



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

Mission . Education . Fellowship

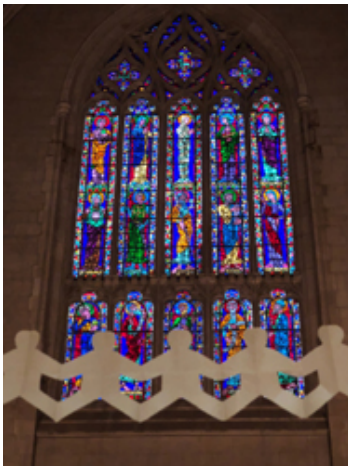
DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

11-15-2018

One Sunday after worship, four of us from the Congregation received funny looks. We had a paper chain of people and with old-fashioned trial and error, we took pictures of the paper chain in the Duke Chapel sanctuary.

In a way, it was a study in contrasts – a simple cutout from a brown paper bag with a back drop of stunning beauty in stained glass or the majestic length of the long center aisle, looking toward the Flentrop organ. You have seen some of these photos in recent weeks.

From the
Senior Pastor



The chain of paper people reminds us that we are all connected to one another; all of us are linked together. And we are together in this special place we call Duke Chapel. We are the stewards of the life and ministry of the Congregation at Duke Chapel, a ministry that preceded many of us and a ministry that will continue long after each of us is gone. Our work as a people of faith is to strengthen, support, and deepen this ministry to the end that we glorify God. Our efforts are not to draw attention to ourselves, but instead to point to the kingdom of God. We are called to faithfulness in this time and place, yet our cause is greater than any one of us, even greater than all of us together. Our calling is bigger, loftier, and more demanding that any of us can handle alone for it comes from God.

Our faithfulness as a Congregation depends on the connectedness of all of us to one another, to God, and to our neighbors. This month, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you will sustain the Congregation financially. The Stewardship and Finance Committee asks that all of us return a sustainer commitment card to the church office by the end of November. You may also submit a [commitment online](#). Gifts of all sizes are needed and welcomed.

Out of gratitude to God and a desire to sustain this community of faith, I ask that you join me in making a financial commitment to the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Carol

Note: Details about the Congregation's finances are available [online](#) and from the Congregation Office.

This Sunday November 18

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 in 0013 Westbrook.

- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** A study of Ezra and Nehemiah in 0015 Westbrook
- **ADULT FORUM:** Dr. Philip Cave, Associate Conductor of Chapel Music and Interim Director of Chapel Choir, will present "Getting a Handel on Mozart" and "Bach to the Future" in 0012 Westbrook.

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Preaching: Bishop Charlene Krammerer, Retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church

Sermon: I Have Asked Him of the Lord

Scripture readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Mark 13:1-8

Hymns: #139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; #292 What Wondrous Love Is This; #730

O Day of God, Draw Nigh; #117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

All are welcome!

MEETINGS AFTER WORSHIP

- Education Committee will meet in the Chapel kitchen. All those interested in planning educational opportunities are welcome to attend.
- Visitation and Care Ministry will meet in Carol Gregg's Office. Those who would like to visit members who are ill or injured are welcome to attend.
- Lay Mentoring Committee will meet in the Congregation office.

MISSION

ANGEL TREE

This holiday season, the Mission and Outreach Committee of the Congregation is providing a way of saying, "I care for you," to neighbors in the Durham community by giving gifts through the Duke Community Service Center's "Project Share." This program invites donations of new gifts for economically disadvantaged Durham citizens to "help create holiday memories" for them. On **Sundays, November 18 and 25** volunteers may select the name of a child or an adult for whom to provide gifts. Look for the Christmas Angel bulletin board in the narthex after worship. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to the Chapel by **Monday, December 3**.



HABITAT SERVICE DAY

Make your Thanksgiving weekend special, by helping to build a house for someone else. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 24** from **8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** to assist in building a home for the Hernandez family at 117 Hillside in Durham with Habitat for Humanity. This house is sponsored by Duke Chapel, the Congregation at Duke Chapel, Duke students, and other Duke departments. Please sign up here: Duke Habitat Build Days .

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET FOR ZOE

After worship on Sundays, **December 9 and 16** there will be an alternative gift market for ZOE, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to move out



of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark. This could be given to someone on your Christmas list who would like to know that a "Gift of Help" is empowering a child in Africa, India, or Central America. Information about ZOE will also be available.



FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

The Congregation joins with two other churches to provide dinner and child care for Families Moving Forward (<https://fmfnc.org>) four times a year. On Monday nights, dinner is served to all the residents of the house which is usually about 20-25 adults and 35-40 children. The three churches prepare and bring the food. After dinner, child care is provided to the preschoolers while their parents

are in classes to prepare for jobs and return to housing with their family. On Tuesday nights, the Congregation prepares and serves dinner for about 20 adults and children and may provide child care depending on the needs and other volunteers that may be present. [Jane Fellows \(janeafellows@msn.com\)](mailto:janeafellows@msn.com) and [Linda Daniel \(lcdaniel1902@yahoo.com\)](mailto:lcdaniel1902@yahoo.com) are responsible for this mission activity of the Congregation and would like to form a team of people who would commit to doing this each time we serve. Four more people are needed to have enough volunteers for each night and a couple of extras so if one could not serve another would be able to substitute. If you are interested in a recurring, but not very demanding, volunteer activity and an opportunity to see one of the agencies our Mission and Outreach Committee supports at work, we invite you to join this team. The next dates of service are **December 10** and **December 11**. Please contact Linda or Jane with any questions or to help in December. Thank you.

URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

- Many thanks to the volunteers who served 236 lasagna dinners to residents and guests at the Urban Ministries Café on October 24: Dave Vos, Judi Vos, Ann Sager, Ann Wright, Nancy Wawrousek, Linda Daniel, Jane Fellows, Cricket Scovil, Maureen Johnson, and Jennie Brooks.
- Also, many thanks to the volunteers who served 189 guests at Urban Ministries on the evening of November 11: Marsha and Sam Riggsbee, Nell Noonan, Roy Tuckett, Linda Daniel, Nancy Wawrousek, Ann Sager, Bill Jones, Sara Marks, Nancy Marks, Cricket Scovil, Jeanine Valkos, and Bill Youngblood.
- SPECIAL THANKS to Bill Youngblood who is retiring as coordinator for the Sunday Night dinners. I would like to give a joyous shout out to Jeanine Valkos who will be taking over as Sunday night dinner coordinator beginning in January, 2019.
- Please consider signing up for the dinner on **Wednesday December 26, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Even though it is the day after Christmas, we still need 22 lasagnas and ten or so volunteers. As I will be out of town, I would like to get a good sign up as early as possible. We also appreciate those who can cook and drop off two cooked 12-serving Stouffers lasagnas at **6:15 p.m.** but who may not be able to stay and serve. Please consider making this date a part of your Christmas celebration this year. As always, thanks, in advance, for your time.



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF DURHAM



ZOE UPDATE

The ZOE orphan group in Zimbabwe, supported by the Congregation over the past three years, has graduated. Pastor Carol and Jane Fellows visited this group in the spring of 2017.

- ZOE provided a grant of \$2080 to start the following projects: a grocery shop, horticulture, flea market selling, and raising broiler chickens, \$130 for purchasing seeds, hoes, and watering cans for a community garden.
- Individual Income Activities and Businesses: After completing business training and creating a business plan, each head of household applied to their group for a grant of \$150 to start their initial income activity in the following areas: buying and selling of small groceries, keeping traditional poultry, carpentry, catering, horticulture, raising broiler chickens, sewing/tailoring. Seven youth attended vocational training; two in carpentry and four in catering. They also earn income from selling the surplus harvest of their maize crops.
- Food Security and Agriculture: Before ZOE they generally ate one meal a day, consisting of sadza (corn flour mixed with water) and greens. Each household was provided vegetable seeds for kitchen gardens, seeds for planting a crop of maize, and fertilizer. Many have been able to purchase livestock. Now they have three meals a day with a healthy variety of foods.
- Health and Hygiene: Classes in health risks and health promotion were completed. Now 90% of families have access to health services.
- Housing: With the help of their groupmates and support from ZOE, two houses were built, and 11 houses were renovated. Seventeen latrines were built.
- Education: Seven youth who had dropped out of school were reintegrated and younger siblings attend school consistently.
- Spiritual Strengthening: Before ZOE they felt abandoned by God. Now they are humbled by the grace of God that made their lives better and are all attending and participating in church activities.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Hearty volunteers worked on Saturday, November 10 to prepare a room for Restorative Justice Circles sponsored by the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham.



EDUCATION

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:

November 25 – Lynn Holmes, Divinity School Intern with the Congregation, “Changing Trends in Global Christianity”.

December 2, 9, 16 and 23 – Dr. Richard Heitzenrater, Professor Emeritus of Church History and Wesley Studies, Duke Divinity - Advent study on the *Messiah*

December 30 – No class



ADVENT STUDY ON THE MESSIAH

While Handel's *Messiah* has been sung many times in the Chapel during the last eight and half decades, and the text selected by Charles Jennens and Handel's musical setting has remained pertinent for more than two and a half centuries, the text is drawn from Biblical writings that are ten times older than that! Come learn about some of the theological context for the *Messiah* from a scholar who has also sung this oratorio many times. Dr. Richard Heitzenrater, William Kellon Quick Professor Emeritus of Church History and Wesley Studies, Duke Divinity School, will lead a study on the *Messiah* on the four Sundays of Advent. The class will meet

December 2, 9, 16, and 23 from **9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** in Westbrook 0012, which is in the lowest level of the Divinity school. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to explore their faith, make new friends, and share in laughter with the Youth Group. On **Sunday, December 2** from **12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.**, the group will gather for pizza and fellowship in the Chapel kitchen. On **Friday, December 21** at **6:00 p.m.** the annual Christmas potluck will be held at the Dennehy's home. All parents and youth are invited to come with a dish they'd like to share. Thank

you to all those who have volunteered to bring meals for the lunch gatherings. If you would like to volunteer, contact [Josh Stanley](#).

PUB THEOLOGY

Join us on **Thursday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.** at [Pour Taproom](#) as we wrestle with questions and discussions over "Faith + Sabbath". A reading and intro questions will be included in future announcements, so be on the lookout.

Whatever you drink and whatever you think, you 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](#).



LECTIONERY BIBLE STUDY

The Lectionary Bible Study will meet in the library of The Forest at Duke on **Friday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be Luke 1:57-80.

TRIPLE T

The young adults will meet on **Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Keep an eye out for the young adult email with a list of readings that will be discussed. All are invited to come with a hungry spirit and a hungry stomach. Food will be provided. If you have questions, contact [Josh Stanley](#).

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.**

FELLOWSHIP

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Growing Thru Grief offers year-round support for those who have lost a loved one. The meetings begin with a short presentation about one aspect of grief, which is followed by small groups discussion. On **November 27**, Duke HomeCare and Hospice will lead the session on "Surviving the Holidays," and on **December 11**, Debbie Davis will perform on the cello. On weeks without a formal presenter, our facilitation team offers some discussion-starters. [Growing thru Grief](#) is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area religious and civic organizations, including the Congregation, to provide support and comfort to those who mourn. Meetings are held year-round on **Tuesdays (except for holidays)** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis. Participants gather at **4:00 p.m.** for registration, coffee, and cookies; the meeting starts at **4:30 p.m.** and ends by **6:00 p.m.**

LUNCH ON DECEMBER 9

The Fellowship Committee invites you to stay after worship on **Sunday, December 9**, to enjoy lunch with other worshipers in the Brodhead Center. The [Brodhead Center](#), which is a short walk from the Chapel, provides a wide array of dining options. Participants will purchase their own lunch then gather in the Great Hall dining area on the main floor to share a time of fellowship and food. Volunteers will provide [directions](#).



SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **December 12 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Parizade, 2200 W Main Street, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by **Monday, December 10 by noon** if you plan to attend.

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

The young adults will gather for fellowship over a meal on **Friday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.** at Blue Corn Cafe (716 9th St, Durham). This is an opportunity to enjoy a local restaurant and one another's company as we gather after the holiday season. We ask that each person purchase their own meal.



GOOD TO KNOW

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual stewardship mailing is on its way. In it, you are asked to consider the value of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel, both to you and to our community. What our membership and staff do for all our education, fellowship and outreach ministries cannot be done by individuals alone but only as a church body, a covenant community.



"In a Christian community, everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

We are linked together in Jesus Christ, and empowered by God to reach out to others. We are strongest when each person is connected to God and each other.

We need more households to become financial Sustainers. Commitments made by sustainers increase the confidence of the Congregation leadership team to grow our ministries and our impact as a church community.

We are grateful for your financial support of the Congregation and ask that all households complete a new card. When you return your sustainer card (by mail or online) you will join the Congregation Council, staff and this committee in being Sustainers.

CHOIR APPRECIATION HELP NEEDED

The Congregation demonstrates loving appreciation for the Chapel Choir by providing refreshments during the Friday evening of the annual Messiah performances, this year on **November 30**. Volunteers are needed to provide an assortment of goodies. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup. For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Darla Miller](#).



Help is also needed on **December 24** to support the Christmas Eve Choir. Every year the Congregation provides simple refreshments in the kitchen for the community choir to snack on between rehearsal and the 11:00 p.m. service. A host/hostess is needed to help with this. The snacks should be available between **9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.**, and then the kitchen tidied up. Please contact Cindy Gass at cynthia.gass@gmail.com if you are available to do this.

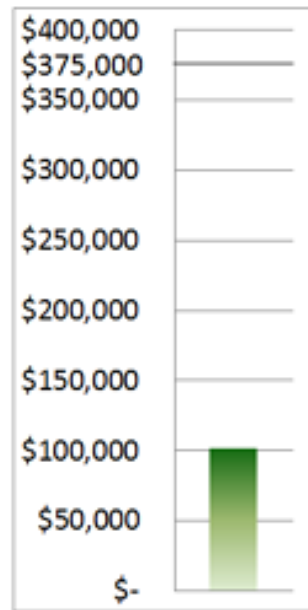
NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregation Council met on November 8, at The Forest at Duke. The major highlight of this month's meeting was a request for the eleven members of the New Member class to be approved to join the Congregation. The Council happily welcomed them with a unanimous vote of approval.

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, January 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke on Pickett Road.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year</i>	Actual to November 2	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$ 101,378.00	\$375,000
Other Income	\$1,112	\$1,800
Restricted Assets Released	\$21,098	\$0
Expenses	\$128,741	\$386,759
Difference	-\$5,153	-\$9,959



Donations received during first 4 months of current fiscal year

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 10 & 11 – Families Moving Forward Dinners
- December 26 – Urban Ministries Dinner
- January 5, 2019 – Habitat Service Project
- 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

COMING IN DECEMBER

December Birthdays

- 5** Ginny Cole, Willie Mae Jones, Jeannie Norris
- 6** Rosemary Nye
- 7** Beth Owen
- 8** Kevin Moore, Chris O'Connor
- 10** Dana Moller, Susan Willms
- 12** Maggie Coates, Cary Gravatt
- 13** Gloria Dockery, Kathi Peindl, Ann Sager
- 15** Kimberley Caulfeild
- 17** Alexander Young
- 18** Pam Marcom, Rachel Stanley
- 19** Joe Coates
- 20** Julie Snyder, Steven Winters Jr.
- 22** Mary Ruth Miller
- 25** David Baker
- 26** Ed Gerler, Hugh Knapp, Patsy Willimon
- 27** Lucy Worth
- 29** Drew Hains, Kristen Swaringen
- 30** Lydia Califf, Maggie Chambers, Jane Fellows
- 31** Kelsey Armstrong, Cat Clyburn, Maureen Lewis, Lynn Yanyo

December Worship Services

December 2: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Will Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry,
Duke Divinity School

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

December 9: Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

December 16: 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

December 23: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sally Bates, Retired Duke Divinity School Chaplain

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

December 24:

2:00 p.m. Duke Chapel Children's Christmas Eve Service

4:00 p.m. Worship Service, Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

6:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion, The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of
Duke Chapel

11:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

December 30: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg, Senior Pastor, Congregation at Duke University
Chapel

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

OFFICE CLOSED

The Congregation Office will be closed on Thanksgiving week, **November 22 and 23**,
Christmas Eve, **December 24** and Christmas Day, **December 25**, as well as New Year's
Eve, **December 31** and New Year's Day, **January 1**.

CONGREGATION CALENDAR
DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Mary Eubanks* - Mary is recuperating at home from a broken collarbone.

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 Tuesday.

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

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