



DCC Forms Sanctuary Accompaniment Team

DCC to Accompany Rihanna Fernanda, Asylum Seeker from Nicaragua



Expanding DCC's collective work of and commitment to justice, several members of DCC have stepped into the relationship of accompaniment with **Rihanna Fernanda**, a 22-year old transgender Nicaraguan woman seeking asylum here in the U.S., and into a closer partnership with Eden United Church of Christ in Hayward in the ministry of Sanctuary.

In reality, this work is not new to DCC. We stepped into relationship with Sister Parish in Guatemala just a few years ago and our youth just returned from a trip to work with refugees. And Since October 2018, DCC has raised over \$2,500 to support Eden's Sanctuary Ministry needs to support sanctuary to the Pérez-Oliveras family seeking asylum as well as and collecting and donating backpacks and supplies, winter coats, hats, and scarves primarily for unaccompanied youth

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Rihanna at the recent "Lights for Liberty" and "Transgender Visibility Night" in Castro Valley

and children of migrant families. DCC folks have also supported and shown up at various community events organized by Eden.

Many of you met Mayerling and her children at worship and during an informational Second Hour on June 16. During this visit we were invited to learn more about Mayerling's journey to the United States and her family's

endeavor to seek asylum. It was then that we also first learned about Rihanna. Rihanna had been the victim of a hate crime in her home country of Nicaragua. After she recovered enough from her injuries to travel, she made her way to the U.S. and crossed the border seeking asylum on April 11, 2019. She was taken into custody and detained by ICE—first at La Palma Correctional Facility in Eloy, Arizona, and later at the Florence Detention Center in Florence, Arizona. La Palma is a private men's medium security prison. Rihanna was beaten and harassed in the prison. Many of you listened with compassion to Mayerling as she shared her story and as you heard of Rihanna's. Following this sharing, you asked, "How can we help?"

Since then, the pastoral team along with Doug Leich, Tom and Chris Sonnemann, and Pastor Arlene from Eden Church, have been in conversation about what might it look like for DCC to step deeper into relationship with Eden UCC as they support undocumented persons seeking asylum here in the United States.

On July 2, Pastor Arlene shared with us Rihanna, a native of Chinandega, Nicaragua and a neighbor of Pérez-Oliveras family, had been granted humanitarian parole and—through a series of connections, compassion, and hospitality—had landed at Oakland International Airport to be in Eden's care. Rihanna initially resided with Pastor Arlene and her wife

Stephanie Spencer in Hayward and then in San Francisco with a family who are members of a Lutheran church there. Like anyone, Rihanna's greatest need since arriving here in the Bay has been safe, clean, and stable housing. Unfortunately, Eden UCC is not able to provide additional housing on their church campus, since they are currently housing the Pérez-Oliveras family.

Tom and Chris Sonnemann initially learned of Rihanna's story at the June 16 Second Hour and were moved with compassion to respond. Tom and Chris have a vacant studio apartment on their property in Oakland that is available through the end of October. After much conversation with the three pastors, Tom and Chris graciously offered the apartment to Rihanna for 3 months to provide her—and the accompaniment team that has formed to support her—the time needed

to secure more permanent housing and to raise additional funds for Rihanna's residency here in the Bay Area. **Rihanna moved in on Monday, August 12!**

Tom and Chris have generously opened their home, **but they can't do it all**—nor can Eden UCC. Rihanna will need financial support for everyday expenses. We will also need to raise money on her behalf for possible legal representation for her asylum hearing and court fees. Rihanna is a child of God, seeking refuge and asylum here in our country. Our faith calls us to respond—to welcome and love the stranger among us.

Continuing to discern this call, the Outreach Commission, Church Council, and pastoral team will continue to discuss this expression of Sanctuary as we explore what it is we are called to do as we do just that. 🕊



Rihanna moving into her new home on July 12



The Sonnemanns with their new guest

If you would like to get involved in this ministry, contact Pastor Eric.

A Word from Pastor Eric



For me, summer 2019 has been one of movement. I trust your summer has been one of movement, too.

It all began in May when I attended the

Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis. Upon returning from my trip to Minnesota, Matt and I had an unexpected need come up and we had to go to Orange County to celebrate the life of his grandmother who passed away after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Shortly after returning from southern California, I attended my first United Church of Christ General Synod in Milwaukee. Following that trip, I was here in Danville for what felt like a blink of an eye, and then I was off to Vermont to spend some much-needed time with Matt, my parents, and sister in a lake house on the shores of Lake Champlain.

Yes, this summer has been one of movement. Life is full of movement, isn't it?

Movement ... it's not a bad thing. If we are moving, we are living, right? We are making progress.

Movement, however, it can also be exhausting—physically and mentally.

In some ways, in all this movement there is the potential to feel stuck or caught because we're moving all over the place and there is no direction or meaning behind it. We know we're moving, but we wonder if we're really getting anywhere.

Our church has been moving this summer, too. We showed up at both San Francisco and Castro Valley Pride festivals. We were present with our neighbors at a Lights of Liberty candlelight vigil. Our youth traveled to Fresno to serve alongside our friends at Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries. Our children journeyed alongside one another with our adult volunteers in a week of learning

about peace building at our Peace Village Camp. And our outreach commission, lay leaders and pastors have been in discernment about deepening our sanctuary ministry here at DCC and accompanying Rihanna Fernanda, an asylum seeker from Nicaragua.

Yes, the church is moving, too.

But where are we going?

At this juncture, perhaps what we need to do is *be still* and be present to the moment. God says, "*Be still.*"

Throughout scripture a particular emphasis is placed on the intentional time needed to be still before God. In our tradition of Christianity, we have liturgical seasons where time slows down and we are invited to pay close attention to God and be still. It's in those times that we know God. It's in those times that our ever-moving minds stop and know and remember who is in charge, who is leading us. We remember the One who is directing our movement.

I wonder, what would it look like if we intentionally moved into our fall season together observing *this* particular stillness? What if our worship was one of slowing down, finding stillness, so there can be lasting change and direction to our future movement as a congregation. I hope you will join us beginning September 8 for this 4-week sermon series, *Be Still*. I'm hopeful that in intentionally setting aside this season to be still, we will come to know God more fully and God's direction for our life together this coming year.

See you in church,
Pastor Eric



DCC News & Notables

Sunday, September 8

All-Church Picnic

We hope you'll join us **Sunday, September 8** for our **All Church Picnic** from **11am – 2pm!** The picnic will follow worship. Coffee will be available while we set up. For the picnic, we'll be hanging out in Kairos Hall and on the Patio. There will be fun activities for the kids and young at heart. We'll have lots of time for connection and conversation! Wondering what to bring?

- A salad or dessert to share
- Something to pop on the grill for you/your family
- Picnic/outdoor chairs if you have them
- Drinks – we'll have lemonade and water.

Soda/beer/wine are your choice

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Sunday, September 15

Youth Group Parent Meeting & First Youth Group Gathering

Parents of all youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to gather after worship on Sunday, September 15 for fellowship, fun, along with an opportunity to provide feedback and get a look at the youth calendar for the year ahead. Watch your email for a sign-up to let us know if you're coming and for what you can bring to the potluck lunch as well as information about the location.

Sunday, September 29

Brunch for all Parents Hosted by Children's Ministry

On Sunday, September 29, the Children's Ministry is hosting a brunch in Kairos Hall for all parents of children through grade 5 and our ministry volunteers. Childcare will be provided. We want to share with our families all the good things about our Children's Ministry, welcome new families, and hear from parents about their hopes for the faith formation of their children. Watch your email for more information and how to RSVP.

October 4-6 | Camp Caz

Annual All-Church Camp in October!

By Pastor Eric

Each fall, DCC gathers together as a community of friends and faith in the sacred space of Camp Cazadero. We use this time for rest, spiritual renewal, recreation,

and worship among the redwoods. Camp Caz is a 2.5 hour drive from DCC, northwest of Santa Rosa near Guerneville. Lodging (cabins with bunk beds, mattresses, bathrooms, and heaters) and meals are provided. Visit our [church website \(danvillechurch.org\)](http://danvillechurch.org) to learn more about this year's All Church Camp. You can [register on the church web site \(danvillechurch.org\)](http://danvillechurch.org) or pick up a registration form in the narthex or church office and turn it in there. The registration deadline for this year's All Church Camp is **September 5**. If you have questions email [Joyce Klassen \(joyce.klassen@comcast.net\)](mailto:joyce.klassen@comcast.net).

The Evans Memorial Handbell Fund

by Mary-Marie Deauclaire

I have just returned from St. Louis MO, where I participated for 4 days at the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) National Seminar. I studied ringing, directing, and handbell maintenance, attended 2 awesome concerts each day, networked with directors, composers and educators from all over North America, and immersed myself in new music and ideas to use with the DCC ensembles. Also I am completing Level 2 Handbell Director Certification.

The Evans Memorial Handbell Fund established by Ed and Barbara Evans in 2014 is the reason I was able to have this in-depth experience, and ultimately my goal is to inspire and motivate everyone who comes to DCC handbell rehearsals and plays for the congregation. In 2014 I attended "National" for the first time in Atlanta, and in 2017 Janis Jang and I attended together in Anaheim. Members of Celebration Bells and Quattro Quartet attend the Annual Bay Area Spring Ring in Cupertino, as well as performing out in the community for retirement residences (SunRise and Montecito) and holiday parties (Cancer Support Community in WC.) Scholarships to Zephyr Point HB Summer Conference at Lake Tahoe have been funded as well.

We have purchased musical instruments (4 octaves of chimes and the upper octave of bells), and we are very fortunate to be able to professionally maintain the instruments. Our group membership in HMA, our equipment such as mallets, lights, music stands and folders, table pads and coverings, gloves, and of course musical scores... all are a glorious gift from the Evans Fund. Materials costs for the rolling handbell cart

designed by Tom Sonnemann were covered by the Fund. We love to collaborate with other instrumentalists such as cello, flute, guitar, drums, oboe, violin who are members of DCC. Plus we are financially able to hire outside musicians (and sometimes share them with the choir).

The next time you hear Celebration Bells and Quattro Quartet play in church, think of how fortunate we are to be financially supported by our "handbell angels" Ed and Barbara Evans. (2 PIX)

Super Successful Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive

by Doug Leich

Backpacks Delivered!

Through your generosity, DCC delivered 26 backpacks filled with school supplies – 17 to Shelter, Inc. and 9 to Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) – on Monday, July 29, along with \$225 in gift cards for Shelter, Inc. and five bags of school and Homework Club supplies for CCIH. These agencies are distributing the backpacks to children in their homeless, formerly-homeless and at-risk families before school starts, helping those children get off to a good start in school this year.

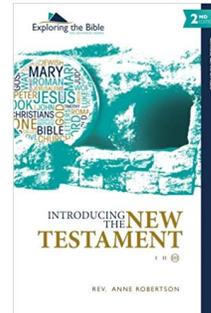


Pastor Eric during the Time for Children before blessing the backpacks that were collected

Pink-Eraser Prize

If there was a Pink-Eraser Prize for the Eden UCC school-supplies drive, DCC would be the winner, providing 137 of the 250 pink erasers (55%) on the master shopping list! With over 1,200 items donated (including 350 pencils), we expect four or five DCC-supplied school items in each of the 250 backpacks planned to be distributed at Eden UCC's Birch Street Block Party and Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, August 3rd, mostly to children in Eden's Cherryland neighborhood, the poorest neighborhood in Alameda

County. Families had pre-registered 250 children to receive backpacks at the Giveaway. Volunteers from Eden UCC, DCC, and Jewish Congregation Shir Ami (of Castro Valley) helped about 150 children select their backpacks and school supplies at the Block Party, then filled another 100 with the remaining school supplies to be distributed later. The DCC Outreach Commission appreciates the supportive way our congregation embraced this new addition to our annual backpack and school-supplies drive, and Eden UCC expresses its thanks for our participation.



Pastor's Bible Study Returns this Fall!

Pastor Eric will be re-launching the popular weekly Pastor's Bible Study this fall! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, October 16 from 1–2:30pm!** All are welcome to join Pastor Eric in a new 6-week series, *Introducing the New Testament*.

This third part in the *Exploring the Bible* series, shows you Jesus in three distinct ways: A man like other men, a Jewish rabbi, and the Christ of Christian faith. Then it's on to the cantankerous Paul, the other New Testament authors, and the wild and baffling book called Revelation. We will meet for 6 consecutive weeks on Wednesday afternoons in the Spirit Room. No prior Bible experience needed.

RSVP with Pastor Eric (eric@danvillechurch.org), and he will give you the information needed to purchase the Student Guide.

Danny Bray Named Eagle Scout

Congratulations to **Danny Bray**. On May 18, Danny officially became an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held in Kairos Hall. His mom Susan is one of Danny's Scout leaders and is included with Danny in the accompanying photo. About 10 from DCC were among the attendees at this special event, including three men of the church who are also Eagle Scouts (shown with Danny). Congratulations to Danny on all of his hard work leading up to becoming an Eagle Scout.



Embracing the Moment

Church Council Holds First Retreat of the Year

by Trish Moosbrugger, Moderator

In the spirit of “Embracing the Moment,” your DCC Church Council members met in retreat on August 10 to be in community and to plan for the coming church year. Our day started with an intimate and interactive worship service that allowed us to leave our busy lives behind and to be still and listen for God. All were encouraged to go out onto the church grounds to listen, see and smell the wonders of this world. When we heard the bell ring off in the distance, we reconvened and shared our gratitude for our beautiful, serene and lovingly cared for campus that serves as home to so many diverse groups and to our bustling community.

Council members shared our hopes for the coming year; that we continue to explore how God calls us to be in relationship with each other and with our community. We expressed a desire to teach our children about community by our own example through multi-generational outreach projects, and that we deepen our relationships with our partners like CCIH, Eden Church, our Sister Parish in San Antonio, Guatemala as the Spirit leads us to do.

We shared our Commissions’ plans for the coming months, and we are excited to see how this theme of relationship continues to manifest in our community. We see the possibilities of a renewed relationship with Dayspring Preschool, we embrace our third year of holding TGIF gatherings, we look forward to sending a long-awaited delegation to San Antonio, Guatemala, and we’ll take a bold step forward in supporting a trans woman from Nicaragua in need of Sanctuary.

These inspiring opportunities and more will come to fruition through all of our combined efforts. We encourage you all to take time to be still, listen for God, and experience the wonders of this world. Imagine how you will be in relationship with the community around you. Find the opportunity at DCC that inspires you or bring us your ideas. Together, in relationship with each other, we can make a difference in this world. 🕊️



Children’s Ministry Report

Peace Village Camp Great Moment for DCC

by Kim Michaud, Children’s Ministries Commissioner

Peace Village Camp was a wonderful intergenerational experience. Adults, youth and children came together for three mornings to sing, meditate, think, share, listen, create and be. It was a special time of community, learning and fun for everyone who participated. I came away with a full heart and excited for the coming year.

We hope to create more opportunities like this in the months ahead, where anyone (not just our Godly Play and Holy Moly ministers—although, wow, that group is committed and growing!) will have the opportunity to engage with our children in a meaningful way.

And I hope more than anything that all children who come on to our campus will feel welcomed and loved—just as they are. And that they can take that with them out into the world.

The three days of Peace Village Camp were a microcosm of what I’m feeling at DCC right now. There’s a wonderful energy as people come together to share their gifts and talents in ways that feel genuine and authentic—collaborating with our pastors, welcoming everyone, loving each other. In showing up and sharing our gifts and inviting God to be there with us, we end up receiving more than we ever imagined. 🕊️

Back-to-School Blessing

On Sunday, August 11, Pastor Todd and Pastor Eric offered the following blessing to students, teachers and staff, and parents of students.

God of Wisdom: we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children of all ages, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding, and respect. Protect their hearts, minds, and bodies from anything that would bring them harm.

God our Eternal Parent: for those who are parents, grandparents, or guardians of those who are returning to school, we pray for patience—lots of patience, for stamina, for encouragement that their hard work and love for their children is enough.

Send your Holy Spirit to assure them, especially on difficult days, that they are doing their best and that their best is enough. And for those parents who are preparing for a child to move away to school, send them an extra measure of comfort, hope, and reassurance.

God our Great Teacher: for those who are educators, support and administrative staff, we ask that their hard work be met with kindness and gratitude, that they are rewarded with students who are eager to learn and structures to support them, and that they are given an extra measure of patience and love as they engage in the sacred practice of educating children.

God of peace, we pray that all students, teachers, staff, and parents alike will experience the peace of God this year that exceeds all understanding.

We pray they will not worry about things they cannot control, but that



You will guard their hearts and minds and keep them trusting in You. We pray they will not only enjoy the peace of God, but peace with God. We pray they will develop a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving as they look to You daily for their needs. We pray that You will give them the capacity for joy that bubbles up from Your peace.

In all things, may we all be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen

(If your child did not get their backpack tag, please contact Pastor Todd.)

Parts of this prayer were adapted from prayers by Wendy Claire Barrie and Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Second Sunday Sundaes Raise \$400 for Oakland Youth Event

Coordinated by youth group parent **Anthony Huerta** (Elora and Emilio's dad), our coffee hour became a full-fledged ice cream social with youth groupers serving up ice cream sundaes for a great cause. And after it was all said and done, DCC folks raised **\$400** for the **Put the Guns Down Block Party** for children and youth of Oakland on September 7. The event is being planned by lay pastor Elana Bolds through her ministry at City of Refuge UCC. This event will offer youth and families of the community—especially those whose families have experienced gun violence—food, raffle prizes, books,

games, and a treasure hunt, all at no cost. Funds raised will go to Pastor Bolds to purchase the supplies she needs to serve as many youth as possible.

In response to the generous gift from DCC, Pastor Bolds responded, "Thank you so very much for your generous donation. You blessed me to be able to pay for the \$200 food permits and purchase the snacks and treats for the treasure hunt. Thank you to every youth, parent, and kind heart who helped make Put The Guns Down 2019 possible. God bless you all."

To donate to this cause, reach out to Pastor Todd.

Exciting News at Dayspring



The following is the letter below that was sent to families of Dayspring announcing the appointment of Dayspring's new director, **Kelley Mangels**. The Board, along with Pastors Eric and Todd, teachers, parents, and children are all very excited and enthusiastic about Ms. Mangels' appointment. Ms. Mangels' appointment to the position of director was initially announced in worship on July 14.

Dear Dayspring Parents:

Danville Congregational Church and the Dayspring Preschool board are pleased to announce that Kelley (Miss Kay) Mangels has been formally appointed as the new director of Dayspring.

Miss Kay has many years of experience teaching and leading preschool programs, including nine years with Dayspring. She holds all the qualifications necessary to be licensed as a preschool director as required by the California Department of Education Child Development program.

The staff was very pleased to know that Miss Kay would be continuing in the director position, and from input we received from parents about what the characteristics of a qualified director and many notes in support of Miss Kay, we are hopeful that you will be happy to know she will be there to ensure your children continue to receive the awesome experience you have come to expect from Dayspring.

Incidentally, we just received our 2018 5-Star YELP sticker for our window!

It is hard to believe summer school is soon coming to a close, and the 2019 fall session planning is in full swing. Looking forward to seeing your children at Dayspring!



*Rev. Eric Sherlock, Senior Pastor, Danville Congregational Church
Sandra Lepley, Chair, Dayspring Preschool Board
Dayspring Preschool Board Members*

Noon, Sunday, September 22 • DCC Campus

Blessing of the Animals

DCC to Observe St. Francis Day through Community Event



Peace Village campers and their new friend Wags

As we learned during our recent Peace Village Camp, **St. Francis of Assisi** (c. 1181) abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe.

St. Francis set an example for us someone who cares for others—including nature and our non-human animal friends and companions. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day. And so this year, we want to offer a *Blessing of the Animals* ceremony to our community—here at DCC and beyond—as a way of honoring animal companions and their special place in our lives. Because we will be at Camp Caz the weekend adjacent to The Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we will hold this blessing on the Sunday prior here on the church grounds. More information will be available in coming weeks.

An Update from Pastor Todd



The month of July was full of activity in the Children, Youth, and Family ministries

here at DCC! Following a full SF Pride weekend that included marching with a contingent of DCC folks among tens of thousands of people and returning from my ordination ceremony in Dallas on July 8, I hit the ground running—literally!

Following a display of solidarity with immigrants and transgender people at a combined Lights of Liberty and Transgender Visibility Night in Castro Valley, we had the opportunity to share our broad and extravagant welcome of all people at Castro Valley Pride. Those of us gathered there had the opportunity to give out almost 300 friendship bracelets—tying on a majority of them—and find out a little about the folks we were meeting. And in many cases, we had the chance to share what we felt was special about DCC.

The following week, a “small but mighty” group of teens and adults headed to work alongside Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries, an organization of people of faith committed to accompanying refugees as they transition into and begin living in the United States. We worked on a variety of projects—including a mural—and enjoyed the hospitality and camaraderie of people from different cultures and faith backgrounds. This trip provided our youth with another lens for understanding the lived experience of refugees; gave us opportunities to enhance our cultural competencies; and helped us learn how we as people of faith can serve as advocates for folks who are displaced.

Also in July, I had the good fortune of attending Our Whole Lives (OWL) training for grades 7–12. OWL is a collaborative effort by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ to provide comprehensive lifespan sexuality education for people of all ages. I am eager to begin the conversation about how to continue to roll out this

valuable curriculum to the DCC and Danville communities.

We capped off the month—and began the new—with our Peace Village Camp. We had 14 kids join us each day—almost half of them new to DCC—along with a crew of committed DCC volunteers of a variety of ages. What an incredible time we had learning and singing together, welcoming new families into our community, and learning how to create more peace in our lives and in the world.

As we begin a new academic year, I am grateful for this busy summer season to really “jump in and roll my sleeves up”—to work alongside so many of you in this sacred work of ministering to children and young people. I hope that together, we can expand this good work as we guide the religious, spiritual, and moral formation of our children and young people. And I remain committed to discerning how we can best support our families raising children in such an era as this.

Pastor Todd
(aka “Pastor Unicorn”)

Honoring our Graduates

Congratulations to those of our number who recently received their diplomas! We celebrate the fruits of your hard work and the joys your families hold for this accomplishment! We pray God’s blessings on your journeys that lie ahead.

High School Graduates

- **Allison Seiler**, attending Chapman University
- **Luci Hasselbrink**, attending Southern Methodist University
- **Josh Shupe-Shellooe**, attending Diablo Valley College

Bachelor’s Degree

- **Will Brown**, Union College
- **Annalise Northway**, Marymount Manhattan College

Master’s Degree

- **Jennifer Kawaguchi**, U Mass Lowell



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 June. They have been updated as we have received additional information.

Prayers of Healing for...

- Sandra Lepley's goddaughter **Amiracle** that she can cope with difficult family conditions, and that she may be able to finish high school and follow her dream of becoming an EMT.
- **Joanna Spears**, the mother/grandmother of a family friend of the Seilers, who suffered a massive stroke last week.
- **Greg Etzel**, a friend of Pastor Todd's, who is in the late stages of a very aggressive cancer throughout his body, and for his wife and their two young adopted sons.
- **Jackie McKinley** who is back at Pleasanton Rehab for an infection.
- Our family, for peace, and for hope and faith during this difficult stage in child development. (Anonymous)
- **Elliot**—may he experience a rapid return to health. (Anonymous)
- **Harry**— may he receive comfort and live with hope. (Anonymous)
- Sally Baca's daughter **Valerie**.
- **Ben Rutherford** (neighbor of Gail and Brett Clark), age 3½, who continues his treatment for cancer.
- Chris Evans' niece, **Deborah**, who recently underwent surgery for relapsed ovarian cancer.
- Continued strength and healing for **Norm Palmer** who fell and fractured a vertebrae in his neck in July. (Norm is recovering at Pleasanton Rehab Center, 300 Neal St, Room 223A, Pleasanton 94566.)
- Betty McCabe's son-in-law **Rudy Bretschneider**, as he makes decisions about the next phase of his treatment for Multiple Myeloma.
- **Beth**, friend of Sereen and Tahir Mahmood, whose cancer has returned, requiring additional surgery.
- Cheryl Pierson's 93-year-old father **David** who is in declining health following a broken hip. (Cheryl has travelled to Indiana to arrange for his assisted living care.)
- Judy Schreib's cousin **Diane**, as she nears the end of her life's journey.
- **Joyce Boehmert** who is adjusting to new medication for heart palpitations. (from Karl and Judi Weisgraber)
- Patience and healing for **Syd Dent's parents** who face health issues.
- **Wyatt**, 5 years old, who has been having painful migraines and will be undergoing a CAT scan this week.
- The **victims and survivors** of the shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton, Ohio and their families.
- **Friend** of Connie Wadsworth who had lung cancer surgery.
- My sister **Amy** as she starts the next phase of chemotherapy. (Anonymous)
- The family and friends of **Antonio Gentile** who mourn his sudden passing from a heart attack. (Antonio's company provides landscaping for the DCC campus.)
- Someone undergoing a new treatment, that it be effective and with few side effects. (Anonymous)
- Dave Halseth's **cousin** and family who are facing difficult challenges.
- The health and well-being of my family as we navigate a challenging path. (anonymous)
- **My two brothers** to keep well and not get worse than they are now—one bedridden, the other in a wheel chair. (anonymous)
- Cheryl Pierson's friend **Eva** who was admitted to the hospital in June and continues to experience declining health.
- The Felton's friend **Esmeralda**, a 24-year old DACA student who is detained in Mexico, after being called to complete her permanent visa.
- A healthy pregnancy for my **son and daughter in law**. (Anonymous)



Prayers for the World...

- Heal souls of hatred, let love prevail (submitted by Larry Berlin)
- For the children at the border who continue to go without basic hygiene and personal care, as well as guidance, safety and compassion.

Prayers of Joy...

- "Praise the Lord!" Mary Kay McClure's foster child **Ajzeya** was adopted last Wednesday. It was a joyful day. Special blessings for her new mother, **Sandra**.
- ...for Kristina Kelchner's dad **Alan** who recently had a stent put into his heart and is doing very well. Thank you all for your prayers.
- ...of thanksgiving for our pastors—you're both doing such amazing jobs of leadership and loving. (Anonymous)
- ...for **Diane and Richard Stein**, who recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.
- ...and gratitude for the support and prayers from my DCC family during my recovery. I am especially grateful for **Gail**, who has been my devoted, loving and caring partner for almost 50 years! (Brett Clark)
- ...for Jennifer O'Neal's daughter **Maddie** who was hospitalized in mid-July but is doing well now.
- ...for the healthy birth of Janis & Randy Jang's 4th grandson **Graham Rocklin Koutsouras**.
- ...for all who showed up and shared God's love at Castro Valley Pride.

- For those who suffer ailments and depression.
- For all who struggle with addictions and the process of recovery.
- Comfort, strength and healing to all those undergoing medical procedures this week.

- 41 years ago, God blessed me with my finest accomplishment, my son Andrew. He is celebrating his birthday and bachelor party in Cabo. He is getting married to his partner, Rob, on November 9! Never thought I would be the mother of the bridegroom! (**Sandra Lepley**)
- ...for the imminent reunification of the Pérez-Olivares family after Alejandro Pérez Oliveras request for asylum was recently approved.
- ...for the adults who helped our teens have a life-changing experience on the mission trip.
- ...and thanksgiving—we're pregnant!! Continued prayers for a healthy pregnancy. (Megan and Emily Luther)
- ...for music that speaks to all of us in a language we can all understand and share.
- ...for **Eric, Todd**, and the confirmation mentors (**Steve Paroli, Diane Stein, Syd Dent, Chris Callison, Kim Michaud**) who guided our young people with such love.
- ...for safe travel to all our youth and families who have been travelling throughout the summer.



Continued Prayers for...

- Ken Boehmert
- Jackie McKinley
- Tom Olwin
- Sylvia Martino
- Mary Anne Prickett
- Chris Sonnemann

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

Peace Village Camp





Second Hour Presentation with Zack Darrah of FIRM



Our young acolytes helping us in worship



Steve Paroli, Zac Furber-Dobson, and Claire Northway give their report of their trip to work with FIRM as Pastor Todd looks on

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August

- 7 Connie Wadsworth, Zane Smalley
- 17..... Bruce Hixon

September

- 1 Ned Kovach
- 3Joshua Shupe-Shelloe
- 8 Noah Herbek
- 14 Savannah Ruhlin
- 16 Bob & Bonnie Powers
- 18 Jennifer Kawaguchi, Nancy Halseth
- 20 Craig Seiler
- 22 Dolores Thomas, Diane Stein, Angie Ruhlin
- 27..... Karne Kawaguchi
- 28 Nicole Noga

October

- 3 Amber Courtright
- 8Janis Jang, Carol Gilliland
- 9 Chris Evans
- 11.....Mary Kay McClure
- 12 Dave Halseth
- 25 Benjamin Beaver, Tim Seiler
- 27..... Kathie Hixon
- 28 Alex Shupe-Shelloe
- 29 Megan Leich
- 30 Bette Felton

November

- 3Polly Smith-Telfer
- 7Dee Brook, Howard Spinner
- 9 Bob Hardy
- 12 Bob Powers, Nan Karns, Barbara Olwin, Barb DeBarger
- 14 Laura Beaver, Judy Schreib



Coming Up

- Visitor Information Luncheon August 18
- TGIF August 30
- Choir Retreat September 2
- All-Church Picnic September 8
- 1st Youth Group / Parent Meeting September 15
- Blessing of our Animal Friends September 22
- TGIF September 27
- Children's Ministry Parents Brunch September 29
- All-Church Camp October 4-6
- TGIF October 25

Preaching & Emmaus Teams Schedule

- August 18 Pastor Todd ET5
- August 25 Pastor Eric ET6
- September 1 Pastor Eric ET7
- September 8 Pastor Eric Diaconate
- September 15 Pastor Todd ET1
- September 22 Pastor Eric ET2
- September 29 Pastor Eric ET3
- October 6 Pastor Eric ET4
- October 13 Pastor Todd ET5
- October 20 Pastor Eric ET6
- October 27 Pastor Eric ET7
- November 3 Pastor Eric Church Council
- November 10 Pastor Eric ET1
- November 17 Pastor Todd ET2



Youth Group Mission trip to FIRM



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 Starting September:

Tuesday–Friday 9am–3pm

Worship Sunday at 9:30 AM
Everyone is welcome!

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 Paroli

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 haugh, Richard Stein



Youth group members serve (and enjoy) ice cream sundaes and raise \$4,00!

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