

DPC Weekly Update  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
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**DPC Officer Training, Saturday, January 6** – Whether you are newly elected, continuing to serve, or returning for a second term, please plan to attend our leadership workshop, “Leading Well: Staying Strong Without Burning Out” on Saturday, **January 6, 2018, from 9am to 1:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Leadership in the church is unlike leadership in any other organization, and this workshop will help us work through some of the unique tasks of Presbyterian church leadership. Please plan to attend the **ordination and installation service** for all officers at the **11 a.m. worship service on January 7, 2018.**

### **This Sunday, January 7, 2018**

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services) as we celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion**. Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the services, and his sermon title is “Servant Leadership,” with scripture taken from Isaiah 60 and Mark 1.

On the 1st Sunday each month at 1:00 p.m., we gather to package food boxes for the Germantown HELP **Food Pantry** at the Methodist Church in Germantown. The next trip is **January 7**. If you can help or want more information, please contact Rob Garretson ([rgarretson@gmail.com](mailto:rgarretson@gmail.com)).

### **Church News**

#### **Food Drive for Germantown HELP**

During the month of January, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Germantown HELP. Items always needed are: breakfast cereals, peanut butter, **jelly**, tuna fish, canned fruits, vegetables and soups, spaghetti sauce and **1-lb. bags/boxes of rice and pasta**. Please bring donations to the kitchen under the Sanctuary. Thank you!

**The 2018 Confirmation Class** is forming. As we head into the new year, I want to invite your child (7th grade and above) to participate in the Confirmation Class in 2018. My plan is to begin the class in late January and finish with a confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. **If you are interested in having your child participate in this class and did not get an email from me, please let me know** ([dpcpastor@comcast.net](mailto:dpcpastor@comcast.net), 903-814-9343).  
- Rev. Morgan

**Be Part of Our Shared Future - Upcoming Congregational Survey.** Look for an invitation in early January to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). We are seeking everyone's ideas on the future of our church as input into our strategic planning efforts. So don't miss this opportunity! *Together we can make our church an even more vibrant community celebrating Christ's love.*

**Montreat Youth Conference 2018** - It is time to decide and save your spot on our annual trip to Montreat NC. We have narrowed it to two weeks that work best in our church calendar: **Week 3, July 8 to 14, 2018** or **Week 4, July 15 to 21, 2018**. Please be in touch with Dale and Terrie May if you are interested in attending this year: [daleandterrie@gmail.com](mailto:daleandterrie@gmail.com). A \$100 deposit is due from each participant **by January 20**. This covers the dorm deposit required for lodging. Montreat is a life-changing experience - please consider attending, sending your youth, or being a chaperone. The theme this year is: Lift Every Voice. For more information you can go to the website [Montreat.org/youth](http://Montreat.org/youth) or speak to Dale May or Shannon Marsh.

**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.

*Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.*