

# CALL *and* RESPONSE

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## OBSERVING A HOLY LENT

The season of Lent at United Church this year is all about renewing our church covenant. That is, remembering what it means to be called as God's people together. The season of Lent is traditionally a time of fasting, confession, and self-examination before we recognize Holy Week and celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. So this year - as a whole church - we're taking on some extra spiritual practices to draw us into a deeper relationship with God as a church community.

In addition to regular Sunday worship, and special services on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week, the pastors of United Church invite you to participate in weekly worship on Wednesdays. We're designing these services with special attention to Lenten themes of Lament, Confession, Healing, and Forgiveness. Taking place twice each Wednesday, to maximize accessibility to everyone in the church, these services will feature special practices of prayer and Lenten rituals to aid us in our walk with Jesus. Throughout the season, we will consider what it means to be people of a covenant: receiving the promises of God and making promises to one another in the loving community of the church.

But before we even began the Lenten Season, the pastors were aware that many in our church feel tired, worried, and weary. These feelings have many causes, including political and economic anxieties; busy lives at church, work and home; and sadness associated with conflict in the life of our congregation. So we tried to consider what we could offer as pastors to our whole community. In addition to these special worship opportunities for the renewal of our church covenant, we invited the church to a special dinner on Fat Tuesday. As a gift to the congregation, and in thanksgiving for our shared life in ministry, all the pastors flipped pancakes and made a sticky mess of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the many who joined in the fun, and we hope you'll walk with us through Lent as we consider what it means to be a covenant community.

In faith, hope, and love,



**REVEREND CAMERON BARR,**  
SENIOR PASTOR



PASTOR CAMERON BARR

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# MARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

*To believe is to care. To care is to do.*

**HELP SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** at the Brass Bonanza, featuring the Amici Brass Quintet, Durham Bullhorns, Old North State Brass Band, and Triangle Tuba Quartet. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Orange County. **SUNDAY MARCH 15 at 3pm in the Sanctuary.**

**HELP END HUNGER with Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk- SUNDAY MARCH 29 at 2pm at the Carrboro Town Commons** (301 W. Main Street, Carrboro) Orange County may have the highest per capita income in North Carolina, but many of its residents face food insecurity. According to preliminary statistics gathered for the 2019 Orange County Community Health Assessment, one-in-five respondents reported that they had to cut the size of their meals or skip meals because there was not enough money for food (<https://thelocalreporter.press/food-insecurity-in-orange-county/>)

United Church of Chapel Hill is again a sponsor of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk which seeks to end hunger in our community one step at a time. Proceeds from t-shirt sales and donations benefit the Inter-Faith Council on Social Services (IFC) and Church World Service hunger relief efforts, both locally and abroad. The IFC, for example, serves 150 meals per day and sends home 13,000 bags of groceries each year through its Community Kitchen and Food Pantry programs. Many of the recipients work as teachers, construction workers, etc.

You can support this year's UCCH Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk team by donating, sponsoring or registering to walk at [crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc](http://crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc). Stop by the CROP Hunger Walk table in the narthex to purchase t-shirts and make donations on several Sundays leading up to the walk. This family and dog friendly event will launch from the Carrboro Town Commons at 2:30, winding through diverse neighborhoods and the UNC campus. The route measures about 4 miles but can be shortened as needed. There will be music, food and educational activities for children, so bring the whole family! **For more information: [Crophungerwalk.org/chapelhill-nc](http://Crophungerwalk.org/chapelhill-nc) and search for the United Church of Chapel Hill team.**

**HELP FEED FOLKS AT THE IFC SHELTERS:** Casseroles are always needed and UCCH helps **serve dinner on the the 2nd and 3rd Thursday and lunch on the 4th Thursday** of each month. Casserole pans and recipes are available on the table outside the Family Parlor and can be placed in the designated freezer in the kitchen. For more information, contact Rinnie Orr ([rorr@unitedchurch.org](mailto:rorr@unitedchurch.org)).



## PHOTO of THE MONTH

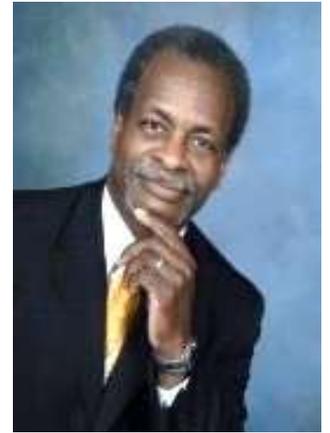
One of our community groups assembled food packages at TABLE in Chapel Hill in February.

# "CAN I GET A WITNESS?" GOSPEL-AND-MORE CHORAL WORKSHOP

By **JENNY ANDERSON**, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On the Sunday after Easter, April 19, as we hear Peter's call in Acts, Chapter 2, to be witnesses of Jesus' resurrection, the 8:45 and 11:00 sanctuary services at United Church will resound with the joyful musical witness of many voices of our church and community. These voices will come together in a 2-part workshop on April 16 and 18 to prepare their witness of music and worship. This is a Sunday you won't want to miss, but more importantly, this is a workshop that you will want to be a part of!

Our clinician for our Gospel-and-More Workshop is noted musician, choral director, and educator, Grover Wilson, Jr. In his long career as Assistant Professor of Music at North Carolina Central University, Mr. Wilson served in many capacities, including Director of Choral Activities, Founder and Director of the NCCU Jubilee Singers, Music Director for NCCU Spirit, and Music Director in the NCCU Department of Theatre. Following his 2016 retirement from NCCU, he returned to his beloved alma mater, and currently serves as principal pianist for the university and the University Choir.



Mr. Wilson holds degrees in Music and Education from NCCU and has done post-graduate studies at Georgia State University, UNC-Greensboro, and Duke University. In addition to public school teaching in Durham County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Mr. Wilson has served in various leadership positions, including Southern Regional Conductor and Northern Regional Conductor, with the National HBCU Choir, "105 Voices of History." Comprised of students and choral conductors from the nation's 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 105 Voices' performances are held at the John H. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC.

As a pianist Mr. Wilson has performed extensively in the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He has performed as principal pianist with the North Carolina Symphony, the Durham Symphony Orchestra, in Carnegie Hall with the New Harlem Symphony Orchestra, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. In January, 2009 he was honored to perform during the first official inaugural event for President Barack Obama at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

In the community he served as Minister of Music/Choral Director for the Durham MLK Religious Observance for numerous years and is an annual adjudicator for the Talent Scholarship Program sponsored by the Durham Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In 2007, he conducted Mozart's Requiem with the Durham Symphony Orchestra, North Carolina Central University Choirs, the Duke Chapel Choir and the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham. Mr. Wilson has served as church musician for more than 55 years at Union Baptist Church in Durham in numerous capacities, including pianist/organist, choir director, Minister of Music and Music Coordinator. He continues to serve as a UBC staff musician, and also serves the congregations at West Durham Baptist Church, and Morehead Avenue Baptist Church. In addition he has served as guest artist and clinician in many churches in the Durham and Chapel Hill area and beyond.

Mr. Wilson's philosophy is deeply rooted in Paul's instructions to the Colossians (3:16) that we are called to "teach and admonish one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord." All members and friends of United Church – whether experienced singers or novices – are invited to join in this workshop to discover their God-given capacity to sing with grace to the Lord! Note that singers of ALL ages, from 5 to 95 are encouraged to attend! It is not necessary to have experience as a Gospel music singer or in a choir – instruction will be included!

**The workshop rehearsal dates are APRIL 16, 6:30-8:30 pm, and APRIL 18, 9:30-noon.** The workshop choir will lead music in worship at both services in the sanctuary on April 19. Go to the UCCH website for a link to the registration page.



**SUPPORT THE**  
UNITED CHURCH PRESCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

3 ways in March:

**SATURDAY MARCH 14 (5:30pm in the Assembly Hall):** Dinner supporting the Scholarship Fund. Enjoy delicious food from Tandem! Tickets: \$25 per person; childcare: \$2 per child (pack bagged dinner for the kids).

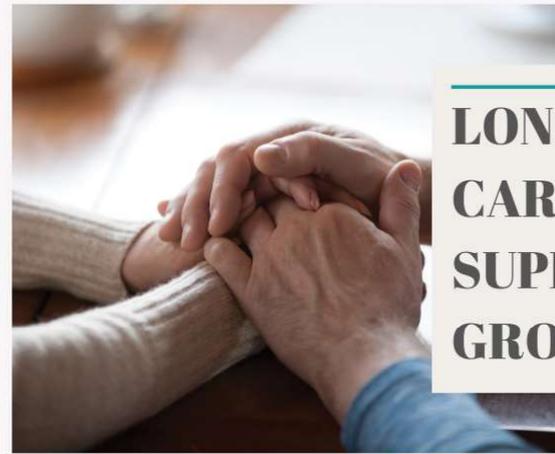
**TUESDAY MARCH 24:** 10% of all dinner and lunch sales at Tandem (Carrboro) will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Leave your receipt at the front desk for the donation to be activated.

**ALL MONTH:** Try the UCP "Giveback Cocktail" at Tandem- \$5 of every drink purchased will be given to the Scholarship Fund.

**OPENINGS AT**  
UNITED CHURCH PRESCHOOL

UCP is enrolling now for the 2020-2021 school year. We have openings in all of our classes for next school year ranging from 2-day two-year-olds through 5-day four-year-olds. Find more information about our fabulous preschool at <https://www.unitedchurchpreschool.com/>. Contact us soon (director@unitedchurchpreschool.com or 919-338-7916) to schedule a classroom visit for your child!

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**LONG-TERM  
CAREGIVER  
SUPPORT  
GROUP**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**FEB. 26, MARCH 25, APRIL 22, MAY 27**

**10:30-noon in ROOM 229**

**United Church of Chapel Hill**

## DID YOU KNOW?

UCCH sends out emails with prayer concerns and celebrations  
Pastoral Care Announcements.

**prayers  
of the  
community**

**JOIN US!**

Please click on the link below to be added to the list!

<https://lp.constantcontact.com/su/AoasBYA/care>

# WAR, PEACE AND JUSTICE IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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## WORKSHOP WITH MARK DOUGLAS, PHD

**SATURDAY MARCH 21 (1pm in the Assembly Hall)**

Registration at 1pm; event begins at 1:30pm and ends at 5pm

Register at <http://bit.ly/UCCHworkshop>

No cost to register; donations (suggested: up to \$15) may be made at the door.

Changes in the Earth's climate and environment have shaped human conflicts for as long as human beings have engaged in war. Such changes have induced, exacerbated, reshaped, and, on rare occasions, inhibited wars and acts of war. In the 21st Century, the world faces climate change unlike any in recorded history and, with those changes, new types, causes, and understandings of war. How will the Christian church respond to such climate-shaped conflicts? Almost certainly, it will draw from two long and deep traditions of its thoughts about conflict: the pacifist (nonviolent action) and just war traditions.

Yet two decades into the 21st Century, those in these two great traditions find themselves ill-equipped to respond to climate-shaped conflicts. Not only do such conflicts feel new and strange (especially to those of us in the North Atlantic) but the traditions have, themselves, been shaped over the past five hundred years to ignore the links between climate and conflict.

Drawing from contemporary research in paleo- and historical climatology as well as environmental history and connecting that research to work being done in environmental ethics as well as peace and conflict studies and political theology, Mark Douglas attempts to re-narrate those traditions in order to orient them towards and make them useful in responding to wars in a warming world.

### Sessions:

1. How have climate changes shaped conflicts in the past? And why have we so struggled to see the connections between climate change and conflict?
2. What is the conventional narrative about the history of Christian pacifism and how does that narrative need to change in order to address climate-shaped conflicts?
3. How did the Christian just war tradition shape the conditions that have made contemporary climate-shaped conflicts more likely and how will it need to change to respond to these conflicts?
4. Drawing from its pacifist and just war traditions, how might the contemporary church respond to the flashpoints of climate-shaped conflicts, most notably those associated with access to resources and tensions created by the flow of refugees?



Dr. Mark Douglas is an ethicist and professor of Christian Ethics and the director of the Master of Divinity Program at Columbia Theological Seminary. Douglas received his PhD from the University of Virginia and holds a Master in Theology and Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Douglas' wide-ranging interests include: ethics in neo-orthodox theologies, medical and business ethics, the American philosophical tradition of pragmatism, and the role of religion in political philosophy. He is currently researching and writing at the intersection of environmental issues and conflict studies.

# WEEKLY GATHERINGS IN MARCH

## MONDAYS

**12pm Monday Noon Book Group** (Library): The Monday Noon Book Group is reading *Why Religion?* by Elaine Pagels. Bring a lunch and join us!

**6:30pm Spanish/English Conversation** (Room 163)

**7:15pm Women's Group** (Library): The Women's Group is reading *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World* by Serene Jones. Contact Cindy Johnson (clj5823@yahoo.com) for more information or to be added to the email list.

## WEDNESDAYS

**7am Bible Study** (Library)

## FRIDAYS

**9:15am Yoga** (Assembly Hall)

**11am Meditation** (Library)

**6:15pm Zumba** (Assembly Hall): Join us on Friday evenings in March for Zumba! Learn salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia, and other Latin dance moves in this group class. All experience levels are welcome. A suggested \$5 donation per class supports the Solidarity Trip to Colombia this summer. Questions? Contact instructor Oscar Garcia (919-265-4756).

## SUNDAYS

**10:10am Adult Forum** (Assembly Hall): During Lent, join us for "Voices from the Wilderness," an opportunity for members of the church to reflect on the theme of the renewal of our covenant as a church with leaders among us who study scripture and participate actively in the life of the church.

On MARCH 22, Lindsay Armstrong will lead the adult forum on Trends in Christianity and New Forms of the Church. Rev. Armstrong is the Executive Director of the New Church Development Commission for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

**10am Sacred Conversations on Race (SCOR)** (Room 161)

The SCOR class is reading *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown.

## "THE HUB"

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 (5pm)** in the Youth Lounge)

"Movement School" with H.L. Holder-Brown, seminarian and ministry intern at Jubilee Baptist Church.

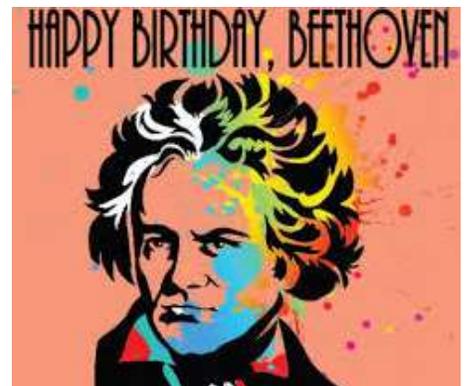
**SAVE THE DATE!**

## GOSPEL DRAG BRUNCH

**DATE CHANGE: SATURDAY APRIL 25**

in the Fellowship Hall

Supporting the Solidarity Trip to Colombia



**FRIDAY APRIL 17 (7:30pm)** in the Sanctuary): A narrated concert of German Lieder in celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday! Soloists Gillian Fields, Cameron Aiken, Jackson den Herder, and Jenny Anderson, and the 2020 Germany Youth and Friends Tour Choir.

# MARCH CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY** MARCH 1

12:00pm Board of Children's Ministries  
12:30pm La Mesa Committee  
5pm Confirmation Class

## **MONDAY** MARCH 2

5pm Pastoral Relations Committee

## **TUESDAY** MARCH 3

6:30pm Fellowship Board

## **WEDNESDAY** MARCH 4

12:15pm Lenten Worship Service  
6:15pm Lenten Worship Service

## **THURSDAY** MARCH 5

9am Quilts of Love

## **SUNDAY** MARCH 8

10am ONA LGBTQIA+ Ministry  
10am MES Board  
2pm Germany Trip Group  
5pm "The Hub"- *more information on pg.6*  
7pm Taize Service- *more information on pg.8*

## **MONDAY** MARCH 9

6pm Personnel Committee

## **WEDNESDAY** MARCH 11

12:15pm Lenten Worship Service  
6:15pm Lenten Worship Service

## **THURSDAY** MARCH 12

7pm Board of Adult Education  
7pm United Voices of Praise

## **SATURDAY** MARCH 14

7pm UCP Fundraiser- *more information on pg.4*

## **SUNDAY** MARCH 15

10am Children's Church- *more information on pg.8*  
12pm Church Potluck  
1pm Brass Bonanza- *more information on pg.2*  
5 pm Confirmation Class

## **MONDAY** MARCH 16

5pm Sanctuary Committee  
7pm Board of Justice, Outreach, and Service

## **TUESDAY** MARCH 17

12:30pm Visual Arts Committee  
6pm Board of Deacons  
7pm Board of Trustees

## **WEDNESDAY** MARCH 18

12:15pm Lenten Worship Service  
6:15pm Lenten Worship Service  
7pm Racial Justice Ministries

## **THURSDAY** MARCH 19

5:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee  
7pm United Voices of Praise

## **FRIDAY** MARCH 20

7pm Germany Trip Group

## **SATURDAY** MARCH 21

1:30pm War, Peace and Justice in a Time of Climate Change- *more information on pg.5*

## **SUNDAY** MARCH 22

12:30pm Luncheon with the Pastors  
5pm Confirmation Class

## **TUESDAY** MARCH 24

7pm Church Council

## **WEDNESDAY** MARCH 25

10:30am Long-term Caregiver Support Group  
12:15pm Lenten Worship Service  
6:15pm Lenten worship Service

## **SUNDAY** MARCH 29

2pm CROP Walk- *more information on pg.2*  
4pm Colombia Trip Group

Email Kati ([kruark@unitedchurch.org](mailto:kruark@unitedchurch.org)) to make sure your event is on the calendar and space has been reserved for your group's meeting or activity!

# WORSHIP WITH US IN MARCH

## Lenten Worship: Wilderness

**WEDNESDAY** MARCH 4

12:15pm and 6:15pm\* in the Assembly Hall

Led by Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey.

## Taizé Service

**SUNDAY** MARCH 8

**7pm in the Sanctuary**

Taizé is a style of Christian worship that originated in Taizé, France 75 years ago. It is woven with Christian song and chants, interspersed with prayerful silence, scripture reading, more song, more prayer, and more silence. Join us on the second Sunday of each month.

## Lenten Worship: Lament

**WEDNESDAY** MARCH 11

12:15pm and 6:15pm\* in the Assembly Hall

Led by Rev. David Mateo.

## Children's Church

**SUNDAY** MARCH 15

**7pm in the Sanctuary**

All are welcome at this joy-filled worship service led by our kindergarteners and first graders!

## Lenten Worship: Confession

**WEDNESDAY** MARCH 18

12:15pm and 6:15pm\* in the Assembly Hall

Led by Rev. Cameron Barr.

## Lenten Worship: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

**WEDNESDAY** MARCH 25

12:15pm and 6:15pm\* in the Assembly Hall

Led by Katherine Henderson and Jeff Hall.

## **SUNDAY** WORSHIP

### Festival Worship

8:45am in the Sanctuary

### La Mesa Worship

11am in the Fellowship Hall

(en español e ingles)

### Worship & The Word

11am in the Sanctuary

*\*Childcare and Spanish interpretation will be available at these evening services.*



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