



Body-Spirit Connection

Our upcoming Lenten Series, **Embodied: The Body Remembers**, explores the connection between our minds, bodies, and spirits, as well as our connection to one another as the Body of Christ. This Lenten season we will wonder: How does suffering in our bodies carry over to our lives, hearts, and communities? How can we share in healing together?

Lent is traditionally a time to focus on fasting from something (giving up something), denying the body in order to grow spiritually. We don't always focus, however, on how our minds and bodies are connected. We want to explore that connection further in this series. What do our bodies remember? What can they teach us? How do our spiritual lives sustain our declining bodies?

When we acknowledge the physical experience of others in our community, it calls us "to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly." We will explore the ways Jesus integrated his humanity and divinity to fulfill his radical ministry. We will discern how we are continually invited to bring all of who we are to God, to live out the radical love that chooses to be embodied in us.

This Lent, join us as we explore the connection between our bodies and spirituality. In doing so, may we find healing and wholeness within and among the Body of Christ.

See you in church,
Pastor Eric

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L4L: Labyrinths for Lent

As we approach the season of Lent, we invite you to embark on a journey of spiritual reflection and renewal with us through the practice of "Labyrinths for Lent." Labyrinths have been used for centuries as sacred spaces for prayer, meditation, and self-discovery, offering a unique opportunity to engage our physical bodies in the process of spiritual growth.



We are excited to offer two organized opportunities for congregants to walk a labyrinth together as a community. These organized walks will take place on **Friday, March 15 at 5:00 pm at the home of Carol Gilliland for a TGIF gathering.** The second organized walk will take place during Holy Week, Tuesday, March 26 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at Carol's home. For those unable to walk but would like to gather with community, we will have finger labyrinths available that you can use with your hands.

We understand that not everyone may be available to join us on these specific dates. Therefore, we have also compiled a list of local labyrinths that you can visit at your own convenience throughout the Lenten season. These labyrinths serve as quiet sanctuaries for personal reflection and prayer, allowing you to engage in the spiritual practice of labyrinth walking whenever it fits into your schedule. Some local labyrinths that we recommend include:

- St. Timothy's Church – 1550 Diablo Road, Danville - park at the far east end of the parking lot - also has stations of the cross
- Peace Lutheran Church - 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville - park on Old Blackhawk Road
- Hap Magee Park - 1027 La Gonda Way, Danville - from the parking lot take the path past the gazebo
- Unity of Walnut Creek - 1871 Geary Road, Walnut Creek - small but sweet, easy access from the parking lot
- San Damiano Retreat - 710 Highland Drive, Danville - okay to visit during the week only (not on weekends), please check in at the desk before you start.

If you would like to expand your labyrinth walking, this website provides a great list of Bay Area labyrinths: [Ronnie's Awesome List](#) or [Labyrinth Locator](#).

There are plenty of opportunities to engage with our Lenten spiritual practice. You can:

- visit a different labyrinth each week or visit the same one each week
- invite someone to go with you or go alone
- set an intention before starting each time, pray for someone or something while you are walking, read a piece of scripture or a poem before or after, or just be open to what comes to you
- make it into a day trip and take a drive to one of the locations in the greater Bay Area
- if you are traveling, use the Labyrinth Locator to find a labyrinth near you
- share back with your pastors if you find a labyrinth you think others would like to try

Whether you join us for one of the organized walks or choose to explore a labyrinth on your own, we encourage you to embrace this opportunity for spiritual contemplation and renewal during Lent. May this practice deepen your connection with the Divine and foster a sense of peace and clarity in your journey of faith. If you have any questions or would like more information about "Labyrinths for Lent," please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastors Eric and Todd or Kim Michaud. We look forward to walking this path of reflection and renewal together with you.

Rhythms...



Leaves outside DCC

Watching the seasons change recently, I've been reminded of the rhythms of our church. From the quietness of waiting and then rejoicing during Advent, the thoughtfulness of Epiphany, and now as we prepare for the reflection of Lent, our church—and even our ministries—move through seasons as well.

Besides the liturgical seasons, there are other indicators.

The church baby joining the cast of the Christmas pageant.

Godly Play kids moving up into OWL and Youth Group.

A former youth grouper showing up to work with the youth at Youth Group.

Even the few years' gap between our children and teens illustrate the ebbs and flows of the life of our church.

And whether we have lots of children and families in our programs or a more modest number than years past, this church continues to nurture them. Showing up week after week, month after month to provide for their spiritual formation—telling the timeless stories and innovating with brave new stories to tell; thoughtfully engaging young people in their faith formation; playing time-honored games and introducing new ones; feeding their bodies and nourishing their souls.

And so it is, I muse; so it is with any of us, regardless of our age. Whether we've been around long enough to remember the former sanctuary or have just arrived, we experience the rhythms of life within the church as well. Beloved friends transition, some move away, while new friends make their place—all while we work together to keep the soil tilled and fertile for the seasons that we have ahead of us.

The raindrops (and even frost!) on the leaves that fall (and even those doggone pods!) remind us that through the changing of the seasons, the love found in this community endures, inspiring hope and the promise of a future filled with hope.

And after all, Easter is never really that far away.

Pastor T

Message from our Moderators

*By Barb DeBarger and Kyra Kennedy
Moderators*

Our vibrant community gathered once again on January 28th for our second all-church congregation meeting and brunch. The meeting was filled with informative updates, including OWL, Dayspring, and Sister Parish, alongside a comprehensive financial report. Notably, we voted on and approved updated bylaws, marking a significant step forward for our community. To foster deeper connections, we had small group discussions centered around cherished DCC activities, events, or conversations. After the discussion, each attendee was asked to think of something they wanted more of for our church community and jot it down on a post-it note. Below is the list of what you shared on the Post-it notes.

Worship and Bible Study

- Love worship - Eric and Todd, keep it up.
- Meaningful activity during worship like the container of stones today
- Interactive service like last Ash Wednesday where we had agape meal in the round.
- Evening service and discussions, followed by a light dinner.
- Children & Laughter in worship

Music

- Love and appreciate the choir.
- Want to include more contemporary, alternative, gospel, fun to sing music.
- When we sing old hymns, sing fewer verses.

Bible study and Education

- Bring back Theology on Tap.
- Food for the soul-like activities
- Book studies, Bible Study, Second Hour, and Movie nights and conversations

Anti-racism, social justice, LGBTQ, and Sister Parish

- Anti Racism conversations and meetings
- More people in Justice Ministry Activities
- More involvement/communication with Sister Parish
- Service projects like MLK service project.
- Opening & Affirming and LGBTQ activities

Social

- Opportunities to get to know more people better at the church.
- Ask new people to join committees and/or council.
- More daytime opportunities for seniors and others and small group dinners or activities
- More TGIF and casual gatherings, and meals together such as Brunch after service
- Field trips to learn and socialize and more Dance parties and intergenerational activities
- Family Camp, we miss Camp Cazadero.

Wider Community

- Activities with the wider community
- Invite Dayspring and wider community into church activities.

- Offer Owl to wider community.

DCC Happenings

Dayspring Preschool Scholarship Fund



Our own Dayspring Preschool has a Scholarship Fund to help offset the costs of tuition for needy families. Families who qualify are referred from friends, or from CoCo

Kids, the County program that provides referrals for those who need financial assistance to afford preschool. Our current Scholarship Fund is in need of replenishment for the 24-25 school year and beyond. Please consider donating to this worthy cause by check (payable to DCC, with a note on the line for Dayspring), or at the DCC Donations page, and be sure to mark "Dayspring Scholarship Fund."

Upcoming Performances by John Kendall Bailey



DCC's Music Director, John Kendall Bailey, will be performing around the Bay Area in the upcoming weeks. These concerts are a great opportunity to see his many talents outside of DCC.

**FUTURE MOZART TO MENDELSSOHN
CONCERTS IN 2024** –at the Herbst Theatre,
401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Admission is free.

1. Sunday, April 21st at 3:00 pm -
Classical Classics (Mozart Sym. #40;
Beethoven Sym. #5)
2. Sunday, June 23rd at 3:00 pm - Child
Prodigies (Mozart, Mendelssohn,
Deutscher, Korngold)

Celebrating Black History | Black Futures Month

During the month of February, DCC will be honoring and celebrating Black History/Black Futures month! The 2024 theme is “African Americans and the Arts” spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more. We have a month’s worth of information and practices that you can participate in to show allyship and support. Our focus is on *Embodying* our curiosity and *engaging* our bodies, hearts, and spirits as we explore and celebrate Black History/Black Futures Month. Here are some of the highlights for the month, but please visit the [Celebrating Black History/Black Futures](#) page on our website.

Focus for Week 1 (February 4)

Embodiment Practice: What to *read* this month

- [Claudine Gay: What Just Happened at Harvard Is Bigger Than Me](#)
- [Should Churches Celebrate Black History Month?](#)
- Recommended Reading Lists (see website for links)



Focus for Week 2 (February 11)

In worship, Sunday, February 11

- Mission Moment: [Black Wealth Builders Fund](#)
- Children’s Ministry/Donuts and Devotions: *Tell Me the Truth About Racism*
- Second Hour: Potluck lunch and Movie Screening/Discussion: *Rustin*



Embodiment Practice: What to *listen* to:

- [Pod Save The People](#).
- Black History Month Music Playlists (see our website for links)

Focus for Week 3 (February 18)



Embodiment Practice: Where to *go*:

- Field Trip: Sunday, Feb 18th at 11am Celebration at Glide Church and Visit [Museum of the African Diaspora](#)
- Visit: [Black Power Exhibit](#) at Oakland Museum of California

Focus of Week 4 (February 25)

Embodiment Practice: *Allyship*

- Field Trip: Sunday, Feb 25–12:30pm–[Black Joy Parade](#), Oakland.
- [Black Choreographers Festival: Here & Now \(BCF\)](#) at Dance Mission Theater, SF on February 24 & 25, 2024



Easter Flower Donations

By Alene Riley
Worship Commissioner

Lent is about to begin, and the Worship Commission extends the opportunity for you to honor or commemorate the memory of someone by donating Easter flowers to fill our sanctuary.

To make a donation, use the form on the right, look for this form in upcoming bulletins, or fill out [the form online](#) and print. Take the completed form along with your check (made payable to Danville Congregational Church and designated "Easter Flowers" in the memo) or money and do one of the following:

- Give it directly to **Alene Riley**.
- Place it in the offering plate.
- Drop it by or mail it to the church office.

You can also make your donation and designation using our web site. Please enter amount in "**Easter Flowers**" and specify In Honor or Memory of _____ in comment field.

An email will be sent to you to verify that we received your donation. If you don't receive an email within the week, contact Alene Riley (aleneriley04@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Alene at above email address. Thank you!



Easter Flower Donations

Donations are now being collected for our Easter Flowers. Fill out this form and give your check/money to **Alene Riley**, place it in the offering plate, or deliver it to the office.

Name(s) gift given by

Name (Circle One) in honor of / in memory of

You may also donate online on the church website: please enter amount in "Easter Flowers" and specify In Honor or Memory of _____ in comment field.

An email will be sent to you to verify that we received your donation. If you don't receive an email within the week, contact **Alene Riley** at aleneriley04@gmail.com.

Please make checks payable to Danville Congregational Church. and note on the check that it is for "**EASTER FLOWERS.**" Thank you!

Save the Date: Annual Egg Hunt and Brunch Saturday, March 30th

You're all invited, along with any friends and neighbors you want to bring to DCC'S Annual Egg Hunt and Bruch at the Felton's on Saturday, March 30th!! So, prepare your baskets and set your alarms!

The hunt starts promptly at 8:15 am with brunch for the whole family immediately following. There will be 2 hunting areas, one for toddlers to 6 years, and another for kids through grade 5. [Youth groupers are invited to come at 7:45 am to help hide the eggs. Be sure to bring a container for eggs you find, sturdy shoes for hunting, and save your Easter finery for Sunday.]

And also know that this event is not just for kids and families with kids but for adults and families of all configurations as well. Maybe not the hunting, but the brunch for sure!

You're welcome to contribute to the brunch with baked goods, a bowl of fruit salad, or a special family recipe, like the [Felton's Egg Casserole](#). Let Bette know your contributions at bbfelton@mac.com.

And most importantly, please join us for the laughs and joy of children and adults as we anticipate the miracle of Easter!

☁ *Note: In the event of rain, the event will be inside at DCC!*

Park in either driveway, or if parking on the street, face down the hill on the opposite side of the street from the house only. Questions? Call or text Bette at 510-220-0489.



Invest in the Future

*By Pat McGrath
Endowment Committee Chair*

Support Danville Congregation Church's Endowment Fund

In 2004, the Danville Congregational Church took a significant step by approving the creation of the Endowment Fund and establishing its bylaws. This strategic move laid the foundation for a lasting impact on the church's mission and outreach. The bylaws outline the operational plan, including the formation of an Endowment Committee entrusted with overseeing the accumulation, management, and distribution of funds. The current committee comprises Syd Dent, Carol Gerich, Joy Davis, and is chaired by Pat McGrath.

According to the bylaws, the primary purpose of the Endowment Fund is to enhance the mission and outreach of the Danville Congregational Church. The guiding principle ensures that the principal remains preserved, and only the income generated from managed investments is utilized. This sustainable approach allows the Endowment Committee to evaluate and allocate funds for long-term projects, contributing to the church's continued growth.



Since its inception in 2004, the Endowment Fund has grown to approximately \$600,000. The distributions over the years have amounted to over \$220,000 and have significantly contributed to the church's various initiatives, fostering a sense of community and purpose.

Join Us in Building a Legacy

The Endowment Committee invites you to contribute to this important fund. You can support by contributing directly or including a donation to the Endowment Fund through your trust or will. By doing so, you contribute to the long-term sustainability of the church's mission.

For those interested in learning more about the bylaws or with any questions, Pat McGrath, the Committee Chair, can be reached at pat504mcgrath@gmail.com. Your engagement is crucial in shaping the future of Danville Congregational Church.

Celebration Bells Corner

By Janis Jang
Handbell Choir Coordinator



March 17th is the next time Celebration Bells will be playing their handbells.

Lent seems to have come early for Celebration Bells. That is if you traditionally think about Lent as fasting or scaling back on some major part of your life for cleansing.

For us, Celebration Bells has diminished to six ringers. Our dear Lori Smith is recuperating and Pinkie Young moved. But we are *flexible* and have focused on zeroing in on 12-bell music.

Part of our mission is to reinstate Quattro. But that too has declined in number. Original ringers Mary-Marie Deauclaire, Joan Tilson, and Karen Kawaguchi have all moved. Only Janis Jang remains. Joining her this year will be Anne Bremirez, Karol Mead, and Nancy Snyder. New group, new dynamics. Perhaps a new name is in order.



If anyone in the congregation or staff would like to suggest a name for our handbell quartet, please let one of us know. We are listening!



If you would like to join Celebration Bells to help us increase our numbers, we are looking for people to ring with us on June 2nd. Starting on April 7th, we will be meeting on Sundays at 1:30pm – 3:30 pm except for a couple of Mondays in May. Contact Janis Jang if interested or have questions.



One of the ways we keep current with the handbell community is to have one of us attend Virtual Winter Workshop 2024. Ever since COVID, Handbell Musicians of America schedules virtual classes during the last weekend of January. Participants have all of February to watch lessons on their computers since they offer two classes in each time slot. Some of the classes include Creative Solutions for a Shrinking Handbell Ensemble, Different Uses of Bells in Worship, Budgeting, and 19 more subjects.

It's going to be a busy February...



Children's Ministry: Learning, Engaging, and Participating

By Jen Faught
Children's Ministry Commissioner

For those of you who made it to the Music Sunday/Pageant extravaganza you got to see our kids' and church's Christmas spirit (and flexibility!) at its best! We had a wonderful time reimagining the Holy family's story and celebrating the birth of Jesus together. Thanks to everyone who helped with costumes, music practice, and general support. The pageants are special events that are sure to be remembered by our children in the future.

We are very excited to announce the first installment of the *Tell Me the Truth About Racism* Godly Play-style learning series on February 11th. It will be provided by our own specially trained teachers on the 2nd and 4th Sundays through April 28th. You can read more at danvillechurch.org/TMTAR. For more information or if you have any questions, you can contact me!

With love and gratitude,

Jen







Youth Ministry: Taking those First Steps

*By Carrie Hrousis
Youth Commissioner*



The Youth will be taking many steps this month. We will spend time learning from the anti-racism curriculum, "Tell me the Truth about Racism" Many of us will feel the joy of hearing Godly Play like stories again but then we will go to the Agape room and talk about what we heard and what we can do to honor Dr King and his dream. We will also be figuring out how to share each of our own special talents with the congregation.

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month Donuts and Devotions will meet. We will also have Youth Group on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our middle schoolers will be

meeting for OWL after church and Donuts.

In addition to the regular youth gatherings, we have some special events. In honor of Black History | Black Futures Month, the Youth Group held a screening and discussion of the film *Stamped* based on the book by Ibram X. Kendi on February 4th. Then on March 3rd, we will be going to Glide and taking part in the San Francisco Night Ministry.

As always, our youth are making us all proud with their enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness for others



You Can Make A Difference

*By Anne W. Seiler
Emmaus Teams Chair*

As some of you may know, I do “Pew Duty” on Tuesdays with the caring help of Dianne Dorn. We make sure all the hymnals and Bibles are neatly positioned on the pew shelves and check that there is an ample supply of prayer cards and offertory envelopes in the clear card holders with nicely sharpened pencils. We also check the attendance booklets and the food donation barrel with our congregation’s generous donations in the Narthex. When the barrel needs emptying, we enjoy calling the Contra Costa/Solano County food bank asking it to be picked up. In-gathering Sunday is usually the third Sunday of each month, but for February, let’s make it Soup-er Bowl Sunday, February 11th! If every person in attendance brings one can of soup, what a difference that will make for those in need! What joy it will bring us to again GET to call the food bank with the good news of our need for them to visit our church again for another pickup!

As a summer camp counselor, I remember learning a song which I converted into the “Wrapping Paper Rap”, encouraging Allison and Craig’s classmates to go out and sell wrapping paper as a school fund raiser. Please repeat after me:

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IF YOU TRY,
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, YOU & I!

It’s a catchy tune and I hope you know that there are many ways that we all make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. So, please, during this time of Lent, think of the ways you already do make a difference while also using this period as an opportunity to broaden that impact through personal reflection, discipline, and growth.

At Back-to-School night for Craig this past August, the parents were asked to read one of the books which our students will eventually read during the school year. Tuesdays with Morrie jumped out at me, for my parents had even recommended I read it when it first came out (published 1997). At that time, I didn’t choose to find the time to read that book. It’s a good “eye opener” in many different ways, and I’m glad I finally did read it. It’s always good to have a different way of looking at things. It’s always good to see how YOU CAN & do MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Further support for my belief in the power of prayer

*By Bob Howell
Sister Parish Co-Coordinator*



As co-coordinator, with Carrie Stengel, of DCC's Sister Parish Prayer Ministry, I thought I would share a recent experience that provides further support for my belief in the power of prayer. At a recent luncheon with a fellow clergy person, whom I have served in ministry with, she presented me with a copy of one of her paintings reproduced into a card. The story behind the painting was so inspiring to me that I thought it would be inspiring to prayer partners at DCC as well. Here is the story behind the painting sent to me by the artist, a UCC clergy person living in the Bay Area, The Reverend Gayle "Asali" Dickson.

"Cora Brown and I went to South Carolina in 2004 to visit her friend Jackie. The lady in the blue dress had breast cancer and is a member of Jackie's church. Jackie told Cora the church was praying for her healing and Cora asked me to pray for the Member, which I started doing

from the pulpit every Sunday. One day of our visit Cora, Jackie and I were preparing to go to the Gulla Islands when the Member just popped in unannounced. After she was introduced to me and Cora, I asked if we could pray over her. She agreed immediately and Cora, Jackie and I laid hands on her, and I began to pray over her for a healing. Cora was already sitting down in the chair because at the time she was in need of a knee or hip operation. Jackie and I were standing. I started praying and the energy got so strong Bob, I began to feel a tingling from my head to my toes. (I couldn't stop praying -- until I was done, or the spirit was done with me.). The energy knocked Jackie to the floor. I check in with Cora every now and then to hear how things are going with the Member. Last we heard she was cancer free. This experience is affirmation for me that miracles do happen, and prayers can be healing. They take focus and clarity. I have not been able to duplicate exactly that experience or feeling since, but I was able to memorialize it so I will never forget. And I drew it as testimony to the power of the Way of God as shown to us through Jesus Christ."

We Pray for...

At DCC we believe in the power of prayer and in a God who hears us. The prayers below have been collected from our prayer time each Sunday and made available to the church office going back through September 2023. They have been updated as we receive additional information.

Prayers of Healing and Strength for...



- Prayers of strength, hope and healing for **my sister** as she continues her chemotherapy and now 60 days of radiation to treat her lung cancer. *(From Sandra Lepley)*
- Prayers for a **dear friend** who was just diagnosed with breast cancer. May the surgery be a success and may the recovery be swift. *(From Mary Courtenay)*
- Prayers of healing for **Theron**, that he may soon come home from the hospital. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Prayers for all those **experiencing mental health problems** and for **those who love and care** for them.
- Prayers of safety for **Emilia**. *(From Joy Davis)*
- We ask our church to circle around **Mark O'Neal** in deep prayer; he is very ill and is still hospitalized. Our family needs prayer as we navigate all the services he needs. Please pray also for **Michael and Rachel** who have endured so much suffering surrounding Mark's illness. *(From Jenn O'Neal)*
- We continue to pray for **Donny Woo, Carol Gerich, and Sandra Lepley** who are recovering at home.
- Please pray for a fun performance today for the cast of *Shrek the Musical* and **Hazel** as "Donkey." May they bring joy to the audience and themselves! *(From Amy Furber-Dobson)*
- Prayers for the **family of Ms. Herschelle**, who died suddenly last night. Gratitude for my brief time with her. Continued prayers of healing for **Lori Smith**. Grant her determination to talk. *(From Joy Davis)*
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Prayers of Healing and Strength for...(continued)

- Prayers of thankfulness and healing for my cousins **Steve** and **Mary** who were in an auto accident several days ago but were not seriously injured. So we're very grateful. *(From Eileen Ackley)*
- Prayers for **Lori Smith** as she continues to recover from the devastating accident. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Prayers for **Carol Gerich**, who experienced a hip injury where her hip came out of the socket and needs to be replaced. Carol is awaiting surgery while staying at Pleasanton Rehab.
- Please pray for our **daughter's father-in-law** as he is in the hospital with Covid. *(From Brett & Gail Clark)*
- Prayers for a quick healing and recovery for **Megan** who broke her leg. *(From the Leich family)*
- We continue to pray for **Donny Woo** and **Dick Karns** through their continued health struggles.
- Prayers for my next-door neighbor **Sue** who just went into hospice. *(From Judy Halden)*
- This week, **Lori Smith**, one of our Celebration Bells players, was in a serious automobile accident. Their car was hit head-on, and her husband, Don, was killed. We ask for prayers as Lori faces surgeries and her next steps. *(From The Bell Choir)*
- Prayers for my sister, **Deborah**, who will start her chemo treatment for recently diagnosed lung cancer. We hope that she will remain strong and resolved to continue this difficult journey. *(From Sandra Lepley)*
- Prayers for those who **spend their holidays alone**. May they know the presence of God in their lives, and know His love.
- Let us pray for **each and every person of this church**, that the outcome of all family gatherings this **holiday season be filled with peace, health, and joy**; that all upcoming doctors' appointments bring better health news, and Dear Lord bring **true peace** to this shattered world. *(From Larry Berlin)*
- Pray for a quick recovery for my Daughter **Michele** who contracted Covid Friday. *(From Norman Palmer)*

Prayers of Healing and Strength for...(continued)

- Prayers of healing for **Sister Merry Peter, her husband Joe, and Joe's mother** who are struggling to recover from Covid and their mother who also had a bad fall and had to have surgery in the midst of it. *(From Todd and Miguel)*
- Prayers for my husband, **Dick**, who begins treatment this week for cancer. Prayers for **me too**. *(From Nan Karns)*
- Our brother **Donny Woo**, struggling during a difficult recovery from serious back surgery, is now facing possible risky neck surgery near the brainstem. He needs our collective prayers. *(From Wilson Jackson and Bob & Dottie Howell)*
- Please pray for my son **Orion** who is going through a difficult time. *(From Maureen)*
- Prayers of joy that we are expecting a baby boy in June! Prayers for a **healthy pregnancy and delivery, and for us** as we prepare to navigate the joys and challenges of parenthood together. *(From Anne and Antonio Bremirez)*
- Prayers for **Elora Huerta** who experienced a traumatic brain injury and was in the hospital. She is now home healing and doing well. Prayers as she heals. *(From Sonya Shuh)*

Prayers of Sympathy for...

- Prayers of comfort for my friend **Kay** and her family on the recent death of her father after a lengthy illness. *(From Kristin Chambers)*
- Please pray for a dear friend of mine, **Karen**, and her husband **Brian**. Their daughter **Kate** died suddenly on Saturday; she was probably 28. *(From Alene Riley)*
- We pray for the **family of Caryl Krotz**, whose memorial was held here yesterday. May her memory and love remain a comforting and inspiring legacy for all who knew and loved her.
- Prayers for the **family of JoAnn Moosbrugger**, Trish's mom, who passed away last week after a short time in hospice. The family is grateful that most of her children and siblings were able to visit her one last time. Prayers of gratitude for Trish's sister, **Marta**, and brother-in-law, **Pete**, for the many years they looked out for mom's welfare. *(From Trish Moosbrugger)*
- Prayers for the **family and friends of Sesh Ramaswami**, my Rotary brother, who passed away suddenly last Sunday. *(From Dianne Dorn)*

Prayers of Sympathy for...(continued)

- Prayers for the **friends and family of Vic Lan**, who passed away. *(From Amy Furber Dobson)*
- Prayer of peace, comfort and sympathy for the **family of Pastor Pisa Tuitasi**, who will be laid to rest tomorrow after today's home going service. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Prayers for a friend, **Jen**, whose brother passed away suddenly. *(From Alene Riley)*

Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude for...

- Thanks to the "Pod Squad" who helped remove pods from the trees: **Max Roach, Kim, Antonio. Nan, Carol B., Brett, and Tom.** *(From Kyra Kennedy)*
- A prayer of thanksgiving for the gathering yesterday in Oakland of **450 justice seekers** of all ages, races, and churches, from all over the state, who gathered to lift one another up in the work and their vision. *(From Bill Williams)*
- Prayers of joy for the results of two Bay Association ecclesiastical councils that resulted in both **Ashley Wai'olu Moore** and **Marvin K. White** being approved for ordination pending call. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Prayers of gratitude for all who honored the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a **day of service** on Monday, January 16—a beautiful and productive celebration. *(From Anne Bremirez)*
- A huge joy for the installation of the newly elected democratic **president in Guatemala.** *(From Bob and Dottie Howell)*
- Prayers of gratitude and great joy that on Friday, after 109 days in the hospital, **Marigold** went home. May she continue to grow and thrive (She is nearly 6 pounds now!). *(From Nancy and Aria)*
- Dottie and I are full of joy to have our newly engaged, soon-to-be-married daughter, **Heather**, with us in worship. *(From Bob Howell)*
- Prayers of gratitude for the **many acts of service**—meals for people in need; volunteers that restored the watershed; countless acts of kindness.
- Thanks for all the **DCC folks who volunteered in Richmond** Saturday to restore the bios wale under the leadership of Anne Bremirez. *(From Dianne Dorn)*

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Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude for...(continued)

- Thanks for the **Anti-Racism Team**. Your planning and efforts are increasing my awareness and challenging me to take action! *(From Kyra Kennedy)*

Prayers for the World...

- We pray for an **end to the bombing and terror and war** everywhere in the world—particularly the conflict in Palestine and Israel.

If you have a request for prayer, please contact the pastoral staff, members of the Diaconate, or the church office.



Lenten Season Activities

- Choir Rehearsal.....February 11
- Second Hour Movie and Discussion ..February 11
- Outreach Commission Meeting.....February 11
- Celebration Bells RehearsalFebruary 11
- Choir Rehearsal.....February 15
- UCC Feb CampFebruary 16–18
- Choir Rehearsal.....February 18
- Community Life Commission.....February 18
- Youth Group.....February 18
- YG Parents w/ Pastor Todd.....February 18
- Finance Committee MeetingFebruary 20
- Prayer Shawl Ministry.....February 21
- Choir Rehearsal.....February 22
- Choir Rehearsal.....February 25
- Council Meeting.....February 25
- OWLFebruary 25
- Celebration Bells RehearsalFebruary 25
- Tenant Relations Committee.....February 28
- Choir Rehearsal.....February 29
- Pastor Eric’s PRCMarch 3
- Youth Group.....March 3
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMarch 4
- Choir Rehearsal.....March 7
- Choir Rehearsal.....March 10
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMarch 10
- Youth Group.....March 10
- Diaconate MeetingMarch 14
- Choir Rehearsal.....March 14
- TGIF at McGrath/KennedysMarch 15
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMarch 16
- Choir Rehearsal.....March 17
- Council Meeting.....March 17
- Youth Group.....March 17
- Finance Committee MeetingMarch 19
- Prayer Shawl Ministry.....March 20
- Choir Rehearsal.....March 21
- Palm SundayMarch 24
- Youth Group.....March 24
- Tenant Relations Committee.....March 27
- Agape FeastMarch 28
- Maundy Thursday ServiceMarch 28
- Good Friday.....March 29
- Egg Hunt and Brunch at the Felton’s.....March 30
- Easter SundayMarch 31

- Choir Rehearsal.....March 31
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 4
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 7
- Celebration Bells RehearsalApril 7
- Youth Group.....April 7
- Diaconate MeetingApril 11
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 11
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 14
- Celebration Bells RehearsalApril 14
- Youth Group.....April 14
- Finance Committee MeetingApril 16
- Prayer Shawl Ministry.....April 17
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 18
- Ingathering SundayApril 21
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 21
- All Church LuncheonApril 21
- Celebration Bells RehearsalApril 21
- Youth Group.....April 21
- Tenant Relations Committee.....April 24
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 25
- Choir Rehearsal.....April 28
- Council Meeting.....April 28
- Celebration Bells RehearsalApril 28
- Youth Group.....April 28
- Choir Rehearsal.....May 2
- Pastor Eric’s PRCMay 5
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMay 5
- Youth Group.....May 5
- Diaconate MeetingMay 9
- Choir Rehearsal.....May 9
- Choir Rehearsal.....May 12
- Youth Group.....May 12
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMay 12
- Prayer Shawl Ministry.....May 15
- Choir Rehearsal.....May 16
- Choir Rehearsal.....May 19
- Youth Group.....May 19
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMay 20
- Finance Committee MeetingMay 21
- Tenant Relations Committee MeetingMay 22
- Council Meeting.....May 26
- Celebration Bells RehearsalMay 26
- Youth Group.....May 26
- Choir Rehearsal.....May 30

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

- 3.....Sandy Leich
- 6..... Justin Jang
- 6..... Jim Conning
- 9..... Bruce Lohmann
- 14..... Anne Seiler
- 16..... Jen Faught
- 16.....Ken Daily
- 19..... Chris Sonnemann
- 21..... Bode Lawrence
- 24.....Jasmine Conning
- 27..... Linda Chandlee
- 28.....Gilbert Posadas
- 31..... Kim Lawrence

April

- 1..... Brett & Kim Lawrence
- 8.....Brett Clark
- 10.....Barb DeBarger & Judy Gestring
- 15.....Spencer Daily
- 18.....Peggy Gierke
- 23.....Pastor Eric
- 27..... Bob Howell
- 30..... Luci Beaver

May

- 1..... Pastor Todd
- 1..... Penny Atkins
- 1..... Marge Czajkowski
- 2..... Kim Michaud
- 2..... Emily Luther
- 4..... Anne & Tim Seiler
- 4.....Amy & Jim Furber-Dobson
- 5..... Wayne Shupe
- 5..... Donna Lenhardt
- 6..... Tahir Mahmood
- 10.....Camara Rauen
- 13..... Gail Clark
- 14.....Luke Ruhlin
- 16.....Allison Seiler
- 17.....Aram Boyd
- 17.....Daniel Lahini
- 18.....Will Kovach
- 25..... Jim & Pae Conning
- 29..... Charlie & Alex Hasselbrink
- 30..... Marianne Clark & Donny Woo
- 30..... Carol Gerich

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Preaching Schedule

- February 11 Pastor Todd
- February 14(Ash Wednesday)..... Pastor Eric & Pastor Todd
- February 18(1st Sunday of Lent).....Pastor Eric
- February 25Pastor Eric
- March 3Pastor Eric
- March 10 Pastor Todd
- March 17Pastor Eric
- March 24(Palm Sunday) Pastor Todd
- March 28(Maundy Thursday) Pastor Eric & Pastor Todd
- March 31(Easter Sunday)Pastor Eric
- April 7Pastor Eric
- April 14Pastor Eric

- April 21 Pastor Eric
- April 28 Pastor Todd
- May 5..... Pastor Eric
- May 12..... Pastor Eric
- May 19..... Pastor Eric
- May 26..... Pastor Todd

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Maria Arroyo, Preschool Director

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Pastoral Relations Committee

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