

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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[This Sunday, January 21, 2018](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Neill Morgan will lead the 11:00 service. His sermon title is "The Long View" with scripture taken from Jonah 3 and Mark 1. There will be a guest preacher at 8:30 a.m.

The Congregation is invited to a Question & Answer Meeting on January 21 with Rev. Morgan and the Session in the Sanctuary at **9:30 a.m.** You can find out the answers to questions that you might have about this transition year. *Everyone is encouraged to join us.*

The Worship Committee will meet this Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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, (208 Hart Road, Gaithersburg 20878), to watch the Play Off game and enjoy 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!!

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We are sorrowed to announce the passing of Dolly Peters, Jill Bremer's mother, on January 13, 2018. Please keep Jill and her family in your prayers. There will be a memorial service here on Wednesday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

We are also saddened to announce the passing of Helen Posthuma on January 14, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. The arrangements have not been finalized, and we will let you know when they are.

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The Chili Cook-Off Is Coming on Sunday, January 28 starting at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

As always, there will be prizes for the best chili and dessert. **Please sign up** on the sheets in the Fellowship and Social Halls to let us know if you will be bringing chili, dessert or a side dish, and so that we'll know how many people to expect (or contact the church office). *See you there!!!*

Don't be the last out of the barn - Submit your HolyCow survey today!

Just a few days to go to complete the church assessment tool. Surveys need to be submitted by **Wed, January 24**. The survey is thought-provoking, but very straightforward and takes about 20-30 minutes to complete. **All surveys are anonymous**. The results will directly influence our future planning, so a strong response is very much needed to ensure our future direction is grounded in the needs and desires of the Congregation. Be part of DPC's future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DarnewtownPresMD>

Montreat Youth Conference 2018 - We are registered for Montreat, but if you are still interested, please contact Dale or Terrie May (daleandterrie@gmail.com) - it's not too late! We have decided on **July 15 to 21, 2018**. Montreat is a life-changing experience - please consider attending, sending your youth, or being a chaperone. The theme this year is: Lift Every Voice.

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

Welcome Bags are available in the Narthex each Sunday.