



A Word from Pastor Eric

Dear Friends,

Another summer has come and gone. I hope you were able to rest, relax, and reconnect with God, your family, friends, and yourself. Many of us in the church office also found time to rest, relax, and reconnect. Now, as the season turns from summer to fall, we're preparing to share a new program season with you.

This fall, we will continue to offer worship in person and online via Zoom. If you are attending worship in person, a reminder that we encourage mask-wearing inside the building for all who are able. Our choirs have begun preparing for the fall season, and we welcomed the chancel choir back in worship on September 11. If you have taken a break from the choir or if you have been thinking about joining the choir, this coming fall season may be the right time to join them! Our chancel choir is an important component of our worship ministry at DCC, enriching and inspiring Sunday worship through song and melodies. Please let our music director, John Kendall Bailey, know of your interest.

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Programming for our children and youth is in full swing. Godly Play is being offered every Sunday of the month during worship for kids in kindergarten to grade 5. A new program on Sunday mornings called Donuts and Devotions began Sunday, September 11 for middle school youth in grades 6-8. If you are interested in supporting these programs that are essential for our children's faith formation, please consider volunteering your time as a Godly Play minister or leader for Donuts and Devotions. Serving in these capacities is a wonderful way to build relationships with the children and youth of DCC.

Our Community Life commission has some events planned and scheduled for the fall, including our first TGIF gathering on Friday, September 16 at the home of the Klassen family. This will be the first TGIF since before the pandemic. We look forward to many fun and gatherings for reconnection this fall season as our church community comes back together!

Speaking of coming back together, I want to invite you to reflect on your participation in the church's life. At the beginning of the pandemic, we made it clear that we wanted to remain safe and connected. We offered Zoom worship where you could see one another and interface as if you were physically together. We offered mid-week devotions so that small groups could meet and connect mid-week. Through those 18 months, many in our congregation reflected on how connected they felt to the DCC community.

Since returning to on-site worship in September 2021 and again in March 2022 after the Omicron surge, we have heard from some folks that they feel disconnected from the church community. In some ways, it feels like we have two worshipping congregations—one in person and the other on Zoom. As we move into this new season, we encourage you to do what is best for you, your family, and the wider community and stay home if you feel you're at risk. Now, however, as the pandemic continues to evolve, we want to ask you to consider whether, at this point, participating on-site might be good for you and your spiritual health and for our church community, too. Please give it some thought and trust that we will be grateful for your presence however you choose to show up.

Looking forward to sharing this new season with you,
Pastor Eric

Update from Pastor Todd

In what seems like the blink of an eye, summer has given way to a new academic school year for our kids and young people.

Our Summer Half-Day Camp remains a highlight of my summer! It was so delightful to put this together with folx who brought their gifts and talents to the experience and we all had so much fun together! I am looking forward to a Sunday when all our new puppet friends can join us in worship! And how awesome was the Back-to-School Blessing and Picnic?! Three cheers to everyone who made that happen—particularly **Kim Michaud** and **Carrie Hrousis** who coordinated and Bobby and Athan Hrousis who grilled for us! **So far, gifts given to support the youth ministry have exceeded \$2,000!**

As we have worked on the youth group calendar, I want to express deep gratitude to **Carrie Hrousis** who has brought her energy and outlook to pick up where **Jenn O'Neal** left off. I have really enjoyed planning and dreaming with her! I am also grateful to **Syd Dent** and **Megan Luther** for providing much-needed Youth Advisor assists, particularly when I need to be away; they are so good with our young people! And we're super grateful to the folx who are feeding us. It's a real treat for the youth to enjoy a home-cooked meal!

This year's calendar—a *menu* of sorts—is packed with a variety of activities that center around our program goals of *Fun, Fellowship, and Faith Formation*. This year, we're upping our "formation" opportunities by

launching *Donuts & Devotions* most Sunday mornings for our middle-schoolers. Carrie and I will take turns leading along with an assist from one of our DCC friends and will explore with our young people important questions of our faith—such as *Is the Bible True ... Can it be proven that God exists ... Is God Male ... Why should I follow Jesus*—just to name a few. Having met for one session so far, I can say with great enthusiasm that I am inspired by the depth of these young folx’ curiosity and thoughts. No doubt this is going to be a great experience for us all and I’m excited about learning from them!

On October 2, we are looking forward to our trip to San Francisco to worship with another faith community and be of service to the community. So much gratitude to our DCC family for all they are doing to support our Blessing Bag effort by donating items that will bless someone who is living on the streets or in shelters. I suspect, however, that our youth will be blessed themselves by participating in this project.

Later this fall—October 15–16—we look forward to our families with kids at home enjoying a family campout on Mt. Diablo. We will gather at the campsite after noon on Saturday and leave after breakfast and worship Sunday morning. Sign-up [here](#) if you’re interested!

And on November 13, our young people will lead worship for the first of two times this school year.

I have said before—but it’s worth restating often—how grateful I am to be a part of a community who foregrounds the spiritual formation (in its many expressions!) of our kids and young people. And although our budget had to be tightened, the broader community has shown up to make sure we’re amply funded to continue our ministry together. Further, your encouragement of our kiddos and teens remains deeply valuable to them and to their families! And I remain grateful to be in partnership with our commissioners, **Jen Faight** and **Carrie** who love our kids so much!

In abundant hope,
Pastor Todd

PS: Folx can access the YG schedule—along with who’s hosting, who’s feeding us, and where we’re meeting—[here](#).



Back to School Blessing



Dianne Dorn holding Blessing Bags

DCC News & Notables

DCC Event Facilitators Needed

The Tenant Relations Committee is looking for a few responsible youth (high school and older) or adults who might be interested in working as facilitators for events booked through the church for recitals, parties, etc. This person would handle the opening and closing of the church with an occasional need for an A/V tech and setting up and taking down chairs and tables. This is a great way to earn a little extra money while helping the church. If you are interested, please contact the DCC Office Manager [Liz](#) via email or phone.



New Planter in Front of the Narthex

As you have entered the Narthex, you may have seen the gorgeous new planter built by DCC's own Brett Clark. The planter can serve as a seating area and will be lit up during the evening hours. Thanks to Brett for all his hard work.



Pastor Eric's Continuing Education

As the season turns, I am reminded that a season in my personal life is turning, too. Since September 2020, I have been in a graduate program in counseling, studying marriage, family, and child counseling at Palo Alto University. I began this program when many of us were still at home, sheltering in place. While being at home and having a little extra time on my hands, it was an opportunity for me to enroll and take classes remotely via Zoom! Since seminary, I have wanted to engage in a program in counseling/social work to complement my pastoral ministry work. In December, I am excited to announce that I will finish the program and graduate with a Master of Arts in Counseling, specializing in marriage, family, and child counseling.

Some of you may wonder, what does this mean for DCC? For now, and while we are doing good work together as pastor and congregation, nothing will change. I will continue to be your pastor. Now, however, you will have a pastor with special training and formation in counseling. In these past two years, I have already witnessed the benefits of having been in a counseling program. Coursework in human development, family systems, crisis and trauma counseling, couples counseling, and children/youth counseling has enriched my work here at DCC. If you are interested in learning more, don't hesitate to contact me directly, and I would be delighted to have a conversation.

God's Way Church Celebrates 18 years at DCC

Last Sunday, God's Way Church celebrated 18 years at Danville Congregational Church. We are delighted to share our space with this vibrant faith community.



DCC Celebration Bells Members attend Zephyr Point Handbell Conference

On July 24–28, 2022, Joy Davis, Karol Mead, Nancy Snyder, Janis Jang, and (sister) Julie Chew went to Zephyr Point Handbell Conference to gain more handbell knowledge by the shores of Lake Tahoe.

After a two-year hiatus from COVID-19 precautions, the annual handbell conference resumed this summer. Attendance was noticeably smaller. Staff was reduced from five to three. What didn't change was the comradery: those willing to provide guidance for inquiring minds.

Advantages of having a small group meant less running around to different buildings for classes in 6,000 ft elevation. All events were in the newly refurbished Dobbins Hall. We were allowed to attend classes even if we missed the first session – which happened when the majority of us left campus to have an ice cream party to celebrate a couple of birthdays.

We came home with the experience of engaging with more challenging music, following the baton of different handbell conductors, learning or perfecting new techniques, and coming home with tons of sunset pictures. Who's going next year?



Picture with Barb Wash and Tessique Houston, teachers and conductors



Picture with William Kyle, Dean of ZPHC, conductor, and composer



Devotion at Donaldson Memorial Amphitheater



Playing Hooky (So who's missing?)

Anti-Racism Team News

The Anti Racism Team is busy this fall, learning more about how we can support anti-racism in our own selves, as well as in our community. We have been learning about the Northern California/Nevada Conference Anti-Racism Resolutions, adopted in 2020, and have selected two of these to explore more fully at DCC. These two resolutions (linked) call for our [support of indigenous peoples](#) in our area through some specific actions, as well as formally [supporting anti-racism efforts in our congregation](#). We will be developing our proposal for action to present to Church Council and will also ask for congregational support to formalize these efforts. Stay tuned for more specifics on these topics in upcoming Thursday emails and church bulletins.

We are also planning a Voting Information session again as a second hour program in October, to help DCC members learn more about the candidates, propositions, and local elections and how to vote with an anti-racist lens. We will be holding an informational second hour program on this topic in October, ahead of the mid-term elections. Look for information on dates and times for this session in Thursday emails and bulletins.

The Anti Racism Team strongly believes in our church mission statement to “Love God, Love Each Other and Be God’s Love in the World” through our collective action and understanding of these issues. If you have an idea or wish to participate with the Anti-Racism Team, please join us! Our membership is always open for new faces and we welcome new ideas to our group. If you would like more information about our work or upcoming events, please check out our Anti Racism webpage at: <https://danvillechurch.org/antiracism/> or contact Barb DeBarger (bdebarger@gmail.com).

Back to School – With Backpacks!

DCC’s annual **Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive** provided 21 new backpacks stuffed with school supplies for children of homeless, formerly homeless and at-risk families now living in **Hope Solutions** and **Shelter, Inc.** housing, as well as an assortment of school supplies for children in **Eden UCC’s** Cherryland neighborhood, who we want to help get a good start in school this year.

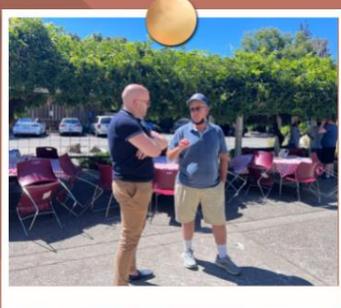


Thank you to everyone who contributed to this outreach project. We delivered 13 beautiful backpacks, stuffed with school supplies and \$50 gift cards for uniforms and shoes, to **Shelter, Inc.** on Friday, July 22. Then, through online purchases and a special delivery, we contributed eight backpacks with school supplies to **Hope Solutions**, whose drive ended Friday, July 29, with over 400 backpacks donated.

Finally, on August 8, we delivered 301 school-supplies items and three new backpacks to **Eden UCC’s** drive so the students in their Cherryland/Hayward neighborhood were able to choose a backpack and then fill it with school supplies at Eden’s Backpack Giveaway on August 10. Over 400 students received backpacks at Eden’s Giveaway this year.

Now that schools are back in session, you can be sure that these backpacks and supplies are very much appreciated by the students, parents, and teachers!





DCC Picnic Fun



Dayspring Preschool Happenings

Dayspring Preschool continues to thrive under the able leadership of our director, Sonna Dhamrait. The school has bounced back from the enrollment loss during COVID, and now we are back to near-normal operations, with a wonderful staff and nearly full enrollment! We are so grateful for all of the support the school has received from the church and are hopeful that this school year gets us closer to the way we want to operate. Right now, the school is getting new classroom flooring, replacing the old, worn carpet with laminate tile--much easier clean up from student accidents! There will be, of course, area rugs for reading circles and other places. The flooring will be installed in incremental steps to minimize disruption to the program and be completed in December.



This year's program focus is on continuing our grant-funded partnership with Quality Matters, which is a statewide system that sets up standards and training for preschools. The majority of the staff attended training last year, and are already incorporating many of the research-based methods they have learned. This year, the staff will be learning about the Desired Results Developmental Program (DRDP) which measures student progress against age-appropriate standards of learning. While the goal of preschool is to get students ready for Kindergarten, Quality Matters also emphasizes social-emotional development and family partnerships.

Speaking of partnerships, the school is happy that Pastor Todd and Marty have been joining the students monthly to read stories and have a bit of fun! The kids just love it, and so does the staff. There are other opportunities for church members to help out at Dayspring--supporting teacher appreciation, student events and more--just reach out to DCC member and Dayspring Board Member Jim Conning (jconning@yahoo.com) and ask to be put on the list to be asked to help whenever a need takes place. Come check out the great happenings at Dayspring!

From the Emmaus Committee

You Can Make a Difference

Thank you all so much for your participation with helping the Sunday church services run smoothly. We have been back in our church building for quite a few months now, and I believe going to church on Sundays is the best way to start the week.

I grew up in the Danville area and my Wadsworth family has been active members since 1972. During my teenaged years, I'm sure I thought of every excuse of why I couldn't go to morning worship (I needed to sleep in due to Saturday night dance, swim meet obligations, studies, etc.) I'm sure it made my parents cringe

I admit, I confessed to Pastor Todd during Eric's Sabbatical that I didn't think I could come back to church, as I was able to accomplish so many things while watching the service via Zoom (drink coffee, finish my breakfast, paint my fingernails and make my lunch). But now that we're back, I find it refreshing to practice my "time management skills", waking up a little earlier to complete everything before I head off to church. It's in church that you can take in a deep breath, let out all your bad vibes, and just soak in, listen and participate in the actual church service. Really be there ~ no distractions!

Please feel **invited** to come back to church, especially when it's your Emmaus Team's turn to serve the church. It's important to remember that our church is a Congregational church, it's the people of the church that help it to run smoothly. I believe the more you put into the church, the more you get out of it. Most of all, remember this chant/rap I used for a school wrapping paper fund raiser (I'll teach you the beat should you ask):

*You can make a difference, if you try,
WE can make a difference, You & !!!*

Anne W. Seiler,
On behalf of the Emmaus Teams



A look at what's happening



at ACC

Sister Parish Ministry

Please keep our partner community in Guatemala in your prayers as people face the impacts of the pandemic and climate change. We pray for the safety of migrant family members, for a healthy crop this year, and for spiritual strength for the entire community. May God grant all of us at DCC the opportunity to listen to and learn from our spiritual siblings in Guatemala. DCC and individual donors have already provided funds for the community to use at their discretion to meet needs in the community. The community will keep us informed.

Carrie Stengel, director of the Sister Parish Program in Guatemala, recently interviewed Pedro from Guatemala and below are his thoughts about his community and country

We are here in our small community. This week, the communities that participate in our parish met here too. The Diocese sees a need and plans to be more present in the communities.

When the pandemic started two years ago, it was very difficult. People were so afraid. We felt like we were living through the war again. The patrols were formed again to guard the roads. Prices started going up and there was no regulation to ease this hardship for the communities.

Then Hurricanes Eta and Iota hit Guatemala in 2021. The storms caused a lot of crop damage. The planting season was a failure. The government did not provide any support.

Now the price of corn has more than doubled. A pound of beans costs 2-4 times more than it did two years ago. Tomatoes cost five times more. Bus fare has doubled.

If it were not for migration to the United States, Guatemala would have exploded. People have reached their limit. People see no way out. The only way out is to leave. Families get by only because of the remittances family members send from the U.S.

Most young people have left the community. They left to look for work because they can't find work here. We watched trucks full of young people leaving during the pandemic, a total exodus. A lot of women left too. They pay around \$13,000 to the coyotes for the journey. Most of the people have crossed the border safely. Out of 100 that go, maybe 15 return. From the five communities in our area, a few people have died or disappeared on the journey north, but not from our community.

We are worried about what the governments of Central America, Mexico and the U.S. will do about migration. Government projects for the "Northern Triangle" have been proposed to try to "stop" or control migration. They open a few projects here and there. It would be possible to stop migration by reforming labor laws, but rather than supporting its people, the government of Guatemala offers people poverty wages and misery. If people could get decent jobs in Guatemala, paying about \$1000 per month, people wouldn't migrate anymore. If they could make enough to pay for health, education, and housing, they wouldn't cross the border anymore. The international agreements governments have now don't make sense. They don't propose any real change. The government isn't asking people how much they would need to earn to stay, to not risk their lives.

International plans and agreements to address migration need to look at how to provide decent work. People could migrate to work for 6-12 months at a time and return. People could be paid decent wages in Guatemala. Everything would change if they did that. But they don't. People here have worked in the sugar plantations for generations, leaving to work a 6-month contract and then returning to the community until the next year. If the governments could arrange something similar, everything would change. Instead, the young people, 14-15 years old, are leaving because there is no hope here. People don't want to "invade" the U.S. as some people say - they just want to work.

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

Prayers of Healing and Strength for...



- Please pray for the support and love for our **LGBTQ+ siblings in Castro Valley Unified School District**. With the painting of the Pride flag murals at each school, there is an outspoken group opposed to the murals. May the voices of support of the flags be louder than those opposed. *(From Amy Furber-Dobson)*
- Prayers of acceptance for **my sister, Gretchen**, as she transitions to an assisted living facility. She is resisting the move but can't live alone any longer. *(From Chris Rauen)*
- Prayers for **my sister, Kathy**, who fell last week and broke her ankle. *(From Pastor Todd)*
- Prayers for **our friend's son** who has mental health challenges. He has a hearing Thursday. May they find the support he needs. *(From Nancy Halseth)*
- Prayers for a homeless friend **Jon**, who will be traveling to Virginia in the upcoming week(s) for PTSD and other treatment, and a short respite from homelessness. I pray for a successful treatment and the road to recovery. *(From Larry Berlin)*
- Prayers for cousin **Jeremy**, whose father has moved to adult residential care in Maryland. *(From Eileen Ackley)*
- Hazel prays for her sweet guinea pig, **Agent**. May he recover quickly. *(Hazel Furber-Dobson)*
- Prayers for **Judy and myself** as we become empty nesters over the next two weeks.....may we rejoice in the accomplishments of raising wonderful children while also acknowledging the difficulty this transition is and "feeling the feelings." Thanks to all who have supported us. *(From Barb DeBarger)*.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for **Joanne Reynolds**, who is in her last days. *(From Diane Stein)*
- Prayers for successful surgery for my friend, **Winny**, on August 24. *(From Dianne Dorn)*
- Prayers for strength for cousin **Jeremy** dealing with ill and aging parents living far away from him. *(From Eileen Ackley)*
- Prayers for my dear friend **Terry** who saw the stabbing of Salman Rushdie. Chautauqua Institution is a place of peace, music, and learning near my hometown. Our hearts are breaking. Prayers for Salman and his family. *(From Carrie Hrousis)*
- Prayers that some solution comes for **Diane's** severe pain in her legs. Prayers that I can be the best caregiver I can be. *(From Richard Stein)*
- Prayers of healing for **Erica**, who has a broken jaw, concussion, and sprained hand due to fainting caused Paxlovid for a false positive Covid test. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Prayers for our high school friend, **Greg Chew**, who was attacked last Tuesday in SF while walking home at 7:30 pm, one block from home. May his recovery include his physical as well as his mental anguish suffered as a result of this senseless act. *(From Janis & Randy Jang)*

- Please pray for **Jackson** as he has been having a difficult time recently. Give him strength and confidence. *(From Brett & Gail Clark)*
- Prayers for **Wayne Snyder** who has COVID and is not feeling well. *(From Joy Davis)*
- Prayers for my next door neighbor, **Carole**, who is in the midst of her 3rd relapse of Covid. She is struggling to be patient and to regain her energy, but she is remaining optimistically positive. She is like family to me. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- Prayers for my friends **Inna** and **Terri**. Both are facing difficult medical issues. Surround them with love and strength. *(From Deborah)*
- **Wayne** has tested positive for Covid so we both are isolating. Prayers for his recovery and for me to avoid getting sick. *(From Nancy Snyder)*
- Prayers of healing for cousin **Steve** who is being treated for cancer. His chance of recovery is 20% but he is optimistic and holding close to his faith in God. *(From Dave & Nancy Halseth)*
- Prayers for a friend **Barb**; her daughter who was expecting a baby girl died suddenly. Tragic loss of a daughter and granddaughter. *(From Alene Riley)*
- Please pray for my mom, **Ruth Holmoe**. She just celebrated her 100th birthday a week ago and tested positive for Covid this morning. *(From Cheryl Beck)*
- Please pray for a successful hip replacement surgery for **our 45 year old nephew** later this week. *(From Brett & Gail Clark)*
- Prayers for **Nanci Luczak**, who took a tumble earlier this week, spraining her ankle and wrist. Sitting at home with her leg propped up and wishing for ice cream—today is National Ice Cream day! *(From Eileen Ackley)*
- Prayers of guidance, patience, and peace for my sister **Jenny** and me as we seek an assisted living option for our older sister **Gretchen**. She can no longer live where she is and has limited financial resources. *(From Chris Rauen)*
- Prayers for my friends **Jason**, **Kay**, and **Karly**, all of whom have Covid. *(From Kristen Chambers)*
- Prayers for my friend **Caz** who is fighting breast cancer. *(From Kristen Chambers)*
- Prayers for our grandson **Dawson** and his dad **Zach** who have Covid. *(From Miguel and Todd)*
- Prayers please for friends **Don & Terrill** who continue their challenges with cancer treatments and decisions about whether or not to continue. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- Please bless our **trip to Mexico City** on Friday with Rotary to deliver wheelchairs for people of all ages. *(From Dianne Dorn)*
- Prayers for my partner, **Jesse**, who is recovering from a mild case of COVID. Thanking God for blessed healing! *(From Dianne Dorn)*
- Prayers of healing for our nephew **Mark DeFreitas** who is very ill with a systemic infection due to diverticulitis. *(From Diane Stein)*
- Please pray for Julie Greeley's sister **Lisa** who is facing many struggles going through treatment for Pancreatic cancer. Prayers of strength for Lisa and the family for the road ahead. *(From Joyce Klassen)*
- Please pray for **me** and my son **Dawson**. Something is asking me to [make this request]—I can't explain it. Almost like I dreamt someone or something telling me that. I just feel stuck, and I need some sort of guidance. *(From Zach Whitley)*
- Continued prayers for **Ashley** who is back in the hospital. They removed five liters of blood from her abdomen and a couple from her lungs. *(From Dave & Nancy Halseth)*
- Prayers for a friend **Jon** who is and has been homeless for a few months. Please let God shine upon him, and guide him to be well, and get back to following his dreams. We also pray this prayer for all others that are homeless and suffering. *(From Larry Berlin)*

- Prayers for my friend **Marie** who is facing a complex surgery to avoid amputation of her foot. *(From Mary Marie Deauclaire)*
- Two of my friends need our prayers: 1) my 82 y.o. neighbor, **Bob**, who fell on Thursday and broke his hip. He is lucid, in good spirits, and accepts that he has a long road of rehab ahead. He has a healthy relationship with the Trinity. 2) my 75 y.o. friend, **Don**, who has been undergoing treatment for throat and kidney cancer. His last appointment revealed that the treatment is not working. He has no relationship with the Trinity, and he is feeling lost and scared. May they both know in their hearts that they are loved and cherished by their creator. Thank You. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- Prayers for our dear friend **Joanne Reynolds** who has just learned that there are no more treatments available to her to address the cancer she has dealt with for several years. May she be wrapped in God's love and peace. *(From Diane Stein)*
- Praying along with the community. *(From the Jackson-Kimball Family)*
- Prayers of safe travel for **Allison** who will be returning to Orange County seeking summer employment &/or internship to support her psychology major. *(From Anne & Tim Seiler)*
- Prayers for **Hazel Furber Dobson** for a safe and speedy recovery. *(From Joan Dobson)*
- Please pray for my son, **Cameron Beck**. He is in Spain on vacation and has been diagnosed with COVID. *(From Cheryl Beck)*
- Prayers for my **father** who has shingles and also needs surgery to replace the battery in his pacemaker. *(From Chris Wang)*
- My friend **Lisa** has been in pain for 2 weeks and has tried many cures. Please pray she finds one soon so she can be able to stand up straight without great pain. *(From Barbara Carrillo)*
- Prayers for **all who are still contracting Covid** despite vaccinations and booster shots. May we all take responsibility to protect ourselves and each other. *(From Cheryl Pierson)*
- Prayers for my friend **Terri Leavitt** as she continues her chemotherapy treatments tomorrow. Prayers that the treatment shrinks the tumors on her kidneys. *(From Deborah Daily)*
- Prayers for **Zac** that he can return to school tomorrow. *(From Jim and Amy Dobson)*

Prayers of Sympathy for ...

- Prayers of hope that DCC will remember **Barbara Ehrenreich**, journalist, and activist, who died this week/ Her son said, "She wasn't much for thoughts and prayers, but wanted others to love each other and fight like hell." *(From Bette Felton)*
- Prayers for **my family** as we journey through the many stages of grief after the loss of my Dad on Tuesday. *(From Jenn O'Neal)*
- Prayers for **Linda Jones** (DCC's bookkeeper), whose brother passed this last week. *(From Heidi Bridgeman)*
- Prayers for my friend, **Lynette**, who is grieving the loss of her friend, Frances. *(From Dianne Dorn)*
- Please pray for the **family and friends of Tom R.** who passed away in Florida this week. *(From Trish Moosbrugger & Bob Kovach)*
- Prayers for my friend **Alan and his family** as his mother is in grave condition and in her final transition. May they have peace, solace, and the joy of memories. *(From Syd Dent)*
- Prayers of love and comfort to **Peter Abdallah**. Rusty, Pete's wife of 50+ years passed away this week. We loved Rusty and we love Pete. They were and are amazing role models. *(From Ben & Laura Beaver)*
- Prayers of comfort for the **family of Angie Orris** who passed away Monday following a brief battle with cancer. Angie and her husband James were active in the life of our DCC family prior to their move out of the area several years ago. *(From Diane Stein)*

- Prayers for the **family and friends of Carol Ojeda** who passed away and whose family and friends are celebrating her life today. *(From Amy Furber Dobson)*
- Prayers for my dear friend **Kris** whose brother died suddenly last week during surgery. Sudden loss can be complicated. Please keep her and their family in prayers. *(From Melissa Tumaneng)*
- Prayers of sympathy and comfort for those in the San Antonio community who grieve the loss of 16-year old **Catarina (Caty) Chanchanchavac**, granddaughter of Marcelle. Caty passed last week following severe health issues. May Caty rest in sweet peace where there is no more pain but the promise of eternal love and peace.

Prayers for the World...

- Prayers for a **quick rollout of the monkeypox vaccine** in NYC where that virus is running rampant. Prayers for our government and CDC to get better at preparing for and executing against pandemic viruses. *(From Shii Stickler)*
- Prayers of **concern for the media companies of America**; may they cease to act as if advertising for anyone who pays them is a healthy capitalist “neutrality”. Let them understand that advertising products that promote violence is advocacy of violence. *(From Eric Stein)*
- Prayers for safety for **all those who are celebrating and attending the pride parades** around the world. *(From Judy Halden)*
- Prayers of safety for those who are **most vulnerable in our society**. Walk with them Creator and hold them through the storms of life. *(From Jenn O’Neal)*
- We remember those who lost their lives for the **protection of our country** and for those who died this last week in **Uvalde, Texas**. *(From Norm Palmer)*
- God bless the **families affected by gun violence** this week. The nation grieves this senseless act. Create a miracle that our policy makers leave greed aside to protect us. *(From Barb DeBarger)*
- A prayer for a **community in Nicaragua**...who cannot access vaccines for their elderly and their children. *(From Bill Williams)*
- Prayers of love and caring solidarity for **our brothers and sisters in Buffalo** who lost loved ones in the terrible act of racist terrorism this past week. *(From Bob and Dottie Howell)*
- Prayers for **those who sacrificed for others on 9-11**. Today is the 21st year since the tragedy, may those involved rest in peace, and those who have suffered from the toxins inhaled and have passed or still suffer be comforted in knowing that they are still remembered. *(From Norm Palmer)*

Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude for...

- Thank you to the **strong and loving folks of DCC** who helped with the harvest. They worked in the heat and brought in Sky Terrace's 17th harvest. *(From Jim and Bette Felton)*
- Prayers of "thanks" for **Caryl Krotz's** recovery from her fall. She is feeling better, but complete recovery will take time. *(From Penny Atkin)*
- Prayers of congratulations and joy to **Doug and Sandy Leich**, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this coming Friday! May their love be an example to us all! Amen! *(From Barbara DeBarger)*
- Happy 85th Birthday to **Connie/Mom/Grammy**. *(From the Seiler Family)*
- Prayers for **Grandma Pat** celebrating an early 80th birthday today. May it be a great celebration! *(From Amy & Hazel Furber Dobson)*
- Prayers of gladness and thanksgiving for **my home blessing** last week. And for new friends who celebrated with me. I am so very blessed. *(From Mary Marie Deauclaire)*

- Prayers of thanks for a successful hip replacement for our nephew **Kevin** this past week . He is doing well and is up and moving about many times during the day. *(From Gail & Brett Clark)*
- For blessings of joy and happiness to all our newlyweds—**Anne & Antonio** and **John & Gabrielle**.
- A prayer of enormous gratitude for this church. It means so much to me. And thanks for my sisters **Elizabeth** and **Priscilla** and my wonderful daughter **Maise**. My heart is full. *(From Mary Courtenay)*
- Prayers for a joy-filled wedding for our friends **Kelsey** and **Yotam** today. *(From Amy, Hazel, & Grandma Pat)*
- Prayers for joy-filled wedding for our friends **Natalie** and **Travis** next week! *(From Amy, Hazel, & Grandma Pat)*
- A prayer of thanks for my young granddaughters, **Kaya** and **Zoe**. Just watching them at play brings me such joy. And a prayer of thanks for my grown-up granddaughter, **Nadia** who is coming to visit next weekend. *(From Mary Courtenay)*
- Thank you, God, for the **very first Pride event** ever last Friday in this small Ohio town. Over 200 LGBTQIA+ individuals and families gathered in the park for a 4-hour picnic and celebration. *(From Mary-Marie Deauclaire)*
- Prayers of Joy for the birth of a **baby boy** to Chris and Kyla yesterday. *(From Gail & Brett Clark)*
- Prayers of thanks for the **technology and the team** that allow us to participate in today's service even when we cannot be there in person. *(From Kristin Chambers)*
- Prayers of gratitude for the **DCC community**. *(From Chris & Stephanie Taddeo)*
- Prayers of gratitude for **my new home**. I finally moved in yesterday. *(From Mary Marie)*
- Prayers of thanks for the successful placement of a stent in **Brian's** heart on Wednesday. *(From Gail & Brett Clark)*
- Prayers of gratitude for good news from Guatemala. The Sister Parish Board has hired a needed new coworker for Carrie Stengel. She is **Ruth Garrido**. *(From Bob Howell)*
- Thank you DCC for opening your doors to the amazing **WOW celebration** last weekend under our beautiful rainbow!
- Today we are celebrating the 5th birthday of our twin granddaughters, **Siobhan** and **Arinna**. It is a joy to have them and their parents **Eric** and **Jessyka** with us today. *(From Richard and Diane Stein)*
- Prayers of love and thanksgiving for **Katie** who turns 17 on June 5. We are proud of who she is and who she is becoming. *(From Laura and Ben Beaver)*
- Many thanks for all the prayers for **Ashley**, our niece. She is at UCLA on dialysis and being closely monitored, which is a good improvement. Baby Trey is at home with his grandparents. We pray this dear family may be united at home soon. *(From Nancy Halseth)*
- Prayer of **joy for 60 years of married life** was celebrated in Bodega Bay this past week on May 19. *(From Bob and Dottie Howell)*

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



Fall Activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dayspring Back to School Night..... September 15 • Choir Rehearsal..... September 15 • YG Grape Harvest September 17 • Choir Rehearsal..... September 18 • Ingathering Sunday..... September 18 • Exploratorium Trip..... September 18 • PFLAG Meeting September 19 • Finance Committee Meeting..... September 20 • Prayer Shawl Ministry..... September 21 • Choir Rehearsal..... September 22 • OWL Retreat September 23–25 • Choir Rehearsal..... September 25 • YG Blessing Bags Assembly..... September 25 • Council Meeting..... September 25 • Tenant Relations Meeting September 28 • Choir Rehearsal..... September 29 • Communion Sunday October 2 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 2 • YG Glide Service in SF October 2 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 6 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 9 • Dayspring Book Fair October 9 • YG Ropes Bridge October 9 • Commission Meetings October 9 • Diaconate Meeting October 13 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 13 • YG Farm Camp at Mt. Diablo October 15 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 16 • PFLAG Meeting October 17 • Finance Committee October 18 • Prayer Shawl Ministry..... October 19 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 20 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 23 • YG Meeting October 23 • Council Meeting..... October 23 • Tenant Relations Meeting October 26 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 27 • YG Halloween Party October 29 • Choir Rehearsal..... October 30 • YG Sleepover..... November 5–6 • Choir Rehearsal..... November 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir Rehearsal November 6 • Diaconate Meeting November 10 • Choir Rehearsal November 10 • Veterans Day..... November 11 • Celebration Bells November 12 • Choir Rehearsal November 13 • Youth Lead Worship & Lunch November 13 • Commission Meetings November 13 • Finance Committee..... November 15 • Prayer Shawl Ministry November 16 • Choir Rehearsal November 17 • TDoR Service November 20 • Choir Rehearsal November 20 • PFLAG Meeting November 21 • Church Office Closed..... November 23, 24, 25 • Thanksgiving November 24 • Choir Rehearsal November 27 • Advent Begins November 27 |
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Preaching Schedule

- September 18..... Pastor Todd
- September 25 Pastor Eric
- October 2 Pastor Eric
- October 9 Pastor Eric
- October 16 Pastor Eric
- October 23 Pastor Todd
- October 30 Pastor Eric
- November 6 Pastor Todd
- November 13 Youth
- November 20 Pastor Eric
- November 27(Advent Begins) Pastor Todd

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

- 3..... Joshua Shupe-Shellooe
- 8..... Heidi Bridgeman
- 8..... Daniel & Vickie Lanini
- 14..... Bret Lawrence
- 14..... Savannah Ruhlin
- 16..... Bob & Bonnie Powers
- 18..... Jennifer Kawaguchi
- 18..... Nancy Halseth
- 20..... Craig Seiler
- 21..... Chris Rauen
- 22..... Angie Ruhlin
- 22..... Diane Stein
- 23..... Paula Boyd
- 25..... Jim Furber-Dobson
- 27..... Karen Kawaguchi
- 28..... Nicole Noga

October

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

November

- 3..... Polly Smith-Telfer
- 3..... Michael Boyd
- 6..... Miguel Atkins-Whitley
- 7..... Dee Brook
- 7..... Howard Spinner
- 8..... Dave Michaud
- 9..... Bob Hardy
- 11..... Matthew Bassett
- 12..... Barbara Olwin
- 12..... Barb DeBarger
- 12..... Bob Powers
- 12..... Nan Karns
- 14..... Laura Beaver
- 14..... Judy Schreib
- 21..... Wilson Jackson
- 23..... Don Lenhardt
- 23..... Nancy Hill
- 28..... Claire Northway
- 29..... Karen Andersen
- 29..... Kristin Chambers
- 30..... Amy Furber-Dobson

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