

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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Please see the attachments: (1) letter from Session to the Congregation, and (2) the excellent Minute for Stewardship that was given last Sunday by Anita Goldshine.

[This Sunday, November 20, 2016](#)

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. Our Youth Group members will lead worship at 11:00 am! They have prepared the entire service. Preaching will be Danny Flynn, Shannon Marsh and Brett Kimball. The Teen Choir will sing at the service.

Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit at the 8:45 service.

The Children's Message at both services will address **Comfort Cases**, a totally volunteer organization that provides filled backpacks and duffle bags for children in the foster care system. A packing party for this worthy project is currently under consideration as a spring DPW mission activity.

Sunday School Classes for children and adults will meet this Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The **Membership and Outreach Committee** will resume **taking pictures** for those interested, and will demonstrate how to upload photos to the **online directory** during the coffee hour in and around the Fellowship Hall in the rest of October and in the first half of November. Please see Chris Ackerman, Rob Garretson, Anita Goldshine or Larry Ciorolorito if you are interested or have any questions.

Dedication Sunday, November 20

Our Darnestown Presbyterian Church 2017 Stewardship Pledge Campaign is underway. You should've received a pledge card along with a privacy envelope in the mail at your home. **We will collect pledges on Dedication Sunday, November 20.** You can bring your pledge card (in the envelope) and place it in the offering plate at either the 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service. If you will be away or not attending services on that date, you can mail your pledge into the office or put it in the offering on any Sunday in November or early December. **Thank you in advance for your generous support of Darnestown Presbyterian Church.**

DPW Annual General Meeting
Sunday, November 20, 2016; 12:15 pm
Fellowship Hall - Luncheon included

Please join the board of DPW for a Luncheon and General Meeting this coming Sunday, the 20th of November, immediately after the 11 am Worship Service. This gathering will serve as our **Annual General Meeting**. We will share a sandwich and salad **luncheon** prepared by Panera Bread Co., **learn Chair Yoga** from a certified yoga instructor, Dee Gold of Inner Reaches on Query Mill Rd., to help us get through the holidays feeling well, and talk about our annual budget and election of new DPW officers.

We appreciate your input and thoughts about the missions we support and the participation in improvements to the Parlor and Fellowship Hall that are pending. We welcome all input!

We look forward to this relaxing time of fellowship and discussion. **Hope to see you there! Who might you invite to attend with us?**

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Holiday Basket Program

If you pledged gift cards for our annual **Adopt-a-Family Holiday Basket Program**, please put them in the collection plate, deliver them to the DPC office, or contact Rob Garretson (rgarretson@gmail.com) to arrange a pickup. If you filled out a pew card or sent Rob an email and haven't received a family assignment, please contact Rob ASAP.

If you'd like to adopt a family for Christmas (dinner meal basket, plus gifts for the children), please email Rob or fill out a pew card, and we'll seek more assignments from Germantown HELP. Your generous support, as always, has been a blessing! **Also**, this year our **Junior Church children will be preparing gift bags that you can include with your Christmas delivery**. If you've volunteered to adopt a family for Christmas and are interested in a bag with small toys and other gifts customized for your assigned family, please contact Sarah Henderson (henderson.munter@gmail.com).

DPW Bazaar - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Bazaar! It was a wonderful day of fellowship for all who attended. We appreciate everyone who supported our efforts to raise money for local, national, and international missions. A special thanks to those who helped set up the event, worked the day of the event, and helped put all the items away. Thank you!

- Throughout the holiday season, **Christmas items** such as wreaths and florals will be displayed in the Parlor. If you'd like to purchase any of these, you can do so

on any Sunday by giving a check or cash (exact change) to a DPW board member. During the week, funds can be left at the church office.

- If you would like to buy a new **DPC Cookbook** (it's a great holiday gift!), please pick one up at the church office for \$15 (cash or check), or contact a DPW board member.

- **Special Note: If you bought** the blue wine decanter from the "Household Treasures Room," we have located the stopper for it! Please contact Anita Goldshine at agoldshine@gmail.com or 909-215-9297.

- Finally, if you interested in ordering **DPC Spiritwear** (T shirts, Polo shirts and Denim shirts), there are forms in the church office.

The following summarizes our **Offering Giving** through November 6, 2016:

Cumulative Budget	\$373,730
Actual Giving	332,935
Ahead (Behind)	(40,795)

DPW's Christmas Tea

All women and young ladies (5 years and up) are cordially invited to attend the annual DPW Christmas Tea on **Sunday, December 4 from 3-5 p.m.** It will be held at the home of Lida Stifel (14000 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown, 20878). There will be music, tidbits, and fellowship. Please plan to park at DPC—carpools to Lida's house will be set up there.

RSVP to the event to Judy Wenig at jjjmaux@gmail.com; Sign up to bring food at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044babad2bab9-dpwchristmas1>, or call/email Belinda at bee@oberry.org/301-785-7081. You may also sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Social and Fellowship Halls.

Our Mission project will benefit the **YMCA Mentoring Program—Gifts for Youth**. "**Snowmen**" will be available **next Sunday** in the Sanctuary after worship, and each has the name of a child with their age, sex and wish (gift up to \$40). People can choose one and buy the gift for that child. **Bring the wrapped gift with the Snowman attached to the Tea, or leave it in the basket in Fellowship Hall on or before December 11.**

The Cemetery Committee has an opening for an additional member. If anyone is interested, please let Keith Midberry know.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.

Minute for Stewardship, 11/13/2016

Good morning. The day I was asked to share with you why I give to DPC, I was also asked by Debbie at the Red Cross to donate platelets. I donate blood or platelets on a fairly regular basis. It's a little painful and quite time-consuming (at least for platelets), so why do I do it? I do it to help people -- maybe even save a life. I don't know who they are or what kind of lives they've lived -- whether I would approve of their behavior or agree with their social or political views, I just know they need blood or platelets to survive or recover. It is one tiny thing I can do to thank Jesus, who was, in a sense, the original blood donor: he gave his life blood -- went through excruciating pain and ultimately sacrificed his life -- to redeem us from sin and death, physical and spiritual. And He did it KNOWING just how undeserving we are.

We cannot ever repay that act of love, but we can and must continue His work on Earth. One important way we do this is by supporting His church with our prayers, our presence and our gifts. I am not a lifelong Presbyterian and I don't agree with everything that comes out of National Presbytery, but I can wholeheartedly support THIS, my local church, this gathering place for worship and Christian fellowship. Through my gifts, I help support our mission work, our fellowship activities, our outreach, our Christian Education programs including VBS, youth programs, and on and on. When I look at the sweet faces of the little ones who come up for the children's message every Sunday, and see our youth learning and growing in ministry of their own I want this church to be here for them as they grow up and raise families and for future generations. When I experience Sunday school, the music program, and working at the Bazaar, knowing the money we are raising will do great things in our community and our world, I rejoice to be part of this. I want to help this ministry thrive, not just survive. I thank the Lord for the blessing of being able to give and I ask all of you to give as you are able.

- Anita Goldshine