

# THE CONNECT

Rev. Terry Epling – Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor



Every new year begins with letting go of something and taking hold of something new. As a congregation you may feel that acutely right now. You've just said good bye to a beloved, faithful pastor. Rev. Maley was a blessing to this church and will be missed for his steady leadership, insightful preaching, and attentive pastoral care. I know you pray only blessings for him and Cyndi in retirement, but it's difficult to see him go.

It's not unusual that turning to face the future now comes with some anxiety about what comes next and who your next pastor will be. I hope that concern is tempered by faith in the sure provision of God, who goes before us and is always ahead of us. In the long history of this congregation God has seen you through many transitions, some good, others difficult. Things have changed. Through it all God has been at the center, and you have kept your eyes focused on following Jesus in service to this community and the world. That won't change.

I am grateful for the call of your Session to serve as the Interim Pastor while you search for the next Senior Pastor. My most recent prior call was as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau. My wife, Annie, is also a pastor serving Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church in Frontenac. We have four children. Our oldest, Henry, attends The College of Wooster in Ohio. Our son, Tommy, is a senior at Kirkwood High School, and our daughter, Julia, is a freshman there. Our youngest, Charlotte, is a fourth grader at Tillman Elementary in Kirkwood.

I look forward to getting to know you better and serving alongside you during this important period. In the days ahead, let's commit to prayer for the discernment of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Let's also recommit to giving our time, talents, and treasure to the work of the church. Our ministry doesn't lag during an interim period. God asks us to do many things to advance the kingdom even now, especially now. The good news is that God has given us all the gifts necessary to realize that call. Let's not fail to respond with confidence, faith, and hope. In everything we do, to God be the glory!

Faithfully,  
Rev. Terry Epling

## Events Happening at DPC

Jan 9	Cancer Companions
Jan. 10	Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners Begin
Jan. 10	Pastor's Class with Rev. Jim Tony Begins
Jan. 10	Confirmation Class Begins
Jan. 14	Ordination & Installation of Officers and Deacons
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Day - Building Closed
Jan. 16	PW Soup Luncheon
Jan. 20	Adam Lamb Preschool Registration Begins
Jan. 20	Restore St. Charles
Jan. 21	Congregational Meeting (10:30 a.m.)
Jan. 28	New Member Inquiry Class Begins
Feb. 2-4	DCS Winter Weekend
Feb. 7	DCS Parent Night Begins
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Worship

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting for Dardenne Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. At this meeting, the 2018 budget and the necrology of church members who died in 2017 will be presented. Questions from the congregation will also be entertained. The meeting should last one-half hour.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Mary Martha Still Needs Help!

Unfortunately, the Mary Martha Thrift Store Committee has not yet found a co-leader. Ceci Magney is willing to do all the recruiting and scheduling of volunteers. The co-leader will need to attend one meeting a month and work at the Mary Martha Thrift store several days during each of the designated DPC weeks that our church works in the store. This would happen six times a year beginning in February. Please contact Ceci (314-603-0128) with your questions or to volunteer.

### HOPE Food Pantry Has Big News!

We are in the process of buying the building we currently use...very exciting. We stepped out in faith as the building was for sale and we worried that a new owner might not want us to continue renting. Join us in praying that our donations would continue to be adequate to make our mortgage payments! Thank you for your continued support.

Our special needs for January are canned gravy, chili, crackers, and broth. A very blessed and happy New Year to all!

### Wednesday Night Family Dinner January 10, 2018

#### Kid's Meal

Macaroni & Cheese  
Applesauce

#### Adult's Meal

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Broccoli Salad  
Cake

*Ages 0 to 11 - free, 12 to 17 - \$3, 18 & older - \$5.*

### Youth Worship Arts Rehearsals

**Sunday, January 7 at 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in B-11**

This energetic group of singers will be preparing music for worship, Good Friday, and our May musical, "The Kingdom Connection." The group will be served pizza for lunch and then sing praises to the Lord.

### Joyful Voices (4 and 5 year olds)

**King's Kidz (grades 1 thru 5) Choirs Resume Practice**

**Wednesday, January 10 in B-11 choir room**

Joyful Voices will meet from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and King's Kidz will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Both choirs will be singing for worship in February, on Palm Sunday in March, and in May for the children's musical, "The Kingdom Connection." The musical will leave the modern world behind as the children step into the ancient world of Bible kings who lived over 2000 year ago. They will learn how their actions affected history and pointed toward the King of Kings, Jesus, who is alive and working in our lives today.

### Adam Lamb Preschool Open House and Art Fair

**Thursday, January 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Watson Hall**

Come and meet our staff. Learn more about our programs. There will be a guided tour at 5:30 p.m. To schedule a tour during operating hours, please call Peggy Kanak (636-561-5203).

### DCS Winter Camp Registration Deadline

**Sunday, January 14**

Students in 6th - 12th grade for the 2017/18 school year, get ready for the best part of winter! DC Students are heading to Lake Williamson Conference Center in Carlinville, Illinois for a weekend of incredible activities, including worship services, small groups, late night activities, and fun with friends. The registration fee of \$190 (\$50 of which is non-refundable) covers all costs for the week. Registration closes when capacity is reached or on Sunday, January 14. No registrations will be taken after that date. Scholarship requests must be submitted today! Go to [dcsministry.org](http://dcsministry.org) to register now!

### Adam Lamb Preschool Early Registration

**Saturday, January 20 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. in Watson Hall**

Early registration is for Dardenne Presbyterian Church members, Adam Lamb families, and Mother's Day Out families. Registration is set up as a lottery system. The lottery drawing begins at 10 a.m. A \$75 non-refundable registration fee is due the day of registration. Registration is open to the public on Saturday, January 27 at 9 a.m. Learn more about Adam Lamb Preschool at [www.adamlambpreschool.com](http://www.adamlambpreschool.com).

### Women's Winter Bible Study

**Monday mornings beginning January 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Myers Conference Room**

Ladies, we are in for a treat! Using time spent with a shepherd, beekeeper, and winemaker, Margaret Feinberg takes us into Scripture and applies what she learns from each of them to a deeper knowledge of Scripture, sharing what she calls "Aha!" moments from her conversation with them. Join the group for this six-week study, Scouting the Divine. Books are \$12.99. To register, please contact Barbara Busse (636-300-3996 or [bbusse924@charter.net](mailto:bbusse924@charter.net)).



The Maleys were recognized on Sunday, December 31 at the end of each of the three services. A gift was given at each service from the congregation. Pastor Maley and Cyndi were presented with a photo album of people and activities during their time at DPC, gift cards to Pittsburgh baseball games, a gift card to a restaurant serving lobster in the Pittsburgh area, and most importantly, the boxes of notes of appreciation. The Maleys did not wish to have a big event at the end of their service, however these tokens of appreciation and your cards, hugs, and applause were very much appreciated.

God bless the committee of Barb Busse, Caryl Ernest, John and Bonnie Gilmore, Bill and Harriet Fader, Judy Lowery, Judy Maul, Chuck and Harriet Polleschultz, Steve and Jackie Schumacher, and Nancy Young with special thanks to Bob Underwood for his mighty resource of photographs.

#### Sound System for the Sanctuary

Dardenne Presbyterian is blessed to receive a generous donation from one of our members for a hearing assistance system for the Sanctuary. This system has been installed and is ready for those who require this support. For more information, contact Dave Schlansker (cell: 314-378-3246).

#### Read the Whole Bible?

Have you ever tried and stumbled when you got to Leviticus? THE BIBLE PROJECT will help with that. This is a systematic approach that combines group encouragement with big-picture views that enable understanding. Coming soon will be your opportunity to sign up for the congregational level classes. Fifteen of your fellow members have been preparing for the better part of two years. BOLO—Be On the Look Out.

#### Inquiry Class

Have you just found Dardenne Church, and are impressed with its friendliness? Or have you been a regular visitor for some time, and finally decided to be a part of the church family? Maybe you have been a member for years and just want to learn more about what goes on around Dardenne? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you will be interested to hear that the next Inquiry Class begins Sunday, January 28. This class is more than a membership class. It is designed to tell you more about the rich history of Dardenne Church, what we believe, what it means to be Presbyterian, and how you can get more involved in the life and work of Christ's church on earth. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour for five weeks and meet in Watson Hall. The last class will be held on February 25. Please pre-register by marking your **interest on the pew pad or calling the church office**. If you have questions, please contact the church office (office.admins@dpc4u.org, 636-561-4347) or Lowell and Shirley Barnes (636-561-4195 or lowell\_barnes@charter.net). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Opportunities to Serve

### Office Help Needed

The office is looking for volunteers to help on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. with stuffing the Order of Worship when inserts are required. This involves a commitment of 1 to 1½ hours on the day you are needed. Please call Martha in the church office (636-561-4347) if you would like to be included on the call list of volunteers. It is a wonderful way to serve and enjoy a little fellowship.

### Operation Backpack Program Needs Your Help

Each week Dardenne Presbyterian Church provides weekend food for children who are at risk because the family is food insecure. We currently feed 91 children in four elementary schools. We are currently looking for volunteers to help pack those bags. It's very easy, using an assembly line system, from prefilled containers on waist high tables. A team of 5-8 people can easily complete the task in 20-30 minutes. Our usual time to pack is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. However, if you can help at another day or time, we will try to accommodate your schedule. This is a great opportunity for a family or group to serve. Yes – children can help, too. Please contact Jessica Grotewiel (314-603-1415 or tigersgrote@hotmail.com).

### Inclement Weather

It is the time of year when we need to be prepared in the event worship services are postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather. If changes are made to service times, DPC will distribute information by sending an all-church email and posting on our website and Facebook page. Information will also be available by calling the church office.

**Sunday Schedule**

**Communion**

The First Sunday of Each Month

**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

**Dardenne Church Student**

**Ministry (DCS)**

- 9:30 a.m. Middle and High School - Loft
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Worship Arts Choir - B11

**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  
caitlin.kasberg@gmail.com

**Small Groups for Women**

Contact: Joy Trevathan  
joytrevathan1@yahoo.com

**Small Groups for Men**

Contact: Steve Collier  
steve\_collier\_pca@earthlink.net

**Young Adults (Under 30)**

Contact: Pat Wilcox  
bigpat20us@gmail.com

**Middle School and High School**

Contact: Becky Kronauge  
becky.kronauge@dpc4u.org

**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 8**

**Tuesday, January 9**

- 1:00 p.m. Book Club - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Cancer Companions - Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Basketball - CLC

**Wednesday, January 10**

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's/Capp's Restaurant
- 5:00 p.m. Joyful Voices Children's Choir - B-11
- 5:00 p.m. Bible Study Parents of Choir Kids
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - CLC
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Myers Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Kings Kidz Choir - B-11
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Worship & Small Group
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Class

**Thursday, January 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room
- 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Hearth
- 5:30 p.m. Adam Lamb Open House & Art Fair

**Friday, January 12**

**Saturday, January 13**

- 8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Hearth Room
- 9:00 a.m. Quilting Bee - C-6

**Sunday, January 14**

- 5:30 p.m. Weisz Circle - C-6, Watson Hall

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