

DPC Weekly Update  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
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### This Sunday, January 29, 2017

**We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.** Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit for both services. His sermon is entitled "Gratitude," with scripture taken from Psalm 92.

**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.

**The Chili Cook-Off** is this Sunday evening 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.** Please let the church office know if you will be join us and what you will be bring - chili, dessert or a side dish, and so that we'll know how many people to expect. **And all are welcome - with Chili or not!**

**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 fill the backpacks completely. **As you leave services this week, we ask that you consider taking a paper "backpack,"** similar to the Christmas snowmen. The paper backpack will list one particular item needed to complete the backpacks. The Mission Committee appreciates your support! Any questions, please contact Betty Petrola or Belinda O'Berry.

We are sorrowed to announce the passing of Margaret (Peggy) Harris in Virginia last week. There will be a graveside service for her in our Cemetery on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. Our prayers are with her family and friends.

### Church News

**We are in the process of renovating the Fellowship Hall!** If you have not already beheld the work done (which is not yet concluded) - drop by this Sunday. You will be pleased!

**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.

### **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 and bring their children to Fellowship Hall. We'll provide activities and a snack.

The Session calls for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** on Sunday, **February 12**, immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Annual Reports and the 2017 Operating Budget.

**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 lead 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](http://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.**