

DPC Weekly Update
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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"All Are Welcome" Engagement and Giving Drive Thanks to all who have responded so generously to the "All Are Welcome" Engagement and Giving Drive. We were not able to meet our stated goals for the drive - yet! During church services you have heard from a number of speakers about the impact of the building program to our future and our ability to be truly welcoming to our diverse community. If you missed any of these, please take the time to listen - all of the videos are on the Home Page of the website. Please be sure to take just a few minutes to review the materials sent home for the Drive before you make any final decisions about support for the effort. We're so close!

[This Sunday, May 13, 2018](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Morgan will lead the services, and his sermon title is "Our Glorious Inheritance," with scripture taken from Ephesians 1 and Acts 1.

"Owl Sighting While Canoeing the Mountains" - Join Roland Frenck, Cheryl Amick, and Rev. Neill Morgan as they lead a deeper exploration of the CAT scan results, and discover the uncharted ministry, mission, and leadership challenges and opportunities DPC faces — **Sundays at 9:30 am through May 27.** Primary text: *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership In Uncharted Territory*, by Tod Bolsinger.

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The Session calls for a **Congregational Meeting** on **May 20** following the 11:00 worship service to ask the Congregation to act on two motions.

First, the Session brings to the Congregation a request for an advisory vote, "that the Session change the contract with Rev. Neill Morgan from Interim Pastor to Stated Supply pastor."

Second, a motion from the Session will ask the congregation "to concur with the Session's recommendation to remove the Associate Pastor position from

Darnestown Presbyterian Church's approved pastoral positions as of June 1, 2018 and that this decision be communicated to National Capital Presbytery requesting their approval." The reason for the second motion is to avoid paying the vacancy dues of nearly \$10,000 per year to the Presbyterian Board of Pensions while we discern future staffing needs. This motion will not prevent us from creating a new associate pastor position in the future, either full or part-time.

Recognition of Graduates - We will recognize High School graduates at the 11:00 am service on **May 20**. Information about High School and College Graduates will appear in the bulletin and in the June Newsletter. **Please e-mail or call the office or Terrie May (terriemay2017@gmail.com) to let us know about the graduates in your family!** There will be a special Coffee Hour to honor graduates and the Confirmation Class on May 20.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Did you know that 1 in 5 adults in America live with a mental illness and nearly 60% of those living with mental illness didn't receive mental health services in the last year? Don't be afraid to reach out for support. Our community is fortunate to have many resources for youth and adults experiencing mental health conditions. Call **NAMI** Montgomery County's free helpline at 301-949-5852 and a NAMI employee can give you more information (namimc.org).

Lunch Bunch: Fun - Food - Fellowship - Great Programs Too!! DPC and St. Nick's and Visitors, **You are Welcome To join us!!** 3rd Tuesday every month. **Join us for lunch, fellowship, and good times!** **May Program - May 15, 11:30 at St. Nick's Bookends!!** Teenage drivers - Elderly drivers - bookends. And neither bookend is a really safe driver. What should we do about it? When should seniors stop driving? What are the early warning signs? **How would you feel if you injured or killed someone while driving?** Maryland has some good guidelines and suggestions on a variety of subjects germane to these questions. We'll provide copies of the Maryland guidelines and suggestions, and Linda will lead a discussion.

Come join us !!!

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like to discuss your latest read? **Are you interested in a Book Club** here at DPC? Contact Terrie May at Programs@darnestownpc.org if you are interested. We are considering this ministry for the summer or fall programming and would like to form a group of interested participants for ideas and suggestions.

Tea and Tour of The National Cathedral in Washington, DC. - Every Wednesday throughout most of the year The Cathedral offers tours of their facility and/or gardens followed by a catered "High Tea." Reservations are required. The cost is \$36; to get a group reservation we would need a minimum of 11 participants or up to 45 participants. Please contact Terrie May if you have interest in attending this afternoon outing this Summer or Fall. The tour starts promptly at 1:30 pm, and Tea time is promptly 2:45 pm in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery. The tour page suggests staying on for the Evensong after Tea; on occasion they offer an Organ Recital.

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.