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# DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

*GATHER, GROW AND GO IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST*

## THE CRIER

January 1, 2020



BEHOLD, THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS, AND

# NEW THINGS

I NOW  
DECLARE.

ISAIAH 42:9, ESV

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**ADULTS: 9:00 AM**

### *A Closer Walk With God:*

Study Leaders are Lenita Cuervo and Ginny Eblen



**Thru the Bible:** This class is studying Titus

### **CHILDREN / YOUTH SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Leader: Chad Coates      This group meets during the 10AM Worship

**Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour on Sundays.**

**This time of gathering is a great way to meet visitors  
and a time to chat with friends.**

The church provides coffee. Check the signup sheet in the fellowship hall near the kitchen. Grab a friend or two and select a date good for you. The refreshments don't have to be elaborate. Just something simple to enjoy while visiting with others.



**Join us every day as we pray for our pastor, church, community  
and the world around us. More importantly, we need to be in prayer  
together! Pray for peace, unity, and ultimately for God's will.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2020 CRIER IS: JANUARY 18**

JUST GIVE US THE "WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND HOW"

FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT PUBLISHED, AND WE WILL CREATE THE ARTICLE FOR YOU.

PLEASE SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES TO:

**DCCCRIER@GMAIL.COM**

## **Update from Treasurer, Laura Deese**

### **DCC Financial Update:**

## **2019 FINANCIAL REPORT FROM TREASURER**

**DECEMBER 2019**

	DECEMBER		Year to Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$35,345	\$26,342	\$278,593	\$289,150
<u>Expense</u>	\$30,453	\$39,070	\$283,759	\$286,601
Bud. Bal.	\$4,892	(\$12,728)	(\$5,166)	\$2,549



Committed to  
nurturing faith,  
supporting mission,  
working for justice,  
and building community.

**PW Coordinating Team Officers** for the 2019-2020 year are:

<b>Co-moderators:</b>	Lenita Cuervo and JJ Skinner
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Elaine Willins
<b>Historian:</b>	Janis Taylor
<b>Together in Service:</b>	Yvonne Luck
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jeannine Stone

**Our next Mary/Martha Day will be held in February.**

**Please plan to come help with February's project. It's a great time of fellowship while working on an outreach project.**

### DCC Presbyterian Women 2020 Monthly Bible Studies



2019-2020 PW Bible Study & Missions

**Dorcas Circle:** Meets the second Tuesday  
at the home of Debbie O'Regan  
Book Study, Uninvited By Lisa Terkeurst

**Lydia Circle:** Meets the second Sunday at 6:00PM  
at the home of Anne Edwards  
Inductive Bible Study

**Anna Circle:** Meets the 3rd Thursday 10:00AM  
Pat Hultman, Leader  
Meetings are held at the church  
Studying the Gospels

**\*\*\*Check with your Study Leader for changes to meeting dates.**

## DCC Library News

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The Diamondhead Community Church Library maintains a collection of media for all ages that provides the opportunity for studying, learning, and teaching. It is a resource supporting personal and congregational growth in our Christian faith and living so the members and friends of Diamondhead Community Church continue to foster an environment that "seeks to meet the needs of each other."

**AMAZING GRACE for a WOMAN'S HEART** ¾ a book review by Carol Benzing

"By grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." This book of devotions is a good friend on a bad day or the world around you seems fragile. So, take a minute to reconnect or connect enthusiastically with our Lord to express your gratitude, trust, and faith in him. You will find this small devotional book filled with warmth and comfort.

**AMAZING GRACE for a WOMAN'S HEART** can be found on the Library Book Cart stationed at the main entrance.

### ACORNS

Each time I hang up the acorn wreath just before the first day of fall, which was purchased at a garage sale many years ago, I marvel at my luck in finding and buying it for one dollar. No bows, no ribbon just 288 acorns perfectly glued on an eight inch straw wreath, and sprayed with a protective coat of something. It must have taken weeks to construct the wreath and only wish the craftsman, who made the wreath, knew how much their work is valued.

Acorns bring back the memory of collecting them with my friends. We made bracelets and necklaces after Uncle Will put holes in the acorn cups. Full sized acorns were used for playing hopscotch and stone school and bags filled with acorns were our food while we traveled across the country on our imaginary wagon train. Then in October 1954 when the residual effects of hurricane Hazel, which made a direct hit in North Carolina and continued along the Atlantic Coast, rolled into New York State taking the oak down and landing on our house. The old oak was gone forever and fun with the acorns came to an abrupt end.



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Acorns, depending on the species of oak tree can take more than two years or less than a year to mature. In North America, approximately ninety species of birds and mammals feed on acorns. I remember smashing acorns by stomping on them very hard and yet some large birds swallow acorns whole. Small birds rely on pieces of acorns that remain after the deer and squirrels are done dining. Some birds carry the acorns to other areas to hide or bury for later and end up as seedlings keeping the oak tree population alive and well.

From year to year, the amount of acorns oak trees produce varies, which means an adequate supply of viable acorns may not be available every year. This occurs because of changes in water, weather patterns, and available nutrients. This year they are very plentiful

To increase your chances of collecting viable acorns to feed the birds or produce seedlings:

- gather acorns, when the majority of acorns are falling to the ground. Do not pick acorns from the tree because they are immature. Do not collect the first acorns that fall because they are likely damaged or of poor quality and will fail to produce seedlings or are good nut meat for the birds;
- examine acorns closely. Discard any that show the signs of rot, mold, or small holes, which indicate insect damage;
- drop acorns in a container of water and throw away any that float to the top. This action shows that there is damage to the acorn’s embryo;
- place acorns on a large flat plate outdoors for the birds to enjoy.

It is amazing that such a small nut, some are only one cm long is responsible for establishing the very mighty oak tree under very difficult conditions. The value of the acorn to birds and mammals as a source of food and to us who benefit from the dispersal of acorns that continue to re-establish themselves cannot be measured.

**NOTE: Inventory of all media has started. Please return any materials; you have finished by January 19 2020 so they can be included in the inventory.**  
**WELCOME 2020**



Ruthie O'Neill	1/01	Sally Lindsley	1/26
Shelia Pace	1/04	Jon O'Regan	1/26
Gary Jones	1/05	Stephen Parnell	1/26
Madison Cumberland	1/08	Riley Corbin	1/27
Vicki Harlan	1/08	Matthew Schmitt	1/27
Daun Pace	1/09	Melissa Reso	1/28
Jimmy Taylor	1/09	Aiden Seals	1/28
Becky Eckhoff	1/11	Rodney Ackerman	1/30
Chad Badeaux	1/12	Lucas Mitchell	1/30
Casey Nichols –Ruggles	1/12		
Julianne Eckhoff	1/14		
Janis Taylor	1/14		
Madison Reso	1/15		
Boots Deaton	1/16		
Mary English	1/16		
Allen Henson	1/18		
Benedicta Anthonio	1/20		
Dawna Meyn	1/22		
Maggie Macmillan	1/23	Michael & Beth Skeen	1/1/1993
Gail Seliga	1/23	Don & Dawna Meyn	1/5/2003
John Hall	1/24	Gary & Eileen Jones	1/8/1999
Reid Walker	1/24	Doug & JJ Skinner	1/19/1991
Richard Smith	1/25		

