

DCPC Communications - Where to Find It FAQs

What are DCPC's primary ways of communicating with members and other interested parties?

DCPC uses multiple ways of providing information, inspiration, and connection:

- **Website** – dcpc.org. In addition to much information about the church and its ministries, our website links to Realm, a tool for communicating and housing information about church members.
- **Social Media** – We are active on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#). Links to these platforms can be found on the website.
- **Weekly Email Newsletters** – These provide lots of information about current events and news within the church. You can also learn of joys and prayer concerns. You may receive the newsletter via email or you may find a link to the most recent one on our website's [Home Page](#).
- **Bulletin & Announcement Sheets** – In addition to the Order of Worship, our Sunday morning worship Bulletins and Announcement Sheets include lots of current activities and opportunities to get engaged in the life of the church. In addition to being passed out at Sunday services, the Sunday bulletin can be [found on our website](#) and through Facebook and YouTube in the Live Chat streams.
- **Realm** --The Realm website (onrealm.org) and the Realm Connect App hosts the database used by the church to store information about members (including a directory), committees, events, and financial giving. It is also used to communicate with specific groups within the congregation.

How do I sign up for the weekly email newsletter?

At the bottom of the [Home Page](#) on our website, dcpc.org, you may type in your information to begin receiving our email newsletters. You may also call the church office at 704-892-5641 and request to be added to the email distribution list.

How do I sign up for Realm?

Realm is a members-only site, and you must have a Realm ID and password to enter. If you have forgotten your Realm ID, or you have never had one, contact Stephanie Malushizky: smalushizky@dcpc.org

Where can I find a calendar of events for DCPC?

On our dcpc.org website, under the tab “News and Events,” there is a dropdown menu with a church calendar. Clicking on this button takes you to a [Google calendar](#) which includes meetings and events at the church. There are a lot! Clicking on an event listed on the calendar will give you more information about the event. The weekly email newsletter and announcement sheets are good sources for information on upcoming events as well. You can also go to [Realm](#) (click ‘Member Portal’ on the Home page of the website), click ‘Events’, click ‘All Events’ and scroll down to see a list of all church events.

How do I sign up for events?

All event signups are done through Realm, Sign-Up Genius, or by calling the church office at 704-892-5641. Events listed in weekly newsletters usually have links to the signup or you can go

to Realm, click 'Events,' find the event you want (this may take a bit of scrolling), and then click on it to sign up.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

Many volunteer opportunities are listed in the weekly newsletters and in the announcement sheets with links or QR codes to sign up either on Realm or Sign-Up Genius. You can also go to our website (dcpc.org) and then navigate to '[Serve/Current Projects](#).' This page lists ongoing and short-term volunteer opportunities.

How do I navigate the website?

DCPC.org has a traditional navigational bar across the Home Page, including categories with drop-down menus. Five of the nine headings relate to the components of our vision statement: [Worship](#) – includes when, where, where to park, childcare, musical groups, how to submit prayer requests, archive of sermons and bulletins, and information about the Organ at Davidson series.

[Learn](#) – includes information on faith formation opportunities for various age groups. It also includes a link to the pre-school website; the 'Youth' options link to the youth group website.

[Serve](#) – provides information about service opportunities offered by DCPC; ranging from local community needs to global focus areas. It also contains reports from previous and ongoing mission projects.

[Love](#) – includes information on sharing God's love in various ways within our DCPC community; among others, it includes information on Stephen Ministry, Campus Ministry, Mental Health Matters, Wednesday Night Dinners, and fellowship opportunities.

[Give](#) – includes the church budget and financial statements along with information about various opportunities to financially support DCPC.

The remaining four tabs give information about DCPC:

[Home](#) – Includes links to worship services on YouTube and Facebook, links to bulletins, the preschool, the newsletter, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

[About](#) – Provides information about DCPC's history, beliefs, staff, Elders, Deacons, committee chairs, and facilities. It also has a link to the most recent Annual Report.

[News & Events](#) – Links to the church calendar, flyers about current events, and the church newsletter.

[Member Portal](#) – Links to Realm.

What is Realm and how can I learn how to use it?

Realm is a membership portal that facilitates communication within the church. It houses a directory of our membership, a calendar of events, and registration for events. It also shows committees and groups of which you are a member. You can access confidential information about your financial pledges and gifts to the church through Realm. You can reach Realm via the Home Page of the website (Member Portal – onrealm.org) or you can download the Realm Connect app to your phone or tablet. You need a confidential ID and password to sign in; contact Stephanie Malushizky if you do not know your Realm ID or if you need help using Realm.

I don't use a computer or am not active online. How do I keep up with what's going on at the church?

The weekly worship bulletins and announcement sheets include lots of information about what's going on at DCPC. You may also call the church office at 704-892-5641 to ask questions and get information.