



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

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An old song came to mind recently, "Love the One You're With", released in 1970 by Stephen Stills. While this song may have been an excuse for dishonorable behavior over the years, I promise that is not why it came to mind! I thought of the song as I was reading Jean Vanier's *Community and Growth*.

From the
Senior Pastor



Vanier writes, "Community is not about perfect people, it is about people who are bonded to each other, each of whom is a mixture of good and bad." He then claims, "We shouldn't seek the ideal community. It is a question of loving those whom God has set beside us today. They are signs of God." *Community and Growth* was first published in 1979, so maybe Vanier was even humming "Love the One You're With" when he wrote those lines!

Christian community is not perfect nor ideal, and yet it is a profound gift of God in which we can blossom and grow. In community, we learn to love, to forgive, and to share. In the gift of community we belong to each other, not because we have chosen each other as best friends, but rather because God has united us in Christ.

The Apostle Paul puts it this way, "in Christ we, though many, form one body, ..., each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12:5)

Do you ever wonder where you belong? You belong right here, in Christian community.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

This Sunday September 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:** 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:** Dr. David Walmer and Kathy Walmer of Family Health Ministries and Dr. Joel Boggan, Congregation member, will discuss Family Health Ministries and Duke Chapel – Looking at the Last 10 Years, in 0012 Westbrook

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

Eighteenth 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. Lillian Daniel, Preacher at First Congregational Church, Dubuque, IA

Scripture readings: Proverbs 31:10-31; Mark 9:30-37

Hymns: #194 Morning Glory, Starlit Sky; #589 The Church of Christ, in Every Age; #430

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee; #598 O Word of God Incarnate

All are welcome!

AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **Education Committee** will meet in the Chapel Kitchen. All those interested in creating educational opportunities are welcome to attend.
- **Administration Committee** will meet in the Congregation Office.
- **Church Picnic:** Please plan to attend the picnic at Piney Wood Park in Durham starting at **4:30 p.m.** Details are below.

EDUCATION

RETREAT RESERVATIONS DUE

God calls us to be a covenant community. What does that mean? The fall retreat, led by Dr. Ellen Davis, will focus on the theme of covenant community. Participants will engage such questions as: What are the essential elements of covenant community, from the perspective of the Old Testament? What prophetic possibilities might that suggest for our own lives? The retreat will be held on **Saturday, September 29**, from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Freeman Center for Jewish Life, 1415 Faber Street, Durham. **Childcare will be provided.**

Please contact the Congregation Office to make a reservation for childcare. The participant fee of \$10 will cover the cost of a catered lunch. Please make a reservation online or contact the Congregation office by **Monday, September 24.**



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:

- **September 30** – Jane Fellows, Congregation member, and The Rev. Carol Gregg will speak about the vulnerable children in Zimbabwe that the Congregation supports through ZOE.
- **October 7** – Libby Boehne, Presbyterian Campus Minister, Duke University - Being Presbyterian and the Future of the Church
- **October 14** – Chaplain Joshua Salaam, Center for Muslim Life for Duke students - The Muslim Perception of Jesus Christ
- **October 21** – Tony Willms, Congregation member
- **October 28** – To be announced



PUB THEOLOGY

Join us on **Thursday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.** at Pour Taproom for a discussion on a soon-to-be-determined topic. Keep checking the weekly eNews for a topic and article reading update!

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, October 5** at **10:30 a.m.** The focus of the study will be I Corinthians 10:14-22.

TRIPLE T (TUESDAY, TABLE, TALK)

The young adults former Thursday night dinner and discussion now meets on **Tuesdays** at **6:30 p.m.** We will meet on **Tuesday, September 25, Tuesday, October 9** and **Tuesday, October 23.** Our gathering space will be in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel, and no longer the kitchen. All are invited to come with a hungry spirit and a hungry stomach. Food will be provided, and discussion will be around Galatians 4. Josh will be leading the discussion. If you have questions, contact Josh

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to explore their faith, make new friends, and share in laughter with the Youth Group this October. On **Saturday, October 13**, the Youth Group will be joining the Congregation at the Society of St. Andrew to participate in the Yam Jam. The following day, **Sunday, October 14**, the Youth Group will gather during the Congregation's Second Sunday Lunch to share a meal together and reconnect after a busy beginning of the school year. On **Sunday, October 21** after worship we will talk about communicating our faith and young adult, Nicole Dazell, will teach us how to tell familiar biblical stories with American Sign Language. For more information about these and other events for middle and high school students, contact Josh Stanley

NEW MEMBER CLASS

All those considering joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to participate in a four-week New Member Class. The class will meet from **9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** on Sundays **October 14, 21, 28** and **November 4**, with refreshments and fellowship beginning at **9:30 a.m.** The classroom is 0014 Westbrook; this room is in the lowest level of the Divinity school, adjacent to the Chapel. Directions for finding the classroom are as follows: Coming from the Bryan Center parking deck, follow the sidewalk behind the chapel. As you pass the Chapel, you will be facing the Westbrook building. Enter at the double doors, then go down two flights either by stairs or elevator. Once on the lowest level, you will see room 0014 off the wide corridor. For additional information about the class, please contact Carol Gregg.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TOUR

Tamela Davis, Chapel Docent, led a special tour for the Congregation's children on Sunday, September 2. Thank you, Mrs. Davis, for making time for the children, the creative tour, and for all the new things the children learned!



MISSION



SEPTEMBER BACK PEW COLLECTION

To support Habitat for Humanity volunteers, the following items will be collected **this Sunday, September 23**: rolls of duct tape, Sharpie markers and construction pencils, box cutters, measuring tapes, and similar small supplies. Please place donations on the back pew.

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF

On **Sunday, October 7** during worship, Duke Chapel will take up a special offering for hurricane relief following the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence. Checks may be made out to Duke Chapel for this special offering. The Congregation will also announce

service projects as those become available. For immediate opportunities see [Duke's Relief Efforts](#) webpage.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Congregation joins with two other churches to provide dinner and child care for [Families Moving Forward](#) 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 returning to housing with their family. On Tuesday night, the Congregation prepares and serves dinner for about 20 adults and children and may provide child care, depending on the needs and availability of other volunteers. [Jane Fellows](#) and [Linda Daniel](#) are responsible for this mission activity of the Congregation and would like to form a team of people who could commit to volunteering for each rotation. Four more people are needed to form this team, which would allow enough volunteers plus a couple of extras as substitutes. 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 us. The dates for the rest of 2018 are **October 8, 9** and **December 10, 11**. Please contact [Linda](#) or [Jane](#) with any questions or to let us know of your interest. Thank you.



OCTOBER PARTNER AGENCY – SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

The [Society of St. Andrew](#) brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring

communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The Society of St. Andrew, which is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition, envisions a world in which physical and spiritual hungers are met through God's grace and abundance in Jesus Christ. The Society's [regional office](#) for North and South Carolina is located in Durham. Volunteers organized by the Society of St. Andrew glean food from local fields and distributes the produce to local food banks.

OCTOBER SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday morning, **October 13**, Congregation members, youth and Duke students, will join the [Yam Jam](#) organized by the [Society of St. Andrew](#). Yam Jam is the annual sweet potato gleaning, spanning 5 weekends in September and October. Last year, over 1,500 volunteers gleaned 330,000 pounds of sweet potatoes across Central North Carolina! The Society of St Andrew, a Congregation partner agency, will coordinate gleaning in Johnston or Harnett County. Please [sign up here](#) to participate. We intend to offer an opportunity to car pool.



OCTOBER BACK PEW COLLECTION

On Sundays, **October 14** and **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 on **October 14 or 21**.

URBAN MINISTRIES DINNERS

Many thanks to the volunteers who prepared lasagnas and helped serve dinner to 227 hungry residents at the [Urban Ministries](#) shelter on August 22, 2018: Dave and Judi Vos,

On September 9, 230 dinners were served. The support of the following volunteers is appreciated: Bill Youngblood, Jeanine Valkos, Bill Jones, Nell Noonan and Roy Tuckett, Jim and Beth Gray, Linda Gauger, Rodney Wynkoop, Jan Gwyer, Janet Hortin, Cricket Scovil, and Evelyn Wilbanks.

Please let Cricket Scovil at scovilj@aol.com know if you are available to help at upcoming dinners:

- **Wednesday, October 24 (6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**
- **Sunday, November 11 (5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)**
- **Wednesday, December 26 (6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)**

Early sign-up, especially for the December 26 date, would be much appreciated!

REALITY CAFÉ LUNCH

Participants in Reality Ministries hosts a lunch for members of the community twice a month, usually on the first and third Friday. Members of the Congregation will be attending this meal on **Friday, November 2 at 12-noon**. If you would like to participate, please contact Carol Gregg.



EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

Last year, the Congregation raised \$50,000 above and beyond its regular annual giving to support two special projects which help individuals become economically self-sufficient. One project is local and the other global.

Habitat for Humanity of Durham – The Empowerment Ministries funded a year-long Repairs Apprentice position with Habitat for Humanity of Durham. Donell Shaw has held this position for over six months now, and continues to exceed expectations. With his help, Habitat is repairing more homes than anticipated while Donell masters marketable skills which will provide him employment opportunities upon completing the yearlong apprenticeship. He has worshiped at the Chapel several times and spoke at the Congregation's Annual Business Meeting. A detailed report is available here.



ZOE – The Empowerment Ministry has made it possible for the Congregation to support 81 children in rural Zimbabwe, who are part of 27 households. In recent months and under the guidance of ZOE social workers, these children have come together as a "working group" to learn and to support one another. The group has claimed the name "Reward" for themselves, and in three years, as they become economically self-sufficient they will have their reward. A detailed report is available here.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Seven volunteers from the Congregation braved rainy weather on September 15 to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. They worked on building a porch for one of our neighbors and had fun doing so.



FELLOWSHIP

PICNIC THIS SUNDAY

Please attend the Congregation Picnic on **September 23** from **4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at Piney Wood Park, 400 East Woodcroft Parkway in Durham. All ages are welcome! The large picnic shelter has been reserved, so the event will occur rain or shine. Games and activities will begin at **4:30 p.m.** and potluck meal will begin at **5:15 p.m.** The Fellowship Committee will provide hotdogs (beef, turkey and veggie varieties) from Dang Good Dogs catering, along with a wide variety of toppings. **To let us know you will attend, and to indicate what side you will bring, sign up here.** We are looking forward to seeing old and new friends at the picnic!



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 restaurant. Please join us **Friday evening, September 21** at Luna Rotisserie and Empanadas, 112 W Main St, Durham at **6:30 p.m.** We will also meet next month at The Pit, 321 W Geer St, Durham, NC 27701 at **6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19**. We ask that each person purchase their own meal.

SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

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



LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

Please plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, October 14**, to enjoy lunch with other worshippers. The Fellowship Committee invites you to attend the Second Sunday lunch at the Brodhead Center immediately after worship. 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 and sign will provide directions.

CHILDREN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP

The annual Children's Fall Fellowship event will be held on **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!



GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area religious communities, including the Congregation at Duke Chapel. Meetings are held year-round on **Tuesdays** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1200 W. Cornwallis; refreshments begin at **4:00 p.m.** and the meeting runs **4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** All those seeking support after the death of a loved one are invited to attend.

GOOD TO KNOW

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held on the Chapel Lawn on **Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m.** This service, held on the Sunday in October closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis, has been a tradition at Duke Chapel since 1989. The service is open to the public and all well-mannered pets are invited.

MEET A CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER Staff-Parish Relations Council Representative: Whitney Schwab

I have been a member of the Congregation for around 10 years. I originally came to Durham in 1986 to attend graduate school at Duke. A year later I started a landscape contracting business with Rick King, and New Leaf Landscaping has flourished ever since. I live in Durham with my two great Danes, and I enjoy cooking and sharing good times and conversations with my Hispanic friends along with a good amount of physical activity both at work and on the weekends.



Over the years I have served on Council in various ways up to and including as president. I am pleased to participate both on Council and on the Staff -Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Although I am not chair of the Committee, currently I am the Council Representative.

The SPRC is working to broaden its focus from mostly staff-related issues to the

relationship between the Congregation and staff. While the HR component will always be an important role, it is equally vital that we have good response and communication between staff and parish. To that end, we will announce the schedule for our meetings.

SPRC will next meet on **Sunday, October 21**. Should you have an issue that you wish to bring to our attention, please contact any one of us on the Committee.

I believe we are truly blessed with a wonderful staff, and it is exciting for me to consider the many ways in which the ministry of the Congregation will flourish!

YEAR-END REPORT FROM STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

In FY18, which ended June 30, the Congregation made bold commitments to action:

- Approving a budget with a projected deficit income of (\$35,385)
- Accepting a second major challenge to raise \$50,000 in restricted funds for two special Empowerment Ministry initiatives.

Final FY18 reports disclosed the following outcomes:

- Gifts and Pledges set a new record of \$356,154, exceeding FY17's total by \$8,407
- The FY18 budget's projected deficit of (\$35,385) was reduced to (\$9,737)
- Empowerment Ministries great success; in a few short months, the entire \$50,000 was raised and two special initiatives were funded. A one-year paid apprenticeship with Habitat for Humanity was created and staffed. Globally, we are now supporting an additional group of vulnerable children in Zimbabwe, who are learning to become economically self-sufficient in three years;

In FY18, we accepted Isaiah's (54:2) challenge to "spare not"; our overall financial success strengthened our stakes in stabilizing our "tent;" our ability to fully fund the many budget line items that connect us to each other and beyond strengthened our "community", and the success of our new Empowerment Ministries enlarged the place of our "tent".

Because of your generous gifts and support in FY18, the Stewardship and Finance Committee is confident of the Congregation's ability to meet our more ambitious FY19 giving goal of \$375,000.

The Congregation should feel good about FY18! And, FY19 is just beginning.....

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The September Council meeting was postponed from September 12 to September 27 due to inclement weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 11 – Urban Ministries Dinner
- December 26 – Urban Ministries Dinner
- March 10-16, 2019 – Lenten Service Trip
- April 24-May 3, 2019 – ZOE Trip to Zimbabwe
- May 17-19, 2019 – Overnight Retreat

COMING IN OCTOBER

October Birthdays

- 1 Eric Hansen
- 2 Eryn Dennehy, Carol Gregg
- 3 Patrick Dennehy
- 4 Francis Donaie, Steve Grosso
- 5 Deb Hackney
- 6 Mimi Haase
- 7 Luca Grosso
- 8 Xiao Recio-Blanco, Carolyn Sangokoya, Tok Siu
- 9 Leroy McRae, Connie Warren
- 10 Clifford Best, Elaine DeAlmeida, Laura Quinn, Jan Radabaugh
- 11 Emily Alexander, Gay Elliott, Allison Hall, Farrel Potts
- 13 Linda Alexander, Richard Di Giulio, Mary Sandor, Ronan Takacs
- 14 Marion Eck

- 15 Mike Smith
16 William Hix, Rick King
17 Sydnor Patrick
18 Linda Gauger, Carol Matteson, Sampras Takacs
19 Carmelo Gullotto, Donald Silver, Beth Sturkey, Samuel Todd
21 Brad Haithcock
22 Gabe George, Mary Jane Nye
23 Ann King, Ella Jean Shore
24 Ward Nye, Ginnie Ruckert
26 Tom Link, Cammey Manning, David Riddle, Phillip Smith, Lee Tyrey
28 Jane Hix, Robert Sills
30 Jim Kelly
31 Frank Coble

October Worship Services

October 7: Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

October 14: 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

October 21: Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

October 28: Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Gary Simpson, Pastor, Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY

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.
- *June Griggs:* June is recuperating from surgery to repair a broken hip.
- *Harry Nolan:* Harry asks for prayer for a clear PET scan for lymphoma.
- *Susan Nolan:* Susan gives thanks for surviving a serious car accident without injury.
- *Ginnie Ruckert:* Ginnie is recuperating from Mohs surgery.
- *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.

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