

Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
 October 23, 2025

Topic	Speaker	Notes
Welcome Opening Prayer Land Acknowledgement	Heidi Bridgeman Alene Riley Alene Riley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 p.m. call to order <p>We acknowledge our Sanctuary stands on the unceded lands of the Bay Miwok, Ohlone, and Yokut indigenous peoples, who were stewards of the land for many generations before we arrived. We thank them for their stewardship all these years; and this land was sacred before we ever arrived.</p>
Consent Agenda - Votes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of September meeting minutes 	Motion by Heidi Second by Janis	DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no discussion • MOTION: Shall the minutes be approved as submitted? • Votes: 12 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain • Motion is carried
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting of approved meeting minutes 	Alene Riley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As DCC has made Council Meeting Minutes available to the general congregation, we will post to the bulletin board an also in the members-only area of our new web page • Eileen notes we are able to email minutes to Anne-Marie for posting; would like to have a folder within the page to keep all the Council minutes together
Pastor's Report	Rev Carol Barriger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have been present in the office on all Tuesdays for concerns and those needing conversation. This included regular coordination with Anne-Marie regarding worship and other upcoming events. Also coordinated as needed with John and Lauren (in person or email and one extra day). • Met with the Mod team • Gathered weekly online prayer group • Met with the Deacons • Created and led a blessing/ commissioning for the Long-Range Planning Task Force.

Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
 October 23, 2025

Topic	Speaker	Notes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created and led blessing for departing member Carol Gerich • Shared proposed members for In Discernment support committee with Jenn O’Neal. She will let us know when she has contacted them. (We have back-up names if any decline the invitation). Prepared to advise this committee on their role when they gather. • Led worship including preaching, offering prayers, celebrating communion. • Provided content for the enews and bulletins. • Have connected as necessary with those having pastoral care needs (and consulted with the Deacons as needed). This included phone calls, emails, in-person conversation, an extended home visit, and a second Zoom meeting at an individual’s request. • Thank you for your leadership and dedication in making my time with you so fulfilling.
Other Concerns	Pastor Carol B Nancy Halseth Pastor Carol Jewett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy and Dave Hill concerns, with Dave in the hospital; he will soon be moving to CreekView rehab • Pastor Carol has spoken with Nancy; as has Pastor Melissa Tumaneng • Nancy's daughter has been support for her as well. • Once Dave is back home they might need Meal Train support – others noted the CreekView senior community provides meals in their cafeteria • Judy Halden has spoken with Nancy regularly, offering rides as needed

**Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
October 23, 2025**

Topic	Speaker	Notes
Financial Statement / Commission Report Review	Steve Bridgeman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review contents of the monthly Financial Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance Sheet Changes in Net Assets Note on Cash Accounts; Finance Committee would like to invest some of the \$200K excess funds that have accrued in a CD Recommend approx \$80K investment in Cornerstone Funds CD – approx 3.25% interest DCC Budgeted \$4K for property tax bill this year; we are exempt from all but the special assessment, which is being billed at \$5,100 (nearly \$2K increase over last year)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Treasurer's reporting 	Motion by Randy Second by Doug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISCUSSION no discussion MOTION: Shall the Treasurer's reports be approved as submitted? Votes: 14 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain Motion is carried
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Committee seeking replacement Treasurer and outside Accountant for when Steve's term ends 	Steve Bridgeman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job posting being prepared for new accountant Hope to have new hire on in January so Steve will have 5 months to train Doug recommends sending job posting to Joy Davis for the UCC Conference newsletter; Anne-Marie can send to Melinda Lavine at the conference office
Other Business (All) Stewardship	Barb DeBarger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to pull this item from the Agenda and revisit it with the Mod Team Sent revised dates to Moderator Team; waiting for confirmation on changes. Will send the new dates to Council when completed

Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
October 23, 2025

Topic	Speaker	Notes
Commission Reports		
Journeys in Faith	Carrie Hrousis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has been working with children who cannot speak• Upcoming workshops:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nov 16: Leadership in Apocalyptic Times -Dr. David Vasquez-Levy○ December: no 2nd hour scheduled○ Jan 18: Graceful Merit -Ron Elsdon○ Heidi will reschedule Quarterly meeting○ December 21, members want to bring in Kyra Lee; however this may not be as well attended so will reschedule○ Will not have 2nd hour in April• Survey was distributed to Spirited Sisters; will also hand out at Sunday's Quarterly meeting, and available in the Narthex• Doug concurs there is difficulty in scheduling meetings, especially for the Anti-Racism team. May need a better way to schedule second hour meetings and presentations• Heidi indicated working with Anne-Marie to keep the website calendar is the best option; she can help identify conflicts, and is a good first point of contact
Outreach	Chris Sonneman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Offering will be divided between Contra Costa and Alameda County food banks.• The October 26th Offering will go to Indigenous People's support.• Next meeting will be November 9th.• Mission Moment has been done in the past; someone needs to take on organizing• Outreach commission are all up in years; need support to organize ongoing efforts such as Christmas for Others

Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
 October 23, 2025

Topic	Speaker	Notes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug states there will be a Mission Moment presentation for the Ohlone Preservation Foundation • Dianne will seek temporary helpers • Heidi suggests modeling on DaySpring sign-up method • Pastor Lauren will talk with Chris off line to get more participation in Outreach organization • Chris will do the Mission Moment for Thanksgiving; Dianne will do one for Christmas • Greening of the Sanctuary Nov 30, Janis and Randy will co-ordinate
Welcome & Media	Joyce Klassen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no report this month
Other Reports		
Anti-Racism Committee	Barb DeBarger	Anti racism Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored field trips to two protests in the last month • Sponsored trip to the Gathering of Ohlone People at Coyote Hills park in Fremont. • Heard a proposal for supporting Faith in Action East Bay. • Supported the service held in Richmond with Visions of Hope.
Building & Grounds	Brett Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no meeting this month
Worship	Janis Jang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Pastor Todd away on sabbatical, it has been an anomalous period of time to plan worship. Here are a few of the Worship Commissions activities and plans for the upcoming Advent season: • Service of Note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 21: Installation Service of Rev. Melissa Tumaneng as NCNC Associate Conference Minister for

Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
October 23, 2025

Topic	Speaker	Notes
		<p>Pastoral Care & Churches in Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ September 28: Service in Richmond with Rev. Elana Bolds and Pastor Lauren<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ i. Zoom services provided▪ ii. Choir sang acapella○ October 19: All Church Camp, Barbecue Terrace Horse Camp<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ i. Traditional hymn-singing with chimes at church camp▪ ii. Virtual field-trip to our sibling congregation, Parkside Community Church, for those who could not attend our DCC Mt. Diablo service● Wilson Jackson produced his annual Banner Schedule for the sanctuary.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ posted in the Sacristy cabinet (last long cabinet on the left)○ Buildings and Grounds changes the banners seasonally.● Randy and Janis will purchase poinsettias for the advent season on Nov 28, Black Friday.● Nov 30 – Jan 11(?) Volunteers will be needed to water and care for the plants on a weekly basis<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monday/Tuesday transfer the plants out of the sanctuary and into the hallway sunlight○ Friday/Saturday water and transfer them back again before Sunday service● Greening of the Church will be set for November 30th. After service, the congregation will be asked to decorate in one of three areas with someone from WC to assist them.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Koinonia: lights and Christmas Tree○ Narthex: garland border○ Sanctuary: wreaths in sanctuary and around the campus

**Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
October 23, 2025**

Topic	Speaker	Notes
Community Life	Kyra Kennedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will ask the Emmaus team to offer hot chocolate/spiced cider for our volunteers. ● The Community Life Commission (CLC) is a team-led group that meets monthly to support the many activities of our church community. ● Successful TGIF gatherings were hosted by the Seiler's (August), McGrath's (September), and Klassen's (October), with the Felton's set to host in November. ● The commission is also preparing to host the potluck for the Quarterly Congregational Meeting on October 26. ● All is going well, and the team continues to work together with enthusiasm and care.
DaySpring Preschool	Nancy Halseth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use your positive energy to encourage participation in Halloween Trunk or Treat Monday 10/27 3:00-6:00 p.m ● Trunk or Treat is Monday, October 27th. We have 10 or 11 trunks signed up. After Trunk or Treat kids and families will gather in Koinonia for more treats and fun. ● Barb DeBarger will be giving a short talk on the Dayspring Scholarship program at our quarterly all-church lunch. This is one way our church makes a direct difference in our community.
DaySpring seeking new receptionist / admin assist		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kim Michaud will be retiring from Dayspring Preschool. She is a much beloved, and invaluable member of the staff and will be greatly missed. Though she is leaving in November she offered to train her replacement. A job description has been created and has been posted on Indeed.com

Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
October 23, 2025

Topic	Speaker	Notes
Other Reports		
Pastor's Report	Pastor Lauren	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's been a busy time, and I've enjoyed all the contact and feedback• I'm really ready for Pastor Todd to come back from sabbatical• Will work with Dianne on a Reflection framework: successes, surprises, satisfaction, and sorrows. Will post on the bulletin board in Koinonia to focus on what we've experienced as a community during Pastor Todd's sabbatical• Today at San Ramon Valley retreat; connecting with Pastor Todd at St. Timothy's and other youth directors at churches in the valley• Also looking at I Serve to facilitate youth group projects• Very challenging to get participation in Youth Group; looking at various options to engage our small youth group• Really grateful for the congregation support during the sabbatical
Health Insurance	Heidi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastor Lauren Health Insurance• Discussion to offer her health insurance for the duration of her term• Since she also contracts with UCC Conference, combined hours make her considered a full-time employee• UCC Conference will pay half the cost of her insurance• Will need to amend her Letter of Call• Barb and Steve discussed appropriate recording of the additional expense

**Danville Congregational Church
Council Meeting (via Zoom)
October 23, 2025**

Topic	Speaker	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval of funds for Health Insurance	Motion by Heidi Second by Nancy H	DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lauren Jewett health insurance for the remaining 7 months of her termMOTION: Shall Health Insurance for Lauren be approved as discussed?Votes: 14 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 AbstainMotion is carried
Closing Prayer	Heidi	
Meeting Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adjourned 7:22 p.m.

Members Attending:

Heidi Bridgeman
Alene Riley
Dianne Dorn
Eileen Ackley
Pastor Carol Barriger

Pastor Lauren Jewett
Chris Sonneman
Judy Halden
Barb DeBarger
Steve Bridgeman

Doug Leich
Nancy Halseth
Randy & Janis Jang
Carrie Hrousis

Upcoming Council Meetings:

November 23 2025 11:15 In Person/Potluck

December-No Meeting

January 22, 2026 6:00pm via Zoom

February 22, 2026 11:15 In Person/Potluck

March 26, 2026 6:00pm via Zoom

April 23, 2026 6:00pm via Zoom

May 31, 2026 11:15 In Person/Potluck (date changed from May 24th)

Note: this is a combined Council and Finance Meeting to review and finalize the 2026-27 budget

June 14, 2026 11:15 In Person/potluck ANNUAL MEETING