

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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[This Sunday, November 26, 2017](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the services, and his sermon title is "What Was the Question Again?" with scripture taken from Ezekiel 34 and Matthew 25.

Sunday School for all ages meets at **9:30 a.m.** **The Adult Class** on November 26 will be led by Neill Morgan, and the subject will be the early Bohemian Reformations (before Luther). The Advent Study will resume next Sunday.

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Thank you for the outpouring of support you've provided these past 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 for Christmas - please contact Rob Garretson at rgarretson@gmail.com or 301-527-8587.*** Grocery or holiday gift cards to help support the program can 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.***

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, December 2, 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a presentation by James A. Calderwood on Presidential Elections. The presentation is non-partisan, doesn't deal with current issues, and is informative and humorous. Please RSVP to the church office.

Advent Tree Decorating - Starting Dec. 3 - Something New!!

Children and parents are invited to decorate our **Sanctuary Christmas tree** before each service. Come early to add Chrismons to the tree from the bottom up - one quarter higher on each Sunday of Advent (with parents' help) so that the tree will be completely and beautifully decorated by December 24.

DPW's Christmas Tea

All women and young children (5 years and up) are cordially invited to attend the annual DPW Christmas Tea on **Sunday, December 3 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, use Sign-up Genius (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044babad2bab9-dpwchristmas3>), or contact a Board member. **Our Mission project** is for the **YMCA Mentoring Program Gifts for Youth**. "Snowmen" are available on Sunday 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 Monday, December 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.

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.

"Forging Our Future" — 2018 Pledge Campaign

We are in the middle of our 2018 Pledge Campaign "Forging Our Future," and we're asking members of our church to "Forge Our Future" together and pledge your support to meet our 2018 goal of 110 pledging members totaling \$385,000.

The decision to pledge and the amount you pledge is of course a personal decision. Over the last two years we have encouraged our members to "step-up" their giving so that we can not only keep this amazing community of faith going...but going in a way that covers all of church ministry costs with our annual giving.

If you haven't had a chance to make your 2018 pledge yet, 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. After prayerful consideration, please take the time to fill out your pledge card and return it to the church or place it in the offering this Sunday. May God bless and inform your considerations.

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

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.