

THE CONNECT

Rev. Terry Epling – Interim Pastor

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BEGINNINGS

I love them. There is just something refreshing about starting new things, committing to new goals, and taking on new challenges. As we step into not only the beginning of a new calendar year but the beginning of a new ministry year, I'm filled with hope and excitement for all that God will do in and through our Student Ministry here at Dardenne.

Goals have been set for reaching students far beyond our walls, and fresh ideas and new programs are being created to help nurture personal relationships between teens and our King. Some of these ideas will be wildly successful and some of them, well, not so much, but we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we remember God's faithfulness. You see, beginnings give us the unique ability to look back and remember all that came before.

Over the past 10 months, God has moved through DCS in mighty ways. Maybe you remember the weekend we ended services with a prayer experience where our church family wrote prayers for the future of our students and their ministry all over the walls of our worship space. Since then, God has answered many of those prayers! We've seen the weekly student attendance more than double. We've seen God bring students home that we had not seen in a long time. We've seen new faces and familiar faces. Hearts have been softened and healed. We've served alongside our community through Restore St. Charles. We took a record number of students to Lake Williamson for summer camp. Our staff and volunteer teams have grown as God has blessed us with people who have hearts and passion for leading teenagers to the feet of Jesus. We have worshipped with the adult choir and with parents. We have resourced and equipped parents of teens.

I could go on and on, but really I just want to say thank you. Thank you for supporting our students with your time, talents, resources, and prayer! God is so good, and it is my honor and privilege to get this front row seat to all that He has done and will do as we head into this new year together.

Hugs,
Becky Kronauge

Events Happening at DPC

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| 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 | Hope & Healing
Worship |
| Feb. 7 | DCS Parent Night
Begins |
| Feb. 13 | Cancer Companions |
| Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday
Worship - No
Wednesday Activities |
| Feb. 17 | Restore St. Charles -
Youth Serve Day |

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation/Congregation of Dardenne Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The 2018 budget and the necrology of church members who died in 2017 will be presented. The Associate Pastor's Salary will be presented and voted on. Nominations to fill one Deacon position will be taken and voted on. 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 serve.

Mary Martha Efforts Pay Off!

As a result of hours fulfilled by DPC members donating their time at the Mary Martha Thrift Store, Ceci is happy to report that DPC's Helping Hands Fund has received \$7500 and the HOPE Food Pantry has received \$6000 for the Good Samaritan efforts in 2017.

HOPE Food Pantry

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 17, 2018

Kid's Meal

None

Adult's Meal

Lasagna
Green Beans
Italian Salad/Garlic Bread
Blueberry Delight

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

Baptism of Keaton Willer

Today during the 11 a.m. service in the Christian Life Center

Keaton William Willer, son of Michelle and John Willer III, was born on June 21, 2013. He will be baptized today with Elder Jeff Woods representing Session.

DCS Winter Camp Registration Deadline

Today!

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 ends today! Go to dcsministry.org to register now!

Presbyterian Women's General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16 at 11 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

All women are invited to the General Meeting Soup Luncheon this Tuesday to hear Debra Paulus, Senior Development Officer for St. Louis and Eastern Missouri with Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. The collection will go to the Presbyterian Children's Homes. Our lunch will be DPC's soup, salads, and desserts.

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.

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).



Dear Dardenne Family,

Words seem inadequate to express my appreciation for all you did to honor Fred when God called him home suddenly December 6. In a Facebook post December 20, our daughter Sheila wrote, "The DPC community has been so incredible - a true example of how the body of Christ comes together to honor their brother and lift whatever burdens they can from a grieving family. EVERY face we saw December 16 and 17 was so appreciated - it was LOVE in action. Thank you for blessing us with your time, prayers, meals, and kind words about our Dad. You showed us what love looks like!" Amen and Amen! Gratefully, Barbara Busse

A Maley Thank You

Dear Dardenne Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Cyndi and I want to thank you for the numerous expressions of kindness, generosity, appreciation and encouragement prior to our departure. Your words and actions highlighted our eight years of Christian love and service. You will continue to be in our thoughts, heart, and prayers. Love, Larry & Cyndi Maley

Year-End Giving Statements

Statements for 2017 will be available for pick-up starting today in Mission Hall. They will continue to be available for pick-up through Sunday, January 28. After that, any remaining printed statements will be mailed. If you have chosen e-mail as your method of delivery, you should have received your statement on Friday, January 12. Please contact the Finance Office at extension 222 if you have any questions.

Bible Project

The BIBLE PROJECT will be offered to everyone at Dardenne beginning next fall. What is the BIBLE PROJECT? Its purpose is to frame the whole Bible. Those who take this course will gain a structure in which to fit the details of the stories, devotionals, small group studies, and Bible studies. So often the whole Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle without a picture. Try to fit the pieces together. The BIBLE PROJECT provides the picture.

Inquiry Class New Membership Class

If you would like to explore your spiritual gifts, you will be interested to hear that **the next Inquiry Class begins Sunday January 28th**. 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. We would like you to **pre-register by marking your interest on the pew pad or calling the church office**. If you have questions, please contact the church office (636-561-4347 or office.admins@dpc4u.org) or Lowell and Shirley Barnes (636-561-4195 or lowell_barnes@charter.net). We look forward to hearing from you!

Deacon Biography for David Maul

I joined DPC 4 1/2 years ago after moving here from Minnesota where I served as a Deacon for 6 years at our previous church. We moved to Missouri to be close to our daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren. I recently retired from a career as a Registered Nurse which included 36 years part-time at Shriners Hospital and 41 years full-time in Medical-Surgical settings. I look forward to being more involved with DPC and getting to know more members now that I have the time to devote to the duties of being a Deacon. My interests are, of course, the grandchildren, trying new restaurants, arts and entertainment, and discovering new places in the St Louis area where we are working on joining the Cardinals and Blues bandwagons.

Exciting news from the PNC!

The Minister Information Form has been completed, session has reviewed it, and it is currently being reviewed by the Presbytery. We anticipate the job posting to go live very soon! Please continue to pray for the PNC as we actively seek God's will for DPC.

"Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments" Psalms 119:66

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.



The 2018 Flower and Food Basket Calendars

The calendars are sporting a new look this year in Salmon Hall and provide larger spaces for written messages. As always, there are spaces for two arrangements and two baskets per Sunday. If you wish to purchase flowers or a food basket and you find your desired date is full, please contact the church office (636-531-4347) to make further arrangements. When providing your payment, please be sure to include the date of desired placement, as well as your name and amount included.

Inclement Weather

Delay or Cancellation of Worship Services

- All-Church Email
- DPC Website
- Facebook
- Call 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 1st through 5th 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 1st - 5th 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
for a complete list and description of Bible studies.

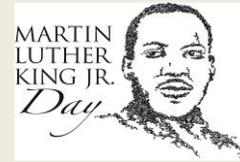
For a more detailed calendar, scan the QR Code below with a QR Code app to view Dardenne Presbyterian Church's online calendar



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Coming This Week

Join in. Make a difference!



Monday, January 15
Building Closed!

Tuesday, January 16
 11:00 a.m. PW Soup Luncheon
 8:00 p.m. Basketball - CLC

Wednesday, January 17
 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's/Capp's Restaurant
 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study Contact Pastor Kasberg
 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 18
 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room
 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Hearth

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20
 8:00 a.m. Restore St. Charles
 9:00 a.m. Adam Lamb Preschool Registration - Watson Hall

Sunday, January 21
 10:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting Sanctuary

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