



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

Education . Mission . Fellowship

DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

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Each person is needed. Valuable. Precious.
Indispensable.

From the
Senior Pastor



“In a Christian community everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, p. 94)



As members of the body of Christ, each one of us is needed, valuable, precious, and indispensable. We need each person in the same way a body functions best when all parts are working well. And we are strongest when each link of our human chain is securely interlocked.

This fall, I invite you to prayerfully consider your role and participation in the portion of the body of Christ we call the Congregation at Duke Chapel. Are you contributing and connected in ways that are right for you and honor God? As part of the body, are you reaching out to others serving those both near and far? We need 100% of us to take an active role in the Congregation, while also recognizing that in different stages and seasons of life our personal ministries will vary. Sometimes our role is to graciously receive prayer, while other times we dedicate ourselves to praying for others. Sometimes we are called to leadership roles, while at other times our work is to encourage others. Sometimes we work to empower those in distress, while other times we offer compassion. If you would like to find a new way to contribute to the Congregation, please let me, other staff, or council members know. There is an important role for each of us.

I give thanks to God that we are linked together, connected to each other and to God. And I give thanks that as a body, we are God's presence reaching out into our world.

May we each be faithful in our part.

Carol

This Sunday October 21

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:** Tony Willms, Congregation member, will present "Hell, Salvation, & Hans Urs von Balthasar - What are we to do with the biblical language of Hell?" in 0012 Westbrook.
- **NEW MEMBER CLASS:** For those considering joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel in 0014 Westbrook.

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

Twenty-Second 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: The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

Sermon: Whirlwind Wisdom

Scripture readings: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Mark 10:35-45

Hymns: #73 O Worship the King; #517 By Gracious Powers; #432 Jesu, Jesu; #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All are welcome!

EDUCATION

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to explore their faith, make new friends, and share in laughter with the Youth Group this Fall. **This Sunday, October 21** from **12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.** in the Chapel kitchen we will talk about communicating our faith through music with Nicole Dazell, who will teach us how to worship in American Sign Language. On Sunday, November 4 from 12:30-2:00 we will gather in the Chapel kitchen to play games and talk about the importance of Sabbath for our faith. Then on **Sunday, November 11** from **12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.**, we will grab a table together for Second Sunday Lunch and learn about gratitude as a faith practice. We are in need of families to provide lunch for our gatherings on **October 21** and **November 4**. If you would like to volunteer, contact [Josh Stanley](#) .

TRIPLE T (TUESDAY, TABLE, TALK)

The young adults will meet on **Tuesday, October 23** at **6:30 p.m** and next month on **Tuesday, November 13 and 27**. We will meet in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. All are invited to come with a hungry spirit and a hungry stomach. Food will be provided, and discussion will be around Galatians. If you have questions, contact [Josh Stanley](#).

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:

- **October 28** – The Rev. Gary Simpson, Pastor at Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, NY and guest preacher in Duke University Chapel, "Revisiting the Creation of Humanity and the Likeness of God"
- **November 4** – Josh Stanley, Congregation's Pastor for Education and Discipleship, "Gratitude as the Root of a Common Religious Language."
- **November 11** – Congregation member Regina Ford, "Are you envious because I AM Generous", a summary of David Green's book *Giving It All Away ... and Getting It All Back Again: The Way of Living Generously*.
- **November 18** – Philip Cave, Interim Director of the Chapel Choir, Director of the Vespers Choir and the Bach Cantata choir
- **November 25** – Lynn Holmes, Divinity School Intern with the Congregation, "Changing Trends in Global Christianity".

PUB THEOLOGY

Join us **Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.** at [Pour Taproom](#) for a discussion on faith + gratitude. A suggested reading and some questions will be provided



in future updates. 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, 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, November 2 at 10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be Ruth 1:1-18.

MISSION

HABITAT HOUSE 2018-2019

The Duke Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Duke Chapel, the Congregation, and several other departments are teaming together to help the Hernandez family build their new home at 117 Hillside Avenue, Durham. The kick-off celebration will be this **Saturday, October 20, at 8:30 a.m.** at the site. Congregation and community members can join in support to volunteer for future dates via this link: <http://www.durhamhabitat.org/volunteer/sign-up-to-volunteer>. When signing up, please be sure to select the 117 Hillside Avenue address. Volunteers need not have any prior construction experience - just a positive attitude and a willingness to learn! Dates of special need include **November 24** and **January 5** when undergraduates will be away from campus on break.



BACK PEW COLLECTION

This Sunday, **October 21**, the Congregation will support the Society of St. Andrew's year-round gleaning projects. Please bring empty buckets such as empty cat litter containers or other 2-5 gallon size buckets. Or if you prefer to contribute funds for transporting the gleaned food to food banks and Durham non-governmental agencies, use this website: <https://endhunger.org/ways-to-donate/>. In addition, the Congregation will collect clothing for local farm workers. [The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry](#) needs men's light-colored pants, sizes 30 through 36 (dress or khaki ok), and long sleeved shirts, sizes small through XL. Thrift store or used clothing in good condition is acceptable. All donations may be placed on the back pew this Sunday, **October 21**.

VOLUNTEER FOR SHELTER DINNER

Ten volunteers and cooked lasagnas are needed on **Wednesday, October 24 at 6:15 p.m.** to serve dinner at [Urban Ministries](#), 410 Liberty St., Durham. Volunteers are also needed **Sunday, November 11 at 5:15 p.m.** and **Wednesday, December 26 at 6:15 p.m.** For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Cricket Scovil](#).



REALITY CAFÉ

Participants in Reality Ministries prepare a healthy and tasty lunch on the first and third Fridays of the month in a venture called [Reality Café](#). Come support the friends at [Reality Ministry](#) by enjoying lunch on **Friday, November 2** at noon at 916 Lamond Ave. Durham. Please call the Congregation office by **Monday, October 29** to make a reservation.

RESCHEDULED YAM JAM

Due to severe weather, the service project of gleaning sweet potatoes has been rescheduled

to Saturday morning, **November 3**. Volunteers will work with the Society of St. Andrew to gather sweet potatoes which will then be distributed to food pantries and those who are hungry. Details of the gleaning will not be available until a few days prior to the service project as the weather and fields are monitored. Please sign up here to indicate plans to attend. Volunteers will carpool to the field.



RELIGIOUS COALITION
FOR A NONVIOLENT
DURHAM

NOVEMBER PARTNER AGENCY – RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR A NONVIOLENT DURHAM

The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND) actively seeks to remedy violence and

rectify injustice in Durham. Since 1992 the ministry has developed four practices:

- PRAYER VIGILS after homicides to recognize the worth of the victim, to comfort family and friends, and bring healing to the sites in our neighborhoods.
- RECONCILIATION and REENTRY MINISTRY builds intentional relationships among people of faith and newly released prisoners, to bring compassion, reconciliation, and readjustment, through Faith Teams similar to Circles of Support. Members of the Congregation have participated and continue to participate in a Faith Team for many years.
- COMMUNITY LUNCHEON ROUNDTABLES every fourth Thursday at Shepherd's House United Methodist Church include free lunch, presentations relevant to RCND's mission and lively discussion.
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE includes volunteers, residents convicted of crime, their victims and officials in Durham's criminal justice system seeking a restorative justice process that repairs the harm and restores relationships that were hurt by wrongdoing.

NOVEMBER BACK PEW COLLECTION

On Sundays, **November 4** and **November 11** the Congregation will support The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham with Durham bus passes and inexpensive cell phones that the Reconciliation & Reentry partners can use. Monthly bus passes can be purchased at Durham Station with cash or credit card for \$36. Durham Station, located at 515 W. Pettigrew Street in downtown, is open from **6:00 a.m. to midnight** Monday through Saturday, and from **7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.** on Sundays and holidays. Low priced smart phones can be purchased at WalMart for \$30-\$40 on their SmartTalk plan. If you prefer, checks can be made out to the Congregation at Duke Chapel, with RCND in the memo line. Or you may donate directly to RCND via this link .

NOVEMBER SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT

Help is needed for a service project on **Saturday, November 10**, from **9:00 a.m.-noon** at Calvary UMC, 304 E Trinity Avenue, Durham. The choir room will be cleaned in order to create meeting space for RCND's Restorative Justice teams. Five to ten people will be needed. Please use this link to sign up.

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 **Tuesday, December 4**.



ZOE TRIP

If you are interested in an adventure in travel, consider joining us **April 24-May 3, 2019** on a trip to Zimbabwe to visit the two orphan groups our Congregation supports. Pastor Carol Gregg and Jane Fellows took this trip in the spring of 2017 and loved it so much they are going back again. Please contact either Jane or Carol to indicate interest or ask questions. Trip

participants will enjoy good food, decent accommodations and wonderful fellowship throughout the trip. In-country guides take good care of the travelers, ensuring their safety and comfort. The \$1090 cost that ZOE charges covers everything in Zimbabwe except small souvenirs and tips. Air fare is additional and is usually most affordable if booked in November. Please let Carol know by **November 30** if you are interested in seeing our mission dollars at work in empowering children and youth to become self-sufficient. You will be amazed at what you see!

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 the needs and other volunteers that may be present. Jane Fellows (janeafellows@msn.com) and Linda Daniel (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.



FELLOWSHIP

CHILDREN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP

The annual Children's Fall Fellowship event will be held this **Saturday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Official Evite invitations have been sent! If you did not receive one, contact Phyllis Snyder at phyllis.snyder@duke.edu. The farm features a picnic shelter, recreation field, playground area, and farm tour hayride. There is a great maze made of corn, soybeans, sunflowers, and other grains where the children pick food to feed to the barnyard animals—horses, cows, rabbits, chickens, sheep, ducks and geese. Come celebrate fall and enjoy fun on the farm!



LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

The Fellowship Committee invites you to stay after worship on **Sunday, November 11**, 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 **November 14 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Nantucket Grill, 5826 Fayetteville Rd, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by the morning of **Monday, November 12** if you plan to attend.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP – FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

All are invited to join for laughter and fellowship as we unwind from the week with friends and enjoy one of Durham's wonderful local restaurants. Please join us



Friday, November 16 at [Sushi Love](#), 2812 Erwin Rd., Suite 204, Durham at **6:30 p.m.** We ask that each person purchase their own meal. Please email [Josh Stanley](#) by **Monday, November 12** if you plan on coming so that he can make reservations.

GOOD TO KNOW

CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONGREGATION

When donating to the Congregation, please make checks payable to “The Congregation at Duke Chapel”. Additional ways to donate to the Congregation are [detailed online](#).

ALL HALLOW’S EVE

The Chapel’s [All Hallow’s Eve](#) worship service will be held on **Wednesday, October 31** at **10:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend this candlelit service.

THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Many international students at Duke University enjoy the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving in the homes of local residents. International Students Inc., a religious life group at Duke, matches interested students with hosts willing to offer holiday hospitality. [Click for more details and to register to host](#).

OFFICE CLOSED

The Congregation office will be closed **November 22 and 23** in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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](#) at miller.darla@gmail.com.

MEET A CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER **Chapel Support Program Coordinator: Drew Middleton**

I began attending the Chapel in 2013 in the search for a new place to worship. The Chapel proved a unique spiritual home because of the theological diversity. The encounters and experiences profoundly affected how I understand what it means to be a Christian and be the Church in the world. I joined the Congregation at Duke Chapel in 2016. I soon became interested in how I could serve, so I volunteered to be a Communion Server, which further progressed to ushering. The serving is both challenging and a blessing at the same time. Outside of church life, I work for the NC Department of Health and Human Services, in Property and Construction, which manages property acquisitions throughout the state, allowing citizens access to vital services. I currently reside in Durham.



OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregation Council met on October 11, 2018, at The Forest at Duke. The highlight of this month’s meeting was a visit from Amanda Hughes, Director of Development and Strategy for the Chapel, who led a focus group discussion about the Chapel’s strategic plan for the next five years. Her meeting with the Council was one of many focus groups because the aim is to include many voices in developing a vision for the future.

The discussion explored the Chapel’s multiple identities in relation to various communities within the university and beyond, and it underscored the significance of the Congregation’s role in the life of the Chapel. At some point after the Chapel’s strategic plan is completed, the Congregation will begin working on its own five-year strategic plan.

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, November 8, at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke on Pickett Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 24 – Urban Ministries Dinner\
- November 11 – Urban Ministries Dinner
- November 24 – Habitat Service Project
- 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 NOVEMBER

November Birthdays

- 1 Ann Sanders, Teddy Shea
- 2 Telisa Loveless, Joe Schnople
- 4 David Langford; Josh Manchester
- 5 Jack Wojciechowski
- 6 Erin O'Connor
- 7 Jane Gagliardi, James Garrison, George Parkerson
- 8 Carter Pack, Lindsay Wojciechowski
- 9 Richard Heitzenrater, Randy Jirtle, Liza Nye
- 10 Jessica Hulett, Sean O'Connor, Franklin Snyder, Ann Winters
- 11 Audrey Harlow; Jeff Harrison
- 12 Meredith Newlin
- 13 Tamela Davis, Genevieve DeAlmeida
- 14 Kirsten Ford, Stephen Oxley, Karen Witzleben
- 15 Layne Baker
- 16 Scott Harmon, Scott Hill, Erica Moore, Ken Pittman
- 17 Bill Wager
- 18 Chip Chesson, Elizabeth Huettel, Nicholas Huettel, Philip Snyder V
- 19 Acelynn Barefoot, Caroline Haynes, Eleanor Smith
- 20 Ellen Davis, Duncan Wilson
- 21 June Griggs, Jeffrey Washam, Nicole Washam
- 22 Antoinette Bethea, Jim Ferguson, Nelson Strother
- 23 Ellie Ferguson, Sam Hansen, Ned Hickey
- 24 Martha Hall, Ed Lee
- 25 Roxanna Bottjen, William Hockett, Ann Marie Pendergast
- 26 Robbie Cox
- 29 Preston Petters
- 30 Ann Recesso

November Worship Services

November 4: Worship Service with Holy Communion
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Luke Power, Dean of Duke Chapel

November 11: Worship Service
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, President and Professor of Pastoral Ministry,
Princeton Theological Seminary
12:15 p.m. Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing in Memorial Chapel

November 18: Worship Service with Holy Communion
Preacher: Bishop Charlene Kammerer, Retired United Methodist Church Bishop

November 25: 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

CONGREGATION CALENDAR
DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Marion Eck*: Marion is recuperating from surgery to repair a fractured ankle.
- *Bill Sharpe*: Bill is being treated for cancer.

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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