

THE CONNECT

Rev. Terry Epling – Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor



Strength & Growth

This week's fresh snow caught my attention as it rested on the branches of the trees in my back yard. The strong old oak tree branches were highlighted by the gleaming white snow revealing vividly the strength and beauty of the tree's structure. I thought of those trees as I read the Annual Report of Dardenne Presbyterian Church. This strong, complex, living organization is much like those living organisms seeking life and light and strength for new growth.

The prior year brought many blessings which are evident in the annual report. Changes were initiated to promote growth in ministry with youth, outreach to our community in mission and evangelism, and small group participation, to name a few. You can be proud of what the church has accomplished in the name of Jesus Christ.

What's clear to me is that Dardenne Church, while celebrating a good year, isn't content to rest on the glory of past success. This church is eager to follow the call of Christ into a new year of opportunities to serve our Lord, to expand our witness in the community, and to grow in faith and service.

Today we'll hear from the Pastor Nominating Committee about their progress toward identifying the next Pastor of Dardenne Church. The committee is working with efficiency and steady progress. They bring great faith that God has already prepared a person to lead this church on the next leg of its journey. I know you join me in praying for their discernment.

As you look to the year ahead at Dardenne Church, I encourage you to continue in worship, prayer, study, service, and giving. Express your confidence in God's plan for this church by showing up and participating as you are able in the great things God is doing here even now. The need of the world for the good news of Jesus Christ doesn't diminish or wait for us to identify a new pastor. This year, as in years past, Jesus' command to go, make disciples, and baptize is more urgent than ever. Let's build on the strength that is here and grow again this year.

Rev. Terry Epling,
Interim Senior Pastor

Events Happening at DPC

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| Jan. 21 | Congregational Meeting (10:30 a.m.) |
| Jan. 22 | Women's Bible Study Begins |
| Jan. 28 | New Member Inquiry Class Begins |
| Jan. 28 | St. Charles County Symphony Concert |
| Feb. 2-4 | DCS Winter Weekend |
| Feb. 4 | Scout Sunday |
| 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 |
| Feb. 17 | MOPS Trivia Night |
| Feb. 19 | Presidents' Day Building Closed |
| Mar. 2 | World Day of Prayer |
| Mar. 2 | Uprising |
| Mar. 3 | Mothers' Day Out Registration |
| Mar. 7 | Hope & Healing Worship |

Opportunities to Serve

Dardenne's First Week

As reported in a previous Connect, the Helping Hands Fund and the HOPE Food Pantry together received over \$13,000 last year from the Mary Martha Thrift Store. This was due to members performing such jobs as being a cashier, sorting and hanging clothes, pricing household items, and emptying the drop-off shed. Your first opportunity to serve this year will be during the week of February 4 through February 10. This is the first of six weeks during 2018 that DPC is scheduled to man the store. If you believe this is a way that you can serve, please contact Ceci Magney (314-603-0128 or cecistlou@yahoo.com). Any amount of time you can give is very much appreciated.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Currently DPC collects ink cartridges and receives \$100 to \$250 twice a year depending on the types and numbers of cartridges collected. This money is placed toward printing costs in the office. Please bring your cartridges to the collection point in Mission Hall between the soda machine and the end wall.

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 24, 2018

Kid's Meal

Applesauce
Macaroni & Cheese

Adult's Meal

Enchiladas/Nachos & Cheese
Refried Beans
Garden Salad
Dessert

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

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).

Adam Lamb Preschool Registration

Saturday, January 27 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. in Watson Hall

Adam Lamb registration is now open to the public. 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. Learn more about Adam Lamb Preschool at www.adamlambpreschool.com.

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St. Charles Symphony Concert

Sunday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The St. Charles County Symphony Orchestra is a not-for-profit organization that often collaborates with outside artists and organizations to spread traditional and non-traditional music in our area. On January 28, co-directors David Peek and Kenneth Beckham will present a diverse orchestral concert including song selections everyone can enjoy. The performance will feature works by Vivaldi, Gabrieli, Liszt, and more! The St. Charles Symphony consists of professional musicians, teachers, talented adults, and serious students from our community. Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the symphony at this free performance.

Current Issues in Healthcare

Thursday, February 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spencer Road Community Commons, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters

As DPC is a member of the St. Charles Community Council, you may attend February's Network Luncheon. A panel of four speakers from four different local hospitals will speak and entertain questions on the current issues in healthcare. You may register for this luncheon by calling the Community Council at 636-978-2277. The cost of this month's luncheon as a member is \$20. Contact Rose Knauper (communications@dpc4u.org or 636-795-5570) with your questions.

Bible Project

The Light of the Word to Enlighten the World—that's the goal of THE BIBLE PROJECT. Check out the overall plan on www.bibleproj.com. Click "Introduction."

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

Teddy Bear Ministry

A gift of a teddy bear through the Teddy Bear Ministry can show a person just how much God and others care and love them. Teddy bears are to be used in the same manner as the prayer shawls. They are given to children who are ill or hospitalized. However, there is no age limit for the receivers and bears can be given to teenagers and adults as well. They can be gifted to anyone by anyone. Teddy bears are located in a blue tub in the closet across from the mailboxes in the office. When giving the teddy bears, please record the date and to whom you are giving the bear on the clip board. For more information, contact Jan Tilker (636-561-8967).

Year-End Giving Statements

Statements for 2017 will be available for pick-up 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.

New Membership Class

Are you “saved?” How do you gain salvation? What are you saved from? The upcoming Inquiry Class will assist you in understanding how you gain salvation. If you want to learn more, 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. 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!

Daily Devotionals

Looking for an additional way to partake in daily devotion? Be sure to visit the literature rack in Mission Hall or the table in the Narthex to purchase your copy of the devotionals “These Days” and “Our Daily Bread.” Each quarterly devotional contains daily inspiration, meditation, and prayer. The devotionals are a self-funded service; the money earned from the sale of the devotionals is used to order more. When purchasing, please be sure to place \$1.25 in the collection containers available at each location.

More Exciting News From the PNC!

The PNC has posted the position of our next senior pastor! We will begin accepting applications as soon as next week. Please continue to pray for guidance and discernment as we begin receiving applications.

“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 are providing 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 22

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Myers Conference Room

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 p.m. Basketball - CLC

Wednesday, January 24

- 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 - B-8
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs

Thursday, January 25

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room
- 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Hearth

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

- 8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
Hearth Room
- 9:00 a.m. Adam Lamb Preschool
Registration - Watson Hall

Sunday, January 28

- 11:00 a.m. New Member Inquiry
Class Begins - Watson Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Symphony Society
Concert - Sanctuary

Dardenne Presbyterian Church

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Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon

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