

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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[This Sunday, March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday in Lent](#)

We will worship at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. DPW Officers will be installed and Confirmation Class members will be received during the late worship service. Dr. McNeilly will be in the pulpit. His sermon title is "Prayer," with Scripture taken from Psalm 145 and Matthew 6.

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

Sunday, March 19, 10:30am. - Special Coffee Hour to honor the Confirmation Class, 10:30a.m. We hope you can join us to celebrate Confirmands Lily Garretson and Sabrina May. **Reminder: There will be no youth group this week.**

[Our 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 contact Jill Bremer (301-648-7423 or chickenchin@comcast.net), so we know how much soup to prepare. **We hope to see you there!**

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.

Church News

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!

The Mission Committee Invites You...to Hands-on Mission! This Lenten season, consider taking on a habit that can last beyond the Lenten season. Review the *current list below* of local missions your Darnestown Presbyterian community already supports, and choose to investigate online or contact the DPC contact for that mission. Participate in a project that suits you.

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 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.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.

MISSION CHALLENGE

The Mission Committee Invites You....

Let's flip the notion of sacrificing something, like chocolate, that we will resume eating after Lent and consider taking on a habit that can last beyond the Lenten season and hopefully last a life time.

Hands-on giving.

During this contemplative time, take time with your loved ones and review this current list of local missions your Darnestown Presbyterian community already supports. Choose a couple of missions to investigate online or contact the DPC contact for that mission. Online, open the appropriate tabs and look for opportunities. Sign up for the missions updates. Take the plunge and participate in a project that suits you.

Mission	Who currently supports	DPC contact	For more info....
<input type="checkbox"/> A Wider Circle	DPW	Kathy Kurkjian	http://awidercircle.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Union Mission	DPW	Tamara Leonard Lara	http://www.missiondc.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Inn at NIH	DPW	Tamara Leonard Lara	http://childrensinn.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Miriam's Kitchen	DPW	Alan Munter	https://miriamskitchen.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Nightingale House	DPW	Tamara Leonard Lara	13004 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg MD (301) 598-3030
<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Cases	DPC/DPW	Betty Petrola	http://www.nomoretrashbags.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Germantown HELP	DPC/DPW	Rob Garretson	http://www.gtownhelp.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospice of Montgomery County	DPC/DPW	Tamara Leonard Lara	http://www.montgomeryhospice.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Interfaith Works	DPC	Roland Frenck	http://www.iworksmc.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Health Clinic	DPC/DPW	Sally Belcher	http://mercyhealthclinic.org
<input type="checkbox"/> National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	DPC/DPW	Jill Bremer	http://namimc.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepping Stones Shelter	DPC/DPW	Alice Frenck	http://steppingstonesshelter.org/
<input type="checkbox"/> Stop Hunger Now (Now Rise Against Hunger)	DPC/DPW	Tamara Leonard Lara	http://www.riseagainsthunger.org
<input type="checkbox"/> The Lord's Table	DPC/DPW	Tamara Leonard Lara	http://www.stmartinsweb.com/go2/socialconcerns/
<input type="checkbox"/> The Dwelling Place	DPW	Cara Garretson	http://tdp-inc.org/index.html
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Growth	DPC/DPW	Artha Jean Snyder	http://www.wintergrowthinc.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd's Table	DPC/DPW	Belinda O'Berry	https://shepherdstable.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Mission Trip	DPC/DPW	Dale May	Currently: http://friendsofrockaway.org/

Information also located on DPC website: www.darnestownpc.org/mission