

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As you are well aware, on Sunday September 26, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary. It was an occasion bursting with some of the most marvelous aspects of our life together as a church. The anniversary weekend overflowed with your amazing gifts and talents offered in the most beautiful ways. What a way to celebrate the love we have experienced from God over the last twenty-five years!

One of the many blessings of this celebration was Dean Wells' sermon at the evening worship service. For those of you who were not able to attend and for those of us who could use hearing the message again, let me give a brief recap. The heart of the homily was the question, "Are you going on?" Dean Wells used the garden scene from Matthew 26—the scene where Jesus invites three of his disciples to follow him to the place he is going to pray—to ask the Congregation if we are willing to move deeper into the heart of God. Or in other words, are we going to move deeper into the place where the commitment is greater, where more faithfulness is required, where we will encounter "grief and sacrifice and danger and close scrutiny," and where "intimacy and pain and glory" abound?

This is the question we must ask as individuals and as a church. The answer to this question will surely shape our next twenty-five years of existence and beyond. The answer will go a long way in determining our response to another important question facing our church in this time of transition: "What kind of church are we going to be?" As members of the Congregation, this is your question to answer again and again. It is a question we will answer directly and indirectly through the choices we make over dinner tables and in committee meetings, during Bible studies and in worship services, in the houses of homebound members and the backyards of homeless men. And though you may not have been aware of it, it is a question you have already answered many times.

I have only been serving here for a little over a year, yet I have an idea about how the Congregation is answering these questions. Let me highlight some of the ways we "celebrated" our anniversary as a microcosm of the choice I see the Congregation making. On Saturday morning, forty-seven of our members and friends travelled to eight locations throughout Durham to serve by sorting, cooking, building, mailing, planting, and doing many other things. Offering a Saturday morning in service looks a lot like walking deeper into the garden to me. Also on Saturday, the cookbook committee revealed the fruit of many hours of work and creativity. While some may simply see a beautiful book, this love gift symbolizes an aspect of the self-offering journey into faithfulness. Working behind the scenes on Sunday was a fellowship group who spent hours preparing for and cleaning up after the potluck. The committee's self-sacrifice that created a place for us to grow in community reveals a desire to move into the intimate places of God's heart.

If this page permitted, I would write in detail about the extra time in worship and the money raised for Yo:Durham and a host of other ways our members seemed to affirmatively answer both of the questions posed. Though these examples may not provide a definitive answer, they give me a clue of what our answer will be.

Grace and Peace,



Bruce,  
 Pastor

**SUNDAYS****9:45 A.M.****Adult Forum**

Location—Westbrook 0012

**Youth Sunday School**

High School Location—Divinity School lounge

Middle School Location—Bryan Center Conference Room A

**“Godly Play 1”**

Location—Chapel Crypt

**“Godly Play 2”**

Location—York Room, Divinity School

**11:00 A.M.****Sunday Worship****Holy Communion will be served****October 3, 17, and 31 (10:45 pm service)****12:15 P.M.****Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing, October 10, 24, and 31**

Location—Memorial Chapel

**5:00 P.M.****Youth Fellowship**

Location—Chapel Basement

**MONDAYS****6:30 P.M.****Invitation to John**

Location—Chapel Conference Room

**TUESDAYS****6:30 P.M.****Disciple I-Becoming Disciples through Bible Study**

Location—Chapel Conference Room

**WEDNESDAYS****12:15 P.M.****Companions in Christ—The Way of Grace**

Location—Episcopal Center

**THURSDAYS****7:00 P.M.****Christian Believer**

Location—Wesley House

**FRIDAY, October 1****10:00 A.M.****First Friday Lectionary Group**

Location—The Forest at Duke

**6:00 P.M.****Young Adult/Professionals Dinner**

Location—Jason's Deli, 5408 New Hope Commons Drive, Durham

**SUNDAY, October 3****11:00 A.M.****Service of Worship**

Dean Sam Wells, preacher

**Holy communion will be celebrated****12:15 P.M.****Student Outreach Lunch**

Location—Duke Chapel Lounge

**New Member Lunch**

Location—Duke Chapel Kitchen

**THURSDAY, October 7****8:00 P.M.****Duke Performance—Stile Antico**

Location—Duke Chapel

**SUNDAY, October 10****9:45 A.M.****Second Sunday Coffee**

Location—Chapel Kitchen

**11:00 A.M.****Worship Service**

Bishop N. T. Wright, Anglican Church, Durham, England, preacher

**12:15 P.M.****Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing****TUESDAY, October 12****7:00 P.M.****Finance Meeting**

Location—Forest at Duke

**THURSDAY, October 14****6:30 P.M.****Executive Meeting**

Location—Karen Witzleben's home

**7:30 P.M.****Council Meeting**

Location—Karen Witzleben's home

**FRIDAY, October 15****6:30 P.M.****Young Adult/Professionals**

Location—State Fair

**SUNDAY, October 17****11:00 A.M.****Service of Worship**

Jeremy Troxler, Director of the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative, Duke Divinity School, preacher

**Holy communion will be celebrated****MONDAY, October 18****11:15 A.M.****Holy Communion at the Forest at Duke**

Location—Meditation Room, Serenity Place

**WEDNESDAY, October 20****7:00 P.M.****Stephen Ministry Meeting**

Location—Forest at Duke

**SATURDAY, October 23****8:00 P.M.****Parents' Weekend Concert-Duke Chorale and Duke Wind Symphony**

Location—Duke Chapel

**SUNDAY, October 24****11:00 A.M.****Worship Service**

Dean Sam Wells, preacher

**12:15 P.M.****Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing****WEDNESDAY, October 27****6:30 P.M.****Shelter Dinners**

Location—Urban Ministries of Durham

**THURSDAY, October 28****7:00 P.M.****Local Missions Meeting**

Location—Episcopal Center

**SUNDAY, October 31****11:00 A.M.****Worship Service**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Gomes, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister at Harvard University, preacher

**5:00 P.M.****Organ Recital Series presented by David Briggs**

Location—Duke Chapel

**10:45 P.M.**

All Hallows Eve Worship Service

**Holy communion will be celebrated**

## IHN Week October 3-10

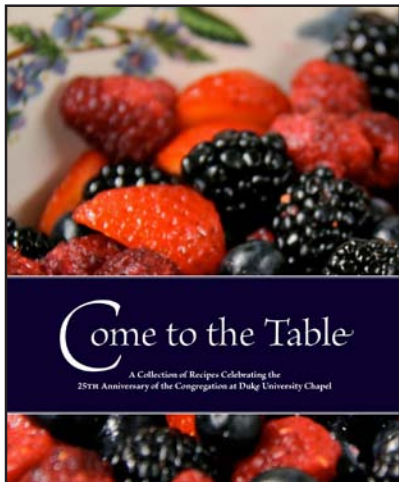


We will be assisting Antioch Baptist host three homeless families through Interfaith Hospitality Network during the week of October 3-10. If you are interested in learning more about this community outreach opportunity,

please contact Marilyn Christian at 361-1974 or [mchristian2@nc.rr.com](mailto:mchristian2@nc.rr.com). Our next time to help host will be January 2- 9, 2011. What a wonderful way to actively provide Christian love and live your faith. Mark your calendars now and watch for upcoming notices for further ways you can help these families in need during the new year.

*Marilyn Christian*

### Come to the Table Now on Sale!



The Congregation's cookbook, commemorating its 25th anniversary, is now on sale. You may purchase books after worship on Sundays outside the front doors or in the narthex, depending on the weather. Books will sell for \$10 each through Thanksgiving; after November 25, books will cost \$15 each. Make checks out to the Congregation at Duke Chapel and write cookbook on the memo line. If you would like books to be shipped to you or others, contact Kate DeAlmeida at [thedealmeidas@aol.com](mailto:thedealmeidas@aol.com) or 401-3596 for details. Get them while they're hot!

## Haiti Collection Wrap Up

At the September meeting the Congregation Council voted to augment the amount of money raised for the guesthouse for the Leogane clinic in Haiti—in honor of Nancy Ferree-Clark. The total in individual gifts received is approximately \$110,000 (including the Council's contribution), which is a terrific statement of your support for this worthwhile cause. The Council voted to add whatever amount is needed to reach a total of \$110,000 for FHM. This extra approximate \$20K will come from the Congregation reserves and will be given in mid October.

Since the start of our FHM fundraising efforts in June the price of the construction for a second floor addition over the clinic has risen dramatically to \$150K+. Family Health Ministries' plan for this building effort has changed substantially and for the better. They have decided to now build a free-standing guesthouse on land they own located very near the Leogane clinic. All or part of the building will be named in honor of Nancy Ferree-Clark.

Thank you for making this effort so successful and meaningful for FHM, the people of Haiti, and for Nancy.

*Karen Witzleben*

*President of the Congregation Council*

## A New Fellowship Opportunity!

What are you doing for lunch after church on October 17, November 14, and February 20? If you don't have anything planned, we have an idea you might like. We're calling it small-group-get-togethers. The idea is this—we break into groups of eight people and grab a quick lunch together on campus or nearby. (A dining guide will be available with ideas for places to eat and/or picnic.) The groups of eight will be determined by luck of the draw (although folks who need to stay together will certainly be accommodated.) It's a great way to meet and get to know fellow Congregants and worshippers at Duke Chapel. We'll gather on the Quad right after the service – look for the red, white and black umbrella. Everyone is invited! We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call or e-mail Judy Arneson (968-7822/[arneson@nc.rr.com](mailto:arneson@nc.rr.com))

*Judy Gaitens-Arneson*

## 2010-2011 Fellowship Calendar

The Chapel Fellowship Committee invites Congregation members to help us celebrate community with friendship, fun and great food. Please save the following dates:

**Second Sunday Coffee Hour**—Second Sunday at 9:45-10:30, Chapel kitchen (No Second Sunday Coffee Hour in months of November, May or June)

**October 17**—Small Group Lunch, immediately after church service. Details for the event will be in the bulletin

**November 14**—Small Group Lunch, immediately after church service. Details for the event will be in the bulletin.

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**January 2**—Epiphany Party, Cranford House (home of Dean Sam Wells), 12:30 p.m.

**February 20**—Small Group Lunch, immediately after church service. Details will be in the bulletin

**March 13**—Lenten Meal, Chapel basement lounge and kitchen, 12:15 p.m.

## Our Thankfulness Benefits Others

Hello to all! We certainly hope everyone had an enjoyable and productive summer. Time seems to slip by faster and faster each year. One day we're having our Congregation annual luncheon, and before you know it, school has started back, the fall season is underway, and we all return to our familiar rhythms of life.

It has been a few months since the Stewardship committee has written in the newsletter, and thus we feel a reminder is needed here as to what our Congregation has accomplished in Christ's service. Of course, it all started with the completion of the Habitat house last winter, two successful missions trips taken by our youth, a medical mission trip to Haiti, and of course the completion of the special collection to assist rebuilding in earthquake-stricken Haiti; a project to be named in honor of former Pastor Nancy Ferree-Clark. Many other accomplishments warrant recognition and thanks, but are too numerous to list.

Obviously, we all have much to be very thankful for here in this season of harvest and Thanksgiving. And, with the celebration of our Congregation's 25th anniversary just a couple of weeks back, we must all pause for a moment and imagine the possibilities and challenges waiting in our

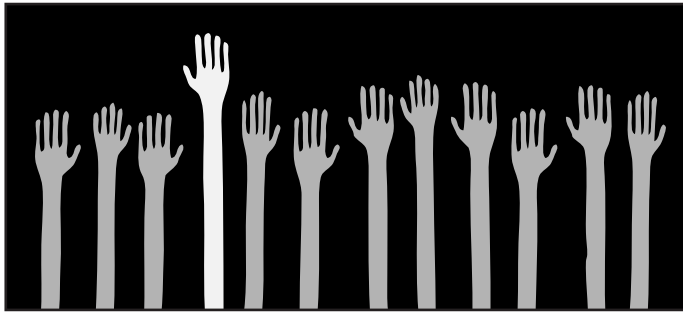
future service to the Lord. The opportunities are plentiful everywhere, even today. We ask that each of you ask yourselves these simple questions: one, as an individual am I doing my part towards putting hands and feet to the Gospel? Did I help someone hungry or assist a person suffering in pain? Did I speak up when I witnessed an injustice committed? And two, look back a moment and ask yourself: am I on track making the contributions I committed to the Congregation for God's use? If not, please keep in mind the Congregation's giving year ends in three months!

When giving to the Congregation, always keep in mind that your resources allow our Congregation to educate our youth, continue to educate our adults, facilitate fellowship for community building, provideus pastoral care for numerous difficulties, celebrations, and life events, and allow us the ability to move the Gospel from within the confines of the Chapel into the world outside. How far we can go as a Congregation in every area mentioned above is completely up to you.

Thanks be to God for all of you and for our Congregation! Have a great October!

Peace and Blessings,  
*Frank Coble, Stewardship Committee*

## “Godly Play” Volunteers Needed



Our “Godly Play” ministry, a Montessori-based children’s Christian education program, is greatly in need of volunteer doorkeepers and storytellers. In the “Godly Play” classroom, doorkeepers welcome the children and help them prepare to hear and respond to the story of the day. They facilitate the session, assisting the children as they move through the different parts of the “Godly Play” hour. Doorkeepers require minimal training. Storytellers present the lessons and manage the “Godly Play” circle. They set the pace for the hour and cue the children when to move from one part of the session to the next. Storytellers are required to attend special training for “Godly Play” certification. If you are interested in becoming involved in this crucial ministry with the children of the Congregation as either a “Godly Play” doorkeeper or storyteller, please contact Sonja Tilley at [shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu](mailto:shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu) or (919) 684-3917.

## Let’s Go to the State Fair!

The young-ish adults (the 20- and 30- somethings group) from the Congregation will be heading to the State Fair on Friday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for all the delights the State Fair has to offer: deep fried Oreos included! If you are interested in carpooling or attending, contact Bruce at [bruce.puckett@duke.edu](mailto:bruce.puckett@duke.edu).

## Off-Campus Communion



The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, October 18, in the Meditation Room, Serenity Place, at the Forest at Duke. All are welcome!

## Children’s Ministry Fall Fellowship

All children ages 2 through 5th grade are invited to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2010

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lee Miller Farm  
3600 Pearson Road  
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Activities include a hayride, campfire, exploring life on a farm, roasting hot dogs, making s’mores, storytelling, and more.

For more information or to sign up for this event, please contact Sonja Tilley at [shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu](mailto:shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu) or call (919) 684-3917.



## A Service of Worship for The Blessing of the Animals



Featuring the Durham Children’s Choir

**Sunday, October 3**

**Chapel Quad, 4 p.m.**

**Dr. Norman Wirzba, Preaching**

The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer, Presiding

*Rain Date October 10 at 3 p.m.*

## What a Weekend! Remembering Our First Quarter Century, Thinking Toward the NEXT!

**HIGHLIGHTS** chronicled from a glorious weekend:

**Saturday September 25, 2010**—It's 8:30 a.m. and nearly 50 members are gathering at the Episcopal Center, donned in work clothes, and ready to serve the community with their hearts and hands. We pray together and group ourselves according to destination. At 9 o'clock we are on our way. Teams travel to eight agencies and give back by digging, scrubbing, building, sorting, organizing, and assembling.

**Sunday, September 26**—9:45 a.m. and Adult Forum—The Rev. Margaret Via, our first pastor, and the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark, our pastor for 18 years up until recently, reminisce about our first 25 years as a Congregation. Twenty of our original members from 1985 gather in the narthex of the Chapel to process and sit together for the service. Dean Wells graciously congratulates the Congregation for what we have meant to the Chapel these first twenty-five years. Rodney Wynkoop and Chapel Choir present the Congregation's newly commissioned anthem written by David Arcus, *Give Me the Faith*—a glorious and meaningful work of art.

At 5 p.m. we gather in the sanctuary to celebrate with baptism, prayers, beautiful music from the Vespers

Choir, and thoughtful reflections from Dean Wells. Thanks are expressed to those who have planned and coordinated the anniversary events, special guests, our new Congregation Anniversary cookbook, and our past presidents of the Congregation. Next appears our founder and friend, Will Willimon, on the silver screen, being interviewed last spring by Nancy Ferree-Clark. We gather downstairs to learn and sing our new grace written by Craig DeAlmeida. We savor the pot-luck food and the flavor of great community thanks to the Fellowship Committee's hard work. Cookbooks are sold, new Congregation pins are presented, and the lounge is a sea of smiles and hugs!

*I have EVERY intention of being there in the Chapel sanctuary in September 2035 to celebrate again with many of you on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Thank you for making this weekend another meaningful stepping stone into the years ahead, as a Congregation who will welcome the challenges and celebrate EVERY year we are together as one in the body of Christ!*

*Karen Witzleben*

*Congregation President*





## Adult Forum

The Adult Forum welcomes everyone to these free lectures 9:45 a.m. Sundays in Westbrook Building of the Divinity School, sub-basement room 0012.

**October 3**—The Rev. Bruce Puckett will speak on “Connecting with God: Using the Scriptures to Pray”

**October 10**—Coffee Hour

**October 17**—The Rev. Jo Bailey Wells will speak on “Fierce Conversations with God: Looking at the Psalms of Lament”

**October 24**—The Rev. Dr. Daniel Day will speak on “The Pentecostal Chapter of Christian History”

**October 31**—Dr. Sujin Pak will speak on “A Brief History of All Hallows Eve/All Saints’ Day”

## Joys of the Congregation

On September 26, we gave thanks for the baptisms of Juliette Elizabeth Teel, daughter to Ana and Randy Teel, and Madeline Helen Sevara Pivko, daughter to Kurt Pivko and Laura Bowen.



Congratulations to the Vicious Vipers who visited Yosemite National Park last month after competing in the Canon Envirothon in Fresno, California. From left, team adviser Cindy Gass (Congregation member), Michael Estes, Peter Barrow, Nathanael Gass (Congregation member), Merilee Nixon, Anna Gass (Congregation member), and Jennifer Brooks, Durham County Envirothon coordinator.

## New Members

**Gabriel and Alicia Barrientez**

1219 Broad Street  
Durham, NC 27705

**Johanna Collins**

12208 McQueen Drive  
Durham, NC 27705

## Lectionary Readings

**October 3**—Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137;  
Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**October 10**—Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**October 17**—Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**October 24**—Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**October 31**—Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

**November 7**—Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

## Urban Ministries

On Wednesday, August 25, the Congregation fed 201 hungry men, women, and children. Thanks to the following members: Joe Schnople, Judi and Dave Vos, Marlene Poe, JoAnne DeWitt, Evelyn Wilbanks, Ann Recesso, Laura Malcolm, Arlene and Gary Kendig, Joe Coates, Kristen Swaringen, and Joanne Barton. Then on Sunday, September 12, we served 200 people. Those who donated food and helped serve the meal that night included: James, Mary, and Katherine Osborn, Ken Pittman, JoAnne Dewitt, Joe and Betty Schnople, Ned and Sylvia Arnett, Marlene Poe and grandson Blake, Helene and Jim Mau, Laura Malcolm, Evelyn Wilbanks, Maureen Johnson, and Richard Keena.

Our next dinners where we will need help will be on Wednesday, October 27, and Sunday, November 14. If you wish to contribute lasagna or service, please call me at 489-4133. or e-mail Edward.arnett@duke.edu. Prosperity and peace to all.

*Ned Arnett, Coordinator*

## Prayer Ministry

There are times when you or a loved one has a concern or problem that brings you a special need for prayer. Prayer is a way to get closer to our Creator, and it provides a calming and healing result. If you want someone to join in your prayers, we have several resources:

- Attend the prayer service in the Memorial Chapel, held every Monday at 9:00 a.m. during the academic year. This service is conducted by one of our ministers, and lasts about twenty minutes.
- Place a prayer request card in the Prayer Box, located outside the Memorial Chapel.
- The requests are prayed over during the Monday morning service. After the service, the cards are sent by Mary Ann Manconi to individual members of the prayer team. This team consists of sixteen members of our Congregation, and we pray, privately, in our homes, for your requested intercessions.
- You also can make an e-mail request at chapel-prayers@duke.edu

I will forward these requests to members of the prayer team.

Finally, members of the Congregation would be welcome to join the prayer team. If you would like to join the prayer team, or have any questions about this ministry, contact me at EKarolak@aol.com, or 383-4233. I would love to hear from you.

Peace and Love,  
*Ed Karolak*



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b> Eric Hansen	<b>10</b> Clifford Best	<b>16</b> Rick King	<b>24</b> Anne Durden
Bonnie Jirtle	Janece Radabaugh	<b>17</b> Meghan Feldmeyer	Charles Nye
<b>2</b> Eryn Dennehy	Laura Solie	Claudia Lucic	Ginnie Ruckert
<b>3</b> Patrick Dennehy	Patricia Song	Sydnor Patrick	<b>25</b> Gerhard Miller
Dianne Wright	<b>11</b> Susan Eitelman	<b>18</b> Sampras Takacs	<b>26</b> Thomas Link
<b>5</b> Deborah Hackney	Gay Elliott	<b>19</b> Carmelo Gullotto	Phillip Smith
Breaugh Olson	Allison Hall	Donald Silver	<b>27</b> Betsy Close
<b>6</b> Mimi Haase	Farrel Potts	<b>20</b> Michael Giangiacomo	<b>28</b> Jane Hix
<b>7</b> Trevor Gauvin	<b>13</b> Linda Alexander	<b>21</b> Brad Haithcock	Art Waber
<b>8</b> Carolyn Sangokoya	Adriana Doi	<b>22</b> Mary Jane Nye	<b>29</b> Charlotte Stanton
<b>9</b> Matthew Garrison	<b>14</b> Marion Eck	<b>23</b> Anna King	<b>30</b> Robert Booth
Leroy McRae	Susan Work	Ella Shore	<b>31</b> Frank Coble
Connie Warren	<b>16</b> William Hix		William McKinley

## Making Memories (An Anniversary Poem)

We're going on 25 –  
 In years, not speed.  
 Guess that makes us an older congregation.  
 Strange that I should see  
 So much white hair at that age!  
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 "Establish Thou the work of our hands."  
 We've stitched patterns of love and caring,  
 As we've tried to reach out to some hurting and needy  
 Inside and outside of the Congregation.  
 The patterns aren't finished  
 For it's an ongoing work  
 That brings joy-tears to givers and receivers.  
 The stitching is seen in varied ways –  
 In singing, writing and speaking  
 As well as in sewing.  
 O, the inspired threads we can weave  
 When we let God direct the patterns!  
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 Have you been touched, literally,  
 By a prayer quilt  
 Made by loving hands  
 And tied with knots of concerned prayer?  
 'Tis a source of such great warmth and comfort.  
 If you haven't received such a quilt,  
 Haven't you known  
 That you've been blanketed with concerned prayer?  
 You have, you know,  
 For we share a transcending love  
 That reaches for and toward hurting hearts . . .  
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 You know,  
 It's in the caring and sharing  
 That we really make memories . . .  
 Ernie Ruckert , June 5, 2010

## "Sustainable Neighborhoods" Presentation

Did you know that walkable neighborhoods are not only good for the environment but promote physical and mental health? That's right – in mixed-use neighborhoods, people can walk everywhere they need to go to get their daily needs met, thus reducing emissions from automobiles, the single largest contributor to greenhouse gases. At the same time, all this walking leads to healthier lifestyles and provides greater opportunity for social interaction. That's just one of the many interesting things I learned by attending "Sustainable Neighborhoods: Sustainable Cities," a presentation given by Tony Sease at last month's Environmental Stewardship Lunch. Tony, an architect and urban designer, teaches a course entitled "Sustainable Cities" at Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment. We are blessed to have Tony as a member of the Congregation.

Many thanks to Tony for sharing this important presentation with us, and thanks to the Environmental Stewardship Committee for helping us stay informed on critical environmental issues like this one. As people who acknowledge God as Creator, we bear a burden of responsibility to educate ourselves so that we can become better stewards of God's good creation. For more information about the ministry of the Environmental Stewardship Committee, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at [bruce.puckett@duke.edu](mailto:bruce.puckett@duke.edu).

*Sonja Tilley, Director of Christian Education*

### Thank You From Agape

We at The Agape Corner School would like to express our sincere thanks for your generosity in donating much-needed items for our students. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever that people give of what they have to those who have not. Your generosity is graciously accepted, and we only hope that your continued thoughts and prayers will continue to support the efforts of the Agape Corner School to the benefit of our students today and in the future.

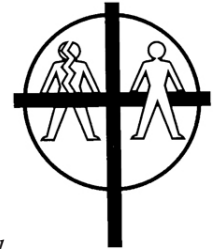
*Joanne Barton and Ed Harlow, the newest of the Congregation's Stephen Ministers, share their training experience and their impressions of the role of a Stephen Minister to their care receivers.*

## CARING THAT CHANGES LIVES

We were commissioned as Stephen Ministers at Duke Chapel on June 20, 2010. This event was the culmination of an intensive learning experience. The parts of this experience which seeped into our spirit were the faith of all of our leaders and speakers and their dedication to the Stephen Ministry, the desire of the class participants to be faithful to the Gospel message by becoming Stephen Ministers, and the life stories the class members related during the sessions. These were stories of courage and belief in a Loving God.

*We are here*

- \* *To listen, not to work miracles,*
- \* *To help you discover what you feel, not to make the feelings go away,*
- \* *To help you identify your options, not to decide for you what to do,*
- \* *To discuss steps with you, not to take steps for you,*
- \* *To help you discover your own strength, not to rescue you and leave you still vulnerable,*
- \* *To help you learn to choose, not to make it unnecessary for you to make difficult choices,*
- \* *To provide support for change.*



From the *Contact Helpline* December 1998 Newsletter

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12).

**By hope, we are upheld and sustained; in this hope we live.**

## Haitian Dancers Tell Their Story



On Sunday, September 19, everyone who attended the worship or watched via the web or listened on the radio had the joy of experiencing the ministry of some members of the Haitian dance troupe, The Resurrection Dance Theater. Prior to their participation in worship, the Congregation’s children and youth were blessed to hear some of the stories from the dancers’ lives. In particular, Bill Nathan, the lead drummer and the Director of St. Joseph’s Home for Boys, shared his story of being rescued from child slavery and how the Lord saved and protected him when he fell seven stories when the earthquake hit Haiti. We were blessed to hear the ways God has been present with Bill and the boys at St. Joseph’s through so many obstacles in their lives. And we were encouraged by the fact that trials and troubles had not stopped them from praising God! What an inspiration they were to us all!

*Bruce*

## Walk with a Limp



During much of the summer, the youth spent our Sunday evening fellowship time reflecting on stories from the book of Genesis. Slowing down to pay close attention to the numerous stories reminded us of the depth and importance of Old Testament stories and encouraged us in our faith. We wrapped up our summer study of Genesis considering Jacob, the heel grabber, and the story of him wrestling with God by the waters of the Jabbok. Our study led us to discuss the ways each of us has encountered God and the effects those meetings have had on our lives. We talked about how we, like Jacob, now “walk with a limp” after our intimate interactions with God. For some, this limp is more visible than for others, but for all of us, our lives are now different because of the times we have been striving with God. So the question from our youth is, “Do you walk with a limp?” We are watching you to see, and we hope you are watching us as well.

*Bruce*

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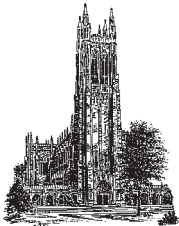
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