

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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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.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12 - Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

[This Sunday, March 12, 2017 - Second Sunday in Lent](#)

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit. His sermon title is "Patience," with Scripture taken from I Kings 12 and Luke 9.

Sunday School Classes will be held this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Matt Taylor of the Reformed Institute will begin a **three-week study** entitled "The Reformation, Protestants & Islam" for adults. Let's join Matt in the Parlor at 9:45 am!

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.

YOUTH - Sunday, March 12, 12p.m. Montreat Summer Camp Meeting

Youth who are members of the church should plan to stay for the very brief Congregational Meeting. Youth who are not yet members can join Tamara in the Social Hall (space under the Sanctuary) for lunch, and those at the Congregational Meeting can join us when they finish. **I need to know who plans to go to Montreat Summer Camp (July 9-15) by March 15.** I'll talk about the trip and expenses, when the first deposit is due, and can answer questions.

DPW: There will be a brief DPW Meeting in the back of the Sanctuary **this Sunday, March 12**, immediately after the Congregational Meeting. We will vote on Officers and the 2017 budget.

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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Sunday, March 19 10:30am. - **Special Coffee Hour** to honor Confirmation Class, 10:30a.m. Youth will be confirmed at the 11am service - Lily Garretson and Sabrina May.

We are looking for a **part-time Facilities Manager**. **Attached** is a brief job description that we ask you to pass along to any contacts you may have.

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), so we know how much soup to prepare. **We hope to see you there!**

Special Performance of John Rutter's "Requiem" - Sunday, March 26, 4:00 p.m. at Potomac Presbyterian Church. DPC's **Chancel Choir** will combine with PPC's choir and several instrumentalists to present this beautiful requiem. Eric Waggoner is the Conductor. *Come join us* as we perform this cherished work.

Lunch Bunch: Fun - Food - Fellowship

Great Programs Too !! DPC and St. Nick's and Visitors, **You are Welcome To join us!!** 3rd Tuesday every month. **Next Get Together: Tues., March 21, 11:30** at St. Nick's. **March Program:** Jim Clifford, who recently completed the Triple Crown (Swimming) while in his 60s, will give us an interesting and intriguing presentation with emphasis on swimming the English Channel in his 60s. Join us for lunch, fellowship, good times!

Comfort Cases: the Mission Committee thanks you!

Thank you to everyone who brought items for our Comfort Cases backpacks. We gathered over 250 items for foster children in Maryland! **Our Sunday School classes packed 17 backpacks** this past Sunday; make sure you see the **pictures** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you everyone, and look for news soon about DPC's next hands-on project!

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. Please RSVP to Kathy if you can make it then so that we have a count for lunch. As always, think about bringing a friend too!

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. Kathy Kurkjian has offered her relaxing retreat in The Woods as the location this year.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.