



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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Deepening Connections

Dear [% user.gecos %],

Right now, because of your gifts and prayers, vulnerable children in Zimbabwe are being recruited and selected to participate in [ZOE](#), a unique empowerment program.

This year, the Congregation is sponsoring two groups of vulnerable children in Zimbabwe. One group is sponsored with budgeted funds and the second with gifts from the Empowerment Ministries fund. The formation of the groups takes several months. When ZOE first enters a community to help children, they begin by engaging the local leaders. ZOE staff members explain how ZOE is an empowerment program, helping the children to help themselves. Although this is often a different approach than local leaders are accustomed to, it resonates with leaders who want to see sustainable change in their village.

ZOE staff members, who are indigenous to each country in which ZOE operates, understand local customs, challenges, and resources available so when they meet with the community leaders they quickly gain trust and support.



The first months with ZOE are truly unlike anything the children have ever experienced. Many will have come to the first meeting expecting some kind of a handout – clothing, food. Others will have come reluctantly, thinking it might be just another headcount of desperate children that so many NGO's and government agencies have conducted before. Their disappointment at not receiving immediate





goods is replaced by the belief that their entire life is about to change. They leave that first meeting eager to start working together and often will invite others to be part of this opportunity.

During the first meeting the youth elect leaders, make rules to guide their meetings, chose a group name, and decide when and where to hold weekly gatherings. In the subsequent six months, the children begin training on the topics of food security, health and disease prevention, business management, and child rights. If they have access to land they are provided with seeds to start gardens and plant crops; if they have a trade skill they receive immediate grants to start a small business. If siblings are not attending school, ZOE provides uniforms and other resources to get them back into classes; older children may begin vocational training. Most importantly, all experience God's love through the work of ZOE staff and your prayers.

Thank you for your gifts to the Congregation's budget. Thank you for your gifts to the Empowerment Ministries Fund. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of our ministries both locally and globally. Your gifts and your prayers are an essential part of our corporate ministry which make a real, lasting, and positive impact on the lives of others.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Carol

P.S. If you want to meet "our" children, I invite you to [travel to Zimbabwe](#) in 2019.

This Sunday February 18

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 ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** For youth in 6th-12th grade in 0013 Westbrook.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Adults will focus on faith, hope, and love through an

exploration of the letters of Galatians, 1 Peter, and 1 John in 0015 Westbrook.

• **ADULT FORUM:** Nelson Strother, Congregation member, will lead us to ponder some “Old Insights about the New Testament” in 0012 Westbrook.

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

[First Sunday of Lent](#)

Preaching: The Rev. Bruce Puckett, Director of Worship and Community Ministry, Duke Chapel

Sermon: Make Me to Know

Lectionary readings: Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Hymns: #267 O Love, How Deep; #178 Hope of the World

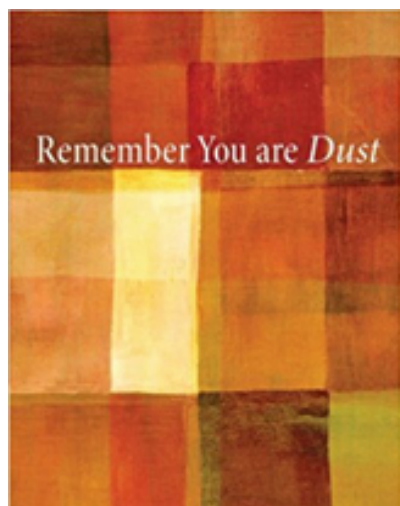
All are welcome!

EDUCATION

NEW MEMBER CLASS

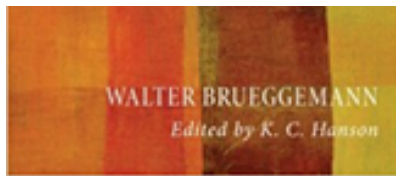
All those considering membership in the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to attend the New Member Class. The class will meet from **9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** on Sundays **March 4, 11, 18, and 25**, with refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. The classroom is 0014 Westbrook; this room 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.

LENTEN BOOK GROUPS



Walter Brueggemann’s [Remember You are Dust](#) , will be the focus of a four-week Lenten Study during the month of March. In the preface, the author writes that the recognition of our humanity as dust leads, not to despair or anxiety, but to “glad submission of our life to the Easter God.” Four discussion groups, which will begin the **week of March 4**, are planned as follows:

Sundays 9:45 a.m. in Westbrook 0012 led by Kathi Piendl
Mondays 7:30 p.m. at Hortin/Geneczko home led by Janet



Hortin

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. at PathWays house led by Bruce Puckett

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. at the Yuschok/Lawrence home led by Terry Yuschok

Please contact the [Congregation office](#) at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 to indicate plans to attend one of the groups and for additional details. Books are available [online](#) or from the Congregation office.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

The Adult Forum provides a wide range of topics and speakers. Coming soon: **February 25** -The Rev. Emilie Townes, Dean and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society Professor of American Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School, and guest preacher in Duke Chapel, will present “The Power of Love in Times Like These”.

March 4 - Gretchen Ziegenhals and Kathleen Peindl, Congregation members, will open our discussion “Are We Just Dust?” for the Lenten Book Series (see above for more information).

March 11 - Theresa Yuschok and Kathleen Peindl, Congregation members, will continue our discussion “Are We Just Dust?” for the Lenten Book Series.

March 18 - Theresa Yuschok and Kathleen Peindl, Congregation members, will continue our discussion “Are We Just Dust?” for the Lenten Book Series.

March 25 - Kathleen Peindl, Congregation member, will conclude our discussion “Are We Just Dust?” for the Lenten Book Series.

LITURGY LAB IN LENT

Join the Congregation’s Youth Group for hands-on learning about the Church’s worshipful work on Sunday afternoons in Lent. Topics include Baptism (**February 25**), Sights and Symbols of Worship (**March 4**), the Saints (**March 11**), Death and Resurrection (**March 18**), and the Church Sent in Mission (**March 25**). All are invited to grab lunch after church, and then gather outside the Congregation Office at **1:00 p.m.** for an hour of fun, hands-on learning. Questions? Contact [Andrew Phillips](#) at andrew.phillips@duke.edu for more information.

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

Two of the Congregation’s ministry partners have prepared daily Lenten devotions: [The Society of St. Andrew](#) and [ZOE](#) . Consider these as possible spiritual practices

as we enter this season of reflection and prayer.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

The monthly lectionary Bible study will meet on **Friday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m.** in the library at The Forest at Duke, 2701 Pickett Rd., Durham. The focus of the study will be John 2:13-22. New participants are welcome at any time. Email Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu for more information.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT REGISTRATION



The annual [Overnight Retreat](#) combines education, fellowship, and renewal to create a



wonderful weekend. All ages are welcome. Programming for children, youth, and adults is built into the retreat. In addition, relaxing time helps the participants build relationships with one another. The retreat will begin on Saturday morning, June 2 and conclude after lunch on Sunday, June 3; participants may arrive on Friday night to simply relax. [Caraway Camp and Conference Center](#) near Asheboro provides the location for this retreat. Our presenter for the 2018 retreat is Dr. Stephen B. Chapman, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity School. Registration is required by **April 1**. Details and registration are [available online](#) .

MISSION

SERVE THIS SATURDAY WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

Come share your Saturday morning by making sandwiches for Meals on Wheels of Durham, 2522 Ross Road. Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches for homebound adults in our community **this Saturday, February 17** from **9:00 a.m. to 12-noon**. Donations are also needed.

- Bread: Whole wheat white bread. Nature's Own makes a version called Whitewheat.
- Turkey: Sliced deli style
- Mustard: Yellow
- Peanut butter: Creamy
- Jelly: Grape or Strawberry, with no seeds. No jams, please.

[Click here](#) to RSVP for the service project or volunteer to donate needed items. Questions? Email Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu .

FEBRUARY BACK PEW COLLECTION

This Sunday, **February 18**, please consider donating individual serving sizes of the following for the Meals On Wheels weekend meal program. Please note that any cans should have pop top lids. Fruit cups (unsweetened); Applesauce (unsweetened); Soup (low-sodium); Tuna and cracker packages; Canned meals (such as spaghetti or chicken and dumplings); Macaroni and cheese; Peanut butter or cheese crackers; Chewy or soft granola bars; Breakfast bars; Juice boxes; Ensure.



VIGIL AGAINST VIOLENCE

The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham will hold their 26th Annual Vigil Against Violence on **Thursday, February 22** from **7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Shepherd's House UMC, 107 North Driver Street. Those gathered will honor and remember 29 lives taken by violence within Durham County in 2017, offer comfort to their family and friends, and bear witness to the peace among us. All ages and faiths are welcome.

TASTY EVENT



[Empty Bowls](#) is the major, annual fundraising event for [Urban Ministries of Durham](#) . On **Thursday, March 1**, participants will enjoy a soup supper from fifteen of Durham's finest kitchens and may purchase a handmade bowl. [Tickets are now available online](#) .

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TRAINING

The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham and Restorative Justice Durham will hold its first in-depth training for volunteer restorative justice facilitators on **Saturday, March 3** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Calvary United Methodist, 307 E. Trinity Avenue. The training will introduce the full scope and sequence of the restorative justice process, and prepare volunteers to serve as pre-conference facilitators and restorative circle participants in forthcoming RJ cases through Durham's Misdemeanor Diversion Program. Training is conducted by experienced RJ practitioners, and open to all. For questions or more information, contact restorativejusticedurham@gmail.com .

MARCH PARTNER AGENCY - REALITY MINISTRIES



[Reality Ministries](#) creates opportunities for teens and adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship and the life-changing reality of Christ's love. Through a variety of programs, Reality Ministries strives to reflect

God's heart for humanity, daily demonstrating that everyone is accepted, valued and celebrated. On Saturday, **March 3**, there is an opportunity for the ladies of Duke Chapel to serve our neighbors at a Saturday Service project, and on **March 11 and 18** for the entire Congregation to give in-kind donations as part of our Back Pew Collection.

MARCH SERVICE PROJECT AT REALITY MINISTRIES

Ladies of the Congregation are welcome to join our lady friends at Reality Ministries for a tea at the Reality Ministries Center, at 916 Lamond Ave., Durham, The tea will be on **Saturday, March 3**, from **12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Any time you can donate will be appreciated. Assistance has been requested for setup, serving and sharing tea with friends and cleanup. The following food contributions would also be gratefully appreciated: tea sandwiches, cookies and baked treats. Please respond to Linda Karolak at lindakarolak79@gmail.com or to Denise Noble at denise.noble@duke.edu if you can participate.

MARCH BACK PEW COLLECTION

On **March 11 and 18**, the Congregation will be collecting paper plates (dinner size), plastic cups, plastic forks and spoons, plastic table clothes (rectangular), and paper towels for our mission partners at Reality Ministries. Just leave them on the Back

Pew and thank you in advance for your support.

CROP WALK

Join us on **Sunday, March 25** to walk a 4.8 mile (8K) course from the Chapel to Duke's East Campus and back. The [CROP Walk](#) has become a Congregation tradition; we walk because marginalized people around the world walk each day for food, water, and economic survival. All proceeds go to benefit organizations that work to end hunger and support refugees locally and globally. Registration starts at **1:30 p.m.**; step-off is at **2:30 p.m.**, and individuals may expect to finish within two hours. Walkers from the Congregation will meet at **2:15 p.m.** on the Chapel steps for our group picture! [Please register online](#) . Contact James Osborn at dubldyman@earthlink.net or 919-949-0439 for additional information.

HABITAT REPAIRS VOLUNTEER



Habitat for Humanity of Durham welcomes volunteers to work with their repairs team. Repairs are done during the traditional work week; individuals may volunteer at a time that works well for them. Contact [Laine Staton](#) for more information.

HELP FAMILIES MOVE FORWARD

Volunteers are needed on **Monday, April 16** and **Tuesday, April 17** to serve dinner from **5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** and to provide childcare from **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at Families Moving Forward, Durham's shelter for homeless families. For detailed information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Fellows at janeafellows@msn.com or Elaine DeAlmeida at elainedealmeida8@gmail.com .



SUMMER SERVICE LEARNING TRIP



Want to spend a week in service, worship, and fellowship with other Congregation members this summer? From **July 29-August 4**, the Youth Group will be returning to the Hinton Center for a service trip, and all ages are invited to join us! Contact [Andrew Phillips](#)

to sign up or request more information!

FELLOWSHIP

PUB THEOLOGY

Join 20 and 30 somethings from the Congregation at Duke Chapel for gatherings around drinks, discussion, and God. Our next two meetings are **tonight, Thursday February 15, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Bull City Ciderworks ([more information](#)) and **Thursday March 8 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Pour Taproom in Downtown Durham. Friends, family, first-timers, and beverage drinkers of all kinds welcome! Email [Andrew Phillips](#) for more information.

YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP

This Friday through Sunday, three adult mentors and seven youth will journey to Lake Junaluska and the Cataloochee Ski Resort in western NC. Please pray for traveling mercies, time to grow in love of God and one another, and for enough snow to get down the slopes!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to the following Youth Group events. For students not going on the Ski Trip this year, the Youth Group will be participating in the Meals on Wheels Service Project on **February 17** (see Mission Section for details). Beginning **February 25**, the Youth Group will meet after church for lunch and Liturgy Lab for the season of Lent. See article in Education Section for details. For more information about these and other events for middle and high school students, contact [Andrew Phillips](#) .

GROWING THRU GRIEF

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area churches, including the Congregation, to provide support and comfort to those who mourn. Following a presentation, participants break into small group discussions. On **February 20**, Aaron Klink will discuss “The Communion of Saints,” and Betsy Barton will speak about “Five Lessons Grief Can Teach Us” on **March 6**. Scott Anderson will speak on **March 20**. Meetings are held year-round on **Tuesdays**. Come to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church 1200 W. Cornwallis, at **4:00 p.m.** for coffee and cookies. The meeting starts at **4:30 p.m.** and ends by **6:00 p.m.**

20s AND 30s DINNER

Join young adults from Duke Chapel for dinner at Vine Sushi and Thai on **February**

23 at 6:30 p.m.! RSVP for our February dinner and find more information [here](#) . Also, save the date for our March Dinner at Lilly's Pizza on **March 16 at 6:30 p.m.!** RSVP and more information about our March gathering [here](#) .

FELLOWSHIP ON MARCH 11

The Fellowship Committee invites you to stay after worship on **March 11** for a combination Snackluck/ Second Sunday Lunch with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Catered sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Please bring finger-foods to share such as nuts, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, fruit, cookies and muffins. Beverages will be provided. Snacks may be placed in the Chapel kitchen before worship. This fellowship event will be held in the Chapel Lounge, located directly beneath the sanctuary. A stairwell leading to the lower level is located near the pulpit-side transept. All are welcome.

SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On **March 14 at 12-noon**, participants will gather at Hope Valley Diner, Shannon Plaza, 3710 Shannon Rd, Durham, with each person purchasing their own meal. Please notify the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by **Monday, March 12** if you plan to attend.

GOOD TO KNOW

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Congregation Council met on February 8, 2018, at The Forest at Duke. At this month's meeting, Andrew Phillips informed the Council that his Bishop in the United Methodist Church will assign him to a new post effective July 1, 2018. The Council regrettably accepted his resignation as Assistant Pastor, effective June 22, 2018, expressing deep gratitude for his work with the Congregation and heartfelt best wishes for him in his new position. The Staff Parish Relations committee will lead the search to fill the Assistant Pastor position. [Click here](#) to view Andrew's letter to the Congregation.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

[Finance Table](#)

[Finance Graph](#)

T-SHIRT AND LOGO ITEMS



Are you planning on participating in service projects, attending the Overnight Retreat in June, or going places with the Youth Group? You are going to want a Congregation t-shirt! Congregation t-shirts, sweatshirts and other logo items may be ordered **now through March 1**. Clothing is available in adult and children's sizes. A tote bag and draw-string bag are available as well. Made with fair-trade products, all of the items are blue with white

lettering and are being sold at cost. [Please place an order here](#) by **Wednesday, March 1**. Items will be delivered at the end of March. Please plan to pay for your items when you pick them up.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The Congregation's Annual Business Meeting will be held after worship on **Sunday, June 10** at Duke Divinity School. Plan now to come and enjoy a catered lunch at the Divinity Café with Congregation friends prior to the meeting in Goodson Chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 3 – Saturday Service Project – Reality Ministry
- March 24 – Children's Easter Program and Egg Hunt
- April 7 – Saturday Service Project – Ronald McDonald House
- June 2-3 – Annual Overnight Retreat
- June 10 – Annual Business Meeting
- July 29-August 4 – Youth Service Learning Trip to Hinton Center

COMING IN MARCH

March Birthdays

- 3 Marinell Manning
- 5 Juan Carlos Espitia; Nancy Wawrousek
- 6 Susana Garcia; Nolan Puckett; Elisa Wang
- 8 Lisa Lark; Mary Putman Hartman; Anna Shea; John Streicher
- 9 Charlotte Hohenstein
- 10 James Hockett; Betty O'Neal
- 11 Eleanore Bequaert
- 14 Nancy Jirtle
- 15 Alan DuBois; Kevin Harrison
- 16 Jennifer Collins; Jacob O'Keefe; Charlie Wojciechowski
- 17 Matthew Guzman; Guy Solie; Lilah Wilfong
- 18 Tucker Owen
- 19 Sylvia Arnett
- 20 Marco Gullotto; Pamela Hickey
- 22 Connie Riddle; Riley Sapp; John Vandenberg; Nicky Woodrum
- 23 Ariana Sheeks
- 24 James Gray; James Osborn; Cynthia Schmidt; Kathy Singer; Scott Southern; Ben Wirzba
- 25 Walker Robinson
- 26 Emily Miller; Kyle O'Connor
- 27 Mary Best; Steve Harper; John Solie
- 28 Corrie Odom; Jaspas Takacs
- 29 Jennie Brooks; Christine Callan; Geraldine Dawson; Norlin Juniult; Pam O'Quinn
- 30 Jan Hanrath; Ed Karolak; Ollie Slawter
- 31 Kathy Southern; Simeon Todd

March Worship Services

March 4: Worship Service

Preacher: Dr. Ellen Davis, Professor of Bible and Practical Theology,
Duke Divinity

School

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

Chapel

March 11: Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

Chapel

March 18: Worship Service

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Begbie, Research Professor of
Theology, Duke

Divinity School

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

March 25: Worship Service

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

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

Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time starts **Sunday, March 11**. Please remember to “spring forward” by setting your clocks ahead one hour.

March Special Events for Children and Parents

- **Saturday, March 24:** Annual Congregation Easter Program and Egg Hunt **10:30 a.m.**, Blackwood Farm Park, Chapel Hill. Watch for Evites to arrive soon. Please RSVP by **March 19**. Don't forget to bring a basket for collecting eggs!
- **Sunday, March 25:** Palm Sunday children (and parents) participate in the worship service processional carrying palm leaves.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 25

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Holy Week, March 26-29

12-noon Brief Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion

11:00 p.m. Dupre: Stations of the Cross

Good Friday March 30

11:30 a.m. Procession of Stations of the Cross and Service

7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae

Easter, April 1

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Duke Gardens

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

CONGREGATION [CALENDAR](#)

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CONGREGATION JOYS & CONCERNS

- *Ed Karolak*: Ed is recuperating from a stroke.
- *Sydnor Patrick*: Sydnor is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery.
- *Ann Sanders*: Ann is recuperating from a stroke at Hillcrest Convalescent Center.

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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