

DPC Weekly Update  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
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[This Sunday, May 27, 2018](#)

Join us this Sunday (8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services). Rev. Morgan will lead the services, and his sermon title is "The Shrinky-dink and the Diddy-whack," with scripture taken from Isaiah 6 and John 3.

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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!

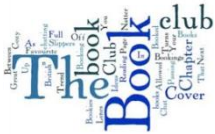
#### **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Twenty percent of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition, and 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14. **If your child is exhibiting symptoms of a mental illness, here's what you can do to help.**

1. Speak with your child's pediatrician, who can tell you if your child's symptoms are likely signs of a mental illness.
2. Obtain a referral to a mental health specialist. You can visit [www.psychologytoday.com](http://www.psychologytoday.com) to find a mental health professional that accepts your insurance and specializes in working with children.
3. Speak with your child's school. Teachers and counselors at the school can often provide insight regarding your child's behaviors and moods.
4. Connect with other families. How? NAMI MC offers free classes and support groups for parents of children living with mental illness. Call 301-949-5852 to learn more.

**Mary Lydia Circle** will meet **Thursday, June 7**, downstairs in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Lesson 9. We will then adjourn to lunch at Café Roma. Hope to see you June 7.

**Save the Date** for the **Annual Pancake Breakfast** to benefit the Summer Mission Trip. Join us on **Sunday, June 10** for pancakes! A free-will offering is suggested for this meal. Pancakes will be served from **8:00-10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall so that you can have breakfast and go to worship at 8:30 or 11 a.m. Please join us for breakfast, and help us support this important mission event!



**June's Pick of the Month: "Varina" by Charles Frazier**

The new novel from the best-selling author of *Cold Mountain* - a stunning portrait of the devastation left by the American Civil War, as seen through the eyes of a woman who played a part at the heart of it.

**When:** Thursday, June 14

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Where:** DPC Social Hall (under the Sanctuary)

**What to expect:** This is our first Book Club meeting. We will discuss the book and have dessert/coffee/tea/water. Nancy Morgan will lead this discussion. We will also review the process for picking books in the future and where to hold future meetings.

**What is Next:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. We had a very nice response to the Book Club and survey about meeting times. This was the majority pick for a gathering. However, if there is critical mass for a morning meeting, we can form a second group. Thoughts are we would have the same book, just a different leader and time to meet. Please be in touch with Terrie May if you are only able to attend a morning time frame.

**Shipwrecked VBS in search of some props!**

This year, our theme for VBS (June 25-29) is *Shipwrecked*, We need to borrow some items to make our VBS come to life! If you have any of the following items and are willing to let us borrow them for the week, please send Kathy Simmons an email at [kathybrian@verizon.net](mailto:kathybrian@verizon.net). Items would need to be labeled with your name on them and dropped off on **Sunday, June 17** to the church: life preservers, decorative moss, tiki lamps, oars, anchor, cloth hammock, ship deck chairs or some other collapsible deck or outside chair raffia grass table skirt, other decorations that will make DPC look like a deserted island.



You can **register** your child(ren) for VBS, at this link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/dpc2018>, with the form in the bulletin/newsletter, or by contacting Terrie May.

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

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