

# THE CONNECT

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## ***“A Meditation for 2017”***

Commencing a New Year is somewhat troubling because it means the old year – 2016 – is now gone. Was it a year of gain or a year of sad loss? Was it a time of refreshment and restoration or a time of struggle and pain? For most of us, it was a bit of both. Now, as a New Year begins, we must accept that we cannot undo anything in the past. Instead, we proceed forward in the confidence of faith.

I encourage you to begin 2017 meditating on ***Psalm 90***, a prayer of Moses. Psalm 90 reminds Christians that we do not live in a span of a year. Nor should we measure our life by the number of years lived or by some arbitrary accounting that measures our “good years” against our “bad years.” We live in Jesus Christ! (***Philippians 1:21; Romans 8:1; Galatians 3:26***) So while each year brings challenges, changes, and new opportunities, our God does not change. Our relationship to Jesus Christ is the rock on which we stand secure (***1 Cor. 10:4***)

Each passing year reminds us of our mortality, as ***Psalm 90:5b-6*** expresses: “***we are like the new grass in the morning: it springs up new, but in the evening it is dry and withered.***”

I expect in 2017, just as in 2016 and every preceding year of my lifetime, the world will be filled with troubles and loss, as ***verse-9*** exclaims: “***All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.***”

Despite Moses’ sober assessment of mortality and sin in the world, the Christian faces the New Year with hope and confidence. We are one year closer to meeting the Lord. And the God who lives in Eternity will be with us each day. Whatever circumstances may come your way – whether outwardly good or evil, distressing or delightful – you have the Lord as your strength and song, as ***verse 14*** says: “***Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.***”

This is my prayer and resolution for 2017: ***May God set my work at my feet and provide me grace to live for Christ. Let 2017 be a year in which all of God’s children at DPC serve wholeheartedly, joyously, and in growing faith. Amen.***

In Christ’s Service,  
Larry Maley

## **Events Happening at DPC**

Jan . 2	Building Closed
Jan. 4	Volunteer Kitchen Clean-Up
Jan. 4	Confirmation Class Introduction Meeting
Jan. 8	TIDE Worship Arts resume rehearsals
Jan. 10	Book Club
Jan. 11	Wednesday Night Fellowship Resumes
Jan. 11	Confirmation Class
Jan. 11	Joyful Voices & King’s Kids resume practice
Jan 12	Adam Lamb Preschool Open House & Art Fair
Jan. 15	Congregational Meeting
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day Building Closed
Jan. 17	PW General Meeting and Soup Luncheon
Jan. 19	Small Group Host Training
Jan. 21	Restore St. Charles
Jan. 21	Early Registration for Adam Lamb Preschool
Jan. 28	Open Registration for Adam Lamb Preschool
Jan. 29	New Member Class Begins
Mar. 11	Raptor Awareness

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**Upcoming Events**


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**2017 Confirmation Class**

Dardenne Presbyterian Church's Confirmation Class for youth desiring to join our church begins Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A 30-minute introduction meeting for interested youth and parents will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the TIDE Loft. Attendees must be in eighth grade or higher and are required to attend at least 80% of the classes in order to join the church. The final class (10<sup>th</sup>) will be held on Saturday, March 18 when the class will work alongside our "Restore St. Charles" team and complete the day with a pizza party.

This year's class will be taught by Rev. Maley, Rev. Kasberg, and Lisa Elles-Borrson. Class members and their parents will meet with either Rev. Maley or Rev. Kasberg during the week of March 20 through 26. Those who will have successfully completed the Confirmation Class will meet with Dardenne's Session on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.; CONFIRMATION SUNDAY at DPC will be Sunday, April 2 when the class graduates will be recognized in worship.

For more information, please contact Rev. Maley or Rev. Kasberg at the church, or Lisa Elles-Borrson.

**Bible Project Students**

Please pray for the Bible Project Students as they face a major test next Sunday, January 8, and the Thursday following, January 12. This covers almost half of the time from Adam through Joshua. We have had a great semester, and each member of the classes has worked really hard to prepare for the time when they will lead the Dardenne Congregation into deeper Bible knowledge. They will also have the opportunity, should they wish to seize it, to do a final test preparation session on Thursday, January 5. You can check out their studies on [www.BibleProj.com/lessons](http://www.BibleProj.com/lessons).

**Kitchen Clean-Up Day**

**Wednesday, January 4 from 12 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Helpers are needed to do some sprucing up of the kitchen before the new season of Wednesday Fellowship Dinners begin on January 11. All supplies are provided. Any and all help is appreciated even if not for the entire time.

Contact Jackie ([jlmc51@aol.com](mailto:jlmc51@aol.com))

**Book Club – The Devil in the White City**

**Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor**

Bringing Chicago circa 1893 to vivid life, this bestseller by Erik Larson intertwines the true tale of two men--the brilliant architect behind the 1893 World's Fair, and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death. Erik Larson has crafted a narrative with all the wonder of newly discovered history and the thrills of the best fiction.

**Adam Lamb Preschool Open House & Art Fair**

**Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Come and enjoy our children's artwork and meet our Adam Lamb Preschool staff. Take this opportunity to learn about our new programing changes. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**Adam Lamb Preschool Early Registration**

**Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

Adam Lamb Preschool is a Christian-based early childhood education program for children three to five years of age. This registration is only being offered to currently enrolled Adam Lamb families, Mother's Day Out families, and Dardenne Presbyterian Church members. Please consult the preschool's website or call the preschool office for more details.

Adam Lamb Preschool ([www.adamlambpreschool.com](http://www.adamlambpreschool.com) or 636-561-5203); Peggy Kanak ([peggy.kanak@dpc4u.org](mailto:peggy.kanak@dpc4u.org))

**Interested in supporting our ministry?**

If you haven't set up your account for online giving or text giving, what better time than to do it now! Visit the website or call the telephone number given below for easy instructions. Martha, our office secretary, is also available for assistance.

**Online Giving: [www.dpc4u.org/give](http://www.dpc4u.org/give)**

**Text Giving: (636) 334-3013**

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### A FREE Subscription to RightNow Media

One of the gifts that Dardenne Presbyterian Church has made available to every member of the congregation is a FREE subscription to RightNow Media. RightNow Media is like “Netflix for the church” because it has a huge library with thousands of video sessions that people can access anytime and anywhere. These videos include teaching series for adults, topical studies for all ages, and a huge library just for kids! If you are interested in receiving a FREE membership to Rightnow Media use this link to sign up:

<http://www.rightnow.org/account/invite/DardennePresbyterian>.

Remember, not only does RightNow Media have its own app, but it can be accessed on almost any internet-connected device. If you do not have internet connectivity, the church library can help you access these studies and videos. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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### Special Messages

Dear DPC family,

When Andrew and I left Los Angeles a little over two years ago, I could never have imagined how full and beautiful our life would be here in Dardenne Prairie. Even more so, I never imagined I would find myself in seminary. Thank you for raising me up these past two years and for your financial, emotional, and spiritual support to pursue a Masters in Pastoral Counseling with an emphasis in Life Coaching.

Your friend and your fan,  
Caitlin

To my DPC family,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you all so much for the prayers and encouraging words as I am pursuing my M.Div. at Covenant seminary. It has been such a joy to have so many of my brothers and sisters at DPC pull me aside and ask how my journey is going. To know that I have so many praying for me and thinking about me truly helps me persevere through my load of taking classes, working fulltime, and being a husband and father. Also, not to mention that I am surviving and thriving in my Greek class this semester. Thank you all so much for your support and I look forward to updating you more and more as the Lord continues to renew my mind and shape me for a future call to ministry!

In Christ,  
Pat Wilcox

## Thank You!

### Rock Church Decoration

Special thanks are given to the dedicated Rock Church Christmas decorators: Nancy Krone, Ray and Judy Schrameyer, Milt and Sue Schuepfer, Chuck and Harriet Polleschultz, and Harriet and Bill Fader.

### Nativity Set

The Christian Life Center entrance is home to a beautiful nativity set for Christmas. Arlene Bohlmeier donated the set to Dardenne Presbyterian Church in memory of her late husband, Ron. This nativity was purchased by Ron right before he became sick. Arlene and Ron had it for a number of years where it sat in their garage unopened. This is a gift of love and important to Arlene. We are blessed to have such an attractive and meaningful Advent symbol. Thank you, Arlene.

### Cantata Dinner

As Kitchen Coordinator, I would like to thank the following people for their much needed and appreciated help in set-up, preparation, serving, and clean-up for the December 4th Cantata dinner. Thanks to Bonnie Gilmore, Ed Walter, Fay Griffith, Larry Mundhenk, Ruth Hahn, Sally Pflaum, Kathy Holtkamp, Barb and Fred Busse, Leah Reynolds, Judy Lowery, and Pam Ford. Many thanks also to Matt Merritt with his TIDE Kids for preparing, serving, and cleaning up as well as several 11:00 attendees who helped set up tables and chairs. I would also like to thank all those who dined with us. Blessings to all, Jackie Schumacher

### Mission Gate Christmas Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who adopted an "Angel" from the Mission Gate Christmas Angel Project. All "78 Angels" will have gifts at their Christmas Parties because of your generosity!!

## Sunday Schedule

### Worship

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Blended in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary in Christian Life Center

### Nursery

- 8:00 a.m. Cry room - Room A-2
- 9:15 a.m. Ages 0-3 Nursery - Through 11:00 a.m. Worship - Room A-2/A-4

### Children's Sunday School

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool thru Kindergarten in B1-4
- 9:30 a.m. Children in Watson Hall 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 11:00 a.m. Preschool thru Kindergarten begin in 11 a.m. Worship then to Room A-5
- 11:00 a.m. Kidz Connect 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade begins in 11 a.m. Worship then to Myers Conference Room

*Karen Loechner,*  
**Director of Children's Ministry**  
*karen.loechner@dpc4u.org*

### Tide Youth Ministry

- 9:30 a.m. Middle and High School - Loft
- 12:15 pm. Tide Worship Arts - B-11
- 2:00 p.m. Tide High School Youth Group

### Adult Bible Studies

- 9:30 a.m. Pathfinders, Room B-5  
Followers, Room C-4  
Finders, Hearth Room  
Seekers, Myers Conf. Rm  
New Dawn, Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Explorers, Hearth Room

## Finding Your Place Through A Small Group

**Small Groups for all ages**  
 Contact: Caitlin Kasberg  
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**Small Groups for Women**  
 Contact: Mary Ruth Embry  
*lmrembry@centurylink.net*

**Small Groups for Men**  
 Contact: Steve Collier  
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**Young Adults (Under 30)**  
 Contact: Pat Wilcox  
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**Middle School and High School**  
*tideym@yahoo.com*

Visit our website  
[www.dpc4u.org](http://www.dpc4u.org)  
 for a complete list and description of Bible studies.

For a more detailed calendar, scan the QR Code below with a QR Code app to view Dardenne Presbyterian Church's online calendar.



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## Coming This Week

Join in. Make a difference!

**Monday, January 2**  
 Building Closed

**Tuesday, January 3**  
 1:00 p.m. Watson Circle - Myers Conf.  
 8:00 p.m. Basketball

**Wednesday, January 4**  
 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's  
 9:30 a.m. Salmon Circle - Parlor  
 10:00 a.m. Sale Circle - off site  
 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - E-mail Rev. Kasberg  
 11:30 a.m. Elzea Circle - Myers Conf.  
 12:00 a.m. Kitchen Clean-Up  
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Intro Meeting - TIDE Loft

**Thursday, January 5**  
 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room  
 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group - Hearth Room  
 6:30 p.m. Daughters of the King - Parlor

**Friday, January 6**  
 4:00 p.m. Bible Study for Middle & High School Girls - Parlor

**Saturday, January 7**  
 8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Parlor  
 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room

**Sunday, January 8**  
 12:15 p.m. Tide Worship Arts - B-11  
 5:30 p.m. Weisz Circle - C-6, Watson

**First Wednesday of the Month**  
**Hope and Healing Worship**  
 5:00 p.m. Rock Church

## Dardenne Presbyterian Church

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