

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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NEW Fall Worship Schedule
Starting Sunday, September 17:
8:30-9:15 am - Early Worship Service
9:30-10:30 am - Education Hour
10:30-11:00 am - Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. -Noon - Late Worship Service

[This Sunday, September 3, 2017](#)

Join us this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the service, and his sermon title is "For Whom the Bush Burns," with scripture taken from Exodus 3 and Matthew 16.

Elders and Deacons are reminded to wear name badges on Sunday.

September 3: Start the school year off right with a "**Blessing of the Backpacks**" during the Children's Message at the 9:30 service. Our pastor and congregation will pray for our children as they begin a new year. ***Bring your backpacks!***

We will gather at the **Germantown HELP Food Pantry** at 1:00 p.m. at the **Germantown Methodist Church** to package food donations for hungry families in our community. **Volunteers are needed.**

[Church News](#)

Neill Morgan is requesting that **members provide current photos for our website directory**, the better to assist him in learning our names and faces. These photos can be uploaded directly to the website, moved to our Google Drive at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5EmfpjiQuQXMDE1ZUI6eDVGVIU>, or simply emailed to Larry Ciorlito at Ciorlito@Comcast.Net. OR, bring a paper photo to the church, and we will scan it and return it to you.

Anyone who shares a joy for music and a will to serve the Lord is welcome to join us on **Wednesday evenings**. Our **Bell Choir** meets from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and **Chancel Choir** from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There are **no auditions** - all are welcome! Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 6**.

Deacons' Annual Church Picnic - **Sunday, September 10**, following **Outdoor Worship**. Mark your calendars and come for lots of fun and fellowship!

There will be bingo, the cake walk, games for children and youth, and, of course ... **PONY RIDES!** Hamburgers, hotdogs, fixings, chips of all kinds, and beverages will be provided. **Please bring a side or dessert to share.**

Please donate a dessert for the **Cake Walk** to be held during the church picnic. **Donations** of cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies or anything sweet will gladly be accepted for the cake walk — contact Julie Marsh at (301) 840-0778 or at jwm@synergy-intl.com to confirm your donation.

Picnic Questions: contact Sue Ciorlorito (ciorlorito@comcast.net) or Alan Munter (munter@gmail.com).

Sunday School at DPC

The Christian Education Committee is finalizing plans for Sunday School, which begins on September 17. We would love to have a couple of **additional volunteers** to help, especially with the Junior Church Program (during the 11 a.m. service). Contact Sarah Henderson, (henderson.munter@gmail.com), if you can help.

Mary Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, **September 7** at 10 am in the Parlor. Copies of the **Horizon Bible Study** for 2017-2018, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews," are **available now** in the church office (\$11.00 for regular print, \$16.00 for large print - make checks out to DPW). Any questions, please contact Alice Frenck or Betty Petrola.

Join us for a **Baby Shower** for Alisa Waggoner on **Sunday, September 17** following the 11:00 worship service. It will be hosted by the Choirs and Deacons — all are invited! Gifts are optional, but cards and notes are welcome! We will meet in Fellowship Hall and have refreshments and fun!

If you've missed a few Sundays this summer, catch up with us through **recent sermons** at the following link: <http://www.darnewtownpc.org/worship--music/recent-sermons>.

Help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so.

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey** (checks to DPC). Please give generously. **Please join us in praying** for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

PW/NCP will host its **Fall Gathering** on **Saturday, September 30**, at Gaithersburg PC from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (registration at 8:30). Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, director of PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness, with the theme "Mission Possible: Christian Witness for Such a Time as This." **In addition**, we will compose letters to Senators in support of bills dealing with human trafficking, and attend workshops led by the Community Coalition for Haiti on its mission work and by Elder Margaret Washnitzer on women's ministry leadership. Information and sign-up form are included at www.presbyterianwomenncp.org or contact Judith Wenig, Communications Coordinator, through that site. All women are welcome! (*See Insert*)

The DPW Bazaar is approaching, and we are in need of goods and services for the **Silent Auction**. This has always been a very popular part of the Bazaar and is only possible with the donations of the Congregation.

We all have special talents to share or unique items to give. If you find yourself short of ideas, **how about these**:

- Do you have extra tickets to a sporting event or a theatrical performance?
What about authentic signed sports items?
- Do you have a talent you would like to share? Lessons for music and voice, dog training, career counseling, home design, and physical fitness have been popular items in the past.
- Do you have a special signature item that you bake?
- What about a unique craft or painting that you've created that can only be purchased as a one-of-a-kind item at the Silent Auction?

No item or talent is too big or small and is greatly appreciated!

****Also**, the next time you're in your favorite restaurant or shop, ask for a **gift certificate/card donation**. The Bazaar is great advertising for businesses.

Please contact Tina Petzold through email at trpetzold@gmail.com, or call 301-960-4247 with donations and questions.

The **Mission Committee** is pleased to announce our **Local Mission page** on our <http://www.darnestownpc.org> website has been updated with live links!!!! Please visit our updated page to help meet your personal **Mission Challenge**.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.