

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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[This Sunday, January 22, 2017](#)

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. We will install/ordain Elders at the late worship service. Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit for both services. His sermon is entitled "Keeping Promises," with scripture taken from Luke 1.

Sunday School Classes will be held this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages, with two strong classes for adults.

Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you'd like envelopes but don't see them there for you, or if you do not want envelopes, please let the church office know.

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Food Drive for Germantown HELP - During the month of January, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Germantown HELP. Items always needed are: breakfast cereals, peanut butter, **jelly**, tuna fish, canned fruits, vegetables and soups, spaghetti sauce and **1-lb. bags/boxes of rice and pasta**. Please bring your donations to the kitchen under the Sanctuary.

The Chili Cook-Off is coming on January 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

As always, there will be prizes for the best chili and dessert. **All entries must be registered by 5:15.** Keep an eye out for **sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex** to let us know if you will be bringing chili, dessert or a side dish, and so that we'll know how many people to expect.

Comfort Cases - **Thank you** to everyone who donated to our Comfort Cases hands-on project! We feel blessed that we can provide to foster children in our area. We have received many great items, but find ourselves in need of a few more so that our Sunday school classes can pack/fill the backpacks completely. **Next week (January 29)** we will provide **paper "backpacks,"** similar to the Christmas snowmen project. The paper backpack will list one particular item needed to complete our backpacks. Please look for those next Sunday and consider taking one. The Mission Committee appreciates your support! Any questions, please contact Betty Petrola or Belinda O'Berry.

The 2017 Confirmation Class has begun. We'll gather in Dr. McNeilly's office Wednesdays from 6-7:30 for confirmation class. Youth who have not yet been confirmed and are interested in joining the class are encouraged to contact Tamara, who will be leading the class.

There will be a make-up service for the installations of those Elders and Deacons unable to attend earlier in the month on Sunday, January 29, at the late worship service.

Souper Bowl Sunday on Super Bowl Sunday

DPC youth will collect canned/non-perishable food items and cash donations following both worship service on Sunday, **February 5**. Youth will then stock the shelves and package food items at the Germantown HELP Pantry for hungry families. We also hope to travel to Bowl America. HELP us make Souper Bowl Sunday a success!

Parents' Night Out Fundraiser - February 12, 5p.m.-7p.m.

The DPC Youth Group will sponsor a Parents' Night Out as a fundraiser for Montreat Presbyterian Summer Camp. Parents can pack a brown bag meal for their children and bring them to Fellowship Hall. We'll provide activities and a snack.

Save the Dates for DPW Retreat 2017 - March 31 to April 2. The Women of the Church are invited to attend the Annual Women's Retreat led by our own Dr. Sally Belcher at the northern gateway to the Shenandoah Valley in West Virginia, "The Woods." Kathy Kurkjian has offered her relaxing retreat there as the location this year.

Youth will be attending **Presbyterian Summer Camp at Montreat July 9-15**. If you have a youth who is interested in joining us, contact Tamara or Dale May. We'll be holding a meeting soon.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.

If you are concerned that Sunday worship services have been canceled due to inclement weather, you may check the Home Page of our website at www.darnestownpc.org, or you may contact the church office at 301-948-9127 after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. If there is no phone service, you may assume there's no power, and worship is cancelled.