

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
www.darnestownpc.org

This Sunday, October 1, 2017

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services). Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the service, and his sermon title is "All Whom God Welcomes," with scripture taken from Matthew 21.

Sunday School for all ages meets this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. **A Fall Adult Class meets at 9:30 am in the Parlor.** We will explore the biblical view of racial relationships, and how to live out our faith in a world that has complicated racial relationships. We will start with examining the Confession and go on to racial relationships in daily life. *All adults are welcome!*

On **Sunday, October 1**, we will go to the **Germantown HELP Food Pantry** at 1:00 p.m. to package food boxes for needy families in our area. We meet at the Germantown Methodist Church. **Volunteers are needed!** Youth and adults are welcome (students can earn community service hours at the Pantry). If you can help, please contact Rob Garretson (rgarretson@gmail.com) or meet us there.

DPC's "Pop-up Coffee House"

*Making music to
make a difference!*

Sunday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall

DPC would like to offer you the opportunity to help with

Disaster Relief

as we launch the **DPC Pop-up Coffee House** to raise funds for those in areas with needs, both now and in the future.

This event is for all of you to enjoy *local talents for a great cause*, while savoring some **freshly brewed coffee and dinner**. We'll have coffee and beverages, sloppy joes, pulled chicken with barbecue sauce on the side, vegetarian chili, salads, cornbread and desserts. Donations from a free-will offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help ongoing support of those suffering from the recent disasters in our part of the world.

Church News

The Session calls for a **Meeting of the Congregation** at 12 noon on Sunday, **October 8, 2017**, in order to concur with Tamara Leonard Lara's request that National Capital Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship with Darnestown Presbyterian Church in order for her to accept the call serve as the pastor of the Presbyterian worshipping community with Beth-El Farmworker Ministries, Inc., near Tampa, Florida.

Sunday, October 8, Youth Group will gather at the home of Lucy and Lily Garretson. Drop off at **12:30 pm** and pick up at 2:30 pm at the Garretson's (208 Hart Rd., Gaithersburg). We'll have pizza for lunch, then have the scavenger hunt, then serve dessert. Join us for the fun!

FAREWELL TO TAMARA

Sunday, October 15, 12 noon, in Fellowship Hall

Please come and say goodbye to Tamara and her family! The Board of Deacons will provide a luncheon buffet, beverages, and a cake. The Congregation is invited to bring cards and/or personal gifts to wish Tamara Godspeed.

Contact Sue Ciorito at ciolorito@comcast.net or 240-750-8950.

Volunteers needed for the Junior Church program during the late service - We are in need of volunteers to help with the Junior Church program during the 11:00 service every Sunday. **This is an invitation to ALL church members**, not only parents of children participating in this program. We hope to have enough volunteers so that each one will only need to help once or twice a year. Please see or email Kelvin Choi, kelvin.choi.tc@gmail.com, to sign up.

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!

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.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.