



# The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

02-21-2019

After much prayer and discussion, I have respectfully submitted my letter of resignation to the position of Pastor of Education and Discipleship. The Council has accepted my resignation and I will conclude my work this Sunday, February 24.

From the  
Education and  
Discipleship Pastor



I want to thank you all for the wonderful opportunity you have given me to work in such a vibrant and faithful community. I feel fortunate to have been able to be in fellowship with you all and to learn from the many gifts with which this community is blessed. From book groups, to young adult gatherings, and youth Bible studies I have deepened my faith and built many relationships.

As I reflected on my work, however, I found that I was not receiving the same life-giving energy which was previously present. This was due to a number of factors, but most importantly was the time I spent away from my family. Church work, by its very nature, must be done on weekends and outside of “traditional” working hours in order to accommodate the many schedules of people who give their time to help lead the church. In this season of my life, with a family that is still new and forming, I felt I was unable to balance giving my full self to both the Congregation and my family. As I looked forward, taking into account the vision of the Congregation for the educational programs and the quality which I thought this community deserves, I felt I would be unable to provide that in the long term without sacrificing some relationship with my family.

It is with a heavy heart that I send this letter. Through a tremendous amount of prayer and discernment, this is also a decision with which I am at peace. I feel God is leading me down a new path that is exciting yet different from all that I have grown accustomed. Rachel and I will always appreciate the time we had with the Congregation and consider it an important part of our extended community. I look forward to seeing how this congregation will continue to grow and flourish in the years to come.

Grace and Peace,  
Joshua Stanley

Dear Friends,

While Josh’s resignation is unexpected, please join me in praying that God will lead him into the future that is right for him. In addition, be assured that the Congregation’s Council, Staff Parish Relations Committee, and staff are committed to the continuation of our ministries even as we make plans for moving forward. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Carol Gregg

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## This Sunday February 24

### 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:** For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **GODLY PLAY:** For children ages 4-5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Youth meet to study the New Testament epistles in 0013

Westbrook.

- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** A study of the Gospel of Mark in Westbrook 0015.
- **ADULT FORUM:** The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel, in conversation with James Todd, Communications Manager for Duke Chapel, discussion of Dean Powery's new book, *Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals* in 0012 Westbrook.

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

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

Sermon: What I Wish Jesus Never Said

Scripture readings: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38;

Hymns: #427 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life; #390 Forgive Our Sins as We

Forgive; #164 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life; #549 Where Charity and Love Prevail

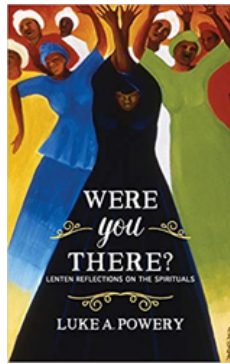
All are welcome!

### **MEETINGS AFTER WORSHIP**

- **Education Committee** will meet in the Chapel Kitchen
- **Administration Committee** will meet in the Congregation Office
- **Staff Parish Relations Committee** will meet in the Griffith Board Room, Bryan Center.

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## **EDUCATION**



### **DEAN POWERY'S NEW BOOK ON LENT AND SPIRITUALS**

Lent is a season of wandering and reflection. It is a time to walk the long, meditative journey to Easter morning. The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery seeks to introduce his readers to the musical genre of the Spirituals so that they may be a companion throughout this journey of the Christian season. In his new book of daily meditations, *Were you there? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals*, Powery joins cultural-historical Black music and the church calendar "in order to help the reader travel the forty days of the Lenten wilderness with courage and honesty." Come hear Dean Powery discuss his book at Adult Forum this **Sunday, February 24 at 9:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012.

### **TRIPLE T**

The young adults will meet on **Monday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. All are invited to come with a hungry spirit and a hungry stomach. Food will be provided. If you have questions, contact [Carol Gregg](#).

### **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**

The Lectionary Bible Study will meet in the library of The Forest at Duke, **Friday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be Luke 9:28-43.

### **AN EVENING OF JOY**

Enjoy an all-church potluck supper followed by a time of dancing. on **Friday, March 1, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** The dancing will be guided by professional caller David Staples, who will make the dancing appropriate and fun 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 event](#) will be held at Reality Ministries [916 Lamont Avenue, Durham](#). To RSVP, please email the [Congregation Office](#) or phone 919-684-3917.

### **ADULT FORUM**

During the academic year, the Adult Forum meets weekly on **Sundays at 9:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012. Upcoming topics are:

**March 3** – The Rev. Amy Butler, The Riverside Church, New York City, and guest

preacher in Duke University Chapel, "Evil: Say the Word".

**March 10** - The Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese, Director of Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership, Assistant Vice President for the Office of Durham Affairs, and guest preacher in Duke University Chapel, "Stepping Down from Duke Chapel Tower".

**March 17** – The Rev. Dr. Brian Stratton, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UNC Pembroke.

**March 24** – Christopher Karnadi, writer on culture and religion, will present "The Confessions of St. Kendrick".

**March 31** – Lynn Holmes, Congregation's Duke Divinity School Intern.

## PUB THEOLOGY

Join the young adults on **Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, at **Pour Taproom, 202 Corcoran Street, #200, Durham** to wrestle with questions and discuss "Faith + The Earth". A reading and intro questions will be provided in future updates. Questions, doubts, and a desire to discuss are the only requirements. Email [James Spencer](mailto:James.Spencer@duke.edu) for more information, checkout the [Facebook Group](#), or you can sign up for the email list [here](#).



## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Those who are considering joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to attend the spring new member class which will be held on four Sundays from **March 17-April 7** from **9:45 am-10:45 a.m.** in 0014 Westbrook. For questions about membership, please contact [Carol Gregg](mailto:carol.gregg@duke.edu) at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.



## COME TO THE BEACH TO LEARN AND PLAY

The annual overnight retreat will be held from **May 17-19** at [Fort Caswell](#) in Oak Island, NC. Part education, part fellowship, part family reunion, it is a highlight of the year for many Congregation members. The theme for this year's retreat is "Discernment: How do we hear, understand, and respond to the voice of God?" All those who have ever sought God's voice to guide them will find meaning in this retreat. The renowned retreat leader, John Baird, will lead our weekend. He is a member of the Religious Society for Friends and will speak about the Quaker's unique methods of discernment and how discernment can lead to social action. He will speak on Saturday and Sunday, so plan to arrive

on Friday evening to share in the fellowship and rest that make this retreat so special. In addition to John Baird, we will have plenty of time for discussion in small groups and fellowship on the beach. [Details on the retreat are here](#). Please register today!

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## FELLOWSHIP

### YOUNG ADULT FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

To encourage the growth of community and get to know our neighbors, the young adults will join the Congregation for dinner and dancing at the Winter Retreat. It will be held at Reality Ministries on **Friday, March 1** from **6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** See Education Section for details.

### SNACKLUCK AFTER WORSHIP ON MARCH 10

The Fellowship Committee will host a St. Patrick's Day themed Snackluck on **March 10** after worship in the lower level of the Chapel, lounge area. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring finger foods to share such as grapes, vegetable tray, chips, cookies, or cupcakes.



### SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **March 13 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at [The Refectory Café](#), located at [2726 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.](#), Durham. Each person will

## MISSION



### FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD DINNERS

Volunteers are needed on **Monday, February 25** and **Tuesday, February 26** 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](#).

### URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Volunteers and donations are needed for the next three [Urban Ministries](#) dinners on **Wednesday, February 27, 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**, **Sunday, March 10, 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, April 24, 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Please contact [Cricket Scovil](#) to ask questions or to volunteer to prepare two 12-serving Stouffers lasagnas and help serve (or just drop off two lasagnas). New volunteers are welcome any time.



URBAN MINISTRIES  
OF DURHAM

### REMEMBER 33 LIVES

This 27th Annual Vigil Against Violence will be held Thursday, **February 28** at **7:00 p.m.** in Shepherd's House United Methodist Church, [107 North Driver Street](#). A public reception will follow at 8:00 pm. Vigil is sponsored by the [Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham](#) and Parents of Murdered Children (Durham Chapter). All are welcome.



### EMPTY BOWLS

The major annual fundraiser for [Urban Ministries of Durham](#) is a delicious soup-tasting event held at the Durham Convention Center. Participants will enjoy soups from local restaurants and have the opportunity to purchase hand-made bowls from local artists. [Empty](#)

[Bowls](#) will be held on **Thursday, March 7** from **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Tickets may be [purchased here](#).

### LENTEN SERVICE TRIP

Eight people from the Congregation plan on spending the week of **March 10-15** assisting homeowners in New Bern, North Carolina in their recovery from Hurricane Florence. [Details on their trip are here](#).

### MARCH PARTNER AGENCY – REALITY MINISTRIES

[Reality Ministries](#) is all about creating opportunities for teens and adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship and the life-changing Reality of Christ's love.



### MARCH BACK PEW COLLECTION

On Sundays, **March 10 and 17**, the monthly Back Pew Collection will benefit [Reality Ministries](#). Please bring any of the following and leave on the back pew.

- Paper products (cups, plates and napkins)
- Plastic, rectangular table cloths
- Trash Bags, 30 gallon size
- Postage stamps

### MARCH SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT

There is a wonderful opportunity to assist in a Ladies Tea at [Reality Ministries](#) on **Saturday, March 23, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Food contributions of fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers and

cookies will be appreciated. Reality Ministries is located at [916 Lamond Avenue, Durham](#). Please [sign up here](#) to volunteer.

### Participate on a Faith Team?

Breana van Velzen (Community Minister of the Chapel) and Bruce Puckett (Assistant Dean of the Chapel) are looking for individuals who are interested in participating on a reconciliation and reentry [Faith Team](#) with the [Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham](#). A Faith Team is a group of 4-6 volunteers who provide practical, emotional and spiritual support to a person newly-released from prison. This support reduces the likelihood of recidivism. Ira Mueller, a member of the Congregation, [explains her experience](#) with being a member of a Faith Team. For more information, please contact [Bruce Puckett](#) or [Beaana van Velzen](#).

### 1500 SANDWICHES!

Over 30 volunteers made approximately 1,500 sandwiches on Saturday, February 16! The sandwiches will be given to neighbors through the [Meals on Wheels](#) weekend program. In addition, the volunteers also bagged pet food, labeled supplies, and prepared signs. Thank you, volunteers! Additional pictures are on the [Congregation's Facebook page](#).



## GOOD TO KNOW



### Participate in a Rose Procession During Worship

The Chapel is looking for volunteers to participate in a rose procession in Sunday morning worship at the Chapel this **Sunday, February 24** to honor and remember murder victims in Durham. During this procession, people will carry a rose representing each of the 33 people who died as victims of murder in Durham over the last year. If you are willing to carry a rose, please contact [Bruce Puckett](#).

### THREE DEANS

On **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.** in Duke Chapel, Dean Luke Powery and former deans Sam Wells and Will Willimon will discuss how (and if) sermons are being heard beyond church walls. The conversation, "[Preaching and the Public Square](#)" will be moderated by Frank Stasio, the host of WUNC Radio's The State of Things. [This event will be livestreamed](#) for those who would like to participate from a remote location.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Two Ash Wednesday services will be held at Duke Chapel on **Wednesday, March 6**, at **8:00 a.m.** and **5:15 p.m.** The Rev. Libby Boehne, Presbyterian Campus Minister, will offer the sermon.

### NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee is beginning their work of inviting individuals to serve in leadership positions within the Congregation. If you would like to deepen your involvement in the congregation, please contact any member of the committee: Deb Hackney, Antoinette Bethea, Jan Radabaugh, Harry Rodenhizer, or Beth Gettys Sturkey.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time starts **Sunday, March 10**. Please remember to "spring forward" by setting your clocks ahead one hour.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7 – CROP Walk
- April 13 – Children’s Easter Program & Egg Hunt
- April 21 – Three Easter Worship Services, 6:30 a.m, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
- April 24-May 3 – ZOE Trip to Zimbabwe
- May 17-19 – Overnight Retreat
- June 9 – Annual Business Meeting
- September 23-27 – Visit to Family Health Ministries in Haiti

## FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregation Council met on February 14, 2019, at The Forest at Duke. A highlight of this meeting was the vote to continue funding the Habitat for Humanity Repair Apprenticeship position. The Council voted to give \$9,300 to the program, using the balance of the Empowerment Ministries Fund. This will fund slightly more than one quarter of the position. The vote for continued funding is a testament to the great success of last year’s project.

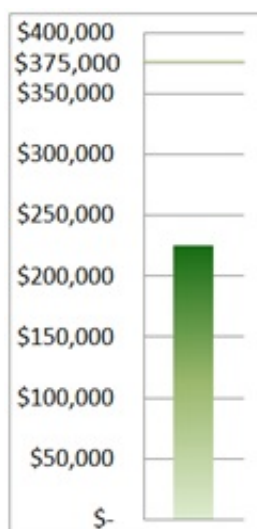
The Council also affirmed a Values and Mission Statement created by the Congregation staff during a recent workshop. Staff members described the workshop as thought-provoking and useful.

At a special called meeting of the Council on February 17, 2019, members of the Council voted to accept Josh Stanley’s resignation with regret effective March 1, 2019. His last day of work will be February 24, 2019.

If you have ideas or concerns that you want the Council to discuss, you can contact any member with your request. Meetings are open to all who want to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke on Pickett Road.

## FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year</i>	Actual to February 4	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$ 225,406.00	\$375,000
Other Income	\$2,098	\$1,800
Restricted Assets Released	\$30,376	\$0
Expenses	\$263,805	\$386,759
Difference	-\$5,925	-\$9,959



## **COMING IN MARCH**

### **March Birthdays**

**3** Marinell Manning

**5** Juan Carlos Espitia; Nancy Wawrousek

**6** Susana Garcia; Tye Jiang; Nolan Puckett; Elisa Wang

**7** Lisa Lark; Mary Putman Hartman; Anna Shea; John Streicher

**9** Charlotte Hohenstein; Lynn Holmes

**10** James Hockett; Betty O'Neal

**11** Eleanore Bequaert

**12** Ethan Thorsensten

**13** Eleanor Driscoll

**14** Nancy Jirtle

**15** Alan DuBois; Kevin Harrison

**16** Jennifer Collins; Jacob O'Keefe; Charlie Wojciechowski

**17** Matthew Guzman; Guy Solie; Lilah Wilfong

**18** Tucker Owen

**19** Sylvia Arnett

**20** Marco Gullotto; Pamela Hickey

**22** Connie Riddle; John Vandenberg; Nick Woodrum

**23** Ariana Sheeks

**24** James Gray; James Osborn; Cynthia Schmidt; Kathy Singer; Mary Tyrey; Ben Wirzba

**25** Walker Robinson

**26** Emi Miller; Kyle O'Connor

**27** Mary Best; Steve Harper; John T. Solie

**28** Corrie Odom; Jaspar Takacs

**29** Jennie Brooks; Christine Callan; Geraldine Dawson; Norlin Juniult; Pam O'Quinn

**30** Jan Hanrath; Ed Karolak

**31** Simeon Todd

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

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

2701 Pickett Road, Durham, NC

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

### **March Worship Services at Duke Chapel**

**March 3:** Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Amy Butler, Senior Minister, Riverside Church, New York City, NY  
12:15 p.m. Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing in Memorial Chapel

**March 10:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC and Assistant Vice President and Director, Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership

**March 17:** 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

**March 24:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: Lisa Sharon Harper, Speaker, Writer, Advocate, and Founder and President of FreedomRoad.us

**March 31:** Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching, Duke Divinity School

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

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

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### **CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS**

- *Jim Mau* – Jim is recuperating from skin graft surgery.

**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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