

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Third Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Anna Showalter; Music: Eddith Ogola

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship – Sing the Journey #120

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (from Jn.8:31-36, Ez.33:25-31)

Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; it is the heir, the son, who has a place there forever.

We confess, Lord God, we consume your creation without gratitude, without respect for life, like beasts. We look to idols for security that is false. We depend upon our weapons, we lust to defile one another, and we still expect to possess blessings. We speak pretty lies to each other while our hearts are chasing after profits. We confess that our profane disobedience wastes your blessings and leaves us desolate. Forgive us our selfish complacency, turn us not only to hear but to obey your word, and in trusting obedience to you, grant us the blessings of freedom.

Jesus said, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #367 – *For the Healing of the Nations*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 16:1-16

Ezekiel 33:23-33

Galatians 4:8- 5:7

John 8:31-40

Sermon – *The Slavery of Privilege, Freedom of Promise*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – *I Wish I Knew How It Feels to Be Free*

Testimonies and Sharing

Collected Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offertory and Offering

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #396 – *The Work Is Thine, O Christ*

Sending to Serve

For freedom Christ has set us free. Therefore, stand firm, through the Spirit, by faith, eagerly waiting for the hope of righteousness, for all that counts is faith, working through love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 17:1-22; Psalm 105:1-15; Ephesians 2:11-22; John 8:41-59

Next Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen; Music: Carol Detweiler

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 5:30-8:00 p.m. – Annual Banquet of Durham Congregations in Action, at Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church, corner of W. Trinity and N. Gregson St. Program on “Hospitality toward Refugees and Immigrants.” \$14 per plate, RSVP to dcia@dcia.org or 919-682-0538.

Pray for Mennonite Missions: JCS International, the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network serves in Mongolia, requests prayer for “the many families in our fellowships and communities who are struggling to keep their homes warm in the cold weather this winter.”

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

Sunday, Feb. 26, Communion at Morning Worship, Potluck Fellowship Meal after.

Wednesday, Mar. 1, 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday service.

Friday, Mar. 31 – Prep and serve supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham.

Sunday, April 2, Hot Dog Lunch after Morning Worship,

CROP Walk at 2:00 pm, begins at Duke Chapel.

April 13, Maundy Thursday Love Feast with Footwashing, 6:00-8:00 pm.

April 14, Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness, 7:00 pm.

April 16, Easter Breakfast Potluck, 8:30 a.m.

Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham Community Luncheon, Jan. 26 @ 12 Noon -- Fellowship hall of Shepherd's House UMC (107 N. Driver Street; corner of Main and Driver). All are welcome to share and break bread with us. No RSVP needed!

Bi-weekly Prayer Vigil for Murder Victims, Jan 26 @ 5:30 pm - A prayer vigil to honor the lives of Javan Burt, Frank Nathaniel Clark, George Beamon, Jamond Lee Alston, and Augustus (Gus) Cornelius Brandon will be held Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm. We will gather on the lawn in front of the Shepherd's House UMC on 107 North Driver St. (corner of Main and Driver). Rev. Rob Womack of the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham and Rev. Sarah Ball-Damberg from Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill will offer prayer and reflection. We lament the lives taken from us by violence, offer comfort to their families and friends, and bear witness to the peace among us.

"America's Fascination with Violence" Program by James Atwood, theologian and author of *America and Its Guns: A Theological Expose*. Friday, Jan. 27, 7:00 pm at ST. PAUL AME CHURCH, 101 N. Merritt Mill Rd, Chapel Hill, NC.

Loving Our Neighbor: Embodying Sanctuary Conference, Saturday, January 28, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Duke Memorial UMC, 504 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham. Pre-registration required. A conference to practically equip religious leaders and places of worship in the ministry of providing sanctuary to immigrants and vulnerable populations, with presenters addressing spiritual, historical, and legal aspects of sanctuary protections by religious communities.

<https://divinity.duke.edu/events/loving-our-neighbor-embodying-sanctuary-conference>

Beyond Gun Violence: A Conference for People of Faith and Conscience about Ending America's Deadly Epidemic, Saturday, Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$15 contribution (includes lunch). KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Matthew Crebbin, Senior Minister of the Newtown Congregational Church (UCC). LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Mark Carman, American Coalition for Responsible Gun Ownership. FEATURED SPEAKER: James Atwood, theologian and author of *America and Its Guns: A Theological Expose*. Hosted at UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Front Art: "Hagar – Annunciation," Richard McBee, 2012

Our mission is to restore people to relationships of communion with God and each other in Christ.

We will practice this mission through our worship, witness, discipling, fellowship and service.

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