



Davidson College Presbyterian Church



MATTHEW 25

Davidson College Presbyterian Church is a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are an Matthew 25, 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. 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. 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.

Matthew 25 in the PC(USA): A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

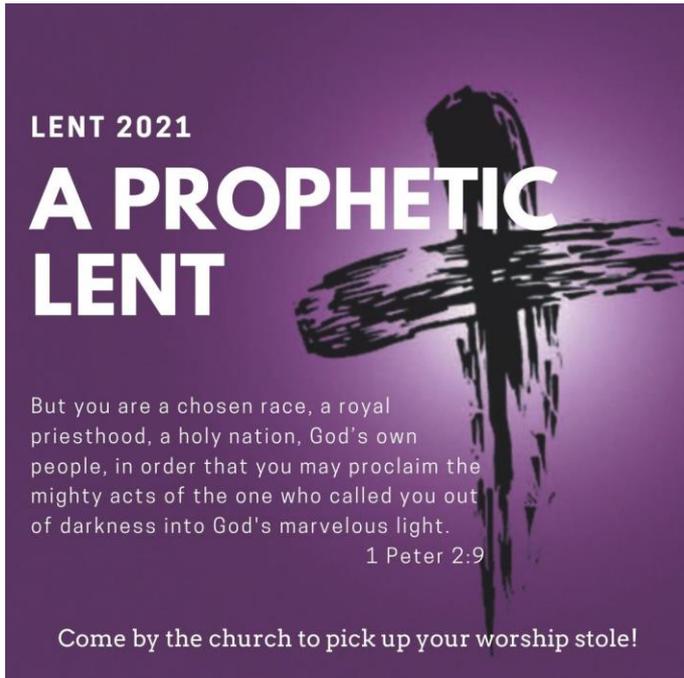
To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.

A Service For The Worship Of God

1st Sunday in Lent ~ February 21, 2021

11:00 a.m. Worship

Gathering around the Word



A Prophetic Lent This year DCPC is using the Old Testament texts of the Revised Common Lectionary as the centerpiece of our worship services each Sunday, lifting up the voices of those ancient prophets as we seek God's Word for today. Join us as we celebrate A Prophetic Lent. As a symbol of the ministry to which all of us are called in baptism, come pick up a purple ribbon to wear each week in worship. This will be your Lenten stole. The pastors will be wearing the same ribbons so that we all, together, can show our unity in God's call to be prophetic people. The ribbons will be at the ramp door of the church.

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Wondrous Love"

Colin Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary and Mur Muchane

One: Come, you who have been called by God to live as Christ's disciples. Prepare yourself to worship God.

All: We wear purple in Lent as a sign of our recognition that we need God's grace to live faithfully.

One: Come, you who have blessed by Jesus in baptism that you might be a blessing to others. Prepare yourself to worship God.

All: We wear these ribbons as a sign of being set apart for service as well as for salvation.

One: Come, you who are a royal priesthood, all you who are part of the Holy Spirit's ministry of love. Prepare yourself to worship God.

All: Renew us, O God, in service, that our bodies would be more than props for worship clothing. Use us, Lord, use us as you will, for we are yours. Amen.

HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

All sing together:

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.**

**As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robert Alexander

One: The prophet' call ring true and echoes the voices of the faithful through the ages. What does the Lord require of us? But to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. Let us walk humbly as we share our unison prayer of confession, followed by a time for silent confession.

All: **You call us, O God, to trust in you and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are blessed to be a blessing. Yet you know, O Lord, that we often fall short of the mark you have set for us. Rather than set apart for service, we often see ourselves set above others. Rather than love others as ourselves, we expect them to love us as much or more than we love ourselves. Rather than trust you, we lean on a lot of earthly things to prop us up: money, influence, possessions and more. The list is long, O God. Forgive us for faltering discipleship. Have mercy on us for seeking to be ministered to more than to be in ministry. Enable us to live into our baptismal calling to love one another as you have loved us.**

Time of Silent Confession

SONG OF CONFESSION No 551

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: It is true, we are elected by the grace of God for service as well as for salvation. But do not forget: in that election there is salvation. We can serve because Christ first served us. You are one with God through Jesus and forgiven of all that might keep you apart.

All: God's holy name be praised!

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

One: Freed by God's grace from the fear of not measuring up, we remember how we are called to live. Our Lord Jesus said:

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.

One: And a second is like it:

All: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance with a comment, like, reaction or using the online form supplied by your live stream host.

1.) You can submit your prayer requests via Facebook or YouTube comments. You can also email ralexander@dcpc.org.

2.) You can give online through Realm, at <https://onrealm.org/dcpc/-/give/now> or by mailing in a check.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Social Justice Committee

WORSHIP UPDATE

Genny Bosak, Peter Henry

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Come stir the waters once again, O Spirit. Stir us from placidness, Wind on the Sea and prophets' muse. Pick up our heads and perk our ears, that we might see and hear anew, faithful to our calling as your people. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

All sing together: Come and See

**"Come and see, come and see,
I am the way and the truth," said he.
"Follow me, follow me,
come as a child, O come and see."**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9-15
(pg. 11 of bulletin)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Draw Near
Erin Mansell

Wendell Kimbrough

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17: 1-8, 15-22
(pg. 12 of bulletin)

Responding to the Word

HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

All sing together:

**O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.**

**Lord, strengthen those who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.**

**Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,**

**till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Robert Alexander

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Bearing and Following
the Word into the World***

HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

All sing together:

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,**

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,**

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,**

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,**

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:**

**yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The world seeks peace and we have that gift to share,
for it has been give to us. The peace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Keep Us, Lord, Faithful to Your Word

Dietrich Budtehude

Leading and Assisting in Worship:

Peter Henry, preaching; Mary and Mur Muchane, Robert Alexander, liturgists; David Brinson, organist; Robert Alexander and Erin Mansell, singers; DCPC Staff, Atticus Henry, livestream, sound and cameras; Stephanie Malushizky, online host.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face;

and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.' Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, 'Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?' And Abraham said to God, 'O that Ishmael might live in your sight!' God said, 'No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.' And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

Life at DCPC

Please let us know you are watching the service today. [Click here](#) to sign the online fellowship pad. If our You Tube or Facebook live streams are not working, you can always listen in at WDAV.org (89.9) while you wait for us to fix the feed.

Attention Early Risers This Sunday begins our weekly 8:30 a.m. Zoom service. This 30-40 minute long, abbreviated version of our traditional service will include two hymns, a reading, our weekly liturgy and a homily. And you can see members of the church who are in attendance with you! The link to service is here: <https://dcpc-org.zoom.us/j/81068676270>

DCPC Building Closure Due to the modified Mecklenburg County Health Department directive, our offices and Lingle Chapel will be closed until February 28 and most non-essential in-person events are now all virtual. We will be having some in-person events for children and youth, since a return to classrooms is allowed for in the modified directive. Staff will be working from home and responding to emails and voicemails. Thank you for helping us love one another enough to protect each other's health.

Healthy Worship DCPC is committed to honoring the health of our worship leaders and members. From this Sunday through February 28, our 11:00 services will include many pre-recorded or staffed with a minimum of people who will either be from the same household (like today) or over 100 feet apart. As part of your discipleship and Christ's call to love for your neighbor, please wear a mask in public settings if you are medically able!

Lenten Study – Join both Peter Henry and John Ryan two different Lenten studies both starting on Tuesday, February 23.

- The noon study is “**An Acceptable Fast,**” where we will begin each session by locating the biblical verses in their original context and then exploring a key Lenten theme

related to the text. [Follow this link to register for the noon study.](#)

- The 7:00 pm study is “**Faithful Citizenship**,” we will take time to better understand our civic responsibilities as a disciple of Jesus. We will explore the concepts of covenant, community, and the common good. Together and independently, participants will also reflect on how they can further grow as faithful citizens. [Follow this link to register for the 7:00 pm study.](#)

Lent Wednesday Night Devotionals Join us either in-person at 6:00 or on Zoom at 8:30 p.m., ([click here](#)), for a 6 week series intitled *Encounters with Jesus* from the gospel of John. The 6:00 in-person offering is limited to 20 people but you can also go to the 8:30 Zoom by [clicking here](#). [Sign up for the in-person devotionals by clicking here](#) or calling the church office.

Lenten Discipline Christians often take on a spiritual discipline during Lent. How about a spiritual discipline? Join members and friends in the Pilgrimage. You can commit to walking or running a certain distance each day or week during Lent. [Click here](#) for the distances. Contact Peter Henry if you would like to join a walking or running group to do the challenge together once a week.

Shaping Sermons Members and friends of DCPC are invited to join the preachers and others in examining the biblical texts we use for preaching. Every Monday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. the Preacher’s Workshop Bible study looks at the preaching text for the upcoming Sunday. You do NOT need to be a biblical expert to join. [The Zoom link is here.](#) The meeting id is 844 8496 7967 and the passcode is 667927

Join us for an 80’s Trivia Night via Zoom! Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. **ALL AGES WELCOME!**

ROUNDS INCLUDE:

1. 80’s Movies and TV Shows
2. Major Events from the 1980s

3. 80's MUSIC!!

Wear your best 80's hair! Presented by the DCPC Fellowship Committee and led by our resident gamer -- MATT WIGGINS! Socially distant FUN! [Click here](#) to sign up or email smalushizky@dcpc.org.

Free Lunchtime Yoga during the Season of Lent- with our resident Yogi, Pastor Claire George-Drumheller! Please join us at noon on the six (6) Mondays of Lent for a healthy, rejuvenating experience. February 22 – March 29 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Claire will incorporate meditation and breath prayer into our practice over the 6-week workshop. Sign-Up in Realm by [clicking here](#) or by e-mailing Stephanie Malushizky at smalushizky@dcpc.org. Our Yoga is LIVE and via Zoom. Zoom link will be made available to you when you sign up. All ages and levels are welcome.

Healing Support Group will meet again Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 by Zoom. Hospice Grief counselor, Catherine Bruce, will present a program on Grief and the Change of Seasons. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. If you are unable to join this gathering but remain interested, please let us know.

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Most Adult Sunday School classes are currently meeting online either via Zoom & YouTube Live or with prerecorded video content. If you want to more information or to receive a Zoom link, please contact [John Ryan](#).

Connections - Starting February 21 Rob Spach, chaplain at Davidson College will be leading a three week Zoom discussion on *“What’s involved in living in a socially responsible way that’s rooted in our Presbyterian faith?”* Be on the lookout for a Zoom link on February 20. For more information contact [Penny Lambert](#).

Covenant Class – Ann Wills, Professor of Religion at Davidson College, will lead us in a four week discussion of selections from Scott Galloway’s wonderful short films, each of which is matched to a Biblical passage, lectionary reading or theme of the Christian faith.

Jubilee Class - Matt Samson will begin his series on “*Food Insecurity and Jubilee.*” Examining issues of church and society amidst hope, tears, laughter and prayer, the Jubilee Class is an interactive discussion group seeking to bring together theology and life, especially the Jesus project of justice in church, nation and world. We welcome all interested persons to attend our fellowship. Please contact [John Ryan](#) for instructions on joining our Zoom meetings.

Maloney/Pines Class – weekly videos, following the Uniform Bible Lesson series are emailed on Sunday morning to class members. We have a rotation of five top notch church member Biblical scholars who make these lesson come alive. To be put on the email list, contact [John Ryan](#) or you can simply search the church’s YouTube Channel of these videos to watch.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – our next study starts in March when Susan Manning and Jane Cain co-lead **Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: the Bible & Brahms' Requiem.** Class size is limited, but there are still opening! To learn more or to register, [please follow this link](#). **Deadline to register is 25 February!**

Children’s Ministry We are connecting safely this school year. Please visit the [Children’s Ministry Link](#) for the latest online Sunday School classes (updated weekly), in-person opportunities, and at-home resources.

FAITH & SEXUALITY CLASS

FOR 5TH & 6TH GRADE YOUTH & PARENTS



March 7, 14, 21, 28
In person OR remote
\$30 per person

[Click here to confirm your interest.](#)

Youth Ministry In the next two weeks, our high schoolers and 6th & 7th graders will be having an important conversation on suicide during Youth Group. We also want parents to be part of the conversation as well, so we will be hosting Davidson LifeLine representatives as well as local counselors to be part of a discussion for parents. High schoolers and parents will have their conversation on 2/21 4:30-5:30 pm and 6th & 7th graders on 2/28 2-3 pm. There will also be a virtual option on Wednesday 2/24 7:30-8:30 pm. Parents: please let us know if you will be joining us in advance!

Sunday Feb 28th at 2 p.m.

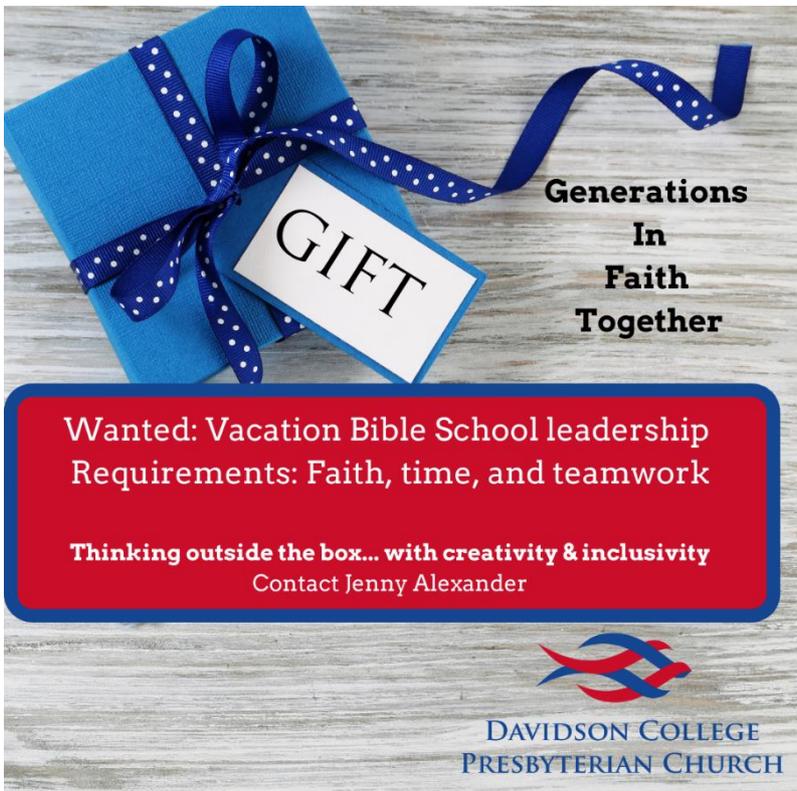
Congregation House front porch
4th & 5th graders & parent are invited to explore

Native plants & animals



God created us
all and we need
each other.

rsvp to Jalexander@dcpc.org



**Generations
In
Faith
Together**

**Wanted: Vacation Bible School leadership
Requirements: Faith, time, and teamwork**

Thinking outside the box... with creativity & inclusivity
Contact Jenny Alexander



**DAVIDSON COLLEGE
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Bag Lunches for Roof Above (and Room in the Inn)

We will continue to provide the 70 bag lunches to residents of the Roof Above Dorm two times every month. If you would like to volunteer to make 10 of the 70 lunches please contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org. If you would like to make a full 70 lunches for one of the dates for The Dorm or would like to sign up to help with one of the other shelters [click here](#). Contact Robert Alexander if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

Race in America: Continue the Discussion!! The Social Justice Committee in an effort to continue our congregation-wide conversation around issues of racial justice is hosting a virtual

discussion of the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson beginning Sunday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. This four-week study/conversation will be facilitated by Donna Hatfield. Each session will last an hour. The studies will focus on the following sections of the book:

Week 2 (Feb. 14) Parts 3 & half of Part 4 (pp. 99-201)

Week 3 (Feb. 21) Second half of Part 4 & Part 5 (pp. 202-308)

Week 4 (Feb. 28) Parts 6 & 7 and Epilog (pp. 311-388)

[Click here](#) to register for this event and to receive a Zoom Link.

Here is a unique way to support the ministry of FeedNC through their Cooking Education Program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

We Still Collect Food and Hygiene Items When you are at the store, consider picking up a few extra items for our neighbors in need and drop them in the bins on the Congregation House porch. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. Here is a list of their immediate needs: Cereal, Fruit Cups, Applesauce Cups, Granola Bars, Disposable Masks, Nitrile Gloves, Printer Paper, Chips, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Trail Mix, Clothes Washing Pods, Parmesan Cheese. Hygiene Items are taken to Ada Jenkins: Items needed are toilet tissue, shampoo, shaving razors/cream, deodorant, and soap.

Coat Drive Continues If you would like to provide a new or gently used coat for someone in need contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org and arrange for a pick up. These will be delivered to Lydia's Loft in Huntersville.

Community Mission Follow-Up Many know of our Minister's Discretionary Fund which is used to help those in our community with immediate needs like food, rent, and utility assistance. We often work in tandem with our other mission partners but do not always have a way to know how our neighbors are doing after we have helped them. We are looking for 6-8 individuals who would be willing to undergo a short training session with Pastor Robert and then reach out to those neighbors we have

assisted to provide an additional level of support and care. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Robert at ralexander@dcpc.org.

Pastoral Care and Coverage is a Team Effort At DCPC we are blessed to have five ordained clergy on staff, all of whom have received training and have a wide variety of experiences in pastoral care. This means that when a member or friend of DCPC reaches out for pastoral care or pastoral services, we always have someone available to assist. In fact, having such a large group of clergy means that we get to organize our care in ways that support members, make best use of staff time and honor relationships. [Click here](#) for a few things to know about pastoral care at DCPC.

DCPC Stephen Ministers are Here for You We are all living in a very different world in 2021. We find ourselves in a thicket of problems: COVID-19, financial struggles, job loss, increased parental responsibility. Throughout it all, we have less access to our friends and limited contact with our loved ones. There is a path to help you move forward through the confusion and isolation. Sometimes listening is what we truly need to help process our range of emotions. Fully trained Stephen Ministers at DCPC are ready to offer Christ centered caring. We cannot fix your problems, but we can provide tangible evidence of God's love through caring. Strict confidentiality in a one on- one relationship can give you a place to talk and be heard. If you are in need of a Stephen minister, please visit DCPC.org and click on the links to Stephen Ministry, speak to one of our DCPC pastors (704-892-5641) or call Rosemary Raynal, Stephen Leader (678-429-8480).

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