



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

06-20-2019

From the
Senior Pastor



The Lord said to Ezekiel “O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel....Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.” (Ezekiel 3:1,3)

The prophet Ezekiel experienced the word of the Lord as “sweet,” despite the fact that the message it contained was one of lamentation and woe. How can the prophet ingest that and think it “sweet”? As we explore the book of Ezekiel this summer, through Bible study and sermons, we encounter dramatic, confusing visions, which often point to judgement, destruction, and death. Is this a book we really want to read? How will this be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path? (Psalm 119:105) And, I checked, the book did not make Oprah’s “28 of the Best Beach Reads of 2019.”

While Ezekiel is a difficult and rather unknown book, I think there are a number of reasons that make it worthy of our attention.

History: The book draws our attention to the history of ancient Israel, our spiritual history, a history we may not know well,

Theology: Ezekiel confronts us with worldview that may be different than our own, challenging us to examine our own beliefs and to think about what has changed, or not changed, in the years since the prophet spoke.

Drama: It is filled with attention-grabbing visions and language. I doubt anyone has described the book as dull.

God: It is the word of God. God can, and will, use this ancient text to speak truth to us.

May you find blessings in all of scripture, including the book of Ezekiel.

Carol

This Sunday June 23

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:** Children ages 4-5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** Youth and Adults will explore Ezekiel 8-11, led by Dr. Brian Stratton, in 0013 Westbrook.

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Scripture readings: Ezekiel 4:1-3; 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: What Are You Doing Here?

Hymns: #589 The Church of Christ, in Every Age; #141 Children of the Heavenly Father;

#79 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

All are welcome!

MEETINGS AFTER WORSHIP

- **Education Committee** will meet in the Chapel kitchen.

MISSION

SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **July 10 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Pomodoro, 1811 Hillandale Road, Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. Please email the Congregation Office or call 919-684-3917 by **Monday, June 8** if you plan to attend.



FMF BACK PEW COLLECTION

Many people have fond memories of going to camp as a child. Perhaps, you do as well. Families Moving Forward has asked for assistance in getting their children ready for camp. The Baynes Family Farm camp is open to children age 7-11 who have experienced homelessness. Those who are teens now but attended the camp earlier will be eligible to be counselors. The camp is free for one week for these children, but they have certain things they need to bring with them. On **Sundays, June 23 and 30** there will be a Back Pew Collection of:

- Checks made out to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel with "FMF camp" on the memo line
- Target gift cards

Volunteers will purchase the needed items such as beach towels, flip flops and swim goggles for each child to take with them to camp. On **Saturday, July 13** volunteers are needed to shop for the children. Please contact Jane Fellows or 919-949-9090 if you can help with shopping. Please give of your time or money to help us get these children outdoors at camp this summer. Thank you!

URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Volunteers and lasagnas are needed for the summer Urban Ministries dinners. New volunteers are always welcome and instructions are provided. Please email Cricket Scovil for questions or to volunteer. Upcoming dinners are on

- **Wednesday, June 26, 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, July 14, 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, August 28, 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF DURHAM



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*. 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. Please sign up here. The Food Bank is located at 2700 Angier Avenue, Durham.

REALITY COMMUNITY FARM PROJECT

Reality Ministries has begun a farm project, which fosters relationship, a sense of belonging, and attentiveness to the land by providing creative and meaningful work for Reality participants and volunteers. The Reality Farm grows fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers for the Reality Community and Cafe. Volunteers are needed and welcomed on **Saturdays, June 29** and **July 27** from **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**; each Saturday includes both work and a potluck lunch. For detailed information, please contact Amy Curran.





FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Congregation members are continuing to provide dinners with childcare afterward several times a year for the residents of the Families Moving Forward home. The dates for the rest of the year are **July 22-23**, **September 30-October 1**, and **December 2-3**. The Congregation serves with two other churches, so the food preparation and serving is shared. If you have helped in the past and feel you could help again on any of these dates, or if you have

not done this in the past, you are welcome to volunteer. Please contact [Jane Fellows](mailto:janeafellows@msn.com) at janeafellows@msn.com or [Linda Daniel](mailto:lcdaniel1902@yahoo.com) at lcdaniel1902@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thanks!

EDUCATION

YOUNG ADULT DINNER AND DISCUSSION

University students and young adults will gather for dinner and discussion on **Monday, June 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.



DUKE YOUTH ACADEMY

The [Duke Youth Academy](#) is a year-long program for young people to think deeply about being Christian. The program includes a week-long residency which will be June 23-29 this year. The Congregation partners with this educational program by providing one dinner for the

participants. Volunteers are needed to assist with this dinner which will be **Thursday, June 28** at Duke Divinity School For more information, contact [Jan Gwyer](#) or [Carol Gregg](#).

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The lectionary Bible study will meet in the library of The Forest at Duke on **Friday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m.**

FELLOWSHIP

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Plan to linger after worship on **Sunday, July 14** to enjoy refreshments and fellowship on the Chapel lawn. The Fellowship Committee will have lemonade and a light snack available by the magnolia tree near Page Auditorium.

THE CONGREGATION'S GOT TALENT

The Fellowship Committee would like to host a talent show in October in order to continue to provide opportunities for bonding, sharing, laughter, and friendship. To accomplish this, a sufficient number of talent acts are needed. Please note that the word "talent" in this context is used in its loosest form. All family-friendly, solo or group acts are welcome, be they sedate, silly, serious or self-authored. Whether singing an aria from "Madam Butterfly," spinning plates while reciting Hamlet's "To be or not to be" monologue or demonstrating your skills in Irish Step Dancing, please consider sharing your special gift in the name of fun and fellowship. If you are interested, please provide the talent you would like to share, along with the approximate length of time required for your act **before August 1**. Send responses to: Emily Alexander and [Elizabeth Kenly](mailto:ElizabethKenly@gmail.com) at erkenly@gmail.com or call 919-270-6183.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 15 is the date for the church picnic which will be held at Piney Wood Park in Durham. Please save the date.

GOOD TO KNOW

CONGREGATION VIDEO

A visual review of the past year was shown at the Congregation Annual meeting. This 5-minute [video may be seen on YouTube](#).

BASEBALL TICKETS

The Congregation has four extra Durham Bulls baseball tickets. The tickets are \$12 and may be used at their face value for any game this season. To purchase one or more of these tickets, please contact the [Congregation office](#).

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Newly printed church directories were distributed at the Annual Business Meeting last Sunday. If you would like to pick up a directory, contact the [Congregation Office](#) or call 919-684-3917.

NEW COUNCIL AND BUDGET APPROVED

At the Annual Business Meeting on June 9, the Congregation approved the slate of officers and leaders proposed by the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. In addition, the Congregation approved the 2019-2020 budget proposed by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. These materials and other reports are [available online](#).

YEAR-END GIVING

The Congregation's fiscal year concludes on **June 30**. Gifts to support the 2019-2020 budget may be sent to the Congregation this coming week. All gifts are welcome at any time. Details regarding giving and the budget are [available online](#) and from the Congregation office. The Congregation's council and staff are grateful for the dedicated support from members and friends.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Congregation Office will be closed **Thursday, July 4**, in recognition of the Independence Day holiday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 11 – Ice Cream Social
- September 8 – Christian Education Classes start fall schedule
- September 15 – Church picnic
- September 30 to October 4 – Visit to Family Health Ministries in Haiti
- March 8 – 13, 2020 – Lenten Service Trip
- April 22 – May 1, 2020 – Visit ZOE Empowers in Zimbabwe

MEET A CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER

Finance and Stewardship Council Representative: John Mullins

My wife and I visited Duke Chapel from time to time over the last ten years before I became a member of the Congregation in 2017. The diversity of the Congregation was one of the factors that attracted us to Duke. After 25 years in Tokyo and Hong Kong, I left the banking industry and moved to Chapel Hill in 2013 to be closer to aging parents. I now have a company that invests in fitness and wellness businesses in North Carolina. I live with my wife, Debbie, and our sixteen-year-old daughter, Olivia. Although my wife and I were both raised in Baptist missionary families, for much of our adult life we have been involved in Presbyterian or interdenominational congregations.



JUNE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Congregation Council met on June 13, 2019, at The Forest at Duke. This meeting marked the transition to the new Council for the coming year, with some members staying on but many members changing. New president Craig DeAlmeida thanked outgoing members and welcomed new ones with a round of introductions in which people shared what first drew them to the Congregation. The list below shows the updated Council membership.

Carol Gregg reported that her interim staffing plan is complete. Over the next several months, the Congregation will benefit from the contributions of Kirsten Ford in communications, Matt Wright in youth and young adult support, Michael Larbi in small group and discipleship efforts, and Joseph Kovas in field education. Each of these part-time staff will work approximately 10 hours per week. The Council expressed delight at these new hires.

As the newly appointed leader of strategic plan development, Brady Surles reported significant progress in both defining the substance of the plan and scoping out a timeline that should have it ready for launch in January 2020. All Congregation members are invited to contribute their questions and ideas to the process.

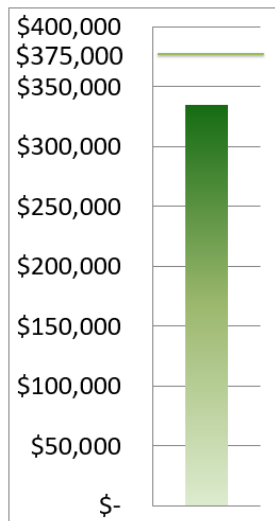
If you have ideas or concerns that you want the Council to discuss, you can contact any member with your request. Meetings are open to all who want to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.**, in The Studio at The Forest at Duke on Pickett Road.

Council members:

President—Craig DeAlmeida
Vice-President—Brady Surles
Secretary—Mary Anderson
Treasurer—Drew Hains
Administration—Janell Lovelace
Chapel Support—Drew Middleton
Christian Education—Fran Steele
Congregational Care—Marsha Altmeyer
Stewardship and Finance—John Mullins
Missions and Outreach— Nancy Wawrousek
Nominations and Leadership—Beth Gettys Sturkey
Staff-Parish Relations—Whitney Schwab
Ex-Officio members—Carol Gregg and Phyllis Snyder

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

<i>July 2018-June 2019 fiscal year</i>	Actual to May 31	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$334,697	\$375,000
Other Income	\$3,192	\$1,800
Restricted Assets Released	\$40,760	\$0
Expenses	\$360,905	\$386,759
Difference	\$17,743	-\$9,959



COMING IN JULY

July Birthdays

- 1 Diane Garber
- 3 Marsha Altmeyer; Kelly Marcom
- 5 Brenda Bullamore; Carl Singley
- 6 Andrew George; Du Zhang
- 7 Barry Berger; Caroline Wisner
- 8 Nell Noonan
- 9 Ian Gao; Megan Gao; Katherine Manuel; Blair Sheppard
- 10 Barbara Sharpe
- 11 David Eck; Dan Thomas
- 12 Bill Jones
- 13 John Denning; Barton Haynes; Anna Wirzba
- 14 Frances Page
- 15 Janet Hortin; Bram Lovelace; Forrest McDougal
- 16 Hilary Boydston
- 17 Cevaeh Bentley
- 18 Desiree Bonadonna; Rachel Davies
- 20 Marilyn Christian; Janet Scovil
- 21 J Geneczko
- 22 Janell Lovelace; Larry Snyder
- 23 Levi Todd
- 24 Joann Claytor
- 25 Kati Dezsi; Megan Gray; Bob O'Connor; Bernadette Viola
- 26 Catherine Hall; Elizabeth Parish; Lucy Solie; Ana Teel
- 27 Allison Pack; Susan Ward; Andrea Wilson
- 28 Sarah Gauger; Ellie Nye; Rick Wilfong
- 30 Alayna Todd
- 31 Sue Frederick

July Communion at the Forest at Duke Retirement Community

July 15, 11:15 a.m.

2701 Pickett Road, Durham

Serenity Room (The Chapel), Health and Wellness Center

July Worship Services

July 7: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Katie Crowe, Senior Pastor, Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC

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

July 14: Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

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June 28: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Floyd Thompkins, Vice President of Online Education and Innovation, San Francisco Theological Seminary and Director of The Applied Wisdom Institute.

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

CONGREGATION CALENDAR **DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Audrey Harlow:* Audrey is recovering from a broken femur.
- *Chuck King:* Chuck is recovering from a stroke.
- *Edwin Lee:* Ed died on June 14 after a long illness.
- *Israel McDaniel:* Israel was baptized during worship service last Sunday.
- *Emsley Palmer:* Emsley was baptized during worship service last Sunday.
- *Janis Parker:* Janis is recuperating from 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 Monday.

SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT: Please send corrected email addresses or requests to be unsubscribed to congregation@duke.edu .

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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