



# The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

*Mission . Education . Fellowship*

DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

03-19-2020

Socially Isolated, Spiritually Connected

Can we do it? I think so.

From the  
Senior Pastor



Last week, as the Congregation Council met, they originally anticipated routine business and a light agenda. As the week unfolded, the circumstances were anything but routine and the agenda anything but light. In their collective spiritual wisdom, the Council made decisions to limit gatherings, encourage virtual connections, to offer encouragement, and to be mindful of the practical needs of our members. As they concluded the meeting, they noted that while we will be socially isolated for a season, we can remain spiritually connected. I believe we may also find that this is a season in which we can deepen our spiritual connections to God and each other.

Duke Chapel is now closed to everyone except Duke Chapel staff and the restrictions on University-sponsored events has been extended to May 7. The Chapel staff and I will provide live worship services on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m., unless additional restrictions are implemented. While the Chapel is closed, the Congregation's meetings, small groups, and classes will transition to virtual formats. Several committees have already meet electronically. We are working to provide virtual Sunday morning educational opportunities and our Visitation and Care Ministry is making phone calls a number of our members.

As individuals, each of us can intentionally strive to be spiritually connected. Now is a great time to pair classic spiritual disciplines such as prayer and reading scripture with a new discipline of limiting your intake of daily news. Prayer and scripture will ground us in Christ, our sure foundation. Staying informed, yet limiting our intake of news about COVID-19, may help keep us from feeling overwhelmed. Now is also a perfect time to pair the use of the familiar phone with newer technologies such as video conferencing to stay in touch with each other. Could we each make one or two calls every day to check on dear friends and to make new friends? We are likely to find people at home! In addition, I ask that you help me stay informed of any pastoral needs that you or others may have. During this season, let's be creative and intentional about deepening our connections with one another and with God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Carol

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## **GREETINGS FROM YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

We wish to share our concern for you, and all members and friends of the Congregation, as we confront the coronavirus. We will miss joining you for worship and the comfort we gain by gathering together at the Chapel services.

The Council has you in our prayers for your health and well-being. Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, and consider reaching out to others to assure them of your prayers. Here is a thought that was shared at our Council meeting that can help us at this time: "even though we are socially isolated, we are not spiritually isolated."

The Peace of Christ Be with You,  
Brady Surles, Vice President, Congregation Council

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## **MESSAGES FROM UNIVERSITY AND CHAPEL LEADERSHIP**

Please take a moment to view the video message from Duke University President Dr. Price and Dean of the Chapel Dr. Powery.

[Dean Powery](#)  
[President Price](#)

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## This Sunday March 22

Sunday morning classes, if possible, will meet virtually from **9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**

- **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** For youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades will engage in a virtual discussion of the gospel of Matthew. Contact [Matt Wright](#) for details.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** A study of Acts will be held [virtually at this link](#)

### UNIVERSITY WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. online

[Fourth Sunday in Lent](#)

Preaching: The Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of the Chapel

[Worship Online Here](#)

All are welcome!

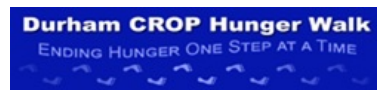
### MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

- The Education Committee will meet virtually at **1:00 p.m.**
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## MISSION

### SERVICE PROJECTS CANCELED

The service projects originally scheduled for **Saturday, March 28** at Reality Ministries are now **canceled**.



### VIRTUAL CROP WALK

The 46th Durham CROP Walk is now a virtual event, allowing all to participate. While there will be no walk on

**April 5**, donations to fight hunger both locally and globally are still needed. Please consider supporting the "walk" with donations and prayers.

### URBAN MINISTRY NEEDS

The Congregation has long supported [Urban Ministries of Durham](#), a shelter for the homeless. Due to the current health crisis, Urban Ministries is seeking help with the following:

- Supplies through their [Amazon Wish List](#)
  - Food and bottled water for our Kitchen and Food Pantry
  - Volunteers, who are not at high risk of disease, to staff the kitchen and food pantry.
- All meals at Urban Ministries are now packaged for take-out.

For more information, contact [Urban Ministries](#).

### URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Congregation members prepared 20 lasagnas and served 185 of our neighbors at the Urban Ministries café on Wednesday, February 26. Thank you to Dave Vos, Judi Vos, Caroline Craig, Fran Steele, Kathy Jones, Bill Jones, Cricket Scovil, Paul Singer, Nancy Wawrousek, Daren Hansen, Jessie Chang, Yien, and Leah Welsh.



Also, many thanks to the members of The Congregation and friends who helped serve 175 meals at Urban Ministries on Sunday, March 8: Daren Hansen, Nancy Wawrousek, Gary Bauer, Billie Bauer, Julian Straninger, Jeanine Valkos, Cricket Scovil, Marcus Lentz, Matt Scovil, Janet Hortin, and Sharon Jones.

New volunteers are always welcome. The time commitment is one hour and forty-five minutes for each of the monthly dinners served. Early sign-ups by [email](#) are greatly appreciated.

As of this writing, Urban Ministries is still asking volunteers to provide dinners for those they serve while simultaneously asking volunteers to be prudent about their participation. Please watch for additional information and changing circumstances.

Upcoming Dinners:

- **Wednesday, April 22, from 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, May 10, from 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, June 24, from 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, July 12, from 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, August 26, from 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, September 13, from 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

### **LENTEN SERVICE TRIP**

The Lenten Service Trip, comprised of Carol Matteson, team leader, Jane Fellows, Linda Gauger, Carol Gregg, Jan Gwyer, Dave and Judi Vos and Daniel Warren completed a week of service in Whiteville, NC. The group laid flooring for a couple whose home had been damaged by Hurricane Florence. The volunteers were grateful for the opportunity to serve.



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## **EDUCATION**

### **GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to connect virtually for discussion on **Monday March 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Conversation will be focused on the gospel of Matthew. Please log on here. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright for additional information.

### **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Annual Children's Program and Egg Hunt scheduled for **April 4** has been **cancelled**.

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## **FELLOWSHIP**

### **GROWING THRU GRIEF**

Weekly meetings of Growing Thru Grief have been **suspended** at least until **Tuesday, April 14.**

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## **GOOD TO KNOW**

### **CONTACT STAFF DIRECTLY**

All of the Congregation staff are continuing to serve, though they are all working remotely. For that reason, please email rather than call the Congregation office, or email staff members directly.

### **UPDATES FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY**

Duke University is rapidly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of this writing, restrictions on University-sponsored events has been extended to **May 7, 2020** and Duke Chapel is now closed to everyone except for Chapel staff. For complete details and

updates, please see the webpage [Duke Coronavirus Response](#).



### MISSING THE CHAPEL?

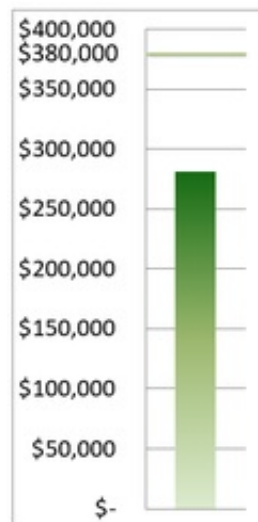
For those who are missing Duke Chapel, please check out [Duke Chapel's YouTube](#) channel which has recordings of ministries such as worship services, organ concerts, and panel discussions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 10, 2020 – Sunday Worship Service at The Forest at Duke University
- May 15-17, 2020 – Annual Overnight Retreat at Ft. Caswell, Oak Island, NC
- June 14, 2020 – Annual Business Meeting

### MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2019-June 2020 fiscal year</i>	Actual to February 29	Annual Budget
Contributions	<b>\$281,137</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>
Other Income	\$2,416	<b>\$3,000</b>
Restricted Assets Released	\$22,838	<b>\$0</b>
Expenses	\$279,273	<b>\$381,473</b>
Difference	\$27,317	<b>-\$1,527</b>



### COMING IN APRIL

#### April Birthdays

- 1 Linda Karolak
- 2 Bob Martin
- 3 Abe Lakis; Jim Wisner; Evie Wolff
- 4 Carolene Grffin; Krystof Kucera
- 5 Zachary Powery
- 6 Andrew Wynkoop; Paul Wynkoop

- 7 Paulette Daniel; Ann Gravatt  
8 Harrington George; Elinor Knapp; Shirley Ort  
10 Stephen Chapman; Parker Ingui; Jeanne Weston  
11 Judith Goodman; Charlotte Harrison; Marianna Henry; Stacy Nelson; Paige O'Keefe  
12 Yvette Cumming; Julie Haase; Sophie Marcom; Martha Sheppard  
13 Ira Mueller  
15 Bui Ksor; Stephen Viola  
16 Moriah Powery  
17 John Haase; Jeffrey Huo; Karthik Sundaram  
19 Madeline Cacchio; Shon Donaie; Cindy Karabinos; Randall Teel  
20 Steven Cox  
21 Yvonne Carey; Eloise Manuel  
22 Ngat Kpa  
25 Jeffrey Broos; Cindy Gass; Jerry Grise  
27 Allison McDougal  
29 Don Mitchell  
30 Patrick Driscoll; Mike Karabinos; Peggy Weinerth

### **April Communion at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community - CANCELED**

### **April Worship Services at Duke Chapel – CANCELED**

There will be a worship service live broadcast on **Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

From the Duke Chapel website: [Tune in live](#) to Sunday morning services on the [Duke Chapel YouTube Channel](#), channel 12 of the Duke Hospital TV System, channel 110 of the Duke Campus Vision TV system, and WDNC Radio (620 AM). Listen to rebroadcasts of services on **Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** on WPTF Radio (680 AM), as well as on The People's Channel on Spectrum Cable in Durham and Chapel Hill.

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

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### **CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS**

- *Gay Elliot*: Gay is being treated for some circulatory concerns.
- *Karen Heitzenrater*: Karen is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.
- *Scott Hill*: Scott is recuperating from hip replacement surgery.
- *Maureen Maguire Lewis*: Maureen is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.
- *Pat Murray*: Pat died on March 12 after a long illness. Services for her are not yet planned.
- *Peggy Ray*: Peggy is recuperating from a broken arm.
- *Mike Smith*: Mike is recuperating from heart surgery.
- *Steve Winters*: Steve is spending 10 weeks in medical mission work in Kenya.

**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:**

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