



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

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At age 55, in his introduction to *What I Believe*, Leo Tolstoy reflected on the thief who was crucified with Jesus. Tolstoy wrote,

From the
Senior Pastor



“In all this I was like the thief, but there was this difference between us: he was dying, and I still lived. The thief could believe that his salvation would be realized beyond the grave, but I could not; because, putting aside the life beyond the grave, I had yet to live on earth. I did not, however, understand life. It seemed awful to me until I heard the words of Christ and understood them; and then life and death no longer seemed to be evils; instead of despair I felt the joy of possessing a life that death has no power to destroy.”

Tolstoy is reflecting on Jesus’ promise to the thief that “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43) It is a glorious promise to a dying man who knew his own guilt, and yet for Tolstoy it was not enough. It became enough when the famous Russian realized that the promise of new life is for this life as well as the next.

This weekend, our worship services lead us to the upper room where Jesus ate a final meal with his disciples, to Golgotha, the site of the crucifixion of Jesus and two bandits, and then to a garden which is remembered for its empty tomb. As we worship and remember, may we also experience the “joy of possessing a life that death has no power to destroy.”

Let us hear the glorious promises offered to the dying, guilty people. The promises offered to us.

May our belief lead to joy.

Carol Gregg

[Details on Holy Week Services are here.](#)

This Sunday April 21 - Easter Sunday

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Because of the full schedule of three worship services for Easter, Christian Education classes will take a one week recess this Sunday, **April 21**. All classes will resume on **April 28**.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 a.m. in Duke Gardens, South Lawn

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Richard Hays, George Washington Ivey Professor Emeritus of New Testament, Duke Divinity School.

Sermon: I Have Seen the Lord

Lectionary reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18

Hymns: in bulletin, Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
All are welcome!

Gates open at 6:00 a.m. Please bring a flashlight to help light your way and a towel to wipe the dew from chairs. In case of rain, the service will be held at the Chapel.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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: The First Christian Preachers

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-12

Hymns: #302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; #308 Thine Be the Glory; #315 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain; #303 The Day of Resurrection; *in bulletin* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All are welcome!

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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

Sermon: The First Christian Preachers

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-12

Hymns: #302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; #308 Thine Be the Glory; #315 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain; #168 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All are welcome!

Please Note: The 11:00 a.m. Easter service is typically more crowded than the 9:00 a.m. service. If possible, please consider attending the 9:00 a.m. service, when finding a parking place and a seat will be a little easier.

NURSERY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

The Duke Chapel Nursery will be open for both worship services in the Chapel on Easter Sunday morning. The schedule is:

- **April 21**, 9:00 a.m., Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion: Nursery opens at **8:45 a.m.**

- **April 21**, 11:00 a.m., Easter Sunday Service: Nursery opens at **10:45 a.m.**

Please note: In the past, inclement weather has sometimes necessitated the Sunrise Service (scheduled for 6:30am at Duke Gardens) to be held in the Chapel. If this should happen, be aware that no Nursery will be available.

For any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the Nursery please contact: Phyllis Snyder, Children's Pastor and Director of the Nursery.

Duke University Chapel Nursery



FELLOWSHIP

HELP FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who have lost a loved one. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

April 23: William Hollowman and Bill Dahl, "The Road Ahead"

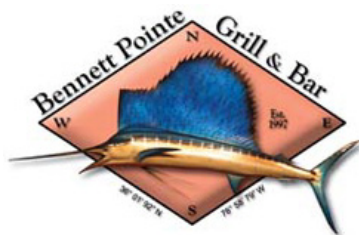
April 30: Heidi Gessner, "Writing for Resilience"

May 7: Mitzi Quinn will open the small group conversations.

May 14: Betsy Barton, "The Five Invitations: Thoughts on Living Fully"

May 21: Amy Onstead will open the small group conversations.

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 Road, Durham. Participants gather at **4:00 p.m.** for registration, coffee, and cookies; the meeting starts at **4:30 p.m.** and concludes by **6:00 p.m.**



SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **May 8 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Bennett Pointe Grill, 4625 Hillsborough Road, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by **Monday, May 6** if you plan to attend.

EDUCATION

TRIPLE T

Young adults and University students gather in the Chapel kitchen on two Mondays each month at **6:30 p.m.** to feed their spirits and bodies. Food and discussion, along with laughter and friendship, mark this gathering. Participants will be discussing Howard Thurman's *The Search for Common Ground*. Triple T will meet on Mondays, **April 22**, **May 6**, and **May 20**.

ADULT FORUM

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

April 28 – The Rev. Dr. Frank Yamada, Executive Director, The Association of Theological Schools and guest preacher in Duke Chapel, will present “Ch- Ch- Ch- Changes: Trends within the Changing Landscape of Theological Education.”

May 5 – The Rev. Dr. Susan Eastman, Associate Research Professor of New Testament, Duke Divinity School, will present “St. Paul’s View of Human Flourishing.”



PUB THEOLOGY

Join the young adults on **Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.** at Pour Taproom, 202 Corcoran Street, #200, Durham for a discussion on “Faith + Church”. What is the role of the institution of church in our lives as Christian people? Fewer and fewer people are attending church, but the majority of Americans still claim a Christian faith. Does organized church matter for our faith? Does it aid our

faith, take away from it? A suggested reading will be provided in future updates.

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](#).

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The lectionary Bible study will meet in the library of The Forest at Duke on **Friday, May 3** at **10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be John 21:1-19.

EDUCATION RECESS

Sunday morning classes will not be held on **May 12** due to commencement activities on the Duke Campus, on **May 19** due to the Congregation’s Overnight Retreat, and **May 26** due to the Memorial Day holiday. Classes for all ages will resume on **Sunday, June 2** at **9:45 a.m.**

DISCERNMENT: LIVING A LISTENING LIFE

The Congregation’s Annual Overnight Retreat will be held **May 17-19** at Ft. Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center. The speaker for the weekend is John Baird, a teacher and leader in the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The retreat is a time of education, refreshment, and Christian fellowship. Please contact the Congregation Office to inquire about a reservation for the retreat.

MISSION



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF DURHAM

URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Many thanks to the volunteers who served 217 people at Urban Ministries on Sunday, March 10: Jeanine Valkos, Cricket Scovil, Linda Daniel, Nancy Wawrousek, Stacy Nelson, Rendon Nelson, Bill Jones, Kathy Jones, Billie Bauer, Gary Bauer and Daren Hansen.

Volunteers are still needed for the **Wednesday, April 24** dinner from **6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Future dinners that need volunteers are on **May 12**, **June 26**, and **July 14**. Please contact Cricket Scovil at scovilj@aol.com if you can prepare two Stouffers (or store brand) 12-serving lasagnas and bring them to Urban Ministries and help serve dinner. Extra lasagnas are needed each month, so if you can just drop off prepared lasagnas, that is a big help, too.

REALITY MINISTRIES TALENT SHOW

Reality Ministries will be holding a Talent Show on **Sunday, April 28** at Durham Performing Arts Center which features performers of all abilities. The Art Gallery and seating open at **3:00 p.m.** and the stage performance starts at **4:00 p.m.** All seating is free general admission. Tickets available online, at the door the day of the show, or by calling DPAC 919-680-2787.



FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD DINNERS

Volunteers are needed on **Monday, May 13** and **Tuesday, May 14** 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.

MAY BACK PEW COLLECTION

The monthly Back Pew Collection on **May 19** and **May 26** will benefit SEEDS (Southeastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces). 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



MAY PARTNER AGENCY – ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

Achievement Academy of Durham (AAD) is the May Mission Partner of the month. In operation since 2005, they teach and support young adults who have dropped out of school in order to reconnect them to the opportunities an education provides. These are serious young students, managing one-parent households and part-time jobs in many cases. Many pass the GED and go on to tech schools.

MAY SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT – ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

On Wednesday, **May 29** from **9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.**, volunteers are needed to assist the staff of Achievement Academy of Durham in packing and cleaning to prepare for moving to their summer site. AAD uses a very low-cost Durham Parks and Recreation facility, but this necessitates moving to another location each summer. Please sign up online here.

GOOD TO KNOW



CALL FOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

If you, or a family member, will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in May or June, please contact the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu so your accomplishment can be celebrated in the June eNews.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN JUNE

Plan now to attend the Congregation's Annual Business Meeting on **Sunday, June 9**. Lunch will be served in the Divinity School Café immediately following worship. The business portion of the meeting will be held in Goodson Chapel at **1:00 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 17-19 – Overnight Retreat
- June 9 – Annual Business Meeting
- September 30 – October 4 – Visit to Family Health Ministries in Haiti

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

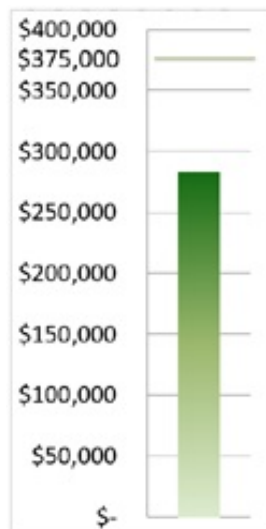
The Congregation Council met on April 11 at The Forest at Duke. A highlight of this meeting was the acceptance of 10 new members who are joining the Congregation. The Council also approved a plan for interim staffing over the coming months: Carol will hire temporary part-time staff to meet current needs while the Congregation's strategic plan is being developed. This approach provides flexibility and gives us time to clarify our staffing needs for the future. The Council also approved the Staff Parish Relations Committee's recommendation to hire Joseph Kovas as the Divinity School Intern for the next year.

Another highlight of the meeting was a review of the FY20 budget, which will be ready for the Congregation's approval at the annual business meeting in June. This somewhat ambitious budget promises to enable the Congregation to increase its good work in the coming year.

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, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke, 2701 Pickett Road, Durham.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year</i>	Actual to March 31	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$ 283,087.00	\$375,000
Other Income	\$2,515	\$1,800
Restricted Assets Released	\$39,981	\$0
Expenses	\$319,104	\$386,759
Difference	\$6,479	-\$9,959



COMING IN MAY

May Birthdays

- 1 Charlyse Myhand-McDaniel
- 2 Miles Martinez; Sanford Pack
- 3 Anna Gass; Adrian McDaniel
- 5 Gordon Clayton
- 6 Peter Moller; Morgan Washam
- 7 Matt Miller; Harry Phillips; Maya Simbolon; Phillip Smith
- 8 Ann Skye

- 9 Sam Arneson; Birgitte Bonning-Espitia
10 Bill Sharpe; Luke Wirzba
12 Gloria Ayee; Oscar Newlin-Guerrero
13 Renee Puckett; Lachlan Wolfe
14 Ken Arneson
15 Lauren Bell; Will Willimon; Callum Wolfe
17 Donald Thompson
18 Sabrina Ingui; Kathy McLaughlin; Dave Rendall
19 Cam Chambers; Cheri Hansen-Sundaram
20 Hendi Siu
21 Chase Bannister; Mary Eubanks; Brady Surles
22 Charles Witzleben
23 Mary Robinson
24 Troy Page
25 Teeny Sander; Daniel Warren
26 Susan Clark
27 Han Setiawan
28 Sandra Greene; Claudia Haskins; John Mullins; Elijah Parish; Mindy Solie
30 Leisa Dennehy

May Communion at the Forest at Duke Retirement Community

May 20, 11:15 a.m.

2701 Pickett Road, Durham

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

May Worship Services

May 5: Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Susan Eastman, Associate Research Professor of New Testament, Duke Divinity School

May 12: No Worship Service at Duke Chapel due to Duke University Graduation

11:00 a.m. Worship Service at The Forest at Duke, Auditorium, 2701 Pickett Road, Durham

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

May 19: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel

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

May 26: Worship Service

Preacher: 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.

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

MAY 12 WORSHIP

On **Sunday, May 12** at **11:00 a.m.**, the Congregation will worship in the Auditorium at The Forest at Duke located at 2701 Pickett Road, Durham. Carol Gregg will offer the sermon, The Forest at Duke Singers will offer music, and some of our children and youth will participate. Sufficient parking is available at The Forest at Duke. Upon entering at the main entrance, take the first left turn, then park along the retaining wall. Please do not park in the numbered spaces as those are reserved for residents. Duke University does not offer an 11:00 a.m. worship service on the day of graduation, which is why the Congregation will be worshipping at a different location.

OFFICE CLOSED

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

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Cat Clyburn*: Cat will begin studies in the fall at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.
- *John Denning*: John is recovering from neck 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 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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