

DCC NEWS

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Our core values: Welcome. Grow. Serve.

Greetings, DCC!

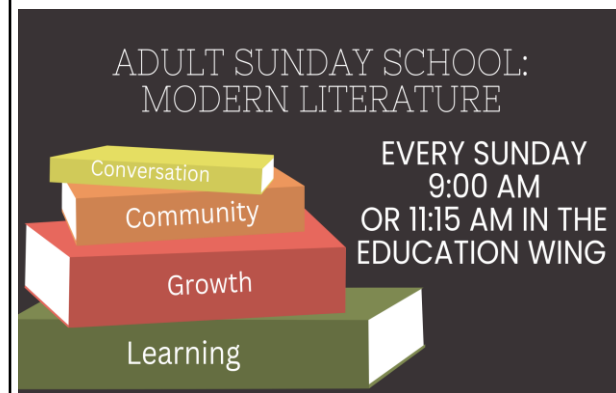
This week is a good time to give thanks for air conditioning. It is hot, even for a sun and heat lover like me. It's also a good time to inform you about some building challenges we are experiencing at the church. Some of them are air conditioning-related.

First, you may remember that last spring we had the flat roof repaired because there were some leaks. I mentioned that the roof needed to be replaced. We are in the process of getting updated bids and will proceed with the new roof when we are satisfied that we have gotten the best bid possible.

Second, you may have noticed that when we had a lot of rain a few weeks ago, we also had a funky smell in the sanctuary. It turns out that smell is due to water in the ductwork. I was bemoaning this in Sermon Talkback one evening when a long-time member told me a story. She told me that not long after she and her husband joined, which wasn't long after the building was built, the church had a birthday party. The tradition at the time was to have skits at the birthday parties. She remembers that someone did a skit dressed in a scuba suit with flippers, carrying buckets. When asked why he was wearing that, he said he was there to help the elders bail water out of the ducts. Bahahahahaha!

I tell you that story to make the point that this water in the ductwork has been a longstanding problem. And weirdly, that brought me some comfort. Apparently, a French drain was installed, which helped. Now we are in the finding-out phase of tending to the problem again. Where is the water coming from? Has the French drain failed? Are the ducts ruined? If the ducts have deteriorated, what are our options? How widely spread is the problem? When we have the answers to these questions, we can make a plan to fix it.

Also during the wet period, we became aware that water was seeping into the back of the sanctuary to the right of the stained-glass window. We have pulled out two bushes and uncovered two clogged drains. We have a landscaper coming to add rock to the area to ensure proper drainage, away from the building.



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Lunches with Love this month is
August 16, 2026

We will pack and deliver lunches
after worship to our neighbors at Torrey
Place. There is a sign-up list online on
the DCC webpage under the Outreach tab.

CONCERN Needs

canned corn, peas, 16 oz peanut
butter and unisex deodorant

Your generosity makes our shared
ministry possible. You can contribute
monetarily by going to the church
website, dccbville.org, and clicking the
GIVE button at the bottom of the
home page or by mailing a check to
the church:
5800 Douglas Ln.
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August Service Calendars

Deacons:

- 2: Dianne Crow and Donna Keffer
- 9: Jeff and Wiley Keffer
- 16: Blake Buckner and Kevin Mnich
- 23: Bon and Jamie Bennett
- 30: Dianne Crow and Donna Keffer

Elders:

- 2: Linda Bracken and Sandra Skinner
- 9: Maggie Humble and Gary Downey
- 16: Linda Bracken and Dee Lynd
- 23: Evan & Kris Zorn and Larry Cowan
- 30: Evan & Kris Zorn and Scott Taylor

Hospitality:

- 2: John Becker
- 9: Josh Waddell
- 16: Sheena Hayes
- 23: Adam Dorris
- 30: Evan Zorn



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| 1 Allie Thitte | 20 Collins Hubbard |
| 2 Bon Bennett | 21 Margaret Radlinger- |
| 5 Margaret Bouvier | Ames |
| 7 Birk Buckner | 23 Dave Glover |
| 10 Larry Cowan | 26 JD Pauls |
| 13 Forrest Bennett | 26 Melinda Rivera |
| 15 Dianne Crow | 27 David Lynd |

Children's Ministry

The kids discovered what it means to put compassion into action at Compassion Camp! Through stories, games, crafts, music, and hands-on activities, they explored how God calls us to care for ourselves, one another, and the world around us. Together, we practiced kindness and learned that even small acts of compassion can make a big difference. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers, families, and children who made this year's Compassion Camp such a joyful and meaningful experience!

-Alex



**SAT AUG 8
8AM-NOON**

**DONATION DROP-OFF
SUN AUG 1 - FRI AUG 7
(9AM-12PM)**

*The proceeds will help
stock the pantry!*

Our Stock the Pantry garage sale is coming up soon! Donations can be dropped off this week, starting Sunday.

Even if you don't have anything to donate, you can still help the sale be successful. We really need volunteers to help sort and price items throughout the week and set up Saturday morning. If you are willing and available to help, please contact Alex Buckner. We will need all the people we can find to help get the garage sale ready and set up.
THANK YOU!

ModernLit

Modern Lit II (11:15 am group) is finishing up their book and discussing what to read next. If you've been considering joining the group or just checking it out, now is a great time to stop in. There is room for everyone.



peanut butter, jelly, and bread
kids' snacks
kids' cereal
pasta and pasta sauce
canned fruit with flip tops
canned meal items with flip tops



Sunday, August 9th, we will have our annual Backpack Blessing. All students of any age and grade and all educators are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, notebooks, etc. so the congregation can say a blessing over them for this coming year.

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Speaking of water...there is also a sporadic water leak between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. We thought we had it fixed, but it is tenacious. We hope this problem is related to the flat roof, but we won't know until we replace the roof.

I will keep you updated on the results of our finding-out phase. Once we know what needs to be fixed and how much it will cost, we will likely do a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. We will make sure the building needs get addressed so DCC can remain a safe space for our community for a very long time.

While we wait, let's dream a little. Is there something you wish we could update or change about the building? The Board would love to hear your ideas. Some ideas that have already been expressed are: install showers, install a single-stall restroom, purchase new fellowship hall chairs, and paint the wood around the door under the portico. What do you notice? What do you think visitors notice about the building? I'd love to have lots of ideas to take back to the Board!

I hope to see you soon!

Peace,
Kelley



From the Senior Minister...

Alex Buckner, our Director of Early Childhood Ministries, has shared that she is taking a full-time position at another non-profit organization. Her start date there and end date at DCC are still in flux. We will let you know when we know.

In the meantime, please thank Alex for all she has done for our children and families and wish her well. The Buckner family will continue to be part of our congregation, so this isn't good-bye, it's "Wow! We are so happy for you! And your new employer is lucky to get you!"

Kelley



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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