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Davidson College Presbyterian Church



We are the body of Christ
worshipping, learning, serving
loving, giving
seeking to realize God's vision
for the world.



Christmas Eve Online Worship Serves

This year DCPC will have four online worship experiences. There will be a 30 minute Family Service designed for families with young children. There will be an informal, 9:45-style service. We will have a traditional service with lessons, candles and carols. And we will once again have a contemplative, communion service to conclude the night. All of these services will be online; premiere times will be published closer to the date.



2020 Angel

This year's Angel Tree, like everything else...is a little different.

We have selected the following (3) Agencies to support this season:

Safe Alliance— provides hope and healing to those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault for Mecklenburg County survivors. (Donation: \$25 dollar gift cards to Walmart and/or Target due Friday, Dec. 4)

Dove's Nest— Charlotte Rescue Mission's cost-free women's recovery program welcomes mothers with their children and focuses on spiritual, physical, social and psychological recovery, to help women understand and deal with the core issues of their alcohol and/or drug addiction.

(Donation: New Single Pairs of Socks and/or Gloves - SINGLE QUANTITIES, NOT MULTIPLE PAIRS IN A PACK due Wednesday, Dec. 16)

Neighborhood Care Center—guides its neighbors towards immediate and long-term solutions through relational and faith-based programs in a hope-filled environment. They strive to empower people to have a stable future. Their volunteer program teams provide a listening ear and encouragement as they help individuals identify choices and determine next steps.

(Donation: \$50- \$75 of items specific to particular child. After signing up, you will receive child's gender, age, and possible Wish List due Wednesday, Dec. 16 —we also need SHOPPERS for this endeavor using money from DCPC. If you sign up to shop, Robert Alexander will contact you.)

Please sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/dcpcangeltree2020>

Donations may be dropped off at the DCPC Office. **Please note the (2) separate due dates.**

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Malushizky at smalushizky@dcpc.org or 704-892-5641.

THANK YOU in advance for your generous spirit this Advent Season!

Drop -Off Location: DCPC Office (100 N. Main St. — Davidson, NC)



The Road to Bethlehem

Advent Window Display

December 1-12

illuminated 5:00-7:00 pm

From the front porch of the **DCPC Congregation House**, come take a look into the eventful Christmas journey.

In the windows, you'll see a miniature village scene of this sacred city, highlighted by scripture and historic notes of life during this faithful trip that changed the World.



On the Congregation House porch — during the Town of Davidson's 12 Days of Christmas and Sundays Dec. 13 & 20

INHALE
Exhale

ADVENT NAMASTE

Free Yoga via Zoom with Pastor Claire George-Drumheller.

Join us 12-1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22. Claire will incorporate meditation and breath prayer into our practice during this workshop. Sign-Up in Realm or by calling the church office at 704.892.5641. Zoom link available at sign-up. All ages and levels are welcome.

<https://onrealm.org/dcpc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MTljMzExZGYtYWMzZi00MDVmLTlkZDUtYWU3ODAxMjIzMTlh>



COME HIKING WITH US

Sunday, December 6th at 2pm

West Branch Nature Preserve
Davidson, NC

Led by Jane Cain, Alice Sudduth, Stephanie Malushizky
All ages welcome—dogs too!

Meet in the parking lot at 18232 Shearer Rd., Davidson, NC, shortly before 2:00pm. Sign up in Realm or by calling the office at 704.892.5641

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Canva



Do you need cards for the upcoming Holiday Season... PW has them!

DCPC's PW Circles have provided support of over \$1200 annually to the Healthy Women Healthy Families Mission for many years by offering greeting cards for donations to this poverty initiative. HWHF provides maternal and child healthcare including mosquito nets, vaccinations for children, prenatal and essential obstetric services, fistula repair for women, nutrition programs, and trauma healing in developing countries around the world. In the past, PW has sold cards to support this ministry and we now have beautiful new artwork created by our own Betsey Hazelton, just in time for the Holiday Season.

*Cards are 3.5" x 5.5", blank inside, include an envelope, and a description of the fundraising effort on the back.

*We are offering these cards in bundles of 3 for a \$10 donation, or 5 for a \$15 donation, and can take orders immediately. Email Charlotte Griffith at chargriff62@gmail.com your name, number of cards desired.

HOLIDAY VARIETY ZOOM-STRAVAGANZA

VIA ZOOM & YOU TUBE
FRIDAY, DEC. 11; 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

We are looking for
contributions of all kinds:
music, poetry, dramatic
readings, personal stories...

Contact
Stephanie Malushizky by
Dec. 7 to signup to perform.



Christmas Trivia Night via Zoom
Thursday, December 17th at 7:00p.m.
All ages welcome.

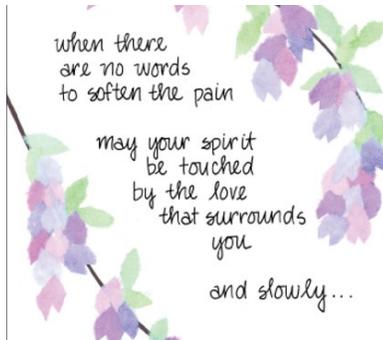
Rounds include:

1. Christmas Traditions
2. Christmas Movies
3. Christmas Carols

Presented by the DCPC Fellowship Committee, led by our resident gamer -- Matt Wiggins
Sign-up via Realm or by calling the office at 704.892.5641.
<https://onrealm.org/dcpc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OTExNjlhNGQtYzFkMi00YmVmLTg4ZjctYW30DAxMmE3YmRh>



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA



New Healing Support Group

The Congregational Care Committee recently formed the Healing Support Group to help those grieving the loss of a loved one, including family members and friends. This group offers support, friendship, and fellowship through Zoom meetings and through individual contact as needed. If you or someone you know would benefit from bereavement support, please contact Marjorie Burris at burrisme@bellsouth.net.



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Holiday Traditions

As with everything in 2020, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be different this year. Keeping everyone healthy is the most important thing, so some traditions may need to change for this season. These two articles may help you process those changes for yourself and your family.

[Mourning Holiday Traditions](#)

[Family Holidays During the Pandemic](#)

In the coming months, we will highlight some of the mental health resources curated by PCUSA Mission Agency's Mental Health Ministry. Please explore these resources to find what may be helpful to you and your family.

[PCUSA Mental Health Resources](#)



Stephen Ministry

The coming holiday season can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. This may especially true for you this year as we struggle with issues of health and our community. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with Rosemary Raynal, Stephen Leader (678-429-8480) or one of our DCPC pastors.



Advent 2020: The Road to Bethlehem Advent Worship Schedule

Nov. 29

1st Sunday of Advent

Peter Henry preaching on Isaiah 40: 1-5, Mark 13: 24-37

Dec. 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

Peter Henry preaching on Mark 1: 1-8, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Communion

Dec. 13

3rd Sunday of Advent

Peter Henry preaching on Luke 1: 39-45, Isaiah 64: 1-4, 8-11

Dec. 20

4th Sunday of Advent

Peter Henry preaching on Luke 1: 26-38, Romans 16: 25-27

5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Worship Service
(see details on the right)

Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Peter Henry preaching on Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20), Isaiah 9: 2-7

Dec. 27

1st Sunday of Christmas

Larry Lyon preaching on Galatians 4: 4-7



A special “Blue Christmas” worship service will be offered through Zoom on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m.

The online service will include spiritual, peaceful and reflective musical offerings, as well as comforting words of Scripture for those experiencing a sense of loss during the Advent and Christmas seasons. It also will include prayers, liturgy and a brief reflection. Participants will have the opportunity to meet in a “breakout room” individually with a pastor and have the opportunity for prayer if they so desire.

DCPC has offered a similar “Advent healing and wholeness worship service” in years past in Lingle Chapel. This “Blue Christmas” service will be offered online only, and certainly will be mindful of the pandemic and all the challenges and setbacks it has brought to so many during 2020.

Our wonderful Stephen Ministers will assist in leading some of the liturgy this year.

Sunday Adult Faith Formation

What’s Happening with Sunday School this Winter...

Connections—For parents of children 5th grade and under. This group is being nurtured currently by Penny Lambert and John Ryan and has both in person and virtual activities.

Covenant – We are all feeling the great loss of Tony Abbott. A team consisting of Ann Brindisi, Van Crawford, Glennette Papovich, Charlie Raynal and John Ryan is working on finding the next generation of leadership for the Covenant Class. We will welcome back Doug Ottati in December who will be teaching for three weeks then in January Charlie Raynal will start a four week session on “Freedom in Christ: The Letter of Paul to the Galatians.”

Jubilee – a class with its focus on social justice issues, you’ll have a lively discussion if you choose to participate. This winter they will be reading and discussing Ibram X. Kendi’s book “How to be an Antiracist.” Dr. Kendi was the 2020 Reynolds Lecturer at Davidson College.

Maloney/Pines Class – using the Uniform Lesson Series, receives via weekly email a 25-30-minute video lesson that is not only informative and always entertains. If you need a short biblical pick me up, you should try watching these videos! Email John Ryan jryan@dcpc.org to be put on the list to receive these video lessons.

Music Ministry

Have you wondered what goes into making music at DCPC during the pandemic? In addition to volunteer soloists, for each 9:45 service, from planning to audio editing, practice, recording, and video editing, about 18 person-hours go into each week's music videos.

For each 11:00 service, in addition to weekly volunteers' practice and rehearsal, when there is a virtual choir video, from planning to choir practice, recording, audio and video editing, approximately 50 person-hours go into the making of one anthem.

To each of our volunteers who have contributed this vast sum of time, I can only say thank you.



The Primary and Junior Choirs are working on a virtual choir video that will be used at the Family Christmas Eve service. The song being sung is being taught through the weekly children's choir videos via their Google Classrooms. If you would like to have your child participate, let me know [asap!].

Organ at Davidson is continuing even through pandemic. Each month we reevaluate if in-person attendance will be allowed. Search "Organ at Davidson" on Facebook, give us a "like" and you will be updated on each development, including being notified when the next recital is starting. I will be giving our next recital is on January 18th.



As we move into the new year, we are always looking for more volunteers to lead music. Whether it is with a musical instrument, leading Sunday morning hymns, or participating in a virtual choir, you are welcome anytime. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

-David Brinson, DBrinson@dcpc.org

What is new the Sanctuary (besides camera equipment)

A few years ago, I was cleaning out the Mechanical Room (also called "The Dungeon" by the staff) and I came across this old podium top. Rumor has it that one of our former pastors had it removed from the Chapel because it kept sliding when they would lean on it. I don't know if that is true or not, but somehow several decades ago, someone put this podium top in The Dungeon! I hate to see old, formerly beautiful things sitting around without a purpose! I decided that we needed to build a base for the podium so it could be useful again. I enlisted my father, Bill Wilson, who is a master woodworker and he came up with the podium design. We finalized our podium plan when we visited my parents in February and then COVID hit! Finally, in October, Brad and I were able to work with my dad in his awesome workshop to build the podium base. We painted it and it really came to life! Not only did the old podium top have purpose again, but we got to spend priceless time working together on this project! Our hope is that the new podium will be used for years to come!

-Trish Jones

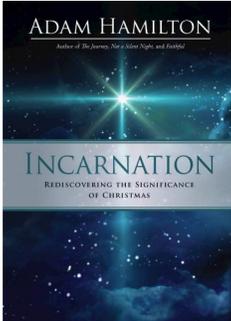




While all adult ministries Sunday classes and weekday groups will remain meeting virtually this winter, we have a robust plan in place for all our groups. Please consider joining one of the adult ministry groups as all these groups are open to all church members!

Did you know:

- The **Maloney/Pines Classes** receives prerecorded video lessons each week from a rotating list of scholars including Heather McKee, John Kuykendall, Richie King, Van Lear Logan, and Larry Cain? You too can sign up to get their 30-minute weekly lesson by emailing jryan@dcpc.org or you can find them on the church YouTube channel.
- We will continue our discussion on **Racism in America** by asking our midweek groups to engage in a book study on the topic in the coming year. We also will have quarterly church-wide studies on the topic this winter and spring.
- During Advent, we will study the **Incarnation**, a new study by popular writer and United Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton. It's not too late to join in either the Tuesday or Saturday study group!



Shalom

Shalom, meets Monday mornings @ 9:30 am via Zoom and uses a variety of material for fellowship and reflection.

Preacher's Workshop

Preacher's Workshop - Join our DCPC pastors on Monday's at 11 am to study the upcoming preaching texts for that Sunday. Contact phenry@dcpc.org to get the weekly Zoom link.

Young Adults

Young Adults - Our Young Adults gather weekly on Zoom for fellowship and study. Currently we are also having a monthly socially distant gathering too. Contact John Ryan (jryan@dcpc.org) or Robert Alexander (ralexander@dcpc.org) to find out ways to engage.



Brindisi Bible Study

Brindisi Bible Study - meets weekly for thoughtful and lively discussion around a book of the Bible. Stay tune for what they will be studying this winter! They meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am. A workbook is needed to participate. Contact John Ryan jryan@dcpc.org for a copy of the workbook.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Amos & Hosea: Boundaries, Tough Love, Amazing Grace . Written by our own George Ramsay, this study challenges study groups to join the prophets in being boundary-crossers; to cross the boundary between religion and politics, or that boundary between "us" and "them." Amos' and Hosea's message is surely relevant for a society such as ours, divided on issues of theology, politics, economics, government, and morality. We need to hear about God's tough love and amazing grace which are extended by the Lord to a people who have often broken the divine heart. This 8-week study starts in January and will be via Zoom at 10 am for 1.5 hours. Haven't participated in bible study before? This is a perfect time to give it a try! Workbooks will be available for \$20 by contacting John Ryan. For more information or to sign up, please contact John Ryan, jryan@dcpc.org.

Friday A.M. Men's Group

Friday Men's Group—meets Friday mornings at 7:30 a.m. for fellowship and reflection. Stay tune for their winter reading selection! The major aims of this group are fellowship, mutual support, and sharing in each other's faith journey through study and discussion of member-selected books on faith and faithful living. Contact Dave Wehrung at davidwehrung@gmail.com if you would like to be on the weekly email list.

Short Story Theology

Short Story Theology with Shawn and Peter Henry returned on September 8. This one hour conversation about life and theology, based in a monthly story, is from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights via Zoom. Contact Rhonda Boggs or Julie Nardella to get the Zoom link. You do not have to be a theologian or English professor to be a part of this group. Join us for one discussion or all of the discussions. We'll take you when you are able to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of every month.,



The Jane Cain Build continues... with a few delays.

The Jane Cain Build is continues thanks to your generosity, some skilled labor and a few active volunteers. The project at 12305 Comanche in Huntersville has been delayed slightly due to some delays in the delivery of some construction materials. We hope the project will be complete by the end of January and will announce a dedication date at that time. Keep your eyes open for that. Jane Cain was actually able to help out on the most recent work day during our Day of Service. It was great to see her on the work sight!



Give to Help Survivors of Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Central America

Our partners in Nicaragua and many of their neighbors in surrounding communities and countries have been devastated by the rain and wind from Hurricanes Eta and Iota. Funds are being raised through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with relief efforts. Funds are also being raised for direct assistance with our partners in Kilambe, Nicaragua. We have been in touch with our partners and have learned that many lost possessions and part or all of their homes. In one community 25 homes were completely destroyed. Here are a few pictures of the devastation. (pics) We invite you to give to this Hurricane Relief by making a donation to DCPC with "PDA" or "Kilambe" in the memo line depending on how you would like to direct your funds. If you would like to learn more about the coordinated response and give directly to the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-iota/>. Thank you.



Room in the Inn



This year – Roof Above – the organization that runs Room in the Inn, is organizing a bit differently. Homeless guests will be housed in a 130 bed winter overflow facility. There are opportunities for DCPC to assist with bag lunches and desserts as well as donations of clothing, blankets, toiletries, etc. Since DCPC is already collecting many of those items here for needs in the area, we will not have a coordinated DCPC effort but want to invite you to visit the Roof Above Signup Genius if you would like to help them directly.

We encourage individuals and families, small groups, Sunday school classes, neighborhood groups, etc, to sign up to help any way that you can throughout the winter season. Together we can make a difference. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org.

Here are the signups:

Lunch Bag and Cookie Donations: Please sign up via the link below for the volunteer opportunity that you are interested in. Additional supporting documents with the guidelines and directions within the link.

- Winter Shelter Bag Lunches: <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43070DA07A1CBEEC24-winter>
- Winter Shelter Cookies: <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43070DA07A1CBEEC24-winter1>

In-kind donations needs: Feel free to conveniently donate through our Amazon wish list below.

- Donate items from our [Amazon Wish List](#) to help us provide safe winter shelter for our neighbors!
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TGAR7H8GVVFF?ref=wl_share

If you are physically dropping off these items at our 945 N. College St campus, feel free to do so during the hours of 9am – 12:30pm.

NEW towels and washcloths

NEW men's hats and gloves

NEW men's boxer-briefs (M, L, XL, XXL)

NEW men's socks

NEW blankets and pillows (from Amazon wish list)

Masks (washable or disposable – homemade masks welcome)

Travel-size toiletries separated by like-items (**please, no individual bags**).

Shampoos, Shower gels, Toothpastes, Toothbrushes, Razors, Small cans of shaving cream, Hand sanitizer



Alternative Gifts Support Affordable Housing

The Pandemic has reminded us of the great need for affordable housing in our communities. This year our Alternative Gift Market Brochure will focus on the ministries with whom we partner that are focused on providing more affordable housing to our neighbors in need. Partners like: Davidson Housing Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, Hope House, Charlotte Family Housing, Roof Above, Safe Alliance.

These ministry partners either offer affordable housing to people in crisis, help them work towards a sustainable housing solution, or give them the skills and support they need to weather a storm until life can “get back to normal.”

A digital Alternative Gift Market brochure will be available soon. Give a gift this season that will not only bring joy to your loved one, but that will help bless someone on their way to their own home. Please contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ROOF ABOVE Bag Lunches Continue

We will continue to provide the 70 bag lunches to residents of Roof Above two times every month. If you would like to volunteer to make 10 of the 70 lunches for any of these dates please contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org. If you would like to make a full 70 lunches please contact Robert and he will give you the Signup Genius so you can pick your own date for that. Thank you for your generosity.

Available dates:

- December 7, 21
- January 4
- February 1, 15
- March 1, 15
- April 5, 19

Food, Coats, and Hygiene Items

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for Feed NC, Winter Coats for the Charlotte Rescue Mission, and Hygiene Items for Ada Jenkins. The collection bins for these items can be found on the porch of the Congregation House. Thank you for giving.





WELCOME New Members from our September 2020 Class

Marnite B. Calder

Marnite lives in Davidson, NC. She was born in Concord, NC, but lived her adult life in San Francisco, CA, Greensboro, NC, and Atlanta, GA. She is a retired executive director of a grant marketing foundation in Atlanta.

Marnite is an active volunteer at the Shepherd Center, Atlanta Rotary, and Ivy Garden Club. She trained her Havanese to be a licensed therapy dog and visits libraries, schools, and hospitals. She moved to Davidson after 30 years in Atlanta and will make her new home at The Pines.



Elisabeth Dula

Lisa lives in Davidson with her two children, Anna and James, who were both born in Kazakhstan. Lisa grew up in Burlington, NC. She is a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate and has an MBA from Wake Forest. She is currently a real estate agent and consultant in the Lake Norman area. As a family, the Dulas love to do anything outdoors, especially hiking, biking, and travelling. All are involved with Scout Troup 58 here in Davidson. They also enjoy community service and look forward to getting involved at DCPC.

Shawn Samuelson Henry, Haven Ingrid Henry, and Atticus McEachron Henry

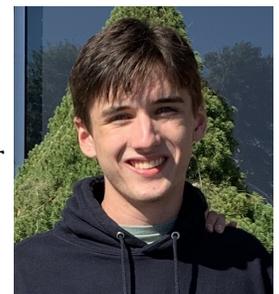
Shawn, Haven, and Atticus live in Davidson with their husband and father Peter, who is our Pastor—Head of Staff, and their son and brother, Whittier. They moved here from Grosse Pointe, MI, in August of 2019.

Shawn is originally from New England and is a former teacher and librarian with a master’s degree in education. Shawn and Peter were married in Charlotte, so she notes that elements of moving here feel like coming home. The Henry family loves the outdoors, and they are enjoying being closer to mountains, beaches, and open spaces.



Haven is a Senior at the Community School of Davidson. Her favorite class is AP Chemistry, but she wants to major in marine biology in college. She participated on the track and field team in her last two high schools and hopes to run track at CSD this year as well. She also enjoys horseback riding and snowboarding.

Atticus is a Senior at Hough High School and has been living in Davidson for about six months after returning from an exchange program in Germany. He works part time at Pizza Hut and has been a tremendous technical help to DCPC during this pandemic. He is looking forward to becoming more involved at DCPC.



Van Kilpatrick Herring



Van lives in Mooresville where he is from originally. His mom, Jill, sings in our Chancel Choir. His sister, Nell, was an intern at DCPC this summer. Van graduated from Mooresville High School where he was involved in several sports and clubs such as swim team, band, and theatre. He graduated from Furman University in Spring of 2020 where he studied Religion and Communication. At Furman, he was involved with Ultimate Frisbee, Alpha Phi Omega, Pauper Players, Interfaith Youth Council, and UKirk. Currently, he is a first-year student at Columbia Theological Seminary. He enjoys playing the guitar and ukulele, and he loves the outdoors, especially hiking with friends.

New Members (continued)

Robbin Ann Isaac and Marnie Jude Howiler



Robbie is a former member of DCPC and is happy to be returning! She and Marnie currently live in Cornelius but have been in the Davidson/Cornelius area for 14 years. Robbie is a graduate of NC State University with a BS in mechanical engineering and has over 25 years of experience designing power plants. She enjoys running, tennis, reading, hanging out with Marnie, and pre-Covid was playing on our DCPC Holey Infield softball team after a 16-year break from softball. She is also active with the Jeff Gordan Children's Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Marnie is a 16-year-old high school Junior. She enjoys singing and hanging out with friends. She is the stage manager for her high school theater productions and would like to be an interior designer one day. Lately, you can find her hanging out with her new puppy, Reese.



Williams Kent Jones and Kelly Harvey-Jones



Kent and Kelly live in Davidson with their two children, Riley and Hayden. Hayden was recently baptized at DCPC and joined us in our most recent Confirmation class. Kent was born in Greenville, SC, and is a both a Wofford College and Clemson University graduate. He is currently the Chief Procurement Officer at Serta Simmons Bedding. Kent enjoys biking, hiking, tennis, and spending time with his family.

Kelly was born in Norcross, GA and graduated from both Wofford College and The Ohio State University. She is a licensed Clinical Counselor. Kelly enjoys biking, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

DCPC Welcomes YOU too!

If you or anyone you know would like to become a member of DCPC, we are having a Membership Class via Zoom on Sunday, November 22nd from 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Please contact the church office at 704.892.5641 or Stephanie Malushizky at smalushizky@dcpc.org ASAP if you would like to be a part of our next class!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Day of Service 2020 was a success.

Free education materials called “Faith @ Home” (pick up with Santa) are available each month for members and friends of DCPC. These materials are ready-to-use (no prep!) and provide spiritual comfort, opportunity for learning, and fun. Faith for life... starts at home, and we want you to have quality materials on hand throughout this pandemic. If you don't yet have your Faith @ Home reusable bag, contact Jenny Alexander. Our Advent (Dec) materials include a BOOK on advent and Christmas traditions- don't miss it!

No registration required for Santa. We hope to see you there! Children will stay in the car. Santa will wave and pose for a picture next to the window.



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

A Holiday Drive-Through to see Santa Claus Himself & Mother Mary. Take a Photo and get December Faith at Home Packet.



NOVEMBER 29, 2020
FROM 2:30-4:00
DCPC DRIVE-THROUGH DAVIDSON COLLEGE BAKER PARKING LOT



DCPC Play & Pray



Calling all children
Preschool-5th Grade.

Come join us on the DCPC playground with your face mask for a great opportunity to play and pray!

We miss you and would love to see you!

Tuesday 11/24 11:00-11:30
Tuesday 12/1, 12/8 & 12/15

Please email Hunter Busse and Kristin Clark to let us know you are coming.
Hbusse@dcpc.org





CHILDREN'S GREEN GROUP

WINTER HIKE NATURE BINGO!

Sunday Dec 6 at 2 p.m.
Davidson College Cross County Trails

4th & 5th Grade families learn more and register [here](#) for the Winter hike



Register [here](#) for Upcycle Event



Our theme for this fall has been Safely Connected and that has meant both changes and opportunities for us. We went from meeting for dinner with middle and high school gathering at the same time and indoors to no dinner, meeting outdoors, and at separate times. Thankfully, we've had a beautiful fall and great opportunities to break out comfy sweatshirts and bonfires. Through it all one thing has been very clear: right now we have a deeper need for connection with peers and leaders and God. We've been making those connections possible through games, discussions on big topics, and prayer and it's been gratifying to see how our youth and leaders have responded to the challenges that 2020 has brought all of us.

Our fall focus on justice and what God requires of us (as the prophet reminds us in Micah 6:6-8) will wrap up in December and from there we'll make the transition to our live nativity program. On Saturday December 19th between 2 and 3 pm DCPC members and friends will have the opportunity to walk or drive by a unique retelling of the nativity story on the front lawn of the Congregation House. We will also have an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the magi in bringing gifts that will be given to Ada Jenkins to help meet the needs of the hungry this holiday season. If there is bad weather on the 19th, the live nativity will be moved to Sunday December 20th.



After a little break for Christmas, we'll be back right after New Years to start the winter together! During the month of January we'll be having an important conversation on suicide before we split off into several different tracks. 6th, 7th, 9th, & 10th graders will start a series exploring how we make sense of the very complicated book at the center of our faith, the Bible. Meanwhile, 8th graders will continue in Confirmation and 11th and 12th graders will start *Sticky Faith*, a series to get everyone thinking about life and faith after high school.

Thanks to all the youth, leaders, and parents who made Fall 2020 such a strong start to the year and we look forward to what God has in store for us in 2021!

Children's Ministry Master Calendar:

- Nov 24 Play & Pray and Faith @ Home resource pick up
- Nov 29 Santa & Mary Faith @ Home resource drive-thru
- Dec 1 Play & Pray
- Dec 6 Winter Hike Nature Bingo
- Dec 8 Play & Pray
- Dec 13 Upcycle Christmas Crafts Event for all ages!
- Dec 15 Play & Pray
- Dec 24 Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Service 4 pm YouTube



January 18
 Martin Luther King Jr. Mission Day
 is ON.
 A 4th & 5th grade family event.
 Mark your calendar and look for more
 information coming soon!



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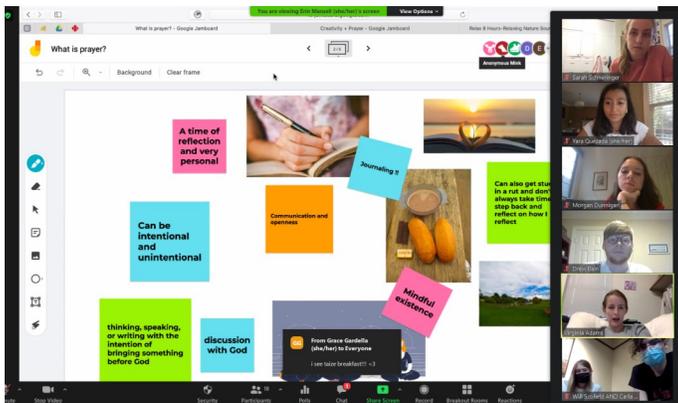
Fall 2020 Wrap-Up

The fall semester has come to a close for Campus Ministry at Davidson College. We spent 36 hours on Zoom for Bible study, UKirk (affectionately called "ZoomKirk"), and leadership team meetings, all the while giving thanks that we were united not just by technology, but by the Holy Spirit. We gathered in person for a socially distant "Finding Fellowship" photo scavenger hunt, where students had to find locations on campus and act out different scenes. Small prayer groups met throughout the semester in groups of 3, allowing them to share meals and to meet in-person. It was maybe an unusual semester for campus ministry, but our mission remained steady: providing the opportunity for students to learn about God and explore faith in (virtual) community.



Student Center

The Student Center is getting a make-over! When students return in January, they will be welcomed with new furniture and a fresh coat of paint. A big thanks to Rachel Lewis who helped re-design the space and to Sid Wishon, Joe Papovich, Dave Swartz, Beth Succop, and other campus ministry committee members who helped paint and assemble furniture.





To all:

I wish to thank the Sages group, the Congregational Care Committee, our Stephen Ministers and our new Mental Health Matters team for their many, many efforts during 2020 to keep our parishioners feel connected in the midst of shutdowns and global pandemics.

As the staff liaison to these various groups, I stand amazed at all the many behind the scenes efforts they make to provide loving care to our DCPC people. I assure you there are many “heroes” working to keep these ministries alive and vibrant during difficult times.

With the recent good news of the development of vaccines that may indeed work, I am quite hopeful 2021 will bring better days in which we are able to see each other with more frequency. I certainly hope so. I personally miss seeing people.

If you know of pressing pastoral care needs of our senior citizens, please reach out to me at llyon@dcpc.org or at my cell, 910-986-0198. Please make every effort to stay safe and well during the holidays and chillier weather.

Peace be with each of you,

Larry Lyon
Staff Associate for Senior Adult Ministries



Support the Christmas Joy Offering



While it’s true that God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership for every time and place, it is also the case that those leaders often need their communities to lead as well with a show of their support. The Christmas Joy Offering does just that in several critical areas of need, namely supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. During these uncertain times of pandemic and economic hardship, the work of our leaders — and the support you provide them through the Christmas Joy Offering — is more important than ever! You may give to the Christmas Joy Offering during December by giving to DCPC with “JOY Offering” in the memo line. DCPC will get credit for your gift that way. You may also text JOY to 56512 to learn more or to donate directly to the PC(USA). Visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/> to learn more.



Davidson College Presbyterian Church is a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are an Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. Our congregation celebrates partnerships in Christ with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya; and the Kilambe communities in Jinotega, Nicaragua; and Blythe Elementary School in Huntersville, NC. Our sanctuary stands on lands once occupied by the indigenous communities of the Catawba people and our first worship space was built with bricks made by enslaved people. We remember them to God as we honor and recognize them in worship. Together we seek to grow in witnessing to Christ in a complex world and to learn more about how to respond as disciples to the great needs of the world.

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Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m. Prerecorded on YouTube
11:00 a.m. LIVE from Sanctuary on
Facebook, YouTube and WDAV

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Covenant—Zoom
Jubilee—Zoom
Maloney—Zoom
Pines— Zoom

Please e-mail jryan@dcpc.org for additional information and zoom links.

Hospitalization

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Church Office to notify one of the Pastors.

Baptisms & Weddings

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Wedding, and other events is available to active members. Please contact the Church Office.

2020 Year-End Donations

If you plan to make a stock donation or an RMD from your IRA, please let Trish Jones know where this gift is coming from and how you would like it disbursed. You can email her at pjones@dcpc.org. If you would like your donation to count as a 2020 donation, please make sure you get it to DCPC in one of the following ways:

- 1) Mail it and have it postmarked by 12/31/2020
- 2) Donate online by midnight on 12/31/2020
- 3) Bring your donation to DCPC on 12/31/2020 between the hours of 9AM-NOON**

Please note office hours have changed due to COVID-19!

Thank you for continuing to support DCPC and its missions!