

THE CONNECT

Rev. Dr. Larry Maley – Senior Pastor

“Worry or Trust – It’s Your Choice”

“I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you are to eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear...Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” (Jesus: Matt. 6:25, 27)

How often have you been told not to worry, but worry we do about our health, family, job, personal problem, relationship, economy, or some world crisis. It’s one thing to read Jesus’ words about not being anxious (*Matt. 6*), or not letting your heart be troubled (*John 14*), but it only takes a single phone call or bad results on a lab test to overwhelm us with worry. It is perfectly normal and understandable to be concerned, even frightened, when situations arise to which there are no easy answers. A broken and sinful world inevitably brings pain and disappointment. However, realistic anxiety can turn into destructive worry when our fears consume our time and energy. When you are feeling trapped by your worry, the words of Jesus about trusting Him is life’s best prescription.

The most effective way to resist destructive worry is to draw near to Jesus Christ. Demonstrate your faith and trust in Him by sitting quietly in His presence: **“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28)**. Sacred time with Him will calm your anxiety, strengthen your understanding, and provide the resolve to face whatever the day brings. This world is so complex and overstimulating that one can easily lose his/her sense of direction. By spending time with Christ, He will restore your sense of direction and hope. Miraculously, time spent with Him diminishes worry and enables us to accomplish more.

His promise is, **“I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:20)**. So whether worry or trust will guide you depends on your choice.

In Christ’s Service,
Larry Maley

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor

Upcoming Events at DPC

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| Jan. 28 | Open Registration for Adam Lamb Preschool |
| Jan. 29 | New Member Class Begins - Ends Feb. 26 |
| Feb. 5 | Scout Sunday |
| Feb. 11 | Leadership Training: Staff, Elders, and Deacons |
| Feb. 12 | Confirmation Class participates in Worship |
| Feb. 19 | Mission Care Team Sunday |
| Feb. 20 | Presidents’ Day – Building is Closed |
| Feb. 20 | Monthly Meeting of Deacons |
| Feb. 26 | Train Children for Communion Luncheon and Class |
| Feb. 28 | Monthly Meeting of Session |
| Mar. 1 | Ash Wednesday – Lenton Sermon Series on “Walking with Jesus to Calvary” from Matthew’s Gospel) |
| Mar. 3 | World Day of Prayer |
| Mar. 5 | Lenten Small Group Study through April 2 |
| Mar. 11 | Raptor Awareness Event |
| Mar. 20 | Monthly Meeting of Deacons |
| Mar. 28 | Monthly Meeting of Session – Receives Confirmation Class and New Members Class |
| Apr. 1 | Spring Clean-Up Day |
| Apr. 2 | Confirmation Class Sunday |
| Apr. 5 | Wednesday Family Night Ends |
| Apr. 16 | Easter Sunday |

Upcoming Events

Important Announcement!

In order to save on the expense of publishing the Connect, each Sunday the ushers will hand out the Order of Worship. Since many of Dardenne's attendees receive the Connect and its inserts by E-mail, the Connect will be handed out only to those who need one. If you would like to sign up to have the Connect sent to your home through E-mail to reduce DPC's cost of printing, just complete the "DPC E-Mail Request" form available at the table in the Narthex or at the Information Desk in Mission Hall. Give your completed form to someone at the Information Desk. You may also sign up using the Connect Card distributed at the 11 a.m. service.

HOPE Food Pantry

January's needed items are Tuna Helper, canned chicken and dumplings, hot chocolate mix, and mouthwash.

Donations Needed!

This is just a quick reminder that Dardenne Presbyterian is still in need of donations for tables in the Christian Life Center and Watson Hall. Please drop off your donations in the church office. Any amount is welcome. Thank you, the Property and Grounds Committee

Inclement Weather!

In the event that worship services are postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather, 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.

Children's Choir Practice

Wednesdays in Room B-11

It's not too late to join in on the fun with "STAR QUEST"! The children in Joyful Voices, age 4 through kindergarten, and the King's Kidz, grades 1 through 5 will begin to learn this exciting scripture memory musical. Both choirs will also be singing for worship in February, March, and for Palm Sunday. Joyful Voices will practice on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. and King's Kidz will practice on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to sing God's praise and hide his word in their hearts as they serve their church family with the gift of music. For more information please contact Karla Leigh (misskarla@earhtlink.net).

2016 Giving Statements

Today in Mission Hall

The 2016 Year-End Giving Statements are available for pick-up! Please stop by our table this Sunday to pick yours up. Picking up your statement in person saves on postage expenses for DPC. All statements remaining after today will be mailed the following week. The Financial Affairs Committee thanks you for your continued commitment and generosity to DPC

Ticket Sales for the "Raptor Awareness" Program

Today and next Sunday in Mission Hall

The World Bird Sanctuary will be presenting their "Raptor Awareness" program with an American Bald Eagle, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, and other birds of prey in the Christian Life Center on Saturday, March 11, 2017 starting at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$3 per person, but children 4 and under are free. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the World Bird Sanctuary. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE DAY OF THE EVENT** so get your tickets now! Contact Barb Walter at edandbarb1@aol.com with any questions.

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

Text Giving: (636) 334-3013

Monthly Book Club

Each month you have an opportunity to come to laugh, share stories, and enjoy a good book with friends! Join Sally and the group for the discussion of the following books the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

February 14: [And Then There Were None](#) by Agatha Christie

March 14: [The Whole Town's Talking](#) by Fannie Flagg

April 11: [Glory Over Everything](#) by Kathleen Grissom

May 9: [A Dog's Journey](#) by W. Bruce Cameron

Sally Pflaum (ppflaum4@gmail.com and 636-265-0939)

Thank You!

Frani Melton and family thank their many DPC loved ones for the sympathy cards, emails, and comments received on the recent death of her sister, Lucile Sommerville. Her memorial service in Shawnee, KS, was truly a celebration of her resurrection. It also provided a rare family opportunity for cousins and assorted other relatives to reconnect with one another. Lucile had four daughters, and the Meltons had three children, so when all the descendants assembled, it was quite a sizeable crowd.

Cleaning of the DPC Cemetery

Please remove all decorations from the cemetery by Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Any decorations left after that date will be discarded when the cemetery is cleaned.

Current Cemetery lot prices are \$400 for a single grave less 5% discount for multiple, full-sized graves. In addition, a special section has been reserved for crematory remains with lot prices set at \$190 per lot. Please call the church office (636-561-4347) if you have any questions.

Wednesday Night Family Dinner

January 25, 2017

Kid's Meal

macaroni and cheese
applesauce
carrots

Adult Meal

meatloaf
mashed potatoes/gravy
corn
broccoli salad
Dump Cake

Ages 0 to 11 and over 89 - free, 12 to 17 - \$3, & 18 to 89 - \$5.



Inquiry Class 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 29. 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 26. 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 or Shirley Barnes (636-561-4195 or lowell_barnes@charter.net). We look forward to hearing from you!

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

Tide Youth Ministry

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

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: Mary Ruth Embry
lmrembr@centurylink.net

Small Groups for Men

Contact: Steve Collier

Young Adults (Under 30)

Contact: Pat Wilcox
bigpat20us@gmail.com

Middle School and High School

tideym@yahoo.com

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 23

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 p.m. Basketball

Wednesday, January 25

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's
- 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - E-mail Rev. Kasberg
- 5:00 p.m. Joyful Voices Children's Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. King's Kidz Children's Choir B-7 and B-11
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School and High School Tide - Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs in D-2, 4, 5, 6
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Class - Gospel of John in C-6, Watson Hall

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

- 8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study in the Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Quilters - C4 and C6
- 9:00 a.m. Adam Lamb Preschool Registration

First Wednesday of the Month

Hope and Healing Worship

5:00 p.m. Rock Church

Dardenne Presbyterian Church

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