

DPC Weekly Update  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
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**Car Wash Fund Raiser and Food Sale — May 20.**

Youth and adults will be attending the Summer Mission Trip again this year. They will offer a **Car Wash and food sale (hot dogs, chips, soda and candy in Fellowship Hall) at 12:15 p.m.** on May 20 to raise funds to help with the expenses. *Come join us!!*

**This Sunday, May 20, 2018**

**Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services).** Rev. Morgan will lead the services, and his sermon title is "Pentecost for Presbyterians," with scripture taken from Ezekiel 37 and Acts 2.

**Recognition of Graduates** - We will recognize High School graduates at the 11:00 am service on **May 20**. There will be a **special Coffee Hour** (with cake and punch) to honor both graduates and the members of the Confirmation Class being received this Sunday.

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.

**Purl and Pray** will meet this Sunday in Terrie May's office following the Congregational Meeting.

**The CE & Worship Committees** will meet together in the Social Hall (for lunch, too).

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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!

**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](mailto: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.

### **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

**Practicing GRATITUDE** can greatly benefit one's mental health. Studies have shown that individuals who practice gratitude every day for as little as three weeks, will see an improvement in their overall happiness. Here's how you can practice gratitude. Each day, write down three good moments that happened that day. Make sure to do this every day and you will likely start feeling the benefits in just the first two weeks.

**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](mailto:kelvin.choi.tc@gmail.com), to sign up.

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