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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.

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## **Looking Toward this Sunday April 1, 2018** **Resurrection of the Lord**

*Sermon: Resurrection and the "Second-Half" of Life*

**Scott Kenefake will preach at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and at 9:45 a.m. in the Congregation House.**

Easter is by far the most important and sacred festival in the church year and was celebrated for hundreds of years before Christmas became an established holiday. Conventional wisdom suggests that Easter—which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus—is mostly about the hope of life after death for us as individuals. And this idea is echoed in many of the Easter hymns that we sing at this time year—especially in the Western Christian tradition.

But a close reading of the Easter narratives in the Gospels suggests that Easter is actually about something much more than life after death—it's about "becoming fully

human" in this life, to quote Barbara Brown Taylor, or entering the "second half of life," as Richard Rohr puts it. The "second half of life" as a metaphor does not refer to "chronological age," but rather points to a new quality of life in the here and now that has implications for all of humanity –what the New Testament refers to as being "born again," being "crucified with Christ," or "dying and rising with Christ." And there is a communal aspect to this, as well–living life together in human community on this small planet–that has its roots in the ancient traditions of Eastern Christianity and Judaism.

*The Geneva Choir will sing Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia at the 8:30 service.*

*The Chancel Choir will sing Te Deum at the 11:00 service.*

**Flowering the Cross:** It is a tradition for all those coming to worship on Easter morning to bring greenery and fresh cut flowers to add to the cross. This cross will be decorated throughout the morning and then used as part of the 11 a.m. worship service.

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** this Sunday. This is divided evenly between three wonderful ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self–Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Please give generously to help ease the suffering of others and to work for their release from poverty and distress.

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## **Holy Week**

There will be childcare for the 5 p.m. Good Friday service. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend the Maundy Thursday dinner/service as well as the Easter Vigil.

**There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

## Holy Week

### Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday

5:00 p.m. Lingle Chapel

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. It is a special time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life.

### Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

At the Great Vigil of Easter we recount who we are as a community of faith. Beginning with the Liturgy of Light, we light candles from a new fire. We tell the stories of our history, beginning with Creation, in the Liturgy of the Word. We remember our baptism in the Liturgy of the Water and we celebrate the paschal mystery in the Eucharist. Through drama, movement, music, and celebration, we welcome the Resurrection. Bring a small bell to ring.

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary; 9:45 a.m. Congregation House; 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
No Sunday School.

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## Music

### *CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF OXFORD, ENGLAND RETURNS APRIL 11 TO DAVIDSON*



March 16, 2018 – OXFORD, ENGLAND -- The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford announced today it will return to the Charlotte region during its 2018 US tour. On Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 PM, the world-renowned male-voice choir will perform at Davidson College Presbyterian Church (DCPC) in Davidson, NC. Tickets may be purchased now by visiting the church's website at [DCPC.org](http://DCPC.org). Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets will also be sold at the door, \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

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## Fellowship

***SAVE THE DATE*** Sunday, April 15 from 2–4 p.m. Tennis Round Robin at Holbrook Park (NEW location)–All ages of tennis players are invited! Bring your own rackets and some extra tennis balls! The Fellowship Ministry will provide water! RSVP to [Stephanie Rollans](mailto:Stephanie.Rollans).

***NEW MEMBER WELCOME CLASSES*** Sunday, April 15 and Sunday, April 22 These classes are for those who are ready to join DCPC as well as for those who just want to get to know more about our particular community of faith! Contact [Stephanie Rollans](#) for more details.

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### **Mission Opportunities**

**THE BORDER IMMERSION PRESENTATION** will be given Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Congregation House. Hear from Davidson students, Claire George–Drumheller, and Robert Alexander about their time in San Diego and Tijuana.

***Blythe Elementary School* needs you!** Volunteers are needed to work specifically with Kindergarteners as they learn to read.

Lesson plans and materials are provided for you. You will be working with a small group of 5 students 45 minutes once a week.

If you are interested, please take the following steps:

1. Register as a volunteer at [www.cms.k12.nc.us](http://www.cms.k12.nc.us)

Scroll down and on the bottom right click on Volunteer in CMS

Click on New Volunteer? Click here to register

Complete your information and make sure to select Blythe ES

2. Contact Monique Gates at [moniquec.evans@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:moniquec.evans@cms.k12.nc.us) to begin changing lives!

***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](mailto:johnbosak@yahoo.com) or Kline Pepper at [kgpii31@gmail.com](mailto:kgpii31@gmail.com).

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## Wednesday Night Live

There will be no Wednesday Night Live, Kids Club, or Children's Choir program this Wednesday, April 4 or April 11. Happy Easter!

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## 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](mailto:megansmay@yahoo.com)). We need help with decorating, Monday morning sign in, photography, nursery, small group leadership, missions, snacks, and recreation.

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## Prayers and Concerns

### Deaths:

**Danielle Gantz died March 5, The memorial service will be Saturday, April 21.**

**Julian Mason died March 20. Memorial service details to follow at a later date.**

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## Financial Update and Attendance

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	February	YTD
Receipts	\$104,482	343,551
Expenses	\$132,660	288,073
Over/(Under)	\$(27,178)	55,478

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
4/25/2018	87	143	269	499

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