

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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This Sunday, December 18, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit for both services. His sermon title is "The Christmas Story," with Scripture taken from John 1. The DPC Ensemble will sign at the early service, and the Chancel Choir will sing at the late service.

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

Offering envelopes for the **Christmas Joy Offering** will be found in the pews this Sunday morning. This year's offering will go to assist retired Presbyterian pastors, educators and missionaries, to support Presbyterian colleges and to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. May we be generous!

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. Candidates are:

Elders: Class of 2019 - Meade Gelston, Jess Neri, Janis Summers (second terms); Larry Ciorlorito, Tom Wheeler (first terms).

Deacons: Class of 2019 - Belinda O'Berry (second term); Jennifer Cole, Andy Fuhrmann, Jill Worley, Mary Ellen York;

Class of 2018 - Jill Bremer.

Youth Deacons: Brooke Daughtry, Shannon Marsh

Nominating Committee - Sally Belcher, Jennifer Flynn, Amy Jenkins, Dave McClung.

December 18, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. - Annual Youth Group Christmas

Party! Carrie, Brooke and Ben Daughtry have graciously invited us to their home for the annual DPC youth and college student Christmas Party! Join us for good food, fellowship and a brief Christmas prayer. **RSVP to Tamara** to let her know if you can attend. We need to have a good count so we have enough food. Bring a dessert or a snack to share!

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The DPC Mission Committee and DPW are beginning a new ministry with **"Comfort Cases."** Beginning this Sunday you may bring various items to worship. These items will later be put into Comfort Cases for foster children in Maryland. This list of items will be included in this week's Sunday bulletin.

On Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day!), we will worship at 11:00 am only. Do join us for a "Service of Lessons & Carols." There will be NO Sunday School.

The 2017 Confirmation Class is forming. So far, a couple of youth have expressed interest and plan on participating. We are currently working out what day of the week the class will take place once we begin in January. If you were unable to attend the organizational meeting, contact Tamara if you are interested in participating in the class.

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.

We are in the last month of our Darnestown Presbyterian Church 2017 Stewardship Pledge Campaign. This is a friendly reminder that if you haven't had a chance to turn in your 2017 pledge, there is still time. 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 or mail your pledge into the church office. The deadline for 2017 pledge commitments is December 30, 2016. Thank you in advance for your generous support of Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

The following summarizes our **Offering Giving** through December 11, 2016:

Cumulative Budget	\$431,213
Actual Giving	402,212
Ahead (Behind)	(29,001)

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.