

DCPC News



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Offer your Comments

The Session invites you to offer your comments, your joys, and your concerns. Click on the "Comments" link at the beginning of this email. Your email will be directed to the appropriate committee and staff person.

Looking Toward this Sunday June 17, 2018

A congregational meeting as been called for 10:45 a.m. this Sunday for the purpose of electing new officers for the class of 2021. [CLICK HERE](#) for the nominees.

Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 17:22–24 and Mark 4:26–34

Sermon: The Spirit Brings...Growth

Scott Kenefake will preach at 8:30 and 9:45 in Lingle Chapel and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

"The Spirit Brings ...

Growth" (Mark 4:26–34), [Part 1, of a three-part sermon series on the "Fruits of the Spirit"; Part 2, "

Peace," (Mark 4:35–41); Part 3, "*Healing,"* Mark: 5:21–43)]

This week's Gospel reading brings us two familiar parables: The Parable of the Sower (or Growing Seed) and The Parable of the Mustard Seed. In both parables, the Kingdom of God is compared to something that starts out small (seeds) and then quickly grows into something relatively large—a plant large enough for birds to nest in and to provide shade. But in both cases, despite the human gardening activity, God is credited with the actual growth. And Jesus says that God's kingdom (realm, reign, dominion) is like that.

This begs the question: In what ways is God's Spirit growing in you? Or, in what ways are you (and through you society) being transformed into the image and likeness of God? Does your life bear witness to the presence of God's kingdom in the world? Theologians call this *sanctification*. And in our Reformed tradition, this is something God does, not us.

We'll explore this—plus *Mr. Rogers*—this Sunday!

The Geneva Choir will sing *May God Support You* at the 8:30 service.
The Chancel Choir will sing *God Be in My Head*
at the 11:00 service.

Your Help is Needed

Mark your calendars for a "Day of Healing" workday for the Congregation House being scheduled for Saturday June 23, 2018. We will refresh the main corridor and repair some of the exterior stucco. Saturday will be all about PAINTING! This is a volunteer led effort so please bring any brushes, rollers, drop cloths, snacks, etc... We are also looking for a smaller group of more experienced volunteers to renovate the Sacristy. If this appeals to you and you have the necessary tools, please consider signing up. If interested [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. If you have questions, contact [Cris Piephoff](#).

Social Justice Meeting

The next Social Justice meeting will be June 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Summer Concert

Lake Norman Choral Artists, directed by Chris Gilliam, will present a concert, Now Welcome Summer, in the DCPC Sanctuary on Thursday, June 28, at 7 pm. LKNCA will perform works related to the season by George Gershwin, Lili Boulanger, Morten Lauridsen and others. The concert is free, and donations will be gratefully accepted.

Summer Concert

PREPARE MEALS FOR LEVINE & DICKSON HOSPICE HOUSE IN JULY DCPC provides meals for families of patients each Tuesday and Thursday in July. Please sign up to help provide part of a meal for 15–20 people. Contact Alice Sudduth alicesudduth@gmail.com or 704-609-0772 or [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

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MOORESVILLE SOUP KITCHEN We are always in need of more volunteers when DCPC volunteers cook lunch on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We are there 8:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m., but volunteers can come for any portion of that time. You don't have to come every month. No previous cooking skills are required. If interested, please contact Margo Wehrung at margowehrung@gmail.com. If you are not available on Wednesdays, there are many other volunteer opportunities at the soup kitchen: <https://www.moorevillesoupkitchen.com/>

HELP FEED CHILDREN During the school year, the children, of the Huntington Green neighborhood in Huntersville are fed at school. During summer weeks, Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen provides lunch. But come the weekend, there is no food to be had. Will you help DCPC partner with Caterpillar Ministries to provide 225 bags of food for these children this Summer. See how you can help meet the challenge this Summer. Instructions are located at the information center. You can also contact Catherine Bragg at catherinebragg68@gmail.com or

Rosemary Klein at klein924@earthlink.net with questions. Let's give it our BEST and feed the children of 25 families on the summer weekends! Questions– contact Catherine at the above address.

VBS DECORATING Join us in creating Hero Central! Monday June 18 at 7 pm to assemble and put up decorations around the church. All are welcome. Please meet downstairs in Jetton Hall.

LOAVES AND FISHES Bring your canned goods or other non-perishable food items and place them in the grocery carts or baskets for Loaves and Fishes. Deliveries are made each Monday morning.

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

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(9:45 am, Parlor) The Pines (Marshall Room)

June 17 – Jesus Teaches about Justice, Matthew 15:1–9

Summer ABC – This summer's ABC (Another Bible Class) will start June 24 and continue all the Sundays in July in room 201. To prepare, please read chapter 1 in the book "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy–Jill Levine.

Youth and Children Ministry

The Family Bible Reading Challenge is ON! This summer, read Bible stories with your family. Children and youth can win prizes on Rally Day in September. Pick up information at the Faith Formation bulletin board (across from the copy room) or go to dcpcyouth.org/2018/05/14/faith-fun-this-summer/ to print your own. Don't stop learning and growing in faith!

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Mitzi Wilson, aunt of Trish Jones died June 1st.

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