

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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[This Sunday, November 19, 2017](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the 8:30 service, and his sermon title is "Buried Treasure," with scripture taken from Matthew 25. The Youth will lead the 11:00 service.

Sunday School for all ages meets at **9:30 a.m.** **A new adult class** begins November 19 in the Parlor. We will explore the "*Names of the Messiah.*" Christians have always claimed that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, we will tackle the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?"

The Annual DPW General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 19** in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. We will have a light luncheon followed by a **Cookie Swap**, then the business meeting. **We would like to have your input on missions** that DPW might support next year. Please send your suggestions to Judy Wenig, jjwenig@verizon.net).

Youth Group Event on November 19 at 12:15 pm

Shannon Marsh's house: 145 Thurgood Street, Gaithersburg. Lunch will be served!

Bazaar Christmas Items in Parlor

Bazaar Christmas items remain in our Parlor for sale. If you are looking for a great gift for someone or remembered you need a wreath this year, you can still purchase these items. The Parlor will be open every Sunday and arrangements can be made during the week as well. Checks or cash can be given to Sally, Carole, or Kathy Kurkjian.

Thank you for the outpouring of support you've provided these past two weeks for the **Adopt a Family - Holiday Giving Program** sponsored by Germantown HELP. We've successfully placed 25 of our 35 families for "adoption" providing food for Thanksgiving, and another holiday meal and gifts for the children at Christmas. *And it's not too late to adopt one of our remaining families.* If you have some time this week to shop for and deliver a Thanksgiving food basket to one of these families, **please contact Rob Garretson at rgarretson@gmail.com or 301-527-8587.** Grocery or holiday gift cards to help support the program can still be dropped by the DPC office or in the offering plates on Sunday morning. **NOTE:** *If you've volunteered to adopt a family but have not yet received your family assignment and instructions, email Rob at your earliest convenience.*

Church News

"Forging Our Future" — 2018 Pledge Dedications This Sunday

We are in the middle of our 2018 Pledge Campaign "Forging Our Future."

This Sunday, November 19th, members of Darnestown Presbyterian Church will be dedicating our pledges at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services. You can bring your pledge card (in the envelope) and they will be received at the end of the service in a special dedication.

If you will be away or not attending services on November 19th, you can mail your pledge into the office or put it in the offering on any Sunday in November or early December. If you misplaced or did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you can find pledge cards and envelopes in the Pew racks and they are available from the church office.

We recognize that we are in the middle of a transition period here at Darnestown Presbyterian and suggest that now is the perfect time to stand up and claim your priorities. Now is the time to say, "This is my church family and an ultimate priority. It is where I receive my spiritual nourishment, the place that challenges me to live beyond the voice of culture to the richer life of faith."

After prayerful consideration, please take the time to fill-out your card and return your pledge this Sunday, November 19th. May God bless and inform your considerations.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

DPW's Christmas Tea

All women and young ladies (5 years and up) are cordially invited to attend the annual DPW Christmas Tea on **Sunday, December 4 from 3-5 p.m.** It will be held at the home of Anita Goldshine (13312 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, 20878). There will be music, tidbits, and fellowship.

Sign up to attend and to bring food on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact a Board member.

Our Mission project is for the **YMCA Mentoring Program Gifts for Youth**. **"Snowmen"** are available in the Sanctuary after worship, and each has the name of a child with their age, sex and wish (gift up to \$40). You can choose one and buy the gift for that child. **Bring the wrapped gift with the Snowman attached to the Tea, or put it in the basket in Fellowship Hall on or **before Dec. 4**.** All members urged to participate. If you can't pick up a Snowman, please email Jan Summers at janissummers@earthlink.net, and you will be provided the name and information.

Celebrating the Protestant Reformation's 500th Anniversary - The Friday evening music program on November 17 at 7:30 pm in the National Sanctuary. While this is taking place as part of the conference, it is free and open to the public. There will be a little organ, a little brass, a couple of choir pieces and a lot of choir and congregational singing of music inspired by the Reformations of the 16th Century. **There is also a free pre-program lecture** in the Chapel at National at 6:45 pm given by Dr. Emily Brink of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship to set the stage for the music we will hear and sing.

Lunch Bunch: Fun - Food - Fellowship

Great Programs Too!! DPC and St. Nick's and Visitors, You are Welcome To Join Us!! 3rd Tuesday each month. Join us for lunch, fellowship, and good times!

November 21 Program: Either bring a picture or trinket of some memorable occasion (first date, special vacation, special happening, or etc.) and tell us about it, or tell us about a unique autumn experience or vista.

Wreaths Across America Event - December 16

Please join us for the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 16 to commemorate all veterans interred in the DPC cemetery. Note that this is an outdoor event, so please dress for appropriately for the weather.

Date: December 16

Time: Noon to approximately 1pm

Location: DPC parking lot, near the entrance to the cemetery

The event will include a brief ceremony and military honors, followed by the laying of wreaths on the graves of all known veterans. Families of veterans interred in the DPC cemetery will have the opportunity to lay wreaths on the graves of their loved ones if they wish. Everyone is welcome - please extend an invitation to family and friends in the community. Children and youth are especially welcome, as part of the mission of Wreaths Across America is to teach children the value of freedom.

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 - **you will not volunteer alone**. Please see or email Kelvin Choi, kelvin.choi.tc@gmail.com, to sign up.

Come join a Choir! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. Bell Choir meets at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. Please see Eric Waggoner if you are interested in playing with the Bell Choir.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.