



# Advent & Christmas at DCC

Sunday, December 1 | First Sunday of Advent

*Worship 9:30 a.m., Communion Sunday*

Saturday, December 7 | All Church Christmas Party

*Kairos Hall, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Childcare provided*

Sunday, December 8 | Second Sunday of Advent

*Worship, 9:30 a.m., Commission Sunday*

Sunday, December 15 | Third Sunday of Advent

*Worship, 9:30 a.m., Music Sunday with Chancel and Bell Choirs*

Sunday, December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Worship, 9:30 a.m., Christmas Pageant*

Tuesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve

*Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary, 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday, December 29 | First Sunday of Christmas

*Worship, 9:30 a.m., Carols and Poems*

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# A Word from Pastor Eric

As the days begin to draw shorter and the night longer, we as a people begin to shift our attention to the upcoming holiday season and all that the season brings.

As Christians, we enter Advent on December 1. During this season, it's appropriate to turn our attention and hearts to hope, peace, joy, and love. In fact, Advent is a time of both waiting and preparation for these to emerge in our lives and world.

Waiting...

It feels like that's all we do sometimes.

We wait, when it comes to hope.  
Waiting for a cure from illness.

We wait, when it comes to peace.  
Waiting for the world to behave better.

We wait, when it comes to joy.  
Waiting for the depression to lift.

We wait, when it comes to love.  
Waiting for acceptance in spite of difference.



Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? This Advent, Pastor Todd and I invite you to reflect and consider as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child the question—*what can't wait?* What matters in our lives and world are urgent and demand our immediate attention? What requires our commitment, work, and preparation? And...

What is it that God *can't* wait for?

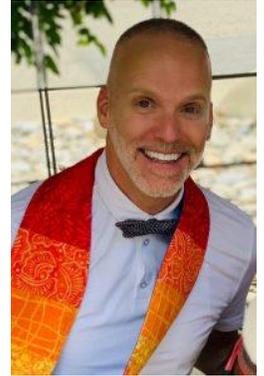
During this season, we will consider each Sunday of Advent within the context of this question—*what can't wait?* With the intention of encouraging you to go deep this Advent, we will make available an **Advent Devotional**—filled with scripture, poetry, visual art, coloring, written reflections for each day of Advent—ready for pick-up on the credenza in the Narthex following worship on November 24. Children and families are invited to pick up an **Advent Calendar**—a printable poster with a map of action prompts to embody the *What Can't Wait* theme at home with your family.

Let us join our hearts and minds together this Advent season and thoughtfully ponder—*what can't wait?* In our discernment and prayer, may we be moved to bold action, as we ultimately celebrate the arrival of God incarnate—divine made flesh—this Christmas.

See you in church,  
*Pastor Eric*

# An Update from Pastor Todd

One of the signs of a healthy church is a thriving children, youth, and families ministry. With gratitude for the people who companion our families—specifically our commissioners **Kim Michaud** and **Steve Paroli**; our youth advisors **Syd Dent**, **Megan Luther**, **Susan Bray**, and **Chris Callison**; and our Godly Play teaching team of 15+ folks—DCC's commitment to the spiritual formation of children and youth and support of their families is ensuring our young people and our church thrive.



Our children and youth receive loving formation through our Time with Children, Godly Play, and Youth Group each week and through special offerings like our Pet Blessing, the Challenge Ropes Course in Sonoma, and OWL Lifespan Sexuality Education that started this month. We are already experiencing the blessing and benefit of our children and youth stepping into worship leadership—something that will bless them and our church for decades to come. And I look forward to the day when some of our families have the chance to visit the families of the Sister Parish community we are in relationship with!

One of the goals of these ministries is to engage the broader congregation in relationship with our families with children in a variety of ways. Providing meals for youth group (still need February 2, March 1, and April 19) and teaching in Godly Play are great ways to get to know our young people. On **December 15**, you're invited to come and bake and decorate cookies with our families before we deliver these goodies to [homebound?] folks in our church. And on **December 22**, you're invited to participate in our intergenerational Christmas Pageant. (Please contact Kim or Pastor T if you'd like to be involved!)

On **Wednesday, November 20**, our youth will be attending the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) service sponsored by the Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County. This vigil celebrates the lives of the transgender people—22 so far, mostly women of color—who were killed this past year and compels us into urgent advocacy for and solidarity with transgender people every day of the year. [This service will be held at the Todos Santos Plaza in Concord beginning at 7:00pm.](#)

And on **Sunday, December 1**, we will be attending the World AIDS Day service at Island United Church in Foster City. While not exclusively an LGBTQ issue, HIV/AIDS continues to impact LGBTQ and other marginalized communities, particularly women and gay men of color. World AIDS Day reminds us not only of the unimaginable scope of life taken by the pandemic (over 32 million since the first diagnosis in 1981) but also calls us into action: to advocate for a cure and universal access for treatment and prevention and to work to end stigma experienced by those living with HIV/AIDS—some 38 million worldwide.

This service begins at 4:00 p.m. and features **Rev. Jim Mitulski**, **Bishop Yvette Flunder** of City of Refuge UCC in Oakland, **Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon** of Congregational Church of San Mateo, myself, and the choir of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco.

Attending these vigils models for our youth what being an Open and Affirming congregation looks like in action. The entire congregation is encouraged to join us.

As always, I invite you to reach out to me if you'd like to chat...and I hope to see y'all in church!

*Pastor Todd*

# DCC News & Notables

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 am

## Greening of the Church

The worship commission needs everyone's help to prepare our Sanctuary and campus for the Advent and Christmas seasons! All are invited to the Greening of the Church on **Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 am** during the Second Hour. Come one, Come ALL!

Beginning Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am

## Christmas Pageant Preparations

Believe it or not, it's that time again. The Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 22 ... with a few new wrinkles. While the pageant itself will remain intergenerational and participation open to anyone who shows up that morning, we will be using a new script and adding a couple of songs that the children will sing. We will be having rehearsals of 30-40 minutes the following Sundays after worship (as close to 10:30am as possible, after a snack, in the Sanctuary) on **December 1, December 8, and December 15.**

Attendance is not mandatory but encouraged. These will also be the dates for our costume fittings!

If you know your child(ren) will be participating, [please let us know here](#) or email Kim and Todd. Contact Kim or Pastor Todd for more info.

Thursday, December 5

## Pastor Eric's PRC

Pastor Eric's Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) meets regularly. We share feedback, help problem-solve, and provide a non-judgmental space for Eric to share his thoughts and feelings. If there is something you would like to bring to our attention, please feel free to contact any one of us: Bette Felton, Carol Gilliland (Chair), Kristina Kelchner, Kim Michaud or Steve Paroli. Our next meeting will be on **December 5.**

Saturday, December 7, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

## All Church Christmas Party

Come join your DCC friends for an adult only evening of fun, frivolity, wine, food and joyous Christmas caroling at our annual Christmas Party! We will gather **Saturday, December 7, 6:00-9:00 pm** in Kairos Hall. Please plan to contribute a heavy appetizer or a dessert to share, plus your beverage of choice. For those with

children, childcare will be provided by the church.

Please sign up in advance with Joyce Klassen so we can plan accordingly. Finally, we want to make this event accessible to all, so if you're not comfortable driving at night, but would like to come, let Joyce know and we can figure out transportation. Please sign up during Time of Fellowship or contact Joyce Klassen directly.

Sunday, December 8

## Youth Group Family Christmas Party

Our youth group and their families are invited to celebrate Christmas together at the home of Michael and Maddie (Carol Gilliland and Jennifer O'Neal's home) on **Sunday, December 8 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** A potluck sign-up will be sent via email. Everyone should bring a "white elephant" gift for the exchange.

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

## Intergenerational Cookie Baking & Decorating Party

Calling all cookie makers and cookie lovers alike to make, bake, and decorate cookies and then assemble our freshly baked treats for delivery to our homebound members afterward. After worship and coffee hour, we'll share a light lunch together before getting down to serious cookie making business! Contact Kim Michaud and Angie Ruhlin for more info!

Sunday, December 29

## Carols and Poems, *by Pastor Eric*

Last year on the first Sunday of Christmas (that's right, Christmas is a season in the church calendar, not just one day!), we celebrated Sunday worship with a Carols and Poems service. This was a festive service with carols of the season and poetry that lifted up the joy and meaning of Christmas.

This year, I'd like to invite you to help me in crafting this special service. Do you have a favorite carol you would like sung? Do you have a Christmas poem or short story that is particularly meaningful? If so, please email me no later than **December 17** with your contribution. If you would like to read your poem or short story during the service, be sure to let me know, too! I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you all once again.



# Thanksgiving Offering, November 17

by Carol Gilliland, Outreach Commissioner

Each year our Thanksgiving offering is a chance for us to express our gratitude for the abundance we have received throughout the year by making a special gift to people who are less fortunate. This year, the Outreach Commission has designated our 2019 **Thanksgiving offering to be equally split between Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) and the Sanctuary Movement.**

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing has just completed a 5-year strategic plan and has made the commitment to triple the number of people they house, from 250 people to 750 people. As we all know, housing and homelessness is a major crisis in our county. CCIH is working to address this through purchasing existing apartment complexes, building new housing and expanding the master lease program. This Thanksgiving offering will be used to help launch the capital campaign needed to reach these aggressive housing goals.

The Sanctuary movement offering will be used in the support of the great work that Eden UCC is doing. Some of this work includes walk in emergency aid and requests for emergency assistance; food, clothing, medical and legal expenses; and support for unaccompanied immigrant youth. The Hayward school district has identified over 900 unaccompanied immigrant youth who are in need of assistance.

Please join us in thanking God for the many blessings we have received by making a Thanksgiving offering to help our neighbors who are less fortunate. We will be receiving our Thanksgiving offering during worship on Sunday, November 17, but of course your offering will be welcome at any time. Simply write "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check or on your offering envelope. And when we gather around the table with our families and friends for our Thanksgiving dinner this year, let us be reminded of all of those without homes, without families and community, or living in fear of being deported.

**November 17 will also be an Ingathering Sunday**, so please consider making a Thanksgiving offering of non-perishable, healthy, packaged food (no glass, please) for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

## Beyond Emancipation Parenting House

Gently used toys to be collected after church beginning Nov 17-Dec 15

Over five years ago several DCC members responded to a request from Beyond Emancipation to design and equip a playroom in their home in Oakland for emancipated foster women and their children. After painting the room a sunny yellow, the DCC team added a new denim couch, a set of colorful chairs and table, a bright green rug with "roads" on which to steer cars and trucks, and bright bins for storing toys. Following that, we collected gently used and new toys and books to finish equipping the playroom.

Our request now is for additional gently used toys for ages infant through four to supplement their supply of "now-enthusiastically" used toys. (We have already gathered some gently used books but are happy to accept more if you would like to donate them.) **Toys will be collected during Friendship Time each Sunday beginning November 17 through December 15.**

Beyond Emancipation is an outstanding organization offering a range of services to current and former foster youth in their transition to living as independent adults, including transitional housing, education, employment, and emancipation support. You can learn more at [www.beyondemancipation.org](http://www.beyondemancipation.org).

If you want to talk to the Beyond Emancipation team at DCC, contact Claire Conger, Carol Gerich, or Diane Stein. For specific questions about the toy drive, contact Diane.

# Advent Flowers

Money is now being collected for our Advent Flowers. Please give your check to **Janis or Randy Jang**, put in the offering plate, or bring it to the office. Thank you!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one) In honor or memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



An email will be sent to you to verify that we received your donation. Please note on your check that it is for "Advent Flowers."

# Advent Donations

The **Endowment Committee** invites you to remember a loved one during Advent by making a donation. You may do so by submitting a check to Danville Congregation-al Church and designating that it is for the Endowment Fund. Please

place your check in the offering plate or give it to the office. In addition, please provide the following information for subsequent acknowledgment of your donation and return it to **Bob Kovach**.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one) In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

# Caring for Our College Students

Many youth members of Danville Congregational Church are away at colleges and universities in ten states and a foreign country (Bosnia and Herzegovina). While they may be out of town, they aren't out of mind. Just before Halloween, DCC deacons got together to assemble and mail college care packages to these student members. Not pictured here but working diligently behind the scenes to make this happen were Karen Kawaguchi and Dee Brook.



# Church Council Update

*by Trish Moosbrugger, Moderator*

Your DCC Council, comprised of Church Officers and Commissioners, met on Tuesday, October 22 to share our experiences leading our various ministries, and to explore our goals for the coming year as a governing committee. We opened the meeting with a Pow, Wow, How session focused on our leadership experiences. This activity allowed us to share the challenges and rewards that come with serving as commissioners and to give each other feedback and support.



During our time together, we participated in more detailed discussions about the Outreach Commission led by Carol Gilliland, as well as the Camp Caz Family Camp led by Amy Furber Dobson and Joyce Klassen. Pastor Eric and Pastor Todd also shared the members of their Pastoral Relations Committees (PRC), and reviewed the purpose of those committees.

The next DCC Council Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 17 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.**

## Children's Ministry Report

*by Kim Michaud, Children's Ministries Commissioner*

At the end of September, our DCC families and Children's Ministries volunteers gathered for a delicious meal, fellowship, and a time of sharing and planning. One of the questions our families reflected on was: **What do you need from this church?** Some of their responses were:

- Community
- Opportunities for children to be involved in worship and service
- Multigenerational activities
- Opportunities that are less formal where children can invite a friend
- Programs that are so engaging that the kids want to come

Great news: we have two things happening in December that tick most of these boxes! We are excited to be hosting a **cookie party on December 15 at 11:00 am** where we'll be baking, decorating, packing up and delivering cookies to our homebound members. We'd love to have some adult and teenage bakers in the kitchen along with our children. We're also looking forward to sharing our **Christmas Pageant** with you **on December 22 at 9:30 am.** The children and youth will tell the Godly Play story of the journey to Bethlehem and sing some beautiful music. Folks of all ages are welcome to participate in both of these events. Invite a friend and join us!

# DCC Endowment Fund

As 2019 nears its end, there's an opportunity to lower your taxes and support the future of our church. Make a contribution to the DCC Endowment Fund. For DCC members faced with a required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA, 401-k, or other retirement savings program, that distribution is subject to state and federal income taxes. In some cases, this income can push you into a higher tax bracket.

To avoid or minimize taxes from these distributions, you can designate some or all of a distribution to the DCC Endowment Fund, as a charitable contribution. The donation, when directly remitted by the trustee, is not considered income and you do not even need to itemize to receive the tax benefit. As another benefit, the income reduction from this contribution could possibly reduce the amount of your taxable social security.

In addition to making this charitable gift through a retirement savings plan, you can also make a contribution to the DCC Endowment in these ways: Charitable gift of stocks and securities outside of a retirement plan, to potentially reduce income, capital gains and estate taxes  
Name Danville Congregational Church as beneficiary of your will and/or trust

There are potential tax consequences with these options along with having an impact on your finances, so make sure you discuss this with your tax advisor.

**To learn more about the DCC Endowment Fund** and how you can support it, reach out to Endowment Fund committee chair **Bob Kovach** or committee members **Penny Atkin, Dee Brook, or Chris Rauen.**

# Emmaus Committee Update

First, a big thank you to all of you who answer the call to assist with worship when it's your team's turn. We also couldn't do without those of you who volunteer to fill in when another team needs help. And, of course, our appreciation to all of our team leaders who keep it all working: **Sereen Mahmood, Judi Weisgraber, Connie Wadsworth, Larry Berlin, Richard Stein, and Mary Kay McClure.**

Attention all parents! We are encouraging the participation of our children and youth to assist with Sunday worship, so when you are signing up for your Sunday, consider how you may have them included. A great example is liturgist—you might share different parts of the liturgist duties.

Thanks to **Wilson Jackson** who led a second hour training in October on serving as liturgist. We will be

updating our liturgist instructions online to reflect information/suggestions that he presented. There are instructions for all the worship tasks on the website, and we suggest you review them from time to time.

## Looking ahead to 2020

We will continue with the current system of individuals signing up in advance to provide flowers on Sundays. If there is a special date you would like to bring flowers, please let one of our "flower ladies" know – Nancy Dowell or Nan Karns. They will organize sign-ups for the year.

Our pancake breakfast was such a success last year that we are bringing it back by popular demand! Plan to join us on **February 23.**

Emmaus Committee Members: Nancy Dowell, Nan Karns, Kim Michaud, Judy Schreib, Diane Stein (chair)

# Our Stories: All Church Camp 2019

by Joyce Klassen and Amy Furber Dobson

Our annual All Church Camp at Camp Cazadero was even better, if that's possible, than all our previous years! About 50 of us, young and old, made the familiar trek through Sonoma for the weekend and were joined by about 30 members of the First Congregational Church of Sonoma, who we always share the weekend with. We were blessed with absolutely wonderful weather and great opportunities to enjoy the beauty of nature and the peaceful space of Camp Caz while focusing on our theme of *Be Still: Being Present to Creation, One Another, and God*. It was perfect!

On Friday night we gathered at the Lodge and hung out and chatted with everyone as people got settled in. Pastor Todd created a beautiful altar to help us connect with the theme. (See the pictures!)

On Saturday morning, Pastor Curran, from Sonoma, led us in a wonderful sing-along at Vesper Point. This was a new activity this year and was very much enjoyed. We think it's a keeper for next year! Amy led us on a hike to Redwood Glen where the kids built teepees out of sticks and branches and even got Pastor Todd to climb inside!

After lunch we had an optional time to do a spiritual practice of our Pow, Wow, How, with someone we didn't know before. The afternoon gave plenty of time for R & R – book reading, chatting and connecting, snoozing or just

basking in the sun looking up at the trees. Amy offered her brilliant tie-die skills again this year, guiding many people in the making of our (almost) Caz uniforms!

We all gathered for a cocktail hour before dinner that was great fun. We had plenty of wine, soft drinks and tasty snacks to enjoy. With the weather being so enjoyable we were able to be outside for all our meals, which is always a treat.

After dinner we had our traditional Slab Dance led by DJ's Amy and Zac – what a hoot to have us all out dancing together under the stars – we are masters of the Chicken Dance! We followed with our TNT (Talent No Talent) and I think the Jang, Rauen, Snyder team stole the show with their skit, or maybe it was all the children and Pastor Eric with their spelling skit??!! We ended with a very fun time around the fire enjoying s'mores and another impromptu hymn sing along. Karol Mead was always ready to break out her guitar and keep us singing 🎶

Our Sunday service at Vesper Point is always so special before we depart. Worshiping outdoors in such a simple, yet creative manner seems to open us up to be present to God in new ways. We come away feeling truly blessed and nourished by our fellowship and the precious space that is Camp Caz. We hope you will join us again (or for the first time!) next year. **The date is set for October 2-4, 2020.**

It takes a lot to plan, organize and pull off our wonderful weekend and we would love to expand our team of helpers and share the wealth of talents and energy that we possess. Please let Joyce or Amy know if you can help in any way – registration, planning activities, managing cabins, or communications.

## Highlights from some campers:

We loved the worship service at Vesper Point. We especially loved the altar experience and setting of intentions. Being able to experience God through community, nature, and each other was amazing.

LOVED that we had a theme and activities/worship/altar that coordinated. This felt like the richest experience I've had with our church and I am so thankful to Pastors Eric, Todd and Curran for the effort there. It was worth it.

Loved all of the activities! Sing along and smores were great additions!

I really liked the *Be Still* theme. I was so ready to get to camp and listen for the birds and wind. I thought the altar was beautiful, and I especially enjoyed looking at the contributions from others. They were so inspiring.

Loved the balance of activities, down time, and worship. We're both introverts so we appreciated the down time to recharge before all the nighttime activities. We both love playing games and really enjoyed that part of happy hour.

# Faces of All Church Camp



# Our Stories: Sister Parish

by Pastor Todd

After a memorable trip, our communities have gone their separate ways. Yet the bond within our Sister Parish/Iglesias Hermanas hermanamiento—our affection, our commitment, our solidarity—has grown ever stronger. Our sharing together was rich and meaningful, and the exchange of ideas flowed in the wake of the hopes and dreams we bore witness to.

DCC is a better church because we are in relationship with this faith community in the highlands of Guatemala. Pastor Todd reflects, "Personally, I feel I know God more fully for having seen the reflection of God in their faces and experienced their hospitality, faith, and love."

As we journey on, we offer this prayer:

God, creator of All,  
in your wisdom,  
you have found us together so  
that we must depend upon others  
for the food we eat,  
the resources we use,  
the gifts of your creation that  
bring life, health, and joy.

*Creator God, we give thanks.*

Holy be the hands that sew our  
clothes so that we do not have to  
go naked. Sacred be the hands  
that build our homes so that we  
do not have to be cold. Blessed be  
the hands that work the land so  
that we do not have to go hungry.

*Creator God, we give thanks.*

Holy be the feet of all who labor  
so that we might have rest.  
Sacred be the feet of all who run  
swiftly to stand with the  
oppressed. Blessed be the feet of  
all whose bodies are too broken or  
weary to stand.

*Creator God, we give thanks.*

Holy be the sound of children  
laughing to take away our sorrow.  
Sacred be the sound of water  
falling to take away our thirst.  
Blessed be the sound of your  
people singing to heal our trouble  
hearts.

*Creator God, we give thanks.*

Holy be the bodies of those who  
know hunger. Sacred be the  
bodies of those who are broken.  
Blessed be the bodies of those  
who suffer. In your mercy and  
grace, soften our callous hearts  
and fill us with gratitude for all the  
gifts you have given us. In your  
love, break down the walls the  
separate us and guide us along  
your path of peace, that we might  
humbly worship you in Spirit and  
in Truth.

Amen.

(FROM "COMMON PRAYER (POCKET EDITION): A LITURGY FOR ORDINARY RADICALS," SHANE CLAIBORNE AND JONATHAN WILSON-HARTGROVE)



# Faces of Sister Parish



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



## Prayers of Healing for...

- Steve Bridgeman's 97-year-old father, **Orval**, recovering from hip replacement surgery in September.
- The healthy pregnancy and birth of **Emily's and Gina's** babies.
- All who are facing the challenges of aging.
- **Wilmot**, who is once again undergoing chemo and radiation for stage 4 cancer.
- For Mariah Callison's sister, **Lisa**, diagnosed with Parkinson's, for my cousin, Karen, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- **Barbara Gregory** who had heart surgery in October.
- **Margie Czajkowski**, recovering from pneumonia.
- **Nicole Lopes'** cancer; help her continue to foster hope and positivity.
- Amy Furber-Dobson's niece, **Avy**, and all the children who had to evacuate the fires. Help them find comfort and help them to focus on the helpers.
- Anthony Huerta's brother, **Daniel Jimenez**, and his family as he goes through cancer treatment.
- **Gil Olvera** who has recently been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.
- Pray for healing of children that suffer from abuse.
- Jennifer O'Neal's best friend, **Cyndi**, and her long-time partner, Jeff. Jeff was on life support, following a severe beating in September.
- Syd Dent's mother, **Eleanor**, who recently suffered a severe injury, and facing a lengthy recovery.
- Kathy Wells' best friend, **Judy**, who is in the hospital with fluid on her heart.
- the members of the **Sonoma County Radio Amateurs** who lost their homes in the recent fire.

## Prayers for the World...

- For the **Kurdish people**, our long-time friends and supporters.
- For the **homeless male and female veterans** who participated in Stand Down on the Delta. May they find the help and support they need to heal from the effects of PTSD or sexual trauma.

## Prayers of Sympathy for...

- The **Dewar Family** upon the death of wife and mother, Janis Dewar on August 17. A service was held at DCC on September 21.
- **Rev. Roberta McReynolds** on the passing of her husband, Rev. Harold Rucker, long time UCC Pastor. Service was held September 28 at Niles Discovery Church in Fremont.
- The **Fridell and McKinley Families**, upon the death of their mother and grandmother, Jackie McKinley on August 29. A service was held at DCC on November 9.
- **Donna Lenhardt and her children, Ryan and Kristen**, as they mourn the death of husband and father, Don, October 29. A service is planned for February 22, 2020.
- For the family of UCC Pastor, **Rev. Paul Telfer** who died recently.
- The **Martino Family** upon the passing of their mother and grandmother, Sylvia Martino, November 8. A service is planned for November 24, 2019.

- Bruce and Kathie Hixon’s daughter-in-law, **Adrienne**, as she mourns that passing of her father, Don Kaun, who died, unexpectedly in October, in Washington.
- **Jennifer and Doug Davidson**, upon the recent death of Jennifer's father in New Jersey
- The **Rocha family**, who unexpectedly, lost their Dad mid-October.
- The family of **Jeanne Walsh**, who passed away recently from cancer. Special concern for her three adult children, who are Diane Stein’s nieces and nephew.
- **Melissa Tumaneng and Glenyse Henschel**, as they mourn the loss for their beloved JoAnn, who died September 19. She introduced us nearly 24 years ago. Please also lift her family in prayer. It is a deep loss for those who were graced with her presence on earth.

### Prayers of Joy for...

- **Gail Clark** and for the return of function to her right arm after recently tearing all rotator cuff tendons. Four weeks of PT has enabled her to, once again, lift her arm over her head!
- The **Perez-Oliveras family** as Alejandro was finally released from detention prison and reunited this week with his wife and children!
- Bette and Jim Felton’s friend, **Esmeralda**, who after 8 months of detention and separation from family, with green card in hand!
- **Cheryl Pierson**—as a first timer at Camp Caz, so grateful for time to get to know and be known better in this wonderful DCC community.



### Continued Prayers for...

- Ken Boehmert
- Jerry Mulcahy
- Mary Anne Prickett
- Tom Olwin
- 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.*

## Coming Up

- Council Meeting ..... November 17
- Greening the Church ..... November 24
- Christmas Pageant Prep ..... December 1, 8, 15
- All-Church Christmas Party ..... December 7
- Youth Group Christmas Party ..... December 8
- Christmas Cookie Baking Party ..... December 15
- Christmas Music Sunday ..... December 15
- Christmas Pageant ..... December 22
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship ..... December 24
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## Preaching & Emmaus Teams Schedule

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- November 24 ..... Pastor Eric ..... ET3
- December 1 ..... Pastor Todd ..... ET4
- December 8 ..... Pastor Eric ..... ET5
- December 15 ..... Music Sunday ..... ET6
- December 22 ..... Pageant ..... ET7
- December 29 ..... Carols and Poems ..... Pitch In
- January 5 ..... Pastor Todd ..... ET1
- January 12 ..... Pastor Todd ..... ET2
- January 19 ..... Pastor Eric ..... ET3
- January 26 ..... Youth ..... ET4

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### November

- 18 ..... Marylou Acorn
- 21 ..... Wilson Jackson
- 23 ..... Nancy Hill
- 28 ..... Claire Northway
- 29 ..... Karen Anderson

### December

- 18 ..... Doug Leach
- 19 ..... Randy Jang
- 21 ..... Kimi DeBarger-Gestring
- 28 ..... Bonnie Powers
- 30 ..... Bob Britt
- 31 ..... Caitlin Kawaguchi

### January

- 4 ..... Pat Denton
- 7 ..... Lucia Hasselbrink
- 19 ..... Greg Leach
- 21 ..... Tom Sonnemann
- 25 ..... Deborah Daily
- 26 ..... Doug Leach
- 29 ..... Norm Palmer
- 31 ..... Eric Michaud

## Holiday Office Hours

- Office closes at Noon ..... 11/27
- Office closed for Thanksgiving ..... 11/28 & 11/29
- Office closes at Noon ..... 12/24
- Office closed for Christmas till New Years' 12/25-1/1
- Normal business hours resume ..... 1/2

## Staff Out-of-Office

- Pastor Eric ..... 11/25-11/29; 12/25-12/28; 12/31-1/12
- Pastor Todd . 11/11-11/19; 11/28 & 11/29; 12/25-12/28
- Liz ..... 11/27-11/29; 12/24-1/1

## Flowers in 2020

*If you would like to provide flowers for worship in 2020, please contact Nan Karns or Nancy Dowell.*



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Tuesday–Friday 9am–3pm

**Worship Sunday at 9:30 AM**

*Everyone is welcome!*

**Church Staff**

The Rev. Eric Sherlock, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley,  
 Associate Pastor

John Kendall Bailey, Music Director

Mary-Marie Deauclaire,  
 Handbell Director

Liz Setlak-von Thury, Office Manager

Nicole Doyle, Nursery Attendant

Kelley Mangels, Preschool Director

**Church Officers**

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Amy Furber-Dobson, Vice Moderator

Christopher Callison, Treasurer

Syd & Leslie Dent, Financial Secretaries

Heidi Bridgeman, Clerk

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TBD, Buildings and Grounds

Kim Michaud, Children's Ministries

Kristina Kelchner, Community Life

TBD, Faith Journeys

Carol Gilliland, Outreach

TBD, Stewardship

Janis Jang, Worship

Steve Paroli, Youth Ministries

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Paroli

**Rev. Todd's PRC**

Mariah Callison, Mary Marie Deauclaire,

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