

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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[This Sunday, February 25, 2018](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Derek Longbrake will be our guest preacher, and his sermon title is "Our Story of Faith," with scripture taken from Genesis 17 and Romans 4.

We will continue our **Adult Lenten Sunday School class** this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The title of the book we will be using for our study is *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie J. Thompson.

Please join the Youth Group and Friends for a **Spaghetti Luncheon and Dessert Auction** to be held on **Sunday, February 25 at 12:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will benefit the youth this summer as they make their annual trip to the Presbyterian Youth Conference in Montreat, NC. The Youth and their friends will prepare the meal and help serve lunch. Youth will also be make desserts to be auctioned off after lunch - so save room for these special treats.

Montreat is a life-changing experience for our youth and the leaders that attend each year. **We appreciate all the support** you each give them, as it is approximately \$900 per attendee for the week: this includes conference fees, lodging, meals, and transportation. The time at Montreat, however, is priceless! If you would like more information on the Spaghetti Luncheon or how you can help sponsor our youth attending, please contact Dale and Terrie May (daleandterrie@msn.com).

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We are saddened to announce the passing of Sue Moses' mother on February 15. There will be a service for her in Ithaca, NY this Saturday. Please keep Sue and her family in prayer.

All Are Welcome Engagement and Giving Drive

Last Sunday we announced the launch of DPC's "All Are Welcome Engagement and Giving" drive to last over the coming six weeks, and to be led by Dale and Terrie May. This drive is one of the last pieces of the puzzle in making our building program a reality. Terrie and Dale hope that this effort engages everyone - that everyone will find a way to contribute and come together to make this building project a reality. Our goal is to raise \$400,000 in this effort, but also to engage 100 Volunteers in various projects related to the transition and building. Chris Ackerman built us a cool bell tower that you can see in the Narthex as a way to track our progress each week. This is not going to be a high pressure effort. You will receive a brochure and pledge

card in the mail. No one is going to come meet with you, but we are certainly happy to do so if you have questions. In the coming weeks you will hear more about the various aspects of the building project and its impact on our ministries and future. **And, on March 4, we will be holding a luncheon (provided) after the 11:00 service giving everyone a chance to ask questions.**

Finally, and as always, we ask for your prayers. A building program is a difficult project for a church. We have been at this for almost six years now, and we are so close! Our prayers are that in these upcoming weeks, we join together as one body with a spirit of joy and participation that will unite us in the achievement of this wonderful dream.

Click on the following link to view Terrie and Dale announcing the drive during Sunday services:

<http://www.darnewtownpc.org/filerequest/2136>

If you missed the Congregational Meeting, be sure to take a moment to get up to speed on the BEAR project because there is a lot going on in the coming months! You can review the BEAR update in the BEAR Blog at this link:

<https://wordpress.com/post/darnewtownbear.wordpress.com/325>

What Do Presbyterians Believe? This class is for new members, not-so-new members, and anyone else interested in learning more about our theology. Join Neill Morgan and Sarah Henderson in the Social Hall at 9:30 a.m., starting **March 4**.

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 on March 7** 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

Save the dates for the **Summer Mission Trip** from Sunday, July 29 through Saturday, August 4.

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