

DPC Weekly Update  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
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The DPC Men's Breakfast will be held this Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVPs helpful, but not required. Please note that Tim Kurkjian will *not* be speaking. Tim will be with us in May.

[This Sunday, March 5, 2017 - First Sunday in Lent](#)

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion at both services. Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit.

**Sunday School Classes** will be held this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages. There will be **ONE** Adult Class to meet in the Parlor.

Join us **TODAY** as we stock the shelves of the **Germantown HELP Food Pantry** and pack food baskets for families in need. We meet at the Germantown Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. **Volunteers needed!**

The first informational meeting for those interested in attending the **Summer Mission Trip** will be held on **Sunday, March 5**, after the 11 o'clock service in the Parlor.

**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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**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!

Session calls for a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 12** following the 11:00 service, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Dr. David McNeilly and the Darnestown Presbyterian Church. Dr. McNeilly will be retiring on May 31, 2017.

**New Adult Class: "The Reformation, Protestants, and Islam"** As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year, **we welcome Matt Taylor of the Reformed Institute for a three-week class** on the connections between Muslims and Reformed Christians through history. On **March 12, 19, and 26**, at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor, he'll talk with us about Islam's role in the Reformation, whether Islam needs its own Reformation, and how we can help build bridges between Presbyterians and our Muslim neighbors.

### **Mission Committee invites you to a Simple Lenten Lunch**

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. One tradition during the Lenten season is a **"Simple Lenten Meal" of Soup and Bread**. The Mission Committee would like to invite you to partake in this simple meal together on **Sunday, March 19, at 12:15pm** after our second service. This will be a time of fellowship and peace during a busy season. We will collect a free-will offering at the meal for our summer mission trip. **Please sign up** in Fellowship Hall, Social Hall, or contact Jill Bremer (301-648-7423 or [chickenchin@comcast.net](mailto:chickenchin@comcast.net)), so we know how much soup to prepare. **We hope to see you there!**

**Ladies! Bazaar Craft Days** are on the calendar once again for 2017! Our first day of fun fellowship, lunch and a little creativity will take place **Saturday, March 25 from 10-3** at Kathy Kurkjian's house (12830 Talley Lane, Darnestown, 20878). If you have a project idea, please email it to Kathy at [kpk1@comcast.net](mailto:kpk1@comcast.net). Please RSVP to Kathy if you can make it so that we have a count for lunch. As always, think about bringing a friend too!

**Save the Date 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. Kathy Kurkjian has offered her relaxing retreat in The Woods 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.darnewtownpc.org](http://www.darnewtownpc.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.