

DPC Weekly Update  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
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### [This Sunday, December 10, 2017](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the services on this second Sunday of Advent, and his sermon title is "Stuff That Holds Up" with scripture taken from Isaiah 40 and Mark 1.

### **Advent Tree Decorating Continues**

Children and parents are invited to put an ornament on the Sanctuary Christmas tree prior to the worship services each Sunday during Advent. **Come early** to add some Chrismons to the tree (with parents' help) so that the tree will be completely decorated on December 24.

**Sunday School** for all ages meets at **9:30 a.m.** **Adult Class** meets 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?"

**Youth Group** - On **December 10**, Youth will meet in the Church Kitchen at 12:15 p.m. to cook a dessert and side dish to share at the potluck dinner that evening. We will also have lunch together.

### **Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Advent Potluck Dinner**

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons

This potluck takes place on **Sunday, December 10**, beginning at **5:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Please bring a favorite main dish, side dish or dessert. Spiral ham and beverages will be provided. We'll also have crafts for the children and a time for singing Christmas carols.

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Session calls for a **Meeting of the Congregation** on Sunday, December 17 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons and the 2018 Nominating Committee.

**Second-Chance Jewelry Sale** - Didn't buy enough jewelry at the Christmas bazaar? Need a last-minute holiday gift, or something for yourself? You're invited to shop at the home of Cara Garretson, 208 Hart Rd. in Gaithersburg, on **December 11 from 7-9 pm** for gorgeous, one-of-a-kind jewelry handmade by Darnestown Presbyterian Women. All proceeds will support DPW's mission projects. Bring a friend! No need to RSVP, but call 202-368-3281 with questions.

**Thanks to your loving support**, DPC served Thanksgiving meals to 36 families in the **Adopt-a-Family - Holiday Giving Program** sponsored by Germantown HELP. And if you volunteered to serve your family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, please ignore the "Thanksgiving" notation under "Event Selected" on the family information sheet you received. That is an artifact of the new database the county is using to register recipients and does not mean that your family did not request Christmas dinner. Unless you specified Thanksgiving only on your pew card or email request, please do contact your "adopted" family and arrange for Christmas delivery. If you have questions or cannot deliver 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 still be dropped by the DPC office or in the offering plates on Sunday morning. NOTE: If you've volunteered to adopt a family for Christmas only but have not yet received your family assignment and instructions, email Rob at your earliest convenience.**

### **December 16: Wreaths Across America Ceremony**

Please mark your calendars for December 16 to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the DPC Cemetery, in honor of the 75 known veterans interred in our Cemetery. Wreaths Across America is a nationwide program whose mission is to **Remember** fallen veterans, **Honor** those who serve, and **Teach** children the value of freedom. DPC is the first location in Montgomery County to participate in this event. The ceremony will include live patriotic music, military honors, and veterans representing all branches of the armed forces.

Family members of veterans buried in the Cemetery will have the opportunity to place a wreath on the graves of their love ones. **If anyone is interested in doing this**, please let David Layton ([laytond@gmail.com](mailto:laytond@gmail.com)) know so that we can plan accordingly. Boy Scout troop 1094 will assist with the laying of wreaths.

Please note this is an outdoor event and will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately for the weather.

#### **Schedule of events:**

**11am - 11:50am:** Refreshments and social in the Fellowship hall, served by DPC youth and Girl Scouts

**12:00pm sharp:** Ceremony begins in the parking lot, near the entrance to the Cemetery.

Everyone is welcome - feel free to invite family and friends in the community. Children and youth are especially welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Christmas Lunch and Party** - Everyone Is Invited to **Join The DPC VIPS and St. Nick's Lunch Bunch! Tuesday December 19 - 11:30 AM, DPC Fellowship Hall**  
Great Fellowship - Carols - Fantastic Food - Fun Game

Game: Everyone who wants to participate brings an unmarked, wrapped gift, \$12-15 in value, and places it on the gift table. Each participant receives a random number. Numbers are randomly selected and called randomly one at a time; when your number is called, you may either select a gift from the gift table, or "steal" an already selected gift from someone who went before you. If your gift is "stolen," you may either select another gift, or "steal" someone else's gift. **Come Join the Fellowship and Fun!**

### **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.

### **2018 Stewardship Pledge Campaign Update**

We are in the last month of our Darnestown Presbyterian Church 2018 Stewardship Pledge Campaign entitled "Forging Our Future."

We are off to a good start. As of this week, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$349,391 towards our 2018 goal of 110 pledges and \$385,000. Please accept our thanks in advance for your early pledge.

This is a friendly reminder that you if you haven't had a chance to turn in your 2018 pledge, there is still time. You can bring your pledge card (in the envelope) and place it in the offering plate at either the 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service, or mail your pledge into the church office. The deadline for 2018 pledge commitments is December 22, 2017.

Let's finish strong. Please help us reach our goal of 110 pledges. Thank you in advance for your generous support of Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

**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](mailto: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. Teen Choir meets after worship on Sunday mornings a couple of times a month. 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.*