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Looking Toward this Sunday April 22, 2018

Scripture: John 10: 11-18 and 1 John 3: 16-24

Sermon: The Reckless Shepherd

Robert Alexander will preach at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and at 9:45 a.m. in the Lingle Chapel.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year the lectionary reading for this Sunday includes the gospel reading from John 10 where Jesus says, "I am the Good

Shepherd." The goodness of the shepherd leads him to be full of care for the sheep and to abandon concern for the self. In a bit of recklessness, everything is given, even the life of the shepherd, to make sure that the sheep are safe so they may enjoy abundant life.

This Sunday is also Earth Day. We will remember the call from God to be good stewards of creation. We will remember our pledge to be an Earth Care Congregation and what it means for us to model Jesus' shepherding by caring for others and caring for creation. How does our care of the earth relate to neighbor care? How does our faithful stewardship enable us to live out the command in scripture to "love one another?" Do we have to be a bit reckless as well – thinking less of ourselves so that we might think more of others?

The Geneva Choir will sing The Lord My Shepherd Is at the 8:30 service.

The Chancel Choir will sing The King of Love My Shepherd Is at the 11:00 service.

The congregation will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Avrey and Carson Arzamarski, children of Aaron and Sondra Arzamarski, at the 9:45 service.

The introduction of new members will take place at the 11:00 service.

This Sunday we present Bibles to our 3rd grade children. They are participating in a 4-week study to learn about the library contained inside. Children are encouraged to learn Psalm 23 and to name the books of the Bible. May God bless them with a lifetime of learning, faith, and growth.

Earth Day

This Sunday is Earth Day and there will be an Earth Care focus in worship and throughout the afternoon. At 3 pm join us for one of three activities: 1) A tour of the Davidson College Arboretum 2) A tour of DCPC facilities to learn about the efforts that have been made by Property to help us be more energy efficient, or 3) A viewing of the movie, The Lorax. All activities will begin in the Congregation House and will conclude there with an Ice Cream Social at 4:30.

Important Worship Service Information

9:45 Service—Due to seating constraints in the Chapel, we'll be having the 9:45 worship services in the Sanctuary on the following Sundays: April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 27.

Worship on April 29 – Scott Kenefake will preach at the 8:30 a.m. in Lingle Chapel. Youth will lead the 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Sanctuary.

Campus Ministry

DAVIDSON COLLEGE COOKIE STUDY BREAK—Please deliver home-baked cookies to the parlor on Monday, May 14 by 9:00 p.m. Please indicate if the cookies contain nuts.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS— Davidson College pairs local families with international students in order to welcome students and to help them connect to the community and to American culture. If you are interested, please contact [Carol Sandke](#) by May 1.

Join Us....

On Monday, April 23, at 7 pm, in Rm. 201, to continue our exploration of Social Justice issues. This meeting will focus specifically on identifying issues in Davidson and surrounding communities and ways that we might respond in helpful ways as followers of Jesus. All are welcome.

Mission Opportunities

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.

DCPC SPRING HABITAT BUILD has begun! Please join us at 9814 Psalms St, Cornelius and on April 21, May 5, and May 19. [CLICK HERE](#) to register to work. We are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goal of \$25,000. Please help us meet the goal by giving online or submitting a check with "Habitat Home" in the memo line. Contact John Bosak at johnbosak@yahoo.com or Kline Pepper at kgpii31@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is "Hero Central" June 25–28. Join us as we hear stories of Biblical heroes and aspire to "Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Register today [CLICK HERE](#), ages 4 through completing 5th Grade. Space is limited and scholarships are available. Contact Co-Directors Elizabeth Martin or Megan May to volunteer (megansmay@yahoo.com). We need help with decorating, Monday morning sign in, photography, nursery, small group leadership, missions, snacks, and recreation.

Prayers and Concerns
Adult Faith Formation

Covenant (9:45 a.m. Congregation House) – Anne Blue Wills will lead a study and discussion of Kelly Brown Douglas's 2015 book *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*, a theological inquiry into justice and Christian duty prompted by the 2012 killing of Trayvon Martin.

Maloney (9:45 a.m. Parlor) and The Pines (9:45 a.m. Marshall Room) The Lord God the Almighty, Revelation 4:1–6, 8–11.

Jubilee (9:45 a.m. 201) will examine the text *Slow Kingdom Coming: Practices for Doing Justice, Loving Mercy, and Walking Humbly in the World*, which deals with practical application and participation in social justice issues.

Connections (9:45 a.m. Jetton Hall) will have a three-week series on "Parenting without Guilt" with Libby Johnston Kornegay.

Children's Faith Formation

Sunday School 9:45–10:45 am

Preschool (age 3–5) –Room 118

Kindergarten/1st Grade–Room 206

2nd Grade/3rd Grade–Room 207

4th Grade/5th Grade– Room 208

Wednesday Kids Club 4–5 pm–Rooms 207, 208

3rd Grade Bible Class: Four Sundays beginning today, April 22

Youth Faith Formation

All Youth Dinner 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. (Room ABC in the Congregation House)

Youth Group 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Check in at dinner to find out where your big group & small group are meeting) Visiting? Check out

dcpcyouth.org/visiting to get more details.

Prayers and Concerns

Deaths:

Danielle Gantz died March 5, The memorial service will be this Saturday, April 21 at 11:00 in Lingle Chapel.

Financial Update and Attendance

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	March	YTD
Receipts	\$141,249	486,284
Expenses	\$131,189	426,756
Over/(Under)	\$ 10,060	59,528

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
4/15/2018	84	138	197	419

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