

The Good News



DCC Bids Farewell to Carrie Gaytan

Having had the privilege of working with the amazing Carrie Gaytan for over ten years, I was delighted when Lynda Manstrom invited me to share some thoughts about her ministry at Danville Congregational. Working with Carrie was one of the highlights of my time with all of you. Carrie is one of the most joy-full and patient human beings I know! Not only was she patient with the little children, but also with her boss!

One of the best parts of Carrie's ministry was how she mentored our young women who went to work for her. It was the first job for many of our DCC nursery caregivers. Carrie taught them how to be responsible, set up their own work schedules, and fill out their first W2 as well as being loving to all your children. My own daughter, Becca Girtler, worked for Carrie for several years and has chosen to make teaching her career—and I give Carrie a lot of the credit for that wonderful decision!

As you do so well as a congregation, I know there are many of you who will express your gratitude to Carrie for her many years of service. When you do, be sure to give her a hug from me!

Thank you, Carrie, for loving our children, for teaching our youth, and for setting an example for us all of what it means to truly be a welcoming presence to all of God's children (regardless of age or size!) I will be forever grateful to you and wish you all the very best!

Blessings,

The Rev Dr. Laura Barnes

Carrie's last day will be July 12. We will miss her!



Welcome to our July newsletter!
It's summertime, but there's still plenty of Good News to share!

**Vacation Bible Camp
Early Bird Registration
ends July 4
– Sign up now!**



**Attending the Danville
July 4th Parade?** Consider wearing your "GOD IS LOVE" t-shirt to share DCC's progressive Christian faith and welcome with the Danville community!

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*Danville Congregational Church is an
Open and Affirming church, welcoming all
of God's people – of diverse race, gender,
sexual orientation, family status, eco-
nomic condition, and physical, mental and
emotional ability.*

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Summer Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

Worship Sunday at 9:30 AM
Everyone is welcome!



Prayers of Healing and Concern...

Sheila Bentley's friend George Del Barrio, recently diagnosed with
prostate cancer
Syd Dent's mother
Nancy Hill
Mary Kay McClure's mother, Jean, who is hospitalized with pneumonia
Arlene McCulloch's son, Jack Angel
Carrie Stengel in Guatemala, who has injured her foot
Connie Wadsworth, recovering from surgery following a fall (see her
note to the congregation on the next page)

Prayers of Sympathy...

Joyce Boehmert, on the death of her brother-in-law
Emily, sister of Kristina Kelchner, and Ryan, on the death of Ryan's
mother
Melissa Tumaneng, Glenyse Henschel and the Tandoc family, on the
death of Melissa's cousin

Prayers of Joy and Congratulations...

Carol and John Bassett, celebrating 26 years of marriage
Bruce and Kathie Hixon, celebrating 51 years of marriage
Janis and Randy Jang, celebrating 38 years of marriage
Pete and Priscilla Snyder, on the baptism of granddaughter Catherine
and great-granddaughter Maisie on June 7

Continued Prayers...

Bruce Blair
Miriam Boorman
Steve and Phebe Carniglia
Cid Daugherty
Barbara Evans
Peggy Gierke
Millie Palmer

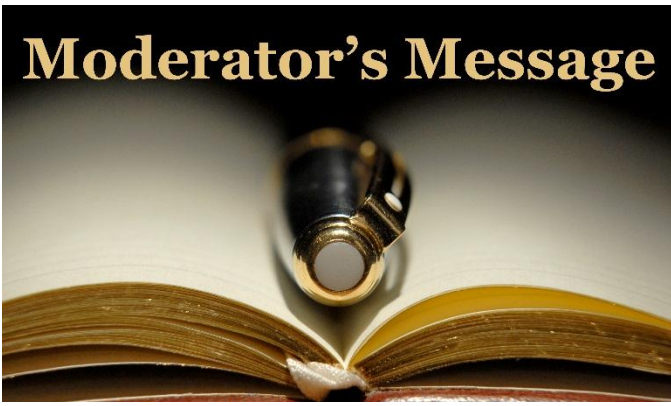
Please remember that the Deacons are available to pray with you
or take your prayer request at any time. We can pray individually
(privately) or pass your request to the whole Diaconate or the
church-wide Prayer Support Team. Please feel free to contact any
Deacon with your requests for prayer, or to be a part of the Prayer
Support Team. Prayer requests can also be e-mailed to [prayer-
team@danvillechurch.org](mailto:prayer-team@danvillechurch.org).



Bette Felton
Peggy Gierke
Joanne Haney
Nancy Hill
Karen Kawaguchi
Nan Karns

Judy Leach
Donna Lenhardt
Mary Kay McClure
Kim Michaud
Judi Weisgraber
Bob Wilkens

Moderator's Message



First, thank you for the opportunity to be of service as your Moderator this new church year. I am very excited about the position because DCC has such wonderful, dedicated leaders and supporters who are committed to our community, our causes, and to making a difference together. I am also deeply grateful to have worked with and participated with many of the various congregational groups over the years.

I will have the honor and privilege to work closely with two very capable Vice Moderators, Bill Armstrong and Kristina Kelchner, along with the capable Ministry staff, Council, and Deacon Groups to help create a new, healthy experience this year for all our congregation.

I believe we are called to make a difference in the world and to consciously participate in its evolution. For starters we will put our DCC Vision into motion and welcome a new Associate Pastor. I will also be introducing a few new ideas, such as encouraging the use of "strategic conversations" to move through decisions and processes more efficiently.

In short, our world is transformed by the cutting-edge ideas that we converse about on a daily basis. Let's work to make those conversations productive, uplifting, and valuable to all persons involved, for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Let's choose to accept that the world is a diverse, friendly place in which we can learn to interact and support each other in an open way, in order to grow and discover the greatness of God within.

Good questions need be asked of God, ourselves, and each other to move us forward. Let's expand the flow of peace and freedom in our life, in our church community and in our world, one conversation at a time.

Blessings in peace,

Bob Hardy



- 2 – Bob Kovach
- 3 – Trish Moosbrugger, Aria Smalley
- 9 – Kevin Shellooe and Wayne Shupe (anniversary)
- 23 – Eleanor Marston
Howie and Priscilla Spinner (anniversary)

Please enter your birthday and/or anniversary on the calendar in Koinonia Hall if you would like to be celebrated on your special day!

Connie Wadsworth phoned in to the office to say: "Alan and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers, happy thoughts and genuine caring we feel from our friends at DCC. One card bears the motto for the efforts we are putting forth: *Breathe Breathe Breathe ad infinitum.*"

Our Vision

At Danville Congregational Church we welcome you to a progressive spiritual community that is open and affirming, celebrates differences, and encourages alternate views. We explore the Bible with curiosity and enthusiasm, taking it seriously but not literally. Taking Christ's call passionately to love our neighbor, we extend our faith into action for the betterment of all. Wherever you are on life's journey, we offer you a place of peace and hope.

Introducing Our New Deacons



(L-R: Bette Felton, Joanne Haney, Mary Kay McClure)

Bette Felton

Bette and her husband Jim, live in Danville. Bette first came to DCC in 1978. She had met our then-Pastor, Paul Forman, with whom she collaborated on AIDS Education. She had also become friendly with her neighbor, our Life Deacon Ilo Maynard. It was Ilo who informed Bette that her collaborator Paul and Ilo's Pastor were one and the same. Bette started visiting DCC and entered her youngest, Diana, in the preschool on our campus. She has shared her energy and skills in many ways, including: Outreach, Worship, and Faith Journeys Commissions; Social Justice, Pastoral Relations, Nominating, and Endowment Committees; and as both Vice Moderator and Moderator.

Joanne Haney

Joanne is a newer member of DCC and is a member of our Handbell Choir. She comes to us by way of Florida, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, the San Francisco Bay Area, Pacifica, and is now settled in Pleasanton. While in Florida, she grew up in a family which was dedicated to their Methodist Church. After college, she and her husband joined the West Avon Congregational Church (CT) and, after relocating, the Dover (MA) UCC. In Pacifica she was an active member of St. Andrew, a progressive Presbyterian church. While there, she was a Deacon, member of the Session of Elders where she was Clerk of Session and, of course, a member of the bell choir. You will want to ask Joanne about her 38 years as a Docent in the Philadelphia and San Francisco Zoos.

Mary Kay McClure

Mary Kay was born into the Congregational church, so to speak. Both her grandparents were Congregational ministers, and her father served on the UCC's National Theological Commission. Thus she has been immersed in conversations about theology from an early age. During a 15 year membership in the Annapolis (MD) UCC, she served on Council and was on the pastoral Relations Committee. In the mid-1970's she was the first woman to serve Communion to a congregation. More recently, she was a member of the Benicia (CA) UCC from 1982–1997. While there, she served on their Council twice, was a delegate to the UCC Conference at Asilomar (CA) twice, and chaired their Building and Grounds Committee three times. Since moving her membership to DCC, she has been active in retreats, workshops, our Lenten and Advent series, and the Women's Spirituality Group. She has overseen three Stewardship campaigns as Commissioner. As a member of the Circles committee Mary Kay became very aware of how Circles and the Diaconate jointly support our Congregation.



Second Hour Schedule

July 5	Communion Sunday – No Second Hour
July 12	Commission Meetings
July 19	No Second Hour
July 26	No Second Hour



Volunteer at Castro Valley Pride Saturday, July 11

Come and join us to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Castro Valley Pride. DCC will have a booth to celebrate PRIDE in Castro Valley and to remind all that “everyone is welcome, wherever you are on life’s journey”. This is a great opportunity to speak out in support of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters and to widen the welcome for DCC.

We need volunteers to be at the booth in 1 or 2 hour shifts on July 11. If you are interested and available, please call or email Cheryl Pierson. Come join in the fun and help us celebrate!

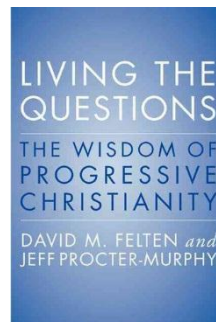


Volunteer for Caring Hands

Your “caring hands” can be put to good use helping our local seniors remain independent in their own homes as long as safely possible! Caring Hands Volunteers provide friendly visits, transportation, and friendship to our ever-increasing senior population; they are beacons of light in what otherwise might be a bleak and lonely existence. Please consider giving your time weekly to assist a deserving senior. Caring Hands has training classes bi-monthly. You are invited to contact Linda Groobin, Caring Hands Program Manager at 925-952-2999 to get more information and to sign up for the next available training class, or visit the Caring Hands website at johnmuirhealth.com/caringhands.

Faith Journeys Recommended Read for July: *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity* by David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy

Pastors David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy, along with an all-star cast of Bible scholars and top church teachers, provide a primer to a church movement that encourages every Christian to “live the questions” instead of “forcing the answers.” Based on the bestselling DVD course of the same name, *Living the*



Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity includes commentary from such bestselling authors as Diana Butler Bass, John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Brian McLaren, and others. Tackling issues of faith and controversial subjects such as the church’s position on homosexuality, *Living the Questions* is the most comprehensive, indeed the only survey of progressive Christianity in existence today.



Handbells on the Move

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our wonderful handbell musicians during “summer break,” the DCC Handbell Ensemble is sharing their musical gifts and talents beyond the walls of DCC.

On June 7, the DCC Handbell Ensemble played for the residents of Sunrise Senior Living in Danville. Our own Britta Cascio was in the audience and we played and sang Happy Birthday to her.

Our second traveling performance will be July 5 at 2:00 at Montecito Senior Living in Concord. We will present a concert honoring our Bell Angel, Barbara Evans, with gratitude for her generous and loving support of the DCC handbell program.



**Summer Backpack
and School Supplies Drive**
Sign-up begins July 12

It hasn't been long since school let out for the summer, but July is the time to sign up for our Summer Backpack and School Supplies Drive. By providing a new backpack stuffed with school supplies for one of the 30 or more children of homeless, formerly homeless, and at-risk families now living in SHELTER, Inc. and Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) facilities, you'll be helping them to get a good start in school this year. And new this year: we are adding an option to provide gift cards for back-to-school clothes and shoes for SHELTER, Inc. and CCIH kids.

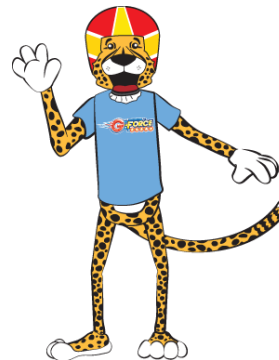
SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County strives to prevent and end homelessness through their homeless prevention programs: providing assistance to individuals and families to stay in their homes; ending the cycle of homelessness by providing temporary housing in combination with supportive services leading to self-sufficiency for homeless families and individuals; and providing affordable and supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals and families. CCIH also provides permanent, affordable housing and vital support services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals in Contra Costa County.

Backpacks and gift cards should be delivered to DCC by Sunday, August 9. Look for information and sign up at the Outreach table during our fellowship time starting on Sunday, July 12. Not a shopper? You can provide back-to-school clothes or shoes for a SHELTER, Inc. or CCIH student with a \$25 Target or Kohl's gift card. You may purchase a gift card or cards yourself, or write a check to DCC with memo "back-to-school gift card."

This is a great opportunity to help break the cycle of homelessness by giving children who have experienced many set-backs and disappointments an incentive to do well in school.



DCC Vacation Bible Camp
Early Bird Registration ends
July 4
August 3-7, 2015, 9 AM to 12 noon
Monday through Friday
Camp Sunday on August 9!



It's not too late to join Checkers the Cheetah for fun, games, music, laughter, snacks, Bible dramas and more! Each child will receive their very own G-Force t-shirt.

All children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited. Older children share the daily Bible story through drama and lead games. Youth (grades 6-12) are eligible to be Junior Counselors. It's fun for everyone!

Register online or download registration forms from our website,

www.danvillechurch.org



**July
Godly Play
Schedule**

- July 5** Family Worship (No GP)
- July 12** Knowing Jesus in a New Way III
- July 19** Knowing Jesus in a New Way IV
- July 26** Knowing Jesus in a New Way V



GO TO CAMP!

July and August, 2015

Our conference (NCNC UCC) is blessed to have two wonderful facilities for children and families to experience God's creation and loving community.

Our conference camps are staffed by volunteer adults and teens who are active in local churches, take their own faith journey seriously, and look forward to being good friends and positive role models to campers.

Children and youth participating in an NCNC/UCC summer camp will return not only with many new friends among peers, but with new friends who are caring adults.

See the dates and programs below and visit www.ncncucc.org for more information about pricing and programs.

Please let Rev. Laura know whether you are interested in going, so she can help facilitate potential carpools.

July 10-12 You & Me Camp (Caz)

Entering grades K-3 & their adult companion(s)

July 12-18 Caz Sr High

Entering grades 9-12

July 19-25 Caz Counselor in Training

Grade 12 or High School Graduate

July 19-25 Caz Junior

Entering grades 3-6

July 26-August 1 Caz Jr High

Entering grades 6-9

July 19-25 Tam Junior & Jr High

Entering grades 5-8

July 26 - August 1 Tam Senior High

Entering grades 9-12



Dayspring's Summer Sessions are in full swing, with the theme "Let's Go Global!" Each week, the children "visit" another continent and celebrate the local culture, cuisine, wildlife, and language. They have been meeting new friends as they enjoy a variety of motor games, stories, art projects, cooking projects, and outdoor water activities which all are based on our global theme. Some favorite outdoor activities have included conducting science experiments, water play while wearing bathing suits, and creating waterways and canals in the sand pit.

During the first four weeks of Summer Session, our teachers and our imaginations will take us on an African Safari, the European Express, and all over North America. Then, our Antarctic Antics will include lessons on polar bears and penguins. The children are always fascinated by the bears' camouflage and how blubber helps to keep them warm. The teachers reinforce the lessons about blubber with classroom experiments using Crisco! The children also love learning that all of the penguin parents have a unique call that their very own chick will recognize and answer.



The children will celebrate the Fourth of July with their very own Dayspring Preschool Independence Day Parade! The children will once again march with their classroom float and patriotic banners to the music of John Philip Sousa. We will spend mid-July teaching the children about a "service and care project". Dayspring will be hosting the fifth annual TRIKE-A-THON on Wednesday, July 15th to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in their research and treatment for childhood cancer.

As we begin the second half of Summer Session, we will "travel" to Australia, Asia, South America, and an Island Paradise! We look forward to our Dayspring Family Picnic as well as our Latin Carnival and Luau-themed activities in August. We anticipate that several Dayspring children will be attending DCC's Vacation Bible Camp again this year.

For more information about Dayspring Preschool, please visit our website at www.dayspringpreschool.org, and be sure to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dayspring-preschool.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 1:30 PM Women's Spiritual Formation Group #4	2 10:30 AM Spiritual Formation Group #3 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal (Optional)	3	4 
5 Olive Circle Communion Sunday 9:30 AM Family Worship	6	7	8 1:30 PM Women's Spiritual Formation Group #4 2:30 PM Tenant Relations Committee 7:00 PM Finance Committee	9 9:00 AM Diaconate Meeting 10:30 AM Spiritual Formation Group #3	10	11
12 Palm Circle 9:30 AM Worship and Godly Play 11:00 AM Commission Meetings	13	14	15 1:30 PM Women's Spiritual Formation Group #4	16 10:30 AM Spiritual Formation Group #3	17	18
19 Pine Circle Ingathering 9:30 AM Worship and Godly Play	20 7:00 PM PFLAG 	21 7:00 PM Council Meeting	22 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 PM Women's Spiritual Formation Group #4	23 10:30 AM Spiritual Formation Group #3	24	25
26 Willow Circle 9:30 AM Worship and Godly Play	27	28	29 1:30 PM Women's Spiritual Formation Group #4	30 10:30 AM Spiritual Formation Group #3	31	1