



An Advocate for Troubled Times

For this issue of Good News, we are running an excerpt of Pastor Todd’s sermon, “An Advocate for Troubled Times,” from May 22, 2022.

As Jesus is speaking to his disciples moments before his betrayal and arrest, he knows the disciples’ hearts are troubled, as his is. Not once, but twice, he tells them,

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

It is in this context that Jesus tells them ([John 14:23–29](#)) that though he is leaving them physically—that though the world as they know it feels like it’s falling apart—he will not leave them alone, that his Abba “will give them another Advocate that would be with them forever.”

This is the Advocate—the helper, the comforter, the very Breath of God—the Holy Spirit whom those early forerunners of Christianity would experience on the day of Pentecost.

The very same Advocate we have access to right...now.

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But friends—that first instance of the breath of God was experienced, also, in *community*.

Can she blow through the technology of Zoom—praise God, absolutely she can. We here at DCC have seen and we have experienced this when we couldn't gather in our Sanctuary but sought the refuge of the sanctuary of our own homes.

But I'm here to testify and affirm that something happens when we are gathered in proximity with one another. And if you are not here, then you are not availing yourself of her presence when we worship together.

I liken this to any other kind of movement you might have found yourself a part of.

Maybe you have been to a protest, or a march—the Women's March, the March for Climate Action, a Pride parade, or a protest march after the murder of George Floyd or the killing of Tyrell Wilson. You can watch it on TV or a livestream—but if you've experienced something like this in person, you know there's something different about the energy when you're in the middle of it.

Or how about another movement many of us are a part of—the Golden State Warriors! You're watching the Warriors try to make it to the Finals and oh it's so exciting—even if you're watching from home. But you know if you go to Chase Center—or have attended any other major sporting event in person—it's something altogether different in person.

Now I don't know if the Advocate is a Warriors fan—but what is happening there is the same way with *what we are trying to do here in this place*.

So here's our request, our pitch to you today.

As far as you are able, come to church. When you are making your financial commitment to support the movement of the Advocate in this place, ***make a commitment to come to church***. Not casually. Not "if you feel like it." But *intentionally*.

Come to church with your children. Dads, come to church with your families. And young people, whether you know it or not, there is something in this space for you too.

Make attending church and being active in this church a part of your lifestyle. Just like the other commitments you make to your careers, the hobbies and activities you enjoy, the multitude of activities you exert yourself to provide your children. Come to church even after your kids graduate high school.

Make a commitment to be present in the body of Christ. Not to check off a list and get gold stars. But because it matters to each person here that you are here. To the person who longs to see you and when you are not here, you are missed and we are missing out. Maybe make a commitment to come during the summer when there's less going on in your life.

Because I promise you that when you show up—not because Pastor Eric and I are awesome preachers—but show up to the possibility of what the Advocate is going to do not just in your individual life but in this space, *things will shift*. Because the ADVOCATE SHOWS UP when we are present to her in relationship with one another, when we are physically present, when we can be.

Zoom is awesome and thank God for Zoom. We get to be together with and see so many of our dear friends we would otherwise be unable to see—that we can still be together regardless of our ability to be in person or if we're stuck home sick.

So if Zoom is the only way you can get here—do that! But if you can, forgo the convenience of Zoom and show up and be present to what the Advocate is up to.

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And just wait, and *watch* what the Advocate will do in your life, in your *family's* life, in your marriage. *And watch what God will do with this church when we consistently show up in community.*

Watch what a difference she will make *in the world* in these troubled times. These are indeed troubled times.

But the beauty of Easter is that Advocate Jesus promised back then *is still with us today.*

With us in moments of personal crisis and individual growth. Present to us in community—not just when we gather in this space at this time, but when we gather for times of fellowship, when we engage in ministry, and when we show up to be of service to the world.

Hear again these words of Jesus:

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom [my Abba] will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

May it be so.



Graduates Sunday – May 22, 2022



On Sunday, May 22, we honored our three young people who are transitioning from high school this year: **Kimi DeBarger-Gestring, Zac Furber-Dobson, and Piper Stickler**. These young people have been such a vital part of our church family and the youth group. As a community, we wanted to commemorate their achievements, affirm our love for them, and encourage them toward their bright futures.

We blessed them during worship that morning and honored them and their families with a brunch in Kairos Hall. They were also celebrated at Youth Group that evening.

Spotlight on our Graduates

Kimi DeBarger-Gestring



Bio:

Our family's wonderful graduate is Kimberly DeBarger-Gestring. Kimi has been a part of DCC since she was 6 years old, and a delight to her parents, Barb DeBarger and Judy Gestring. Kimi's greatest passions are her strong love of the arts, including dance, choir, and theater. She recently starred in her 6th high school drama production, cast in the role of Ryan in "High School Musical." Kimi has also been a Girl Scout for the past thirteen years and has also earned her Black Belt in Kempo Karate. These varied interests have brought her friends as well as an appreciation for diversity in all of its forms. This, in combination with the strong upbringing she has received from this DCC community and her family, has prompted her to be interested in becoming a Political Science major, specializing in Peace and Justice. She is definitely out to change the world! She plans to attend Pace University in

New York City next year; they have a strong academic program, plus its proximity to Broadway makes it an ideal location for this budding superstar!

In her words:

What has being part of Danville Congregational Church meant to you?

It has meant another family, a community I can always rely on and a place to come back to. It's always made me feel safe and welcome and it's love for one another.

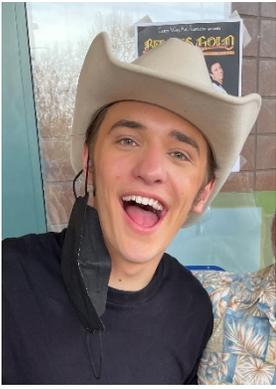
How do you feel DCC has shaped you?

I think DCC has helped me grow as a person to become more compassionate.

How do you feel being part of DCC will help you in the future?

I think because of the experiences I've had in the church like OWL, youth group, and GLIDE have all taught me important life lessons like how to communicate with others or to step up and give back to the community and just do good and to be generous. I think DCC has helped me to be a kinder and more thoughtful person.

Zac Furber-Dobson



Bio:

From the moment Zac could crawl he was curious about how things worked and wasn't intimidated to learn something new. He was the kid behind the bounce house checking out the mechanics of the fan making it all happen. When he was 8 he built a carwash out of PVC for the neighborhood kids to ride their bikes through.

As a young kid he played baseball and as a middle schooler he ran track and cross country. He enjoyed the opportunities for youth group activities-- Glide food distribution, Pride parade, ice skating, flashlight tag, and mission trips to San Diego and Fresno where he not only connected with his leaders and friends but learned about the world beyond the Bay Area and helping others.

As a high schooler he found his passion in theater. While he is still incredibly handy and makes a mean Chicago style pizza and smash burger, theater is what makes his heart sing. As parents we imagine what our kids will become as adults and it is awesome watching it all unfold. Zac will be attending Las Positas College in the fall and majoring in Theater Arts. I know he'd appreciate your prayers on this next adventure.

In his words:

What has being part of Danville Congregational Church meant to you?

It has meant a being close with friends and a community that loves and cares.

How do you feel DCC has shaped you?

It has shaped me to learn that choosing the positive outlook on life and in bad situations is always the best option. I think DCC has helped me grow as a person to become more compassionate.

How do you feel being part of DCC will help you in the future?

I believe that it will help me be a better optimist in the future.

Anything else you'd like to share with the members of DCC.

Thank you all for being a great group of progressive people.

Piper Stickler



Bio:

Piper enjoys reading, spending time with friends, snowboarding in the winter and exploring new restaurants. The extracurricular she decided to give most of her time to is swimming. In the Fall she plans to attend UC Santa Cruz where she will swim and study Computer Science.

In her words:

What has being part of Danville Congregational Church meant to you?

Being part of the DCC has taught me lessons about other people and the world around me that I will carry with me as I transition into college life. It has also been a community that I feel supported and loved within, and where I have found great friendships.

How do you feel DCC has shaped you?

DCC has taught me lessons about giving to others and including others and has made me a more compassionate person. I learned a lot about American history, in terms of Black history and women's history, in youth group which has made me feel more knowledgeable and prepared for life.

How do you feel being part of DCC will help you in the future?

The lessons I have learned about being kind to others and being a good citizen will guide my actions in the future. I have definitely become more outgoing because of DCC which will help me when I start making friends in college.

Anything else you'd like to share with the members of DCC.

Thank you for making my time in DCC so memorable and fun, I appreciate how warmly everyone welcomed my family and I into the church and youth group.

DCC Egg Hunt & Brunch

On Saturday, April. 16th, DCC resumed its annual Egg Hunt. Although, we were grateful for the much needed rain, it caused us to have to alter the original plan from the Feltons' home to DCC. Thanks to our amazing coordinators, the egg hunt and brunch was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended. It was great to be able to gather and hold this event once again.





Easter Baskets for Hope Solutions

For the 34th year, DCC provided Easter Baskets for people in our community. This year, we paired up with Hope Solutions, whose mission is to heal the effects of poverty and homelessness by providing permanent housing solutions and vital support services to highly vulnerable families and individuals. Through your generosity, we collected almost 30 baskets for this organization Thank you!



*Easter Baskets
for
Hope Solutions*



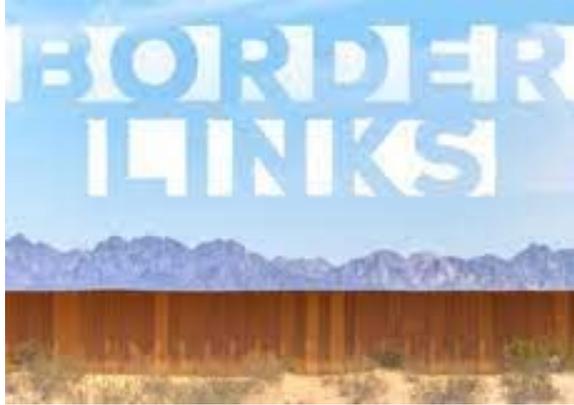


April 15th, 2022



Youth Group Summer Experiential Education Trip

Friday, July 22–Friday, July 29



This summer, we are inviting the DCC youth group and their friends to spend intentional time deepening their understanding of borders, migration, and social justice from the location of the US-Mexico border.

We will travel by van to Tucson, AZ where we will be hosted by [BORDERLINKS](#), an organization that provides educational immersion trips to help us understand:

- Why people migrate?
- What happens during the migrant journey?
- How policies impact people?

You can access the tentative agenda [here](#).

If you would like to join this delegation, reach out to [Pastor Todd](#).

Pride Month at DCC



DCC flies the Pride flag as a symbol to our community—and particularly to LGBTQ+ people—of our unconditional love for and commitment to all God’s children, particularly LGBTQ+ people who have experienced great hurt caused by institutional religion. As affirmed unanimously by the Church Council at its May 24 meeting, DCC will transition our traditional rainbow flag, based on the one designed by SF artist Gilbert Baker in 1978, to the **Progress Pride** flag, developed in 2018 by non-binary American artist and designer Daniel Quasar. This new interpretation of the Pride flag continues to celebrate the diversity intended by the rainbow flag while also foregrounding the most marginalized folx in the LGBTQ+ community. The chevron configuration—signifying the need for forward movement—consists of white, pink, and blue stripes from the Transgender Pride flag designed by veteran and transgender activist Monica Helms and black and

brown stripes representing marginalized LGBT communities of color, community members lost to HIV/AIDS, and those currently living with AIDS. ([Read more about the Progress Pride flag here.](#)) Beginning June 1, we will be flying this flag every day this month.



Also affirmed by the Church Council, happening in June:

- DCC and Dayspring Preschool are partnering to line the driveway with rainbow flags and affirming messages of inclusion and welcome.
- Our much-loved rainbow will be installed in the sanctuary (just in time for our WOW service on June 5!).
- We will install the UCC’s “A Just World for All” Transgender Pride banner along San Ramon Valley Boulevard to underscore our awareness of the urgent need to support transgender and gender-diverse people as an

expression of our ongoing commitment to justice.

If you’d like to share how you are celebrating Pride, send us your photos! Happy Pride month!

From the Emmaus Committee

Warm and sunny greetings from the Emmaus Committee! We begin with thanks to all of you who have assisted with Sunday worship these past months, a time which has required extra flexibility due to sometimes rapid changes in the task instructions related to concerns for health and adaptations due to weather. We now, hopefully, have reached a point of (almost) normalcy in terms of procedures on Sundays.

Our team leaders, in particular, have had to adjust quickly to the changes and have risen admirably to the occasion. Our special thanks goes to the following –

Team 1 Sereen Mahmood

Team 2 Judi Weisgraber

Team 3 Janis Jang

Team 4 Kathie Hixon

Team 5 Carol Bassett

Team 6 Richard Stein

Fortunately for all of us, Sereen, Kathie, Carol, and Richard are continuing into the new church year, and Nan Karns will lead Team 2.

Team 3 has now become the official back-up team, meaning that the team leaders have this roster of folks to call on when they are unable to fill all the positions on their assigned Sunday. This procedural change is scheduled through December 2022 and will be evaluated later to assess its effectiveness.

As many of you are already aware, it has become increasingly challenging to find enough volunteers from any one team each week, so the thought is that having a backup team will help by providing a bigger pool of folks. A number of people, some of whom may eventually attend in person, are presently attending worship services on Zoom.

We are asking each and every one of you to seriously consider assisting when the call goes out to your team! Frankly, it is important that the number of folks stepping forward increases so that the same people are not having to serve most of the time. It's inspiring to see people fill a role that is new to them, and our pastors and experienced folk will be happy to guide you.

Nan Karns, Nancy Dowell, and I are leaving the Committee after many years of service, and Caryl Krotz is leaving after completing a one-year term. Anne Seiler has completed two years and has agreed to continue on the Committee. Many thanks and much appreciation to all of you for all you have contributed to the work of the Emmaus Committee!

In gratitude,
Diane Stein, Chair
Emmaus Committee

Sister Parish Ministry

Helping to accomplish the Sister Parish Vision through prayer

Carrie Stengel, director of the Sister Parish Program in Guatemala, recently sent us the following prayer requests and updates.

- Pedro and Guadalupe's granddaughter passed away this week. Please pray for their whole family as they grieve this loss. More information will be forthcoming.
- Diego and Julia ask for prayers for the community of San Antonio, the country of Guatemala, and all people who are struggling with illness throughout the world. They send "Blessings to all of our siblings at DCC and the hope to see you in Guatemala again soon." They also said, "Yoselin asks for prayers of thanksgiving as her adorable baby daughter who is 7 months old as of May 2, 2022."
- Tomas and Maria ask for prayers for their whole family, in particular their family members in the United States. Maria has been feeling better but her health continues to be up and down. Thomas asks for prayers of thanksgiving as his son Juan has returned to live with the family.
- The community recently held the annual mass to bless the seeds for this year's crops. The rainy season has started, but there is not much rain yet, so the families are waiting for the earth to soften up more before planting.
- The nearby town of Chiul just had its annual fair, families in San Antonio enjoyed the marimba music, convites, and other activities.

From time-to-time, I feel it is good to remind DCC members and friends about the Joint Prayer Ministry goals and the Sister Parish Vision. So here they are as we usher in new life during Eastertide, Spring 2022.

Joint Prayer Ministry goals:

- 1) To lift up the Sister Parish Vision before the members of both congregations, thereby helping them become more aware of and committed to this important ministry of the two churches.
- 2) To help members become more aware of the sources of injustice and oppression of concern to the members of the two churches.
- 3) To help invoke the power of God in resolving the concerns raised by members of the two congregations.
- 4) To further stimulate the commitments of each congregation's members to become engaged in actions focused on building the Kingdom of God.

The Sister Parish Vision:

We believe the Kingdom of God is already present but not complete, and the liberating Gospel calls us to work together to build this Kingdom through:

- **Consciousness-Raising:** We will seek to transform the world by sharing each other's experiences so that we can better understand and overcome the sources of injustice and oppression.
- **Solidarity:** By putting ourselves in the reality of others and by building an interdependent community of brothers and sisters within and among countries, we will promote mutual respect and dignity for all people, advocate for human rights, and work for social and economic justice.

Thank you for faithfully lifting up the prayers of our sisters and brothers in San Antonio, Guatemala and their migrant children and grandchildren living in the United States. As you take the time lift up our dear siblings in prayer, please also take the time to reflect on the Sister Parish Vision.

Blessings and love in Christ,
Bob Howell, Co-coordinator with Carrie Stengel
Sister Parish Joint Prayer Ministry

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 February 2022. They have been updated as we receive additional information.



Prayers of Healing and Strength for...

- May we **all find our inner Tabitha** and empower her to “get up.” *(From Jenn O’Neal)*
- Please pray for my brother **John** that he will walk again after his stroke.
- We pray for our graduates **Kimi, Zac, and Piper** and their families as they journey through these last weeks of their high school careers. *(wait a minute - these kids can’t be graduating!)* May they each be sustained in all the activities and all the things they are experiencing and feeling, and may they feel affirmed for who they are as individuals and what they have, and will, accomplish.
- Prayers of healing for my cousin **Carol** recovering from surgery for compressed cervical (neck) discs. Normally very active, she finds it hard to be sidelined in a neck brace; so pray for patience, too! *(From Eileen Ackley)*
- Prayers of healing for **Dave Hill** as he recovers from Covid. Also prayers for **Nancy** as she cares for Dave at this difficult time. *(From Randy & Janis Jang)*
- Prayers for healing for **Joyce Boehmert** who is recovering from a hospital stay following a broken wrist and blood pressure issues.
- Pray **my brother** will learn to walk again after a stroke.
- Prayers of healing and strength for my **dear friend Terri Leavitt**. She is undergoing a third round of chemotherapy for cancer. The hope is this will extend her life another year. *(From Deborah Daily)*
- Prayers of strength for my **colleague Inna** who is preparing to leave Moscow with her family. *(From Deborah Daily)*
- Prayers of love and support for our dear **friends Pete and Rusty Abdallah**. Rusty has pancreatic cancer. *(From the Beaver family)*
- Prayers of strength and comfort for our **cousin Saman** who lost her husband suddenly to heart failure at a young age. *(From Sereen & Tahir Mahmood)*
- Prayers of **patience, love, and calm for my family** as we start moving my mom up from Southern California. *(From Syd Dent)*
- Prayers of healing for my friend **Amy Hephner**, who is dealing with chronic pain, that she finds relief and peace. *(From Chris Rauen)*
- Prayers of **peace for Holly Hartman**. She is in hospice care now. Her family gathered last week to be with her on her 65th birthday and she got to see her 92-year-old mother for the first time in 2 years and also meet her first grandchild. *(From Brett Clark)*

- Prayers of healing for **Nicole Noga**. Her surgery has been successful, and she is home recuperating and doing well, especially with the surprise visit of her daughter Claire from Boston! She asked that I express huge gratitude for the love and care the congregation has showered on her via messages and cards. She was touched to receive one of our special prayer shawls. *(From Joyce Klassen)*
- Prayers for **Judi Weisgraber** who is experiencing painful gastro problems and having trouble getting a quick diagnosis. Prayers for Nancy Hill, Diane Stein, and others who also search for less pain. May God's love and support and our prayers comfort them. *(From Nancy and Wayne Snyder)*
- **Health and safety** for all who are traveling. *(From Nancy Halseth)*
- Prayers for **Marie**, that she may find her voice. *(From Mary Marie)*
- Prayers for **Pat Brown**, whose beloved husband, Norm, died one year ago this week *(From Joy Davis)*.
- Prayers of healing and peace for our dear friends, **Alex and Angie Seminario**, who lost their beautiful 3-year-old daughter just before her 4th birthday, 3 years ago today. *(From Jen and Gilbert)*
- Prayers for **our daughter, Susan**, who faces knee replacement surgery tomorrow. *(From Nancy and Wayne Snyder)*
- Please pray for **my amazing Mom, Diane**, that she may feel relief from the severe pain that has been such an unwelcome visitor of late. May she instead be visited regularly by comfort. *(From Eric Stein)*
- Prayers for **my friend** who is beginning to journey toward recovery from her abusive family. *(From Mary Marie)*
- Prayers for **Greg Herman** who has hip-replacement surgery tomorrow. *(From Alene Riley)*
- Prayers for **my wife Diane** who is really struggling with walking. She is having a series of medical tests. May a solution which will give her relief come to her soon. Prayers for healing. *(From Richard Stein)*

Prayers of Sympathy for...

- Prayers for the **Sayre family** who lost their father and grandfather on April 29th. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- We express our sympathy to the family of **Sarah (Susie) Wilson**. Susie, a children's book writer and illustrator, transitioned from this life on March 26. She and her husband Herb were members at DCC from 2004–2016.
- Prayers, please, for the **Gerard family** who lost their beloved wife and mother Trudy. Prayers also, please, for the **Schlitchter family** who lost their beloved husband, father and grandfather Steve. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- Prayers of comfort and blessings to **Barbara and Harry Hubinger**.
- Sadly, our friend **Holly Hartman** passed away early this month of melanoma not caught soon enough for a cure; she just turned 65. Prayers of love and support for her family and friends. *(From Brett & Gail Clark)*
- Prayers for the **family of Betty Leecing**, who passed away on Saturday, April 2. Betty was a longtime member of DCC (50+ years). *(From Wilson Jackson)*
- Prayers of sympathy for **Steve and Heidi Bridgeman** upon the passing of Steve's father. *(From Nancy Dowell)*
- Prayers of healing and comfort for a childhood friend, **Michael Parsons**, whose wife passed away last month. *(From Chris Rauen)*
- Prayers for **Carrie Stengel and her parents** in prayer as they grieve the death of a son and brother. *(From Bob Howell)*
- We pray for the **family of Anthony Huerta**. Anthony's brother Daniel Jimenez recently passed away. Daniel's memorial was this weekend in LA.

Prayers for the World...

- Prayers for the **Ukrainian refugees**. *(From Kristin Chambers)*
- Prayers for those **families who lost loved ones and hurt individuals in the mass shooting in Sacramento** early this morning. Prayers for the community that is in grief. Prayers that we as humans learn that peace and NON-violence are the answers. *(From Melissa Tumaneng)*
- Grant our **President and his advisors'** wisdom and courage, dear God. *(From Bob Howell)*
- **Continued prayers for the Ukrainian people and for the countries sheltering the refugees**. May this crisis be over soon and those suffering be covered under God's wing. *(From Barb DeBarger)*
- Prayers for **transgender children and their families in Texas** and throughout the country and the world. May they find safety, comfort, peace, and love. *(From Kristin Chambers)*
- Prayers for **the people of Ukraine** that the invasion and fighting will end soon, so that families that were forced to flee can return home. *(From Chris & Stephanie Taddeo)*
- Prayers for the **people of Ukraine**. May peace and compassion to come in the hearts of the leaders of this world. *(From Mariah Callison)*
- Please pray for unity from the democratic free world in our **support of the Ukrainian people**, which should not be a subject of debate, but somehow has become so in our very divided country as we struggle deeply with our own autocratic impulses. *(From Eric Stein)*
- We pray for the **brave souls in Russia who are speaking out to protest their country's invasion of Ukraine**. *(From Mary Marie Deauclaire)*

Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude for...

- Thank you for the beautiful **outpouring of notes, emails, and texts that everyone has sent**. I reread them on days when I need a little more courage on my journey. I am honored to be a part of this community. *(From Nicole Noga)*
- Prayers of joy for my daughter **Camara** who turns 28 on Tuesday. *(From Chris Rauen)*
- I am, and will be forever, grateful for all the Mothers (present & past) for giving birth to all the folks at DCC, and to friends and family far & wide. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- And --- thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU to **Hugh Klassen** for your passion & work with our youth at DCC. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- Prayers of thankfulness—**celebrating 5 years clear of cancer** with joy and gratitude! *(From Eileen Ackley)*
- Thank God **for my three Gen Z kids and all their friends** who teach me so much. *(From Carrie Hrousis)*
- Prayer of appreciation for the surprise joy of getting to see and hear the **Reverend Kelchner** again! *(From Eric Stein)*
- **Cheryl Beck**, who had extensive cancer surgery late last year, reports that although her recovery is slow, things are going in a positive direction for her. She is grateful for the prayers and cards from DCC and enjoys being able to worship with us on Zoom when she is able.
- Thanks be to God our daughter **Jennifer** is now home and the margins are now clear. *(From Brett & Gail Clark)*

- Prayers of celebration at the birth of **Bray Hawkins Lloyd**, the newest member of our extended family and the first of his generation. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Happy 15th birthday to **Luci** next Saturday. You have been & continue to be a huge, energetic blessing in this world. Born 10 minutes after we got to the hospital—you've always been eager to be a part of things. We love you! *(From the Beaver family)*
- Huge **thanks to Bette & Jim Felton** for upholding the wonderful treat of our Annual Easter Egg Hunt & transfer of the breakfast feast from home to DCC. *(From Joyce Klassen)*
- Thank you for **the beautiful and bountiful Easter baskets** delivered last Friday to Hope Solutions benefiting families in need. They were thrilled with DCC's generosity. *(From the Outreach Commission)*
- Thank you, God, for the **sunshine and buds bursting open on the trees** everywhere all of a sudden. *(From Mary Marie Deauclaire)*
- What a **wonderful expression of the Joy of Palm Sunday**. *(From Cathy)*
- Grateful to see the **congregation and gratitude and joy for the beautiful bells** today!
- Thankful for **Trey**, a kind stranger who pushed me to safety after my car broke down on a busy road. *(From Megan Luther)*
- Joy and love to **Barb DeBarger and Judy Gestring** who are celebrating their 29th anniversary today—officially married here at DCC six years ago.
- **Our heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards, and support** as we celebrated the life of 99 year old Orval Bridgeman. He is once again reunited with the love of his life Helen, Steve's mom. *(From Steve & Heidi Bridgeman)*
- Prayers for my dear friends **the Mercier family** who took in 2 new foster kids who have been living on the streets/in cars. Please pray for patience, wisdom, and healing. Bless this family for all the work they do for foster kids. *(From Jenn O'Neal)*
- Prayers of celebration and gratitude for my **dear Aunt Elaine**, who celebrates her 101st birthday this week. *(From Diane Stein)*
- Thank you for your **prayers and presence during a difficult time**. We love you all and treasure being in communion with you. *(From Nancy Hill)*
- Prayers of **deep gratitude for Evan** who shares his authentic self and encourages others to be themselves. *(From Mary-Marie Deauclaire)*
- Prayers of **gratitude for this congregation**. Visiting via Zoom from hundreds of miles away has been an important part of the week for 2 years, and being here in person with my amazing family is a birthday wish come true. *(From Eric Stein)*
- Prayers of joy for the birth of a **good friend's first child. Ophelia** was born on Thursday and Mom and Baby are both healthy and doing well. *(From Anne Bremer)*
- **Joy of watching kids perform in Grease** and please pray for health and continued fun. *(From Amy Furber-Dobson)*
- Prayers of **thanks for the opportunity to celebrate International Women's Day with Sister Parish communities in Guatemala and El Salvador** through the gift of Zoom. We enjoyed speakers, hearing about their women's ministries, and even joined a live Zumba exercise class. *(From Trish Moosbrugger)*
- Prayers of joy that we are meeting a new family member today; **a new great-nephew!** *(From Dave & Nancy Halseth)*

- With joy and gratitude my family welcomes **the birth of my granddaughter**. *(From Zora Kalinic)*
- Prayers of Thanksgiving for a **beautiful youth led service!** Thank you **Pastor Todd and Hugh** and our community for supporting our youth and giving them a voice!!!! *(From Jennifer O'Neal)*
- *Prayer of joy for **our friend Vic**. The radiation worked and the cancer is gone! (From the Furber-Dobsons)*
- *Great job **speakers!** (From Dave & Nancy Halseth)*
- *Wonderful job to the **Youth of DCC!** (From Jim Dobson)*
- **All of You**—*We are enormously proud of you and it's so GREAT to have you leading worship today! (From Mary Marie)*

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



Spring/Summer Activities

- Pentecost Sunday June 5
- Music Sunday..... June 5
- Shower for John and Gabrielle June 5
- WOW Service June 5
- Diaconate Meeting June 9
- Annual Meeting June 12
- Commission Meetings June 12
- Prayer Shawl Ministry..... June 15
- Tenant Relations Meeting June 15
- PFLAG Meeting June 20
- Finance Committee June 21
- Prayer Shawl Ministry June 22
- Pride Sunday June 26
- Commission Meetings July 10
- Diaconate Meeting July 14
- PFLAG Meeting July 18
- Finance Committee July 19
- Tenant Relations Meeting July 20
- Youth Group Miss Trip..... July 25-29
- Diaconate Meeting August 11
- Commission Meeting..... August 14
- PFLAG Meeting August 15
- Finance Committee August 16
- Tenant Relations Meeting August 17
- Council Meeting..... August 23

Preaching Schedule

- June 5 (Pentecost)..... Music Sunday
- June 12 Pastor Eric
- June 19..... Pastor Eric
- June 26(Pride Sunday) Kiku Johnson, RCC
- July 3 Pastor Todd
- July 10 Pastor Todd
- July 17 Pastor Todd
- July 24 Pastor Eric
- July 31 Pastor Eric
- August 7 Pastor Todd
- August 14 Pastor Eric
- August 21 Pastor Eric
- August 28..... Pastor Eric

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June

- 5 Katie Beaver
- 6 Mary Ann Prickett
- 9 Kevin Shellooe
- 10 Steve Bridgeman
- 11 Jackson Conning
- 11 Jayden Conning
- 13 Vickie Lanini
- 18 Janis & Randy Jang
- 18 Anne Bremer
- 19 Tim Booher
- 20 Brett & Gail Clark
- 21 Mary Deauclaire
- 21 Kathie & Bruce Hixon
- 25 Max Roach
- 29 Joy Davis
- 29 Richard Stein
- 29 Diane & Richard

July

- 3 Aria Halseth
- 3 Megan & Emily Luther
- 5 Hazel Furber-Dobson
- 9 Penny Davis
- 14 Eric Sherlock and Matt Wintheiser
- 16 Derek & Anita Jackson Kimball
- 23 Serena Posadas
- 23 Antonio Moran & Anne Bremer

August

- 7 Connie Wadsworth
- 7 Zane Halseth
- 17 Trent Lawrence
- 18 Jim & Bette Felton
- 19 Doug & Sandy Leich
- 23 Dottie Howell
- 25 Joyce Boehmert
- 26 Megan Luther
- 28 Kim & Dave Michaud

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 Summer Office Hours
 (June 14-Sept 2)

Tuesday–Friday 9am–1pm

Worship in person & via Zoom
Sunday at 9:30 AM

Everyone is welcome!

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 The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley,
 Associate Pastor
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 Hugh Klassen, Youth Intern
 Liz Setlak-von Thury,
 Office Manager
 Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam
 Communications Specialist
 Sonna Dhamrait, Preschool Director

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 Heidi Bridgeman, Clerk

Commissioners

Open, Buildings and Grounds
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 Joyce Klassen and Karen Kawaguchi,
 Community Life Ministry
 Janis Jang and Doug Leich, Outreach
 Open, Stewardship
 Karol Mead, Worship
 Jennifer O'Neal, Youth Ministries

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 Sonna Dhamrait, Director

Rev. Eric's

Pastoral Relations Committee

Carol Gilliland (chair), Bette Felton, Kim
 Michaud, Kristina Kelchner, Steve
 Paroli

Rev. Todd's

Pastoral Relations Committee

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 Marie Deauclaure, Jenn O'Neal, Cheryl
 Pierson, Richard Stein



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