

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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Thanks to all who delivered Food Baskets for Thanksgiving! We delivered baskets to nearly 40 families. We'll be again delivering Food Baskets the week before Christmas. If you'd like to take part, be in touch with Rob Garretson at: rgarretson@gmail.com

Our December Men's Breakfast will be held this Saturday morning, December 3, at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men welcome. RSVPs helpful but not required.

This Sunday, December 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit, and the Sacrament of Communion will be served at both services.

Sunday School Classes for children and adults will meet this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Who might you invite to attend with us?

We will be stocking the shelves and packing food baskets at the [Germantown Help](#) Food Pantry this Sunday. We'll gather at 1:00 pm at the Germantown Methodist Church. Volunteers needed!

Youth interested in **Confirmation** (and parents!) are asked to attend a brief meeting with Tamara following the late service this Sunday. Meeting to be held in Tamara's office.

DPW's Christmas Tea

All ladies of the church (age 5 and above) are invited to attend the annual Christmas tea at the home of Lida Stifel on **Sunday, December 4 from 3-5,** whether or not you sign up in advance. Details will again be in the bulletin; **plan to park at DPC.** We would appreciate it if you can bring some holiday savorys, sweets or small sandwiches to share. **Please join us!**

Our Mission project will benefit the **YMCA Mentoring Program—Gifts for Youth.** 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.

Church News

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Advent Potluck Dinner Sponsored by the Board of Deacons. This potluck takes place **on Sunday, December 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. All are welcome to come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Please bring a favorite main dish, side dish or dessert. Spiral ham and beverages will be provided. We'll also have crafts for the children and a time for singing Christmas carols.

The **Thursday morning Bible Study** will meet next on December 8 at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All are invited!

DPC VIPS (Very Important Presbyterian Seniors)
And St. Nick's Lunch Bunch cordially invite everyone
(Guest, Visitors, First Timers) to their **Christmas Lunch and Party**
at DPC on **Tuesday, December 13** at 11:30 a.m., in the DPC Fellowship Hall.
Join us for food, fellowship and a fun gift exchange (gift optional).

The Session calls for a **Meeting of the Congregation** on **Sunday, December 18** immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons, and the 2017 Nominating Committee.

DPW Bazaar

- 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.
- 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 27, 2016:

Cumulative Budget	\$403,194
Actual Giving	372,901
Ahead (Behind)	(30,293)

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.

Christmas Week Services

Sunday, December 18 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. — Candlelight Service, emphasis on children

8:00 p.m. — Candlelight Service

10:00 p.m. — Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 — *Merry Christmas!!*

One service at 11:00 a.m.; no Sunday School

Sunday, January 1 — Happy New Year!

One service at 11:00 a.m.; no Sunday School

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. The four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return. **Purple** is the primary color of Advent, symbolizing repentance and fasting.