



**DCPC**  
**Faith and Families**  
**Newsletter**  
**July 14, 2017**

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**Proud Parents**

Dear Friends,

This past week we have enjoyed over 150 children running, walking, singing, eating, and learning through the halls of DCPC. There have been so many adults and youth that have helped to make this week a success. Thank you to our VBS Directors, our church staff, and all of our servant volunteers who have helped make this week a great success!

I want to brag on our youth in particular. I do not know the number of middle and high school youth who have helped with VBS this year but I know that there have been a lot. And their participation has been stellar! They have jumped at every opportunity to help. They have shown initiative, compassion, kindness, thoughtfulness, and leadership. They have taken on projects and have used their many and varied gifts that God has given them to serve the children of this congregation and community.

As a parent, I am proud to be a part of this church as I watch our young people participate in every aspect of leadership within the church. Our youth are not only the church of tomorrow but they are the church of today! They often show us what it means to live out our faith and use our gifts in service to others. You, as a parent or grandparent, can be proud too. As adults in the church, in a way, we have a responsibility for one another's children and so we all belong to each other! Your children are my family, just as my children are yours. I am proud to be part of this church family where our youth are such a vital and vibrant part of our life together.

To God be the Glory!

*Robert*

P.S. I may not have an article next Friday as I will be in Kenya. We'll see if there is any time to send a note. If not then I will be back with you the following week.

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## UPCOMING STUFF—SAVE THE DATE!

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### Partner With us in Kenya

Our KenyaTeam is off! We will be back on July 25th. If you would like to follow our Travel Blog, sign up at <https://dcpcmissions.shutterfly.com>. As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

- **Kenya Team Members:** Anne Alexander, Robert Alexander, Alice Bragg, Catherine Bragg, Kyra Hurst, Paisley Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Claire Melton, Franny Mille, Pat Millen, Mark Muchane, Mary Muchane, Mur Muchane, Al Sudduth

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### Summer Sunday Sundaes

7:00pm on the Gwen Appleyard Patio  
(outside of the Student Center—RAIN PLAN—Student Center)

\*BRING YOUR HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SPECIALTIES\*

\*WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ICE CREAM\*  
The Fellowship Ministry will provide toppings and drinks!

**SUNDAYS: July 16th, and 30th**

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### Support our Work with Center for Hope—July 24–August 7

The Salvation Army women's shelter (Center for Hope) is overcrowded. Churches have been asked to offer support between June and November by hosting women in their communities for one or more weeks. We are currently planning to host 8 women as our guests the weeks of July 24th – August 7th. We will need people to help with this by providing meals, helping with transportation, helping with laundry, and staying overnight. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Sign-Up Genius and find the activity that works for you. Help us show love, welcome, and hospitality to these women who will be our guests at DCPC for two weeks. If you have any questions you may contact Jane Campbell ([usnpao@gmail.com](mailto:usnpao@gmail.com)).

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**Pray for our Youth heading to Montreat**

Please keep our youth and adults in prayer as they head to Montreal the week of July 23.

Abigail Merrifield, Bonita Beeken, Diana Merrifield, Dottie Sloan, Ella Kiley, Hank Grzeszczak, Jonathan Ponder, Katie Clarke, Kristen Hurst, Laura Maples, Matt Wiggins, Peri Beatty, Sam Ruppenthal, Sara Kate Harris, Sarah Piephoff, Steven Holthouser, Sidney Bryan.

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### **HABITAT - next DCPC work day is July 29th!!**

Things are going smoothly at 9915 Psalms Street in Cornelius. Homeowner Fabiola and her four children will be thrilled when they move into their new home. Come join us to help make this dream a reality. **All those age 14 and up** are encouraged to help.

Please click the following link to sign up for one of our work days – <https://volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp?o=138>. If you would like to make a donation toward the house – write Habitat House in the memo line of your check or in your online gift. Thank you for your generosity.

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If there are concerns or joys that you would like to have listed here please email me at [ralexander@dcpc.org](mailto:ralexander@dcpc.org) so that we might keep one another in prayer.

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