



# The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

Mission . Fellowship . Education

DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

11-21-2019

From the  
Senior Pastor



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” This is the well-known beginning of Charles Dicken’s, *A Tale of Two Cities*, a work of historical fiction set in the period of the French Revolution. Best and worst. Wisdom and foolishness. Belief and incredulity. Stark contrasts.

We are in the season of the church year when lectionary readings point us to stark contrasts. This past Sunday we heard “be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating” (Isaiah 65:18) and “there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues.” (Luke 21:11). This coming Sunday we will hear “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely” (Jeremiah 23:5) and “they crucified Jesus there with the criminals.” (Luke 23:33) The readings point us to a future we cannot yet fully imagine, one which is just and joyful, even as the readings also speak of painful realities.

We hold closely to the truth of both, the best and the worst, while trusting God’s sovereignty over us all. We trust that God is creating a new heaven and a new earth. And while we acknowledge present-day challenges, we are people of hope. Clement of Alexandria is credited with writing “If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.”

May you hope and find what is beyond your hopes.

Carol

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## This Sunday November 24

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 4-1<sup>st</sup> graders in 0054 Langford.
- **GODLY PLAY ADVANCED:** For children in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades in 0050 Langford.
- **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** For youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades in 0013 Westbrook.
- **ADULT FORUM:** Joseph Kovas, Divinity School Intern for the Congregation will discuss “Reality Ministries and the Friendship Houses ” in 0012 Westbrook.

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

Christ the King Sunday

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

Scripture readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: A Reign Like None Other

Hymns: #715 Rejoice, the Lord Is King; #327 Crown Him with Many Crowns; #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All are welcome!

### EVENTS AFTER WORSHIP

- **Angel Tree** signups will be held in the narthex.
  - **Education Committee** will meet in the Chapel kitchen.
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**ANGEL TREE THIS SUNDAY**

This holiday season, the Local Mission and Outreach Committee of the Congregation want to give you a way of saying, "I care for you," to people from the Durham community by giving gifts. We will be participating again in the Duke Community Service Center's "Project Share." This program allows us to donate NEW gifts to economically disadvantaged Durham citizens to help brighten the holidays for them. This **Sunday, November 24** look for the

Christmas Angel bulletin board in the narthex as you leave the Chapel after worship. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to the Chapel by **December 1**. The Duke Community Service Center says that the Congregation is its top supporter of their holiday program every year. Help us keep that position again this year.

Please note that this year if you wish to personally deliver your gift, you will have that option. Just let the people at the sign-up area know if you wish to do so and instructions will be provided. Questions? Contact Judi Vos (919-403-0584) or Jane Fellows (919-949-9090).

**SIX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Six volunteers are needed on **Monday, December 2** and **Tuesday, December 3** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** 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  
OF DURHAM



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**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET FOR ZOE**

Christmas gifts can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children! Sundays, **December 8 and 15** following worship, there will be an alternative gift market for Zoe Empowers, 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 telling the recipient that their Gift of Help is empowering a child in Africa or India. Please stop by the table in the narthex following worship.

**REALITY LIVE NATIVITY**

Reality Ministries provides a live nativity on **Friday, December 13** from **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the Reality Center, 916 Lamond Ave, Durham. All are welcome to attend this expression of the Christmas story provided by individuals of all abilities.



**URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS**

Congregation members prepared 20 lasagnas and served 176 meals at Urban Ministries on Sunday, November 10. Thank you to Dave Vos, Judi Vos, Bill Jones, Kathy Jones, Nancy Wawrousek, Daren Hansen, Leah Welsh, Cricket Scovil, Lydia Califf, and Jan Gwyer.

Also, many thanks to the members of the Congregation and friends who helped serve 200 dinners at Urban Ministries on

**Wednesday, October 23:** Jeanine Valkos, Fran Steele, Nancy Wawrousek, Daren Hansen, Mary Tyrey, Lee Tyrey, Antoinette Bethea, Linda Daniel, Billie Bauer, Gary Bauer, Caroline Craig, Ngat Kpa, and Cricket Scovil.

The next dinner is on **Sunday, January 12, 2020, 5:15 pm to 7 pm** at Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St, Durham, 27701. Each volunteer brings two cooked 12-serving Stouffers lasagnas. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact Cricket Scovil at scovilj@aol.com if you can help. Cooking two 12-serving lasagnas and dropping them off on **January 12** after **5:15 p.m.** would also be a big help. Please let Cricket know if you can help in this

way.

## SNACKLUCK DECEMBER 15

The fellowship committee continues to invite anyone and everyone to take part in the Garland of Gratitude located in the basement of the Chapel lounge. The Garland will remain in the lounge throughout the month of November to remind us all that we have so very much to be thankful for. **On December 15**, join your Church family in the chapel lounge following worship for a Christmas themed snack luck. We will have Christmas cookie decorating, 'Guess How Many' games and some special Christmas crafts for children of all ages. Sandwiches will be provided by the fellowship committee. Bring a snack to share if you can.

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## FELLOWSHIP

### SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support with education and small groups for those who have lost a loved one. the schedule of speakers is as follows:

**November 25:** Rabbi Daniel Greyber on "Grieving at Your Own Pace"

**December 3:** Debbie Davis will offer a cello performance

**December 10:** Surviving the Holidays by Duke HomeCare and Hospice

**December 17:** Cora Harrison will open the discussion groups

**December 24:** No meeting

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 and refreshments; the meeting, a presentation plus small group discussion, starts at **4:30 p.m.** and concludes by **6:00 p.m.**



### 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 **December 6**. Volunteers are needed to provide baked goods (cookies, brownies, cake), fresh prepared and chopped fruits (blue berries, pineapple, strawberries, cantaloupe), fresh

vegetable trays, prepared sandwich trays and crockpot soups. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup. For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Antoinette Bethea](#).

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 [Antoinette Bethea](#) if you are available to do this.

### SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second

Wednesday Lunch. On **December 11** at **12-noon**, participants will gather at [Fairview Dining Room](#) at the Washington Duke Inn, [3001 Cameron Blvd., Durham](#). Each person will purchase their own meal. Please email the [Congregation Office](#) or call 919-684-3917 by **Monday, December 9** if you plan to attend.



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## EDUCATION

### ADULT FORUM

With a variety of guest speakers, the Adult Forum offers presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics. The thought-provoking topics include Biblical studies, current

social issues and the work of mission agencies.

**December 1** – The Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan, director of the Hispanic House of Studies, Global Education, and Intercultural Formation at Duke Divinity School, and guest preacher in Duke Chapel will lead us on “The Right Posture for Holy Relationships through Cultural Humility”.

**December 8** – Michael Larbi, Pastoral Assistant for Discipleship, will continue the discussion of “Thoughts on Discipleship and Discipleship Ministry in the Congregation”.

**December 15** – Dr. Brian Stratton, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UNC-Pembroke, will present “Socrates and Moses on Discerning the Divine Call”.

**December 22** – Dr. Brian Stratton, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UNC-Pembroke, “Philosophy, Mystery and the Incarnation”.

**December 29** – No class.

### LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The Lectionary Bible Study will meet on **Friday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m.** in the library at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community, 2701 Pickett Avenue, Durham. The focus of the study will be Matthew 3:1-12.

### DINNER FOR GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on **Mondays, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the book of Isaiah. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright or the Congregation Office for additional information.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES BREAK

- Wee Praise, and Godly Play classes will not meet on **December 22** or **December 29**.
- Youth Bible Study and Adult Forum will not meet on **December 29**.
- All classes will resume on **January 6**

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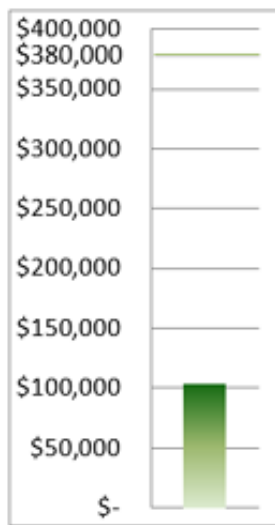
## GOOD TO KNOW

### NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregation Council met on **November 14, 2019**, at The Forest at Duke. During this meeting the Council was joined by four members of the Chapel Staff for a discussion on how the Chapel’s strategic plan intersects and informs the Congregation’s ongoing visioning process. The close relationship between the Congregation and the Chapel is a blessing that we wish to foster. One area that is important to both is student engagement, and those present discussed various ways of encouraging that, including involving students in community service and advocacy activities. If at any point you have concerns or questions that you would like the Council to discuss, please contact any council member. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 12**.

### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2019-June 2020 fiscal year</i>	Actual to October 31	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$102,932	\$380,000
Other Income	\$1,018	\$3,000
Restricted Assets Released	\$8,945	\$0
Expenses	\$122,938	\$381,473
Difference	-\$10,044	-\$1,527



### OFFICE CLOSED

The Congregation office will be closed **November 28 - 29** in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday, **December 24 -25** for the Christmas holiday, and December 31 and **January 1** for the New Year's holiday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 8 and 15 – Zoe Empowers Gift Market
- February 1 – Winter Retreat with Greg and Susan Jones
- March 8 – 13, 2020 – Lenten Service Trip
- April 22 – May 1, 2020 – Visit ZOE Empowers in Zimbabwe
- May 10, 2020 – Sunday Worship Service at The Forest at Duke University
- May 15-17, 2020 – Annual Overnight Retreat at Ft. Caswell
- June 14, 2020 – Annual Business Meeting

### COMING IN DECEMBER

#### December Birthdays

- 1 Mirene Kpa
- 2 Sandra Shay
- 5 Ginny Cole; Willie Mae Jones; Jeannie Norris
- 6 Rosemary Nye
- 7 Beth Owen
- 8 Kevin Moore; Chris O'Connor; Charlie Wolff
- 9 Andrew Teel
- 10 Dana Moller; Susan Willms
- 12 Maggie Coates; Cary Gravatt
- 13 Gloria Dockery; Kathi Peindl; Ann Sager
- 15 Jack Barto; Kimberley Caulfeild
- 16 John Betts
- 17 Jessica Edwards; Kat Fogartie; Alex Young
- 18 Pam Marcom
- 19 Joe Coates
- 20 Caroline Craig; Julie Snyder; Arya Sundaram; Steven Winters Jr.
- 22 Emsley Palmer
- 23 Alison George
- 24 David Baker
- 26 Ed Gerler; Hugh Knapp; Patsy Willimon
- 27 Lucy Worth
- 29 Drew Hains; Will Siburt; Kristen Swaringen
- 30 Lydia Califf; Maggie Chambers; Jane Fellows; Lillian Hansen
- 31 Kelsey Armstrong; Cat Clyburn; Josie Lester-Bacon; Maureen Lewis; Lynn Yanyo

### December Communion at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community

**December 16, 11:15 a.m.**

2701 Pickett Road, Durham

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

### **December Worship Services**

**December 1:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan, Director of the Hispanic House of Studies, Global Education & Intercultural Formation, Duke Divinity School

**December 8:** 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 15:** Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

**December 22:** 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

**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 29:** 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

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

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#### **CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERN**

- *Pat Murray:* Pat is in hospice care due to a brain tumor. She requests no visitors or calls, yet is grateful for prayer and cards.

**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) .

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