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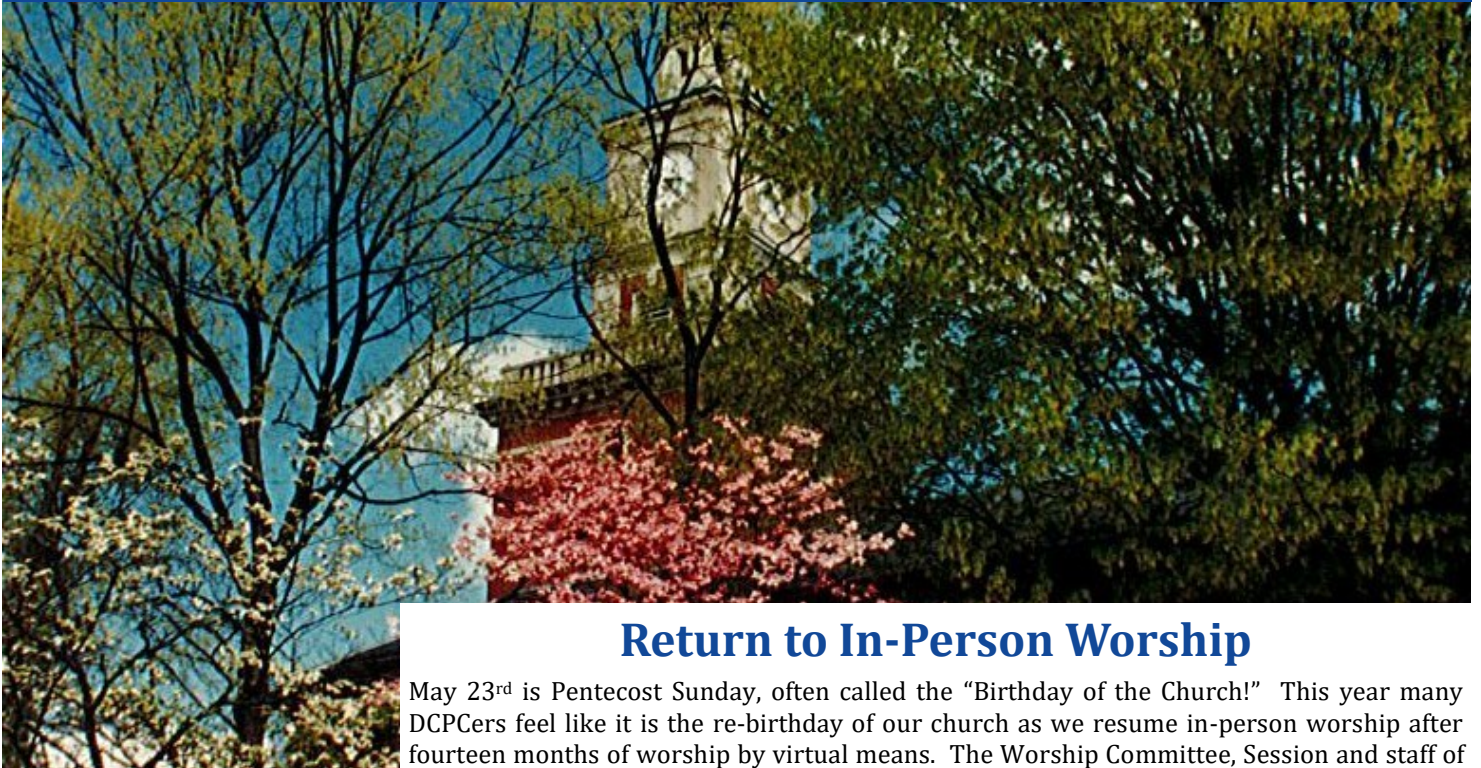
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Return to In-Person Worship

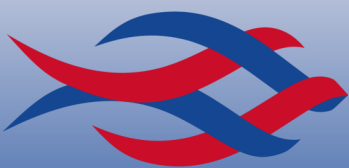
May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday, often called the “Birthday of the Church!” This year many DCPCers feel like it is the re-birthday of our church as we resume in-person worship after fourteen months of worship by virtual means. The Worship Committee, Session and staff of DCPC are preparing for that day with great joy and gratitude.

We are also approaching that day with lots of careful consideration for continued safety as the pandemic wanes but is not fully gone. While we will be publicizing more about our protocols in emails leading up to May 23rd, here are a few basics to keep in mind. First, that we will continue to require masks for indoor gatherings at DCPC and in outdoor settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain. Two, singing will be by vaccinated worship leaders for the first few months. We know you like to sing, but safety dictates minimizing unison singing in large groups for now. Third, we won’t be passing items in worship like offering plates, communion trays, etc. Finally, worship will be 45 minutes in length to reduce the amount of time we are inside together.

In addition to those elements, we also want you to know that our 8:30 service will be in the chapel, our 9:45 service will be in the Congregation House and the 11:00 service will be outside in front of the sanctuary.

Keep in mind two final things: that all of our services will be live-streamed if you are not able to join us for worship or not yet comfortable in larger groups and things will change(!). This pandemic and our responses have taught us to be adaptable and agile; we will continue to be those and faithful as we resume in-person worship.

We can’t wait to see you on May 23rd. Wear red for Pentecost!



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



Pastor's Corner

"Welcome Back!" Those are the words that might come to my lips on May 23rd when we resume in-person worship.

But the truth is, so many of you never actually left. Yes, we have not been gathering in-person for worship for over fourteen months, but that does not mean we have not been gathering. Here is the truth: DCPC has been incredibly active and connected throughout this pandemic. Do you know that our videos on YouTube have over 17,000 viewing hours through the end of March? That doesn't count Facebook and don't even get me talking about Zoom.

"Welcome back into the building!" That is a more accurate expression for May 23rd when we see some of you (everything that is not covered by a mask, that is) at DCPC for the first time in a while. Notice that I am not going to say, "Welcome back to church." Church is a people, not a building. Church is people being Christ's hands and feet to one another and the world. And the truth is that the part of the Church called DCPC has never left. Throughout the pandemic you have been worshiping, learning, loving, serving, connecting and giving so faithfully. Neighbors have been fed, home-bound members have been kept connected, and children, youth, and their parents have been reminded regularly that they are not alone in the face of the world's

challenges. We have even added members during the pandemic!

Whatever the right expression on May 23rd, know this: it will be with great joy that the staff and leadership of DCPC greets you as we resume in-person worship at DCPC. Our love for you has deepened during the pandemic and our joy at resuming in-person activities could not be greater. As we all navigate the new normal, we can orient ourselves with the familiar saying, "Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Indeed, grace and peace and joy are ours, especially when we can meet in-person and embody the words of the psalmist, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live (meet) together in unity!"

From the Session

Members and friends who have been around DCPC for a little while know that our leadership has been talking about a variety of congregational and community needs for several years. Those needs range from sanctuary repairs and renovations, some of which have begun, to upgrading audio/video and technology in our building, to even building some space for our growing faith formation ministries. Meanwhile, we have had to wrestle with how to provide stable funding to our campus ministry staff position and we feel a deep desire to assist our community in responding to the affordable housing crisis and attendant financial needs in our community. This persistent and growing list of needs and desires has led our Session to engage a stewardship consultant firm to help us pull together the years' worth of work done by listening groups, task forces, committees and Session and prepare for a capital campaign. DCPC has not had one for over fifteen years. Thank you for your prayers as we do important background work, building upon the conversations and research our members have been doing the last few years.

STOP- And Smell the Flowers!

Join the DCPC Fellowship Committee for TWO Home Garden Tours!

Saturday, May 22nd

Margie Utley and Judy McLean are opening their backyards for a tour, some discussion about the plants and flowers they like to grow, and some fellowship!

Each garden will be open from 3:00pm - 4:30pm, and you may choose in which order you'd like to see each garden.

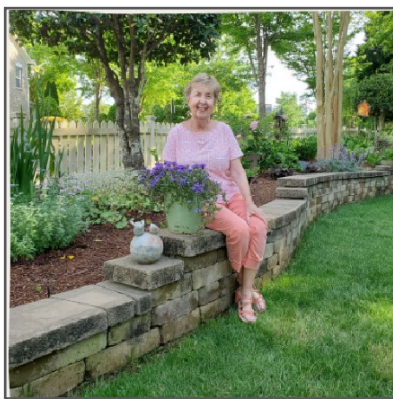
Margie's Home: 303 Conroy Ave. Davidson, NC

Judy's Home: 150 Clemens Pl. Davidson, NC

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Those are nice looking organ shoes. Said no one ever.

One of the benefits of the pandemic was the ability to put a camera right next to the organ to show everyone a unique view of what an organist does. One of the skills an organist has is to take the most un-musical part of the body and make it musical; by putting a camera on the pedals this is put on display. I heard from more than a handful asking the question if I needed new organ shoes. John Ryan commented in a staff group chat, "I think we might need to take a collection for new organ shoes for David."

An organist wears special shoes that have a smooth bottom to allow for moving up and down the keyboard quickly without any friction. The shoes also feature a 1 ½ inch heel to allow for the playing of thirds with one foot, without pressing the note between.

While at Appalachian, the local AGO chapter was giving a recital and I was standing in the hallway with Max Smith, who was the Professor Emeritus of Organ. I looked at his worn out, beat up shoes that had a hole where I could see his sock. I said, "Max, probably about time you replace your organ shoes don't you think?" He looked down and said, "What are you talking about... they're just getting broken in." I didn't get it at the time, but by graduation I did.

I *love* my organ shoes. I have two other pairs, one for the chapel organ and one for my home organ. But the pair that I call "my" organ shoes hold a special status, and I protect them with passion. Every worship service, wedding, funeral, or recital I have ever played has been in these shoes. They look beat up because I have worn the same shoes since 2003. They are broken-in perfectly. Occasionally I have to employ a cobbler to use shoe glue to reattach the sole as it slowly separates from over time. However, I am sure to explain to the cobbler... "please, do not polish them. Do not make them shiny or look brand new."

As I play my heels and arches are more often than not touching and rubbing against each other. Many years ago, I

made the onetime mistake of allowing the cobbler to polish them and they did look great. But the moment I started to play, my heels touched and slid into a new position and the shoes squeaked. For months until the polish rubbed off completely, every time I played my shoes squeaked adding additional notes to the piece I was playing. I vowed, "never again."

Prior to graduate school, I gave a recital at Sardis Presbyterian. As I walked out and began to play, my dad leaned over to my wife and said, "I think I'll buy David some new organ shoes for graduate school." Kelli's response was swift, "Oh please don't, he won't wear them. He is very particular about his organ shoes."

I take extreme care of my shoes. I have *never* worn them outside. If I needed to make a copy or something away from the organ, I use to keep my organ shoes on, but not anymore. After buying my additional pairs, I learned that the company I use changed the construction of the shoe in a way that I do not like. If I need to walk anywhere away from the organ, I change my shoes like Mr. Roger's.

To answer the question, my shoes are perfect just the way they are. God willing, I plan to keep using the same shoes until I retire. I going to put in my will that my shoes are to be disposed of with my body as I'm not sure even heaven will have a pair exactly like mine. -David Brinson



What Did You Watch?

One of the pandemic pastimes for many people was binge-watching new shows and re-watching favorite movies and TV shows of prior years. Matt Wiggins and Peter Henry are right there with you! Join them this summer as they convene a conversation about streaming content called, "What Did You Watch?" This roundtable wrap-up of pandemic-era streaming content will be in-person and monthly, starting in June. Look for more information on dates and times in the weekly email.

Music Ministry

8:30/11:00 Music

In person rehearsals resume! Summer usually entails a laid-back choir life through summer choirs; showing up on Sundays to learn an anthem and sing it 45 minutes later in worship. Instead of easing into summer choir, we are ramping up for choir that will more resemble "normal choir."

Most singers are out of vocal shape as our craft has been limited during the pandemic. Our rehearsals will be geared towards getting out vocal cords back in shape and learning easy music to offer in worship. The Geneva Choir will begin their rehearsals on May 16th at 5:00, and the Chancel Choir will resume on May 13th at 7:00. Rehearsals will be between 45 minutes and an hour long, which will help exercise our voices so that we can have longer rehearsals in the fall.

Our Presbyterian heritage recognizes that the congregation is of primary importance when it comes to the offering of music. Congregational singing brings the vitals of a congregation in sync. We breathe together, our hearts beat together, and our faith is taught. Singing stimulates our brain, fosters community, but most importantly is our way of corporately praising God, rehearsing for our role in the heavenly choir.

Pandemic taught us that we must adapt. As we return to in-person worship, the choir will be the mode by which the congregation sings. The congregation will remain masked, and is welcomed to listen to the choir, read the words, even hum along. We are moving cautiously and deliberately in our return to normal in order that we might show our love of neighbor.

Our bell choirs will also resume rehearsals together in late May, exact day TBD. The bell room is going to be moved from the cramped 'L' shaped room next to the elevator into the Upper Room, which will allow for more space as we all need a little more elbow room post-pandemic.

Looking to the fall, the hope is that life will be even more normalized, and we will be able to resume Wednesday children's activities including: Beginner Choir for PreK-K, Primary Choir for 1st-2nd graders, Junior Choir for 3rd-5th graders, and Youth Choir for 6th-12th grade.



Pastor Robert came outside with his magic guitar to sing with DCPC Preschool. The children shared that Pastor Robert sings to them about God and Love. Their favorite song is, "He's Got the World in His Hands"

9:45 Music

Do you remember that the decision was made that on Easter 2020, the 9:45 service was going to take place in the Congregation House as normal, and then stay in the Congregation House post-Easter? The reasons for this included the need for more space. We loved worshipping together in the chapel because it allowed us to hear everyone sing and forced us to get to know the shoulders of our neighbor. But regularly people were walking in and walking out because there was no space. Post-pandemic we know that worship in the Chapel at 9:45 would be problematic. On May 23, 9:45 will begin its weekly worship in the Congregation House.

Did you know that the 9:45 music team never gets a week off? While choirs get summers off, the nature of the 9:45 service requires that that group rehearse and lead worship year-round. Despite all our experience navigating church's out of pandemics, we are still coming up with the plans to have weekly rehearsal in the congregation house. We will have to learn new equipment, new procedures, and rotate the group to allow many to participate in worship. If you would like to participate in the music of the 9:45 service, please contact me and I will get you in the whatever rotation we come up with.

Like the other services, the role of the congregation in singing praise to God is of high importance, but we are adapting to new *temporary* situations. The Music Team will be the group offering music on behalf of the congregation to which the congregation will be welcomed to read the words and hum, leaving the singing to the Music Team for now.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

[The irony of that quote, considering my previous paragraph, is not lost on me.] - David Brinson





You are invited to a **GIFT** event.

Generations In Faith Together

Parents, children, Sages and singles are all welcome to participate in this new intergenerational program (remotely or in-person).

Tuesday July 20 & Wednesday July 21

5:30-8 p.m. outside the Congregation House

Family units will be placed with others to create a group ≤ 12 .

Enjoy live music, games, study, and meeting some neighbors!

Or

Sunday July 18, a drive-thru event

Pick up a packet to create your own event at home with friends/family.

Registration is required.

Registration & additional details coming soon. Save the date!



Sunday Adult Faith Formation

Maloney and The Pines Sunday School Classes – DCPC is excited to announce that both the Maloney Class and the Pines Class will resume meeting in person on June 6 at 9:45 a.m. The Maloney Class will meet in the church parlor and the Pines Class will be meeting in the Davidson Room on the Pine's campus.

2021 Summer ABC's - DIALOGUES ON: Race, Sexuality & the Refugee Crisis

Join DCPC members and friends for 7 weeks to engage in conversations around social justice topics, like refugees and sexuality, to explore what these topics mean individually and for our community. Weekly you will have a participant guide, we will discuss key learnings, then watch a video and share what we've heard and learned. This class will be held in Lingle Chapel and will also be available via Zoom and YouTube Live.

- June 20 – People without a place (Refugee Crisis)
- June 27 – Looking for home (Refugee Crisis)
- July 4 - Two Christianities: American Religion in Black and White (Sexuality)
- July 11 - A New Heaven and a New Earth: The Problem with Racial Reconciliation (Sexuality)
- July 18 - What Does It Mean to Be Transgender?: Moving Beyond Bathroom Bills and Into the Lives of Real People (Sexuality)
- July 25 - Are All Welcome?: Creating an Authentically Affirming Community (Sexuality)

August Church Wide Sunday School – Speaking of Our Faith, where DCPC members share their faith stories will be held the five Sundays of August in Lingle Chapel. This class will be also offered via YouTube Live. While we are still finalizing our roster of speakers, this is a popular class you will not want to miss.

Thank You – your Faith Formation staff cannot say a big enough thank you to our teachers, small group leaders and committee members for your creative and inventive ways you continued to step up to the plate, lead and teach at DCPC in the past year. While we are all looking to the fall when all classes will resume meeting in person, please know that Hunter, Jenny, John, Kristin, and Matt very much appreciate your commitment to the various Faith Formation activities. Again, thank you!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

March 2022

*Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus
Visit biblical sites that are
centered around the life of
Jesus Christ. We will explore
modern-day Israel and
Palestine. We will travel to
Jordan overnight to explore
Petra and other sites.*

For details about the Zoom informational meeting
and how to sign-up, contact jryan@dcpc.org
Spaces are limited; deposits due in the fall.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

DCPC and Awakening Ministries are planning a Spring 2022 trip to Israel. Zoom with John Ryan and Linda Zastovnik on Sunday, May 23 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to learn details for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus – this itinerary is one crafted by John & Linda and has been proven quite meaningful; biblical sites are centered around the life of Jesus Christ. We will explore modern day Israel and Palestine. We will travel to Jordan overnight to explore Petra and other sites. Interested? Spaces are limited. If you're interested in going on this trip, be prepared to sign up on May 23.



TESTIMONY

VOCABULARY OF FAITH

May 4th - June 8th 7 - 8pm via Zoom

Testimony: A Vocabulary of Faith

May 4th – June 8th

(Every Tuesday for 6-weeks) at 7pm via Zoom

Join Pastors Robert Alexander and Claire George-Drumheller for an Adult Education study!

This curriculum frees people to live their Reformed faith by remembering, reclaiming, and rearticulating what we believe about who God is and who we are so the patterns of our lives embody the liberating love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Do you want to:

- Wrestle with the language of faith and its relevance for today?
- Discern what it means to have an embodied faith?
- Consider ways of living that reflect your faith beyond the church doors?

Then gather a group of disciples and spend six weeks with this new adult curriculum for Presbyterian people of faith!

"Testimony" offers six stand-alone sessions exploring what we believe about God, the *Imago Dei*, covenant, grace, love, and Christian community. It invites participants to remember (or learn for the first time) the Reformed language of faith, reclaim it for our own particular time and context, and reinterpret it in daily living.

We hope you will join us!

RSVP on Realm: <https://onrealm.org/dcpc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZWU5MjgyNGUtNTJhOS00ZTAyLWE1YzAtYWQwYjAxNGNI0GY3>

Or by emailing Stephanie Malushizky (smalushizky@dcpc.org)



Stephen Ministry Recruitment

Stephen Ministry is hosting an information session via zoom on May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for those that are interested in learning about becoming a Stephen Minister. Training classes will begin in January 2022. For more details or to sign up, call Dave Wehrung at 704-996-4281. For more information on Stephen Ministry go to https://www.dcpc.org/ministry/#StephenSagesPres_pages



We are the Body of Christ...loving and serving!

Part of our DNA as the Body of Christ is loving and serving our neighbors. We do that through compassionate care and concern, by sharing the love of Christ through warm meals, groceries, backpacks of school supplies, new and refurbished homes, by advocating for our neighbors in need and standing up to combat the injustices in our community and world. We partner with many groups to help make all this possible – from our local food pantry, to international organizations that advocate

for human rights. As our community opens up more following this past year's devastating pandemic, we slowly move to more in-person mission opportunities. Until then, we encourage you to look for ways to work for God's Kingdom wherever you find yourself this summer. Speak out against injustice! Feed those who are hungry! Help provide adequate housing for those who need it! Care for our creation! Pray for our mission partners and for those in need. Thank you for being a part of our mission work at DCPC through your generous gifts, your prayers, and your time.

Community Mission News

Ongoing Collections at the Congregation House for FeedNC and Ada Jenkins

- The Community Missions Committee continues to collect canned goods (vegetables, broths, etc) and other non-perishable food and household items for FeedNC in Mooresville. You can always find an updated list of needs here - <https://www.feednc.org/immediate-needs>.

We are also collecting personal hygiene supplies for the Ada Jenkins center clients. Please do not donate hotel-sized items.

The Pink Bin Project – sponsored by DCPC member Emma Dulin – helps collect feminine hygiene items for women who are unable to afford them. There is a separate bin marked for those items.

Labelled bins are located on the porch of the Congregation House for your convenience. Drop items off and know that they will be delivered to the agencies listed. If you would like to be one of our delivery people you can reach out to Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org. Thank you.



Habitat for Humanity

The Jane Cain Build

Our church has been able to help complete the Jane Cane Build which is located in Huntington Green in Huntersville. We are still waiting for a date for the dedication of this home. We are grateful for all those who helped with this project and celebrate with Enedina Rivera Cholula and her four boys as they start their new life in their new home!

Upcoming Work Days

We have four upcoming work days in June to help with construction of new units in Mooresville.

The Mills Avenue Townhome project is located at [362 E Mills Ave. Mooresville, NC 28115](https://www.google.com/maps/place/362+E+Mills+Ave,+Mooresville,+NC+28115). The available work dates are:

- June 18th (Friday) – trim – 4 volunteers
- June 19th (Saturday) – trim – 4 volunteers
- June 25th (Friday) – paint – 6 volunteers

June 26th (Saturday) – paint – 6 volunteers

If you are interested in one or more of these dates please contact Alice Sudduth at alicesudduth@gmail.com ASAP so that we can schedule you for our work crew.

Office Volunteers Needed

Habitat Charlotte Region is opening its Cornelius office on Wednesdays and Thursdays to serve our families. Family Services staff is seeking a volunteer to greet families and guests. Shifts are Wednesdays or Thursdays 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. If interested contacted Rachel Eldridge at 704-716-7077 or reldridge@habitatcltregion.org.





Red Cross Blood Drive

We will host a Blood Drive on Monday, June 7th from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the DCPC Congregation House.

WE ARE EXCITED THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOU BY CONTINUING TO WEAR FACE MASKS AND FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES. WE WILL ALSO BE RETURNING TO THE CONGREGATION HOUSE WHICH PROVIDES US A BETTER ENVIRONMENT TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY.

BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY MISSIONS OUTREACH – THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE!

- Register donors as they check in for their donation
- Provide hospitality by serving food and visiting with donors following donation
- Assist the Red Cross Team with set-up and clean-up

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THROUGH YOUR BLOOD DONATION!

To sign up or for more information, please contact Linda Drimalla (989-600-7499, lmtrimalla@gmail.com). You may also schedule your own appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org. Look for the blue box that says Give Blood and enter the code DCPC then follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support of this vital life saving community mission!

ROOF ABOVE Bag Lunches

We continue to prepare bag lunches for our neighbors in need in partnership with Roof Above. We currently have openings May 31, June 7, and June 21. Contact ralexander@dcpc.org if you would like more information or would like to sign up for one of those dates. Participants usually prepare 10 bag lunches and drop those off at the Congregation House for delivery on the designated day. If you are not able to shop and/or prepare lunches but would like to make a financial contribution to this ministry let us know. Thank you.



Hope House Common Room Renovation

Our Community Mission Committee is working with Hope House in Huntersville to renovate a garage area into a common area/study area for the children living there. Work is beginning soon and we hope to provide pictures. This is being completed with budgeted funds and volunteer labor from our DCPC members. Pictures coming soon.

Global Mission News

Nicaragua Partnership Update

Our partners in Kilambe continue to recover from devastating hurricanes in November of 2020. Our support has been a huge encouragement to them. When members of our partner ministry CEPAD, visited there earlier this spring, they met with community members and helped them unpack some of the emotions that they were feeling from the traumatic event. This has helped lead to more healing for the community. In addition to this emotional healing there has been help with new building materials, seeds for planting, and water filters.



The building of the preschool that DCPC is helping to fund in the community of Los Milagros has started back. We hope that space will be available for children in a few months.



Our scholarship recipients have received new backpacks and school supplies for the school year (February – November).

A New Mural by Gerardo Arias

Many of you may remember the Global Mission Mural that hangs in our Congregation House and some of you may have met the artist, Gerardo Arias, who painted it in February 2014. Our Global Mission Committee, in partnership with Jubilee House in Managua, Nicaragua, has commissioned Gerardo to paint two more murals for Casa Ben Linder in Managua. Gerardo had already painted one mural there years ago and he was given the opportunity to finish two more sections of a wall at this guesthouse and community center. To learn more about the ministry of Casa Ben Linder click here: <https://www.casabenjaminlinder.org/about>



Kenya Partnership Update

Our Kenya partners have had another recent wave of the Covid-19 virus which has led to more shutdowns across the Nairobi area. The Sigona Presbyterian Academy has been impacted with school shutdowns, at least until the middle of May. We hope that the second trimester of the school year will begin soon. There are currently nearly 80 students enrolled, many of whom are from homes that are struggling financially. The support that DCPC provides is helping to sustain their operations. The road expansion has finally reached the school and the classroom/dining space of the school has been impacted. We are planning to help support them with new infrastructure projects when the time is right.

When are we going back to Nicaragua/Kenya??

Global Missions is working on possible dates for travel either later in 2021 or in 2022. We hope to publish possible dates in the near future. If you are interested in learning more about our mission partnerships or about upcoming mission trips contact Robert at ralexander@dcpc.org.

Did you miss our Global Mission Prayer Calendar?

Our current edition of our prayer calendar runs through August 2021. This resource highlights our many global mission partners and invites your involvement and prayer. For a virtual edition of the calendar visit our website here: <https://www.dcpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Global-Missions-Calendar-Printable-Version.pdf>

Social Justice News

We are a Matthew 25 Church! Committed to Dismantling Structural Racism and Eradicating Systemic Poverty.

The Social Justice Committee was happy to have a successful Social Justice Month in February where we highlighted the four primary areas of focus for the Social Justice Committee in 2021. They are Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, and Human Trafficking. You may find minutes for mission about these four areas in our February worship services which are available online at our YouTube page.



In the winter and spring we have continued to live into our calling to dismantle structural racism as a part of our Matthew 25 initiative. We continue to invite our members to find opportunities to learn about your own bias and prejudice as well as learning how we can reshape our life together so that all of our systems and structures operate in a way that promotes equality and fairness. Many of our study groups and Sunday school classes have used resources that have helped in this process. Keep up the good work.

Our Green Group promoted our Creation Care Week in April and continues to encourage us all to be good stewards of God's good creation. May we work to preserve the earth and all our resources for generations to come.

June 27 Event on Human Trafficking

In June the Social Justice Committee will host an event to educate and guide us in our work to end human trafficking. Join us for an in-person presentation and panel discussion from members of the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission. The event will be held in the Congregation House from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Look for more information for upcoming events hosted by the Social Justice Committee.





WELCOME New Members from our February 2021 Class

Rebecca Cushing

Rebecca lives in Cornelius and is the daughter of DCPC members, Tom and Lynn Cushing. She has a background in Accounting and currently works for Lowes Corporate in the Human Resources department. Rebecca has lived in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Washington DC, but feels happy and right at home in North Carolina. Her spare time includes participating in her favorite exercise, kickboxing, and spending time with Xavier, her Jack Russell/Pitbull mix.



David & Lisa Hilse

David and Lisa live in Davidson and have two adult sons, Eric and Benjamin. David was raised in Cape Elizabeth, ME, and attended the UCC Church where he was a member of the Youth Group throughout high school. He worked the bulk of his career for Ahold Delhaize, a Dutch grocery retail company (in ME and NC), and recently retired in March of 2020. To keep busy, he enjoys woodworking, fly fishing, golf, travel, and music.

Lisa was raised in Winchester, MA, and also attended the local UCC church. David and Lisa were married at the UCC church in South Portland, ME, and they were also previous members of Davidson United Methodist Church. Lisa helped start Davidson LifeLine almost 10 years ago and has been involved in Mental Health and Metal Wellness initiatives ever since. Lisa enjoys playing tennis, gardening, reading, and being in the mountains.

Barry & Aimee Slagle

Barry and Aimee live in Mooresville with their daughter, Clara, and they are expecting Baby Girl Slagle this summer! Barry was born and raised in Davidson and is deeply connected with the town and Davidson College Soccer from his late father, Charlie Slagle. Barry is a soccer coach who works with Charlotte Independence Club Soccer. Prior to moving back to NC, Barry coached at Appalachian State, Colorado School of Mines, Wofford College, Newberry College, and Hartwick College. Aimee and Barry are thrilled to be back in NC after a college coaching tour. Barry enjoys reading, board games, professional soccer (Liverpool), Ju Jitsu, and travelling with his family.

Aimee is originally from the Midwest – Nebraska and Missouri. She is a 6th grade teacher in the Mooresville Graded School District and has taught ELA for 10 years in grades 6-9. She enjoys reading, board games, cooking, baking, travelling, a good Pinterest project, but most of all adventures with her family.



Jeff & Sally Watson

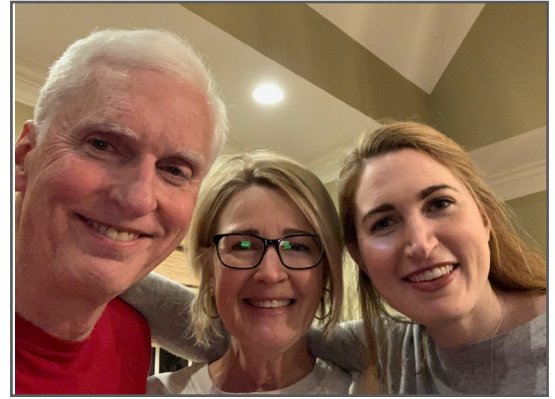
Jeff and Sally live in Davidson with their four sons: Cooper, Finn, Zimmer, and Wall. Jeff grew up in the Mountain Island Lake area and works with Long Creek Commercial Real Estate and Investing. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, coaching various sports teams with his boys, and traveling.

Sally was born and raised on the Bradford Farm outside of Davidson and attended the Old Davidson Elementary School. She loves being a mother to four boys and her involvement with all their activities. She even enjoys the housework that comes with it all. She also enjoys tennis, hiking, traveling, shopping, and decorating.

New Members (continued)

Tom Trahey & Arabella Malone-Trahey, and Erin Trahey

Tom, Arabella, and Erin live in Davidson, where they have lived since February of 2020. Arabella is a retired orthodontist who is originally from Birmingham, AL. Her mother, Mitzi Green Malone, was organist for over 30 years at First Presbyterian Church in Concord. Her dad, Dr. Hugh Malone, was in the Class of 1956 at Davidson College. Arabella's brother, John, was in the Davidson Class of 1985. Tom and Arabella met at Davidson where they were both pre-med, Tom played football, and Arabella was a cheerleader! After graduating from Davidson in 1983, she attended UNC Dental and Orthodontic Programs. She and Tom were married at First Presbyterian of Concord in 1984, and in Concord they raised their daughters, Erin and Tara. Arabella is an Ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church.



Tom is originally from Midlothian, IL. He was recruited to Davidson in 1976 to play football and has been in North Carolina ever since. He went to Wake Forest for medical school and trained in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at Duke. He recently retired after 31 years as a cardiologist where his last 10 years were as the Chief Clinical Officer for Novant Health. Arabella and Tom like to hike, all types of exercise, bird watching, and all things "Wildcat!"

Erin was born and raised in Concord, NC. After graduating from Davidson College in 2013, she went on to receive a Master's in History at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and a PhD in History at the University of Cambridge in England. She is a historian of early America and the Caribbean (18th Century), and she currently teaches at Yale University. In New Haven, she has enjoyed volunteering with New Haven Reads – an organization which helps children with reading difficulties to achieve their academic goals. Erin is engaged to Sean, a Scottish physicist, and they plan to get married within the next two years. She loves reading, hiking, running, cycling, and has been a lifetime equestrian. Davidson holds a special place in her heart, and she looks forward to worshipping here in person.

WELCOME New Members from our April 2021 Class



Matthew A. Bolhouse and Jessica E. Bolhouse

Matt and Jessica live in Cornelius with their daughter, Quinn, and their son, Sebastian. Matt is a pilot, and Jessica is a teacher assistant. Quinn and Sebastian are students at the Community School of Davidson and are already enjoying many of the children's programs at DCPC. As a family, the Bolhouses love outdoor activities, camping, and travelling.

Harold N. Bynum and Mary Jane Crowell Bynum

Harold and Mary Jane live at The Pines at Davidson. They are both originally from Lincolnton, NC, and they have two adult children and four grandchildren. Harold attended Davidson College on a football scholarship and graduated in the Class of 1961. He went on to get a Master's degree from NC State, spent two years in the U.S. Army, married Mary Jane, and then got a Law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. He practiced law in Greensboro, NC, for over 50 years. He is an ordained Elder and Deacon in the Presbyterian church and has served as chairman of many committees, as Trustee, and he taught Sunday School. Harold is now retired and enjoys golf!



Mary Jane graduated from Salem College in the Class of 1963. She is a retired schoolteacher and is an active community volunteer. She is also an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian church and has served as Clerk of Session. She taught elementary Sunday School for 19 years! Mary Jane enjoys reading, gardening, and people.

New Members (continued)

Andrew Joseph Ellis and Renee Jeannine Ellis

AJ and Renee live in Davidson with their three children: Ty, Georgia, and Lily. AJ is a stay-at-home dad who grew up in New Jersey. Renee is a corporate manager and was the proverbial Army brat who grew up in many different places. They both moved to Charlotte in 2007 and then to Davidson in 2016. With three young children and their closest family residing in Maryland, they stay very busy.



Grace Mitchell

Grace lives at The Pines at Davidson. Her hometown is Winston-Salem, NC, and she has lived most of her life in North Carolina except for a few early years in New Jersey and for graduate school in Virginia. She has two grown children and four grandchildren. Her career has been in the field of education – public school teaching, administration, and counseling. In higher education administration, she chaired the Education Departments at Davidson College and Warren Wilson College and served as the Coordinator of the Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership at UNC-Charlotte. She has been an educational consultant for almost 20 years and has degrees from East Carolina, Duke, UNCC, and UVA. Grace is interested in local history and DavidsonLearns.

DCPC Welcomes YOU too!

If you or anyone you know would like to become a member of DCPC, please contact Stephanie Malushizky at smalushizky@dcpc.org.

The DCPC Fellowship Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to Tim Slay and members of the Piedmont Amateur Astronomers for showing us the stars on April 17th at Fisher Farm! During this unprecedented time of social distancing, we have been blessed with the creativity and good spirits of all those who have helped keep us stay connected and yet – safe. Fellowship has really had to think outside the box this last year as most of our events in the pre-Covid past centered around large group gatherings and food! During the pandemic, however, we have been fortunate enough to hold several in-person events such as boat rides, paddle boarding, many hikes in different local locations, and several Dinner on the Green events in downtown Davidson. We have also had some SUPER fun online events such as Yoga with Claire for Advent and Lent, multiple Trivia Games with Matt Wiggins, and a fun evening of worship music history with David Brinson! Going forward into post-pandemic times, we will still need to be innovative in the ways we socialize and stay connected. If YOU have any ideas for safe in-person or online events you'd like to either participate in or help organize, please contact Stephanie Malushizky at smalushizky@dcpc.org.





No VBS, but YES to GIFT: Due to the pandemic, we will not hold our traditional VBS morning/drop-off event. However, please join us for a GIFT event July 18-21 instead! Let's learn and grow together, with all ages and stages of life present. You may do the program on your own at the time and place that suits you best (choose the drive-thru option July 18). Or, you may be ready for an in-person outside event with a small group of 12 (mixed ages). Children must be accompanied by at least one adult for GIFT. Childcare will be available for children 0-3 during the evening events July 20 and 21. A boxed dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. for those who place an order, picnics from home are welcome, or come after dinner to start the program at 6 p.m. The Children's Ministry Committee's goal is to provide an intergenerational Summer educational event for ALL. So, it's like a chose your own adventure novel. Find the format that makes your family comfortable. Find details on Realm or call the church office with questions.



Many thanks to Fellowship Committee, Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, DCPC church staff, Co-Directors: Amanda Wheeler and Holly Ridgway, volunteers and EVERYONE willing to make this new idea a reality!

Want to help? Stuffing bags, check-in/welcome table, man the drive-thru (giving out materials), set up/tear down, purchasing or organizing materials, simple decorations.

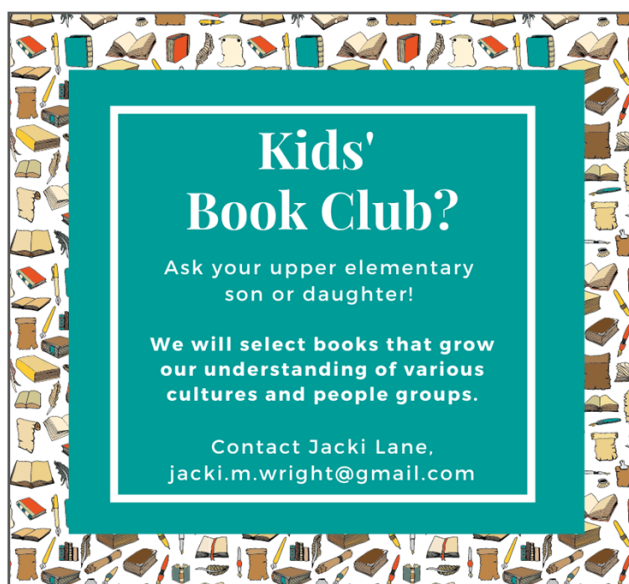
May we borrow your...? Card table, EZ up/shelter tent?

Please contact Holly Ridgway, hridgway@msn.com.

Worship Open House for kids

Save the date: June 6, 2021

Is your family wondering about resuming worship: Getting dressed up and sitting in pews again with wiggly children? Children's Ministry Committee is planning some "spirit days" (relaxed dress for all ages) and an Open House for children to become re-acquainted to the chapel (8:30), congregation house (9:45) and sanctuary/front porch (11 am) worship spaces. Pastors and Jenny Alexander will be present to share new children's spaces and materials.



Childcare for children birth to age 5 will reopen on Sunday May 23

Basement nursery room 14

Sundays 8:15-12:15

Children 0-2, no masks required.

Children 3-5, please wear masks.

Childcare staff will be vaccinated and masked.

Come join us for some playtime in childcare!

Children are always welcome in worship, too!

Playground Gatherings Ice Cream Socials

Watch church emails and Children's Ministry
News for more details coming soon!

SUMMER



It hasn't been anybody's Plan A for how to do Youth Group, but we are on the edge of completing an amazing year of pandemic Youth Group! We've had extraordinary weather that allowed us to meet outside every week since September 20th, parents who trusted us with their kids, and volunteer Small Group Leaders and Welcome Team members who showed up weekly to make it all happen. Despite everything going on, we were able to safely connect with 114 different youth over the last 9 months! We're all extremely grateful for this incredible gift for all of us.

But what was the experience really like? This month we're turning to Abby Guise, an 11th grader at Community School of Davidson, and Frances Bragg, a 12th grader at Cannon School to tell us all about it. Because middle school and high school met at separate times this year, Abby and Frances served as Small Group Leaders for our 6th and 7th grade girls small groups in addition to participating in the 11th & 12th graders small group. Here's what they had to say:

When I first saw the post on the Youth Group's Instagram about high schoolers helping to lead middle schoolers, I could not pass up on that opportunity. My middle school Small Group Leaders played a major role in helping me to develop my faith and continue to do so in high school. Being a Small Group Leader for the seventh grade girls has been more rewarding than I could have imagined. These girls are bright, creative, thoughtful, and deep into their faith and spirituality, and it has been an honor to join them on this path. I was also able to attend high school Youth Group and grow in my faith journey with my Small Group Leaders and fellow youth. I have become close with my group and we have been able to be vulnerable with each other, help each other grow, and support each other on the different paths that God is taking us on. It has been magical to be able to enjoy Youth Group this year, even though it wasn't like "normal" Youth Group. I have loved being able to connect weekly with my Youth Group and to be connected by and with God. Youth Group has been a major part of my life since 6th grade, and this year has opened up many more opportunities for me in Youth Group. I am honored to be part of this church and to be in and contribute to such a loving



This year, I've had the unique opportunity to serve as a middle school small group leader for sixth grade girls. Due to COVID, the church was unable to have Davidson college students volunteer with our youth group, so Matt recruited some high school helpers! Working with the sixth graders was so much fun and a very rewarding experience, as I was able to watch the girls develop close friendships and grow in their faith. I also enjoyed getting a behind-the-scenes look at what my own small group leaders do to prepare each week so that we can have meaningful conversations. I learned so much from this experience, and loved having a role in the planning and leadership of youth group. -Frances

What's Next

Even though we tend to scatter over the summer, we're going to continue to stay safely connected with some fun and unique connection events plus a couple new ways to grow in faith:

- **Connect:** At least twice a month during June, July, and August we'll be meeting on a Sunday for a fun way to connect with your friends and leaders from DCPC Youth. In June we'll be celebrating seniors and paddling around Lake Norman at Sunset. In July we'll head to the Whitewater Center to enjoy all of the outdoor activities and then off to Carowinds for the thrills. In August we'll keep things a little more low-key as schools get ready to start as we replay favorite new game The Kingdom, enjoy a game night, have an in-person event with the SAGES (our church's senior adults), and try a new digital escape room. Full details are available at dpcpyouth.org
- **Grow:** We have 2 events and one totally new option to grow in faith this summer! High schoolers are invited to join us in the mountains for the Montreat Youth Conference July 25-31. Everyone (and we mean *everyone*) is invited to participate in GIFT, an all-ages 2 night event in July (20th & 21st with 22nd and 23rd as rain dates) where we'll explore what it means to be neighbors to the whole world. The new thing is *Habits*, a way to develop faith habits like hearing from God, talking to God, talking about God, and living for God. You can sign up as an individual or a group of friends and participate at your own pace. There will be videos to get you thinking, a journal with daily readings and prompts, and meetings with mentors to coach you in developing your own habits.

Whatever you're doing and wherever you're going, we hope that all of our youth will have an opportunity to connect and grow this summer!



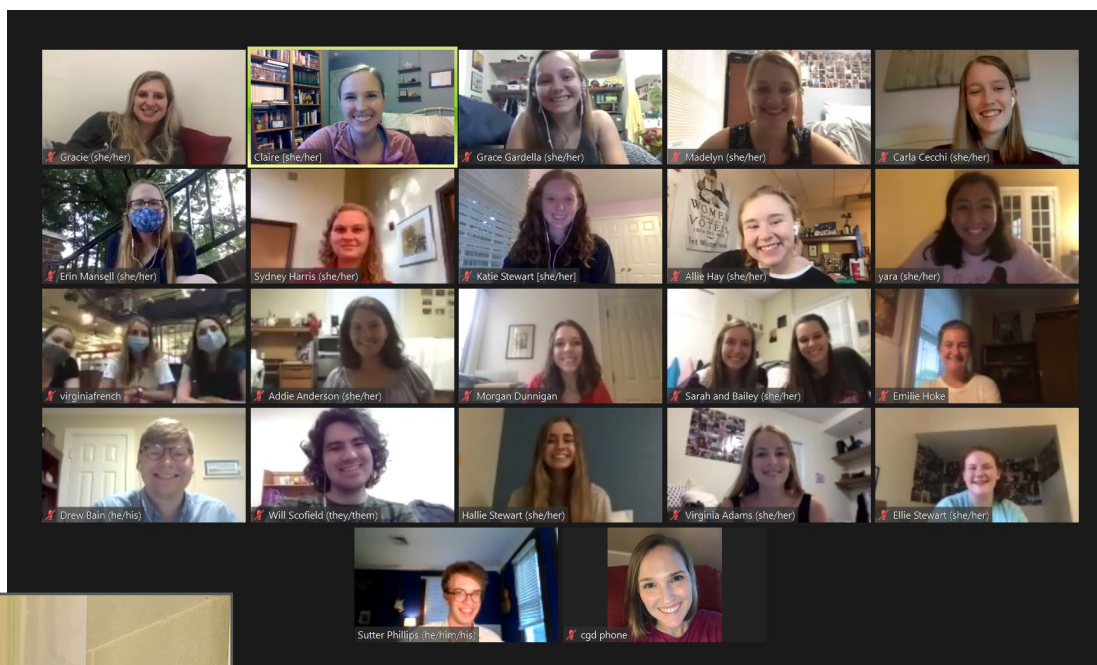
The 2020-2021 school year at Davidson is quickly coming to a close. It was a year that required creativity and imagination and came with challenges as well as blessings. While most of the year featured ZoomKirk, the video conference call version of UKirk Campus Ministry, we were able to gather for a few special events, including a photo scavenger hunt, an Easter egg hunt, waffellowship (waffles + fellowship), and a celebration of the class of 2021. This year the DCPC Campus Ministry Committee spent time working on strategic goals, hand writing notes to UKirk students, and praying for students, staff, and faculty at Davidson College.



The DCPC Campus Ministry Committee continued our tradition of sending e-gift cards to DCPC's college students. The gift cards were emailed in April and were sent with the congregation's love and prayers!

"DCPC Campus Ministry has always meant so much to me during my time at Davidson, but this year in particular, they have especially supported students in meaningful ways."

- Emilie Hoke



"It's meant so much to me to continue learning, laughing, and growing with our UKirk community at Davidson this year! I've been able to make so many new friends and continue getting to know friends from past years, and I've loved seeing all the creative ways we've been able to gather together in worship and fellowship, whether that's on Zoom or in person!"

-Erin Mansell

"My first Easter without my family was kind of hard, but it was so nice to have them plan an Easter egg hunt and give us that bright spot during the weekend. It felt like they really care about us and our wellbeing and were actively thinking of ways they could help make our college experience better."

-Virginia Adams, Class of 2023





2021 Narrative Budget

Due to the onset of the pandemic last spring we elected not to produce a 2020 Narrative Budget because of so many unknowns surrounding our programs and ministries. A Narrative Budget describes the purpose and initiatives of individual programs and ministries along with the total investment in each area. The Narrative Budget includes the direct cost of each area, including personnel, along with the indirect costs, or overhead, that we allocate to each area. This gives us a much better picture of our overall investment in each major program and ministry.

Below you will see a summary of the total investment in each program area including both direct and indirect costs based on our 2021 operating budget. The summary is also depicted in a pie chart illustrating the relative size of the individual program or ministry investments.

In the coming weeks we will feature each major program and ministry describing its purpose and its 2021 initiatives along with the summary budgets. We hope that this year's Narrative Budget will help you better understand how the church is investing your financial contributions.

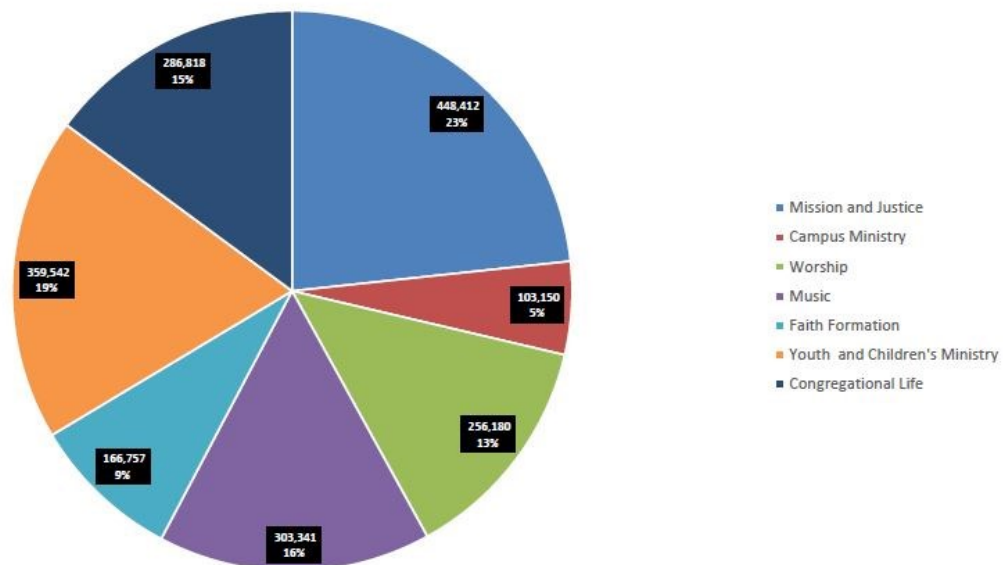
Programs	Total Expense	Percentage
Mission and Justice (1)	448,412	23%
Youth and Children's Ministry	359,542	19%
Music	303,341	16%
Congregational Life (2)	286,818	15%
Worship	256,180	13%
Faith Formation (3)	166,757	9%
Campus Ministry	103,150	5%
Total	1,924,200	100%

(1) Includes Churchwide, Global, and Community Missions plus Social Justice Initiative

(2) Includes Fellowship, Membership, Communications, SAGES, Congregational Care, Visitation

(3) Includes Planning and Adult Programs

Davidson College Presbyterian Church 2021 Narrative Budget





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

May 16th: 8:30 a.m. Zoom, 9:45 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m. will be prerecorded
on YouTube and Facebook.

May 23rd and after:

8:30 a.m. Lingle Chapel

9:45 a.m. Congregation House

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary front porch

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.



Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)

Monday, June 5 (4th of July)

Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)