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 26 – Urban Ministries Dinner
- January 5, 2019 – Habitat Service Project
- March 1, 2019 – Winter Retreat
- March 10-16, 2019 – Lenten Service Trip
- April 7, 2019 – CROP Walk
- April 24-May 3, 2019 – ZOE Trip to Zimbabwe
- May 17-19, 2019 – Overnight Retreat
- June 9, 2019 – Annual Business Meeting
- September 23-27, 2019 – Visit to Family Health Ministries in Haiti

### COMING IN JANUARY

#### January Birthdays

- 1 Marcy Hansen; Corinne Houpt
- 3 Christine O'Keefe; Ernie Ruckert
- 4 Samuel Gass; Kendall Manuel; Darla Miller
- 5 Mary Anderson; Patrick Butler
- 6 Jordan Hains; Michael Young
- 7 Mel Snyder, IV
- 8 Karen Cochran; Johanna Collins-Wood; Lois Klauder; Nancy Marks
- 9 Katerina Kucera
- 10 Lisa Smith
- 12 Levi Crocker; Bill Youngblood
- 13 David Jessen; Camey VanSant
- 14 Scot Woodrum
- 16 Franca Alphin; Larry Teague
- 17 Lauren Bullamore
- 18 Nick Wisner; Kyle Woodrum
- 19 Gina Harrison
- 20 Ed Harlow; Harold Layton
- 21 Ray Briggs; Melissa Grosso; Harrison Johnson; Jane Phillips; Fran Steele
- 23 Jan Gwyer; Pat Murray; Terry Yuschok
- 24 Kate DeAlmeida; Diane Hummelbrunner; Joe Krenicky
- 26 Steve Cochran; Phillip Martin; Janis Parker; Carolyn Penny; Mak Siu
- 27 Shaun Pack
- 28 Wade Penny; Whitney Sandor; Hayley Skye
- 29 Peggy Ray; Carlynn Winters
- 30 Judy Arneson; Placide Barada; Kristen Blackman Hohenstein; Lee Lawrence; Julian Recio-Garcia

#### January Worship Services

**January 6:** Worship Service with Holy Communion  
 Preacher: The Rev. Joshua Lazard, Duke Chapel C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement and Interim Director of Religious Life

**January 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

**January 20:** Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL

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

**January 27:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

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

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**CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS**

- *Mary Ruth Miller* – Mary Ruth died on December 6 after a long period of diminished health.
- *Jim Mau* – Jim is in the healthcare section of Croasdaile Village for recuperation.
- *Soren Palmer* – Soren is recovering from foot surgery.
- *Steven and Elaine DeAlmeida* – Steven and Elaine will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 21.



**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 Tuesday.

**SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT:** Please send corrected email addresses or requests to be unsubscribed to [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) .

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