

THE CONNECT

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Idolatry

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.”

Colossians 3:5

Far and away, the greatest sin in the Bible is idolatry. Idolatry is the main reason why God rebuked and judged the nation of Israel. Most of us limit our understanding of idolatry to antiquated practices of worshipping pagan images. Be advised that idolatry occurs frequently in our modern world and extends beyond images.

Idolatry occurs whenever a person violates the first of the Ten Commandments, which declares, ***“You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3)***. It takes place when we put something or someone before God in our life. Idolatry is the root cause of all other sins which explains why the first two Commandments deal with it. Too often, the church focuses on sins related to human sexuality, lifestyle choices, and mistreatment of others while ignoring the greatest commandment - **idolatry**.

Idolatry has always been the major downfall of people. Current idols are more subtle than ancient ones. Popular modern idols take the form of people, possessions, status, and self-aggrandizement. Beware of bowing down to these things. False gods never satisfy; instead, they stir up passion for more and more. When you seek Jesus Christ rather than the world’s idols, you experience His joy (***John 15:11***) and peace (***John 14:27***). Only the intangibles which Jesus offers satisfy your soul and make you a beacon through whom others are drawn to Him. Check your “idolatry meter” and toss out those things ruining your relationship with Christ.

In Christ’s Service,
Larry Maley

Upcoming Events at DPC

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| Feb. 5 | Scout Sunday |
| Feb. 12 | Confirmation Class participates in Worship |
| Feb. 19 | Mission Care Team Sunday |
| Feb. 20 | Presidents’ Day - Building is Closed |
| Feb. 25 | In-House Mother’s Day Out Registration |
| Feb. 25 | MOP’s Trivia Night |
| Feb. 26 | Train Children for Communion Luncheon and Class |
| Mar. 1 | Ash Wednesday |
| Mar. 3 | World Day of Prayer |
| Mar. 5 | Lenten Devotional Study through April 2 |
| Mar. 21 | PW General Meeting and Election of Officers |
| Mar. 11 | Raptor Awareness Event |
| Apr. 1 | Spring Clean-Up Day |
| Apr. 2 | Confirmation Class Sunday |
| Apr. 5 | Wednesday Family Night Ends |
| Apr. 8 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Apr. 13 | Maundy Thursday |
| Apr. 14 | Good Friday |
| Apr. 16 | Easter Sunday |
| Apr. 23 | PW Birthday Sunday |
| May 1 | Vacation Bible School Registration Begins |
| May 7 | Children’s Musical |
| May 14 | Mother’s Day |
| May 26 | Vacation Bible School Registration Ends |

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

February's needed items are saltine crackers, canned stew or hash, gravy, and dry potatoes.

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.

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.

Monthly Book Club

Second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor

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:

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 (pflaum4@gmail.com and 636-265-0939)

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

Thank You to the Dardenne Congregation

I am overwhelmed and humbled by your generosity and outpouring of your love and support with my retirement as Clerk of Session. I was both surprised and grateful for the \$500 check, which I will use toward my upcoming cruise in March (my first!), and the beautiful crystal cross which will occupy a special place in my townhouse. My Dardenne family is so special to me! I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation. God bless you all! Judy Lowery

Table and Room Requests

Table requests for Mission Hall will be granted in the order they are requested. A maximum number of six tables will be placed in Mission Hall at any one time.

Any member, committee, or staff person wishing to reserve a room needs to complete a "Facilities Use Request Form" including room requested, contact information, number of people attending, and setup. A member may request one year in advance, and outside groups may request a room six months in advance. Please contact Nancy Young, our scheduler, for more information (scheduler@dpc4u.org).

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 February 1, 2017

Kid's Meal

macaroni and cheese
applesauce
carrots

Adult Meal

turkey pot pie
layered salad
brownies

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



Inquiry Class New Membership Class

Do you know what the mission of Dardenne Church is? What are your plans for this upcoming year? Who is it that establishes those goals? If you want to learn more, you will be interested to hear that the next Inquiry Class begins Today!

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 this morning during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour and for the next four weeks, meeting in Watson Hall. The last class will be held on February 26. Even if you haven't pre-registered, you can join us. 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).

HOST Training

If you are interested in being trained as a small group Host, please contact Caitlin Kasberg (caitlin.kasberg@gmail.com)

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 30

8:00 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, January 31

Wednesday, February 1

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's
- 9:30 a.m. Salmon Circle - Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Sale Circle - Marge Pettig's Home
- 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - E-mail Rev. Kasberg
- 11:30 a.m. Elzea Circle - Myers Conf.
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Nursery

Thursday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room
- 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group - Hearth Room
- 6:30 p.m. Daughters of the King Circle Parlor

Friday, February 3

- 4:00 p.m. Middle & High School Girls Bible Study - Parlor

Saturday, February 4

- 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

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