

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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This Sunday, January 14, 2018

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the services, and his sermon title is "Come and See" with scripture taken from 1 Samuel 3 and John 1.

Adult Class: We will resume our **Dark Brew** discussion, this Sunday, January 14, during the education hour. This time we are going to study the Book of Amos, and see what an 8th Century Jewish shepherd had to say about the modern economy, the 1%, and politics as usual. See you there!

Purl & Pray will meet on January 14 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor. All are welcome to join us.

DPW will hold a **brief meeting** downstairs in the Social Hall right after the 11:00 worship service. This is a continuation and finalization of the business meeting.

The Outreach Committee will meet after worship in the Pastor's Study.

Church News

Be Part of Our Shared Future - CAT Congregational Survey. An invitation has been sent to you 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! **All adults and young adults in your household can fill out a survey. Please complete the survey and submit it by January 24.** *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. 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 or speak to Dale May or Shannon Marsh.

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, 903-814-9343). *- Rev. Morgan*

Lunch Bunch - Fun - Food - Fellowship - Great Programs, Too!!

DPC and St. Nick's & Visitors—You are Welcome to join us!! 3rd Tuesday each month.

January Program - **Tuesday, January 16**, 11:30 at St. Nick's

PROGRAM: Informative and Interesting. Most people associate the beginning of the Reformation with Martin Luther only, but there were a fairly sizable number of very serious local challenges to the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy during the 200-300 years preceding Martin Luther. **Rev. Neill Morgan** has studied these challenges and their consequences in depth, and has developed a very interesting and informative presentation on a selected few, but important, of these challenges. Rev. Morgan will give his presentation, including fielding questions and engaging in conversations, to all attending in January.

Youth Group - Play-Off Football Game Party - January 21, 2018; 3 pm

The Garretson Family has invited the Youth of the Church to their home, (please add their address here), to watch the Play Off game and a Pizza/Pasta dinner. This has always been a fun annual event, please join us and cheer on your team!

We will share pizza and pasta at half time for dinner, and a few sweets for dessert. Please RSVP to Shannon Marsh via group me or Terrie May via daleandterrie@msn.com. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

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.

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.