



# The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

## Mission . Education . Fellowship

DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

05-23-2019

Anonymity is not really part of the Christian life. There may be times in which we may need a little distance from the community of faith or seasons in which God seems quite removed. While this may be true for a time, it is not the goal. Just the opposite. God calls us into relationship with each other and with God.

From the  
Senior Pastor



The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to be so connected to one another that we function as one body, each of us an essential part of the whole. (Romans 12). The Psalmist proclaims that God searches and knows us deeply and completely. (Psalm 139). In Ezekiel, the phrase “know that I am the Lord” is repeated 60 out of the 75 times it occurs in the Bible. The prophet reminds us that God wants to be known.

The Congregation’s weekend retreat explored the topic of discernment, which is motivated by a desire to know God and God’s will. As we reflected on “Living a Listening Life”, we considered how God speaks through scripture, visions, dreams, silence, and other people. We remembered that God’s Word is most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, as we celebrated communion tasting and seeing that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34).

I invite you to know and be known as we continue to deepen our connection with God and each other.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Carol

---

### This Sunday May 26

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday morning classes WILL NOT MEET this Sunday due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

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

##### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Michael Brown, Retired Minister of Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, author of numerous books, and regular contributor to *The Huffington Post* and Thrive Global.

Scripture readings: Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Sermon: Not As the World Gives

Hymns: #103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise; #596 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word; #428 For the Healing of the Nations

All are welcome!

---

### MISSION

#### BACK PEW COLLECTION

The monthly Back Pew Collection this Sunday, **May 26** will benefit SEEDS (Southeastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces), a two-acre urban garden and kitchen classroom in the heart of Durham. SEEDS develops the capacity of young people to respect life, the earth, and each other through growing, cooking, and



sharing food. See the SEEDS Amazon [wishlist at this link](#). Purchase any of these items and leave them on the back pew, or have your donation shipped directly to SEEDS at [706 Gilbert Street, Durham, NC 27701](#). Items from the Amazon list that are especially needed are:

- Plastic cutting boards
- Cooling racks
- Steamer, Salad spinner
- 2-quart, 4-quart, and 8-quart food storage containers

### **BASEBALL ON MAY 31**

Reserve a ticket now for a Durham Bulls baseball game on **Friday, May 31 at 7:05 p.m.** to enjoy some Congregational fellowship and visit with veterans who are part of Maple Court Veterans Transitional Housing Program. The group rate tickets are \$12 each, and seats will be near the reserved terrace covered seating in section 209. Please email, text, or call your reservation to [Lynne Arden](#) or 919-937-0030 by **Friday, May 24**. Payment and delivery of your ticket(s) will be made outside the DBAP on the day of the event or prior to the event by request. Please note: This is an alcohol-free event, and you are encouraged to wear your Congregation at Duke Chapel t-shirt.



In addition, please consider donating to the cost of tickets and concession stand food and beverages. Checks can be made payable to The Congregation at Duke Chapel with "Local Missions Ballgame" written in the memo line.

### **TRAVEL TO HAITI TO LEARN ABOUT FHM**

Duke Chapel and the Congregation at Duke Chapel both have a long history with [Family Health Ministries](#) in Haiti. For over 25 years, Family Health Ministries (FHM) has supported Haitian communities in their efforts to build and sustain healthy families, particularly through a focus on women's health. Individuals and families interested in Haiti and FHM are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Sunday, June 16 at 12:15 p.m.** in the Chapel Kitchen to learn about a trip to Haiti planned for **September 30 – October 4, 2019**. For more information, please contact [Carol Gregg](#) or [Bruce Puckett](#).

### **URBAN MINISTRIES**

Many thanks to the wonderful Congregation members and friends who cooked Stouffer's lasagnas and helped serve 188 dinners at the Urban Ministries Cafe on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 12: Jeanine Valkos (dinner coordinator), Lynne Arden, Bill Jones, Kathy Jones, Karen Leonardi Shaefer and Frances, Leah Walsh, Ruth Shallert, David Paletta, Daren Hansen, Sharon Anjali Jones, Cricket Scovil, Linda Daniel, and Jan Gwyer.



URBAN MINISTRIES  
OF DURHAM

The next Urban Ministries dinner is on **Wednesday, June 26, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Volunteers and lasagnas are still needed! Please email [Cricket Scovil](#) at [scovilj@aol.com](mailto:scovilj@aol.com) to volunteer. New volunteers are always welcome! Dinners this summer/fall are on:

- July 14, 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- August 28, 6:15 pm. to 8:00 p.m.
- September 8, 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- October 23, 6:15 pm. to 8:00 p.m.
- November 10, 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Send a quick email to [Cricket](#) to sign up. Thanks to the many people who continue to make this ministry an important part of the life of our Congregation.

### **JUNE SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT**

The mission of the [Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina](#) is: *No One Goes Hungry in Central and Eastern North Carolina*. This nonprofit organization was established in 1980 and has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties for over 35 years. Sadly, food insecurity remains a serious problem in central and



eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 600,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for a healthy life.

Please consider volunteering and making a difference to our neighbors on **Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon**. Volunteers will be bagging or sorting food for distribution and will be working in the comfortable air-conditioned warehouse. Please wear closed-toe shoes for safety purposes. All those age 12 and older are welcome to participate. The Food Bank is located at 2700 Angier

Avenue, Durham. [Please sign up here](#).

---

## EDUCATION

### EDUCATION RECESS

Sunday morning classes will not be held on **May 26** due to the Memorial Day holiday. Classes for all ages will resume on **Sunday, June 2 at 9:45 a.m.**

### EZEKIEL BIBLE STUDY

The summer Bible study for adults and youth will focus on the complex, interesting, and sometimes strange book of Ezekiel. The study will meet at **9:45 a.m.** on Sunday mornings in Westbrook 0013 starting on **June 2**. Dr. Stephen Chapman, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity School, will start the series by providing an overview of the Book of Ezekiel.

### SUMMER CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

The summer session of Christian Education classes for children begins on **June 2** and runs through **September 1**, at **9:45 a.m.** each Sunday morning.

- **Wee Praise**, for children 0-3 along with parent(s) or caregiver(s). *Note:* If your child turned 4 since last September, you should continue in Wee Praise this summer. Children who are 4 as of September 1 will be invited to join Godly Play when the academic year session begins on September 8.
- **Godly Play**, for children who turned 4 as of 9/1/2018 through rising sixth graders. *Note:* Rising sixth graders will join Youth Bible Study when it resumes for the academic year on September 8.

### WEE PRAISE

Wee Praise is heating it up this summer by adding a Salsa beat to some of the tunes and adding some yoga to the movement. Vacation Bible School favorites will also be brought back, such as "All God's Critters," "I've Got That Joy," and "Rise and Shine". Any special requests? Want to accompany the class with your guitar? Just email Kate DeAlmeida at [thedealmeidas@aol.com](mailto:thedealmeidas@aol.com). Come praise God in Wee Praise every Sunday this summer starting **June 2!**

**WEE PRAISE**



### GODLY PLAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Godly Play classroom, for children ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, is bursting at the seams with participants on Sunday mornings! To correct this overcrowding, the class will be divided, but that means more volunteers are needed.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The best way to understand this statement is to be WITH children. Now is your chance! Please contact Phyllis Snyder if you would like to become part of the Godly Play Teaching Team.

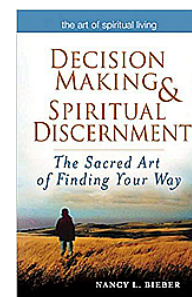
Being part of this Team means you would be in a rotation to volunteer on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. There are two adults present in each classroom—a Storyteller and a Door Person. In addition to telling the story, the Storyteller anchors the room for the children. The Door Person acts as support person for the children, not only greeting them when they arrive, but assisting with anything they



might need while in class. Both adult positions have the very important role of observing the children in order to help them get the most from their experience in class. Please consider serving the children, and the church, in this important way!

## DECISIONS?

Summer book groups will be reading *Decision Making and Spiritual Discernment: The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way* by Nancy Bieber. Bieber is a psychologist and spiritual director who helps readers explore willingness, attentiveness, and responsiveness in responding to God's work in our lives. Book groups will meet on **Wednesdays**, one at **10:00 a.m.** and the other at **7:30 p.m.** beginning **June 5** and concluding **July 10**. Participants will purchase their own books. Please contact the Congregation office if you plan to attend.



## PUB THEOLOGY

Join the young adults **Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.** at Pour Taproom, 202 Corcoran Street, #200, Durham for fellowship and discussion. Email James Spencer for more information, check out the Facebook Group, or you can sign up for the email list here.

## LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The lectionary Bible study will meet in the library of The Forest at Duke on **Friday, June 7** at **10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be Ezekiel 2.

## YOUNG ADULT DINNER AND DISCUSSION

University students and young adults will gather for dinner and discussion on **Mondays, June 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.** to talk about current events in the light of faith. The topics of discussion will be prompted by Wired Word. Please contact Carol Gregg for more information.

## OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for planning the Annual Overnight Retreat at Ft. Caswell and the 41 people who attended. Participants gained new insights on discerning God's will, took time to listen to each other, engaged in conversation and worship, and enjoyed walks on the beach. Additional photos are on the Congregation's Facebook page.



Adults & youth hear about discernment



Preparing for worship on the beach

### SUPPORT FOR THE GRIEVING

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area 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. The program begins at **4:00 p.m.** with registration and refreshments, moves to a presentation and small group discussion at **4:30 p.m.** and concludes by **6:00 p.m.** The upcoming schedule is:

- **May 28:** Nell Noonan will guide us in "Summoning Memories"
- **June 11:** Marge Satinsky will lead us with "Healing Yoga"
- **June 25:** Evelyn Reed's topic is "Control Issues in Grief and Life"

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, June 2** for an Ice Cream Social in Chapel Lounge. Attendees will be able to create a sundae with a variety of toppings and have an opportunity for fellowship with members new and old. Beverages, ice cream and toppings will be provided by Fellowship Committee. Start the summer with a cool treat and warm fellowship.

### SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **June 12 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Magianno's Little Italy, 8030 Renaissance Parkway,

Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by **Monday, June 10** if you plan to attend.



---

## GOOD TO KNOW

### SING THIS SUNDAY

Those who enjoy music are invited to sing in the summer choir this **Sunday, May 26** as well as on **June 2, June 30, and August 4.** Rehearsal begins at 9:30 a.m. in the choir loft. For more information and details about the music, please contact Philip Cave.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Congregation Office will be closed **Monday, May 27**, in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Congregation's Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 9** after worship. Lunch will be served in the Divinity School Café immediately following worship; the business meeting will be held in Goodson Chapel at **1:00 p.m.** Contribution for the catered lunch is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by contacting the Congregation office by **Monday, June 3.** All of the materials for the annual meeting, including budgets, reports, and nominations are available online. Please review the material prior to the meeting.

### NEW DIRECTOR OF CHAPEL MUSIC

Dean Powery has announced that Dr. Zebulon Highben will be the Director of Chapel Music effective July 15. Detailed information is available at Duke Today.

### ROAD CLOSURES

An update to summer construction on campus indicates that Towerview Road, previously reported to be closed, will now remain open. However, Chapel Drive between Duke University Rd. and the Campus Drive traffic circle, will be closed. The roadway that loops in front of the Chapel is included in this closure, which means there will be no handicapped parking available in the front of the Chapel for the summer. For details, please see this updated article on summer construction at Duke.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 29 – Service Project at the Food Bank
- July 14 – Lemonade on the Lawn
- September 15 – Church picnic
- September 30 – October 4 – Visit to Family Health Ministries in Haiti



### VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE CONCERT

The Vocal Arts Ensemble (VAE), led by Rodney Wynkoop, will perform its annual summer concert, “We Can Mend the Sky,” on **Sunday, June 9**, at **5:00 p.m.** in Duke Chapel. Admission is \$10; tickets are available at [www.tickets.duke.edu](http://www.tickets.duke.edu) and at the door. The program includes music of remembrance and healing by composers such as Daniel Elder, Dan Forrest, and Jake Runestad. A number of Chapel Choir members are singing in the concert and would be pleased to see you there. See [www.vocalartsensemble.org](http://www.vocalartsensemble.org) for further details. See the official [concert flyer here](#).

### MAY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Congregation Council met on May 9, 2019, at The Forest at Duke. In a highlight of this meeting, the Council approved the hiring of Matt Wright and Michael Larbi as interim, part-time staff. Starting in August, Matt will work with youth and young adults, and Michael will work with small groups on education and spiritual formation.

Another highlight was the final review of the FY20 budget, which will be presented for the Congregation’s approval at the upcoming annual business meeting on June 9, 2019. Treasurer Bill Youngblood noted that this is the first budget in a long time to be in the black.

Vice-President Craig DeAlmeida reported that development of the Congregation’s new strategic plan is underway. Our plan will align with the Chapel’s latest strategic plan, and it will be developed over the next several months.

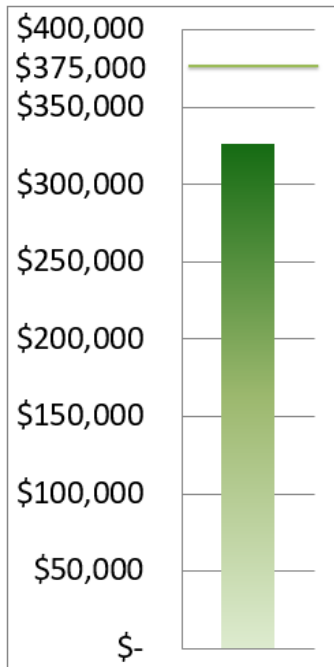
This was the final meeting of the 2018-2019 Council. President Jan Gwyer thanked everyone for their time and effort and their willingness to work together to build consensus.

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, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke on Pickett Road.

### MAY FINANCIAL UPDATE AND REPORT

We are close! Our fiscal year ends **June 30**. We are very grateful for all your contributions to date but we still need \$48K to meet our revenue goal of \$375K. The Administration and the Finance Committee have managed our resources carefully. With your help we can end the year with a positive net income instead of the budgeted deficit of (\$9.9K), breaking a string of budgeted deficits.

<i>July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year</i>	Actual to April 30	Annual Budget
Contributions	<b>\$326,559</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>
Other Income	\$2,993	<b>\$1,800</b>
Restricted Assets Released	\$40,484	<b>\$0</b>
Expenses	\$335,943	<b>\$386,759</b>
Difference	\$38,193	<b>-\$9,959</b>



## COMING IN JUNE

### June Birthdays

- 1 Nathanael Gass; Elijah McDaniel; John Weinerth
- 2 Sara Harper; Betty Hummelbrunner; David Lewis
- 3 Brenda Brodie; Darry Conner; Conrad Hall; Lois Scheirer; Eric Schoch
- 5 Dávid Dézsi
- 6 Judi Vos
- 7 Robert McLaughlin
- 8 Phyllis Vandenberg; Madison Washam; Joseph Winters
- 9 Lynn O'Connor
- 10 Fred Westbrook III
- 11 Rom Alphin; Philip Guzman; Sabat Siu
- 12 Penny Oslund
- 13 Chuck King; Anne S. Wright
- 14 Nicole Dalzell; Sharon Jones; Loudon Sandor; Oliver Sandor
- 16 Cynthia Hickey
- 18 Elaine Brown
- 19 Adam Bussian; Teddy Dunn; Ella Solie; Evelyn Wilbanks; Mark Willms
- 20 Elijah Schoch
- 21 Ina Guzman; Harper Johnson; Ted Takacs
- 22 Kathy Jones; Sophia Wilfong
- 23 John Sandor
- 24 Steven DeAlmeida; Melissa Mills
- 25 Rebecca Ray
- 26 Susan Baker; Bob Chambers; Alba Espitia-Bonning
- 29 Partomuan Juniult; Kylie Karabinos; Rendon Nelson; McKennon Shea
- 30 Aria Schoch

### June Communion at the Forest at Duke Retirement Community

**June 17, 11:15 a.m.**

2701 Pickett Road, Durham

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

### June Worship Services

**June 2:** 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

**June 9:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

**June 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

**June 23:** Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Pam Driesell, Senior Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

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

**June 30:** Worship Service

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

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

---

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

---

**CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS**

- *June Griggs:* June is recuperating from a fall.
- *Kristen Blackman Hohenstein:* Kristen and Ray Hohenstein, along with daughter Charlotte, announce the birth of their newest family member, Michael Raymond Hohenstein on May 7.



- *Marjorie Jones:* Marjorie died on May 5 at The Forest at Duke.
- *Rick King:* Rick and Ken Somrak were married on May 19.



- *Meredith Newlin:* Meredith, wife Catherine, and children Lola and Oscar will be moving to Colorado in early June.
- *Janis Parker:* Janis is recuperating from surgery.



- *Norm Roobol*: Norm was recently diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder which is making him weak.
- *Anne Red Wright*: Anne and Randall Sumner were married in the Chapel on May 17.



**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:

[Visit our Website](#) | [Visit our Calendar](#) | [Visit the Duke Chapel YouTube Channel](#)

[Email](#) | Phone: 919-684-3917 | Mailing address: Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974



### *The Congregation at Duke University Chapel Staff*



The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg  
Senior Pastor



Phyllis Snyder  
Children's Pastor and  
Finance and IT



Nelson Strother  
Finance and IT

