

THE CONNECT

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Spiritual Disciplines During Lent

In the weeks leading up to Easter, it is typical for Christians to prepare spiritually for Holy Week. Lent (which literally means “spring”) is that season of spiritual preparation. Lent is the forty days (plus 6 Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter. There is biblical precedent for this forty days of preparation in Jesus’ own forty days of fasting and temptation in the desert.

Every day we remember and give thanks to God for the sacrifice of Jesus which brought us new life. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our mortality and sinfulness and our need for God. In Holy Week the drama of salvation is brought into bright focus. Between Ash Wednesday and Easter we are aware that new life is coming and that we’re not quite ready to receive it. What new life is God bringing into being for you and for this congregation? How can we be ready to welcome and nurture it?

During Lent we’ll engage a sermon series on spiritual disciplines. These are ways of practicing our faith that turn us toward God, reorient our lives, and open us up to the new life that is coming in Christ Jesus. Traditionally, Christians give up something for Lent. For some reason chocolate is a favorite. But we aren’t talking about disciplines as something we give up. Rather we’ll explore disciplines that are things you do, practices, that are good habits of devotion to God. These practices stretch us and grow our faith.

This week I’m fascinated by the Olympic athletes competing in Korea. These world-class competitors know something about discipline. What would it look like if we practiced our faith with as much commitment? Maybe that’s too much to expect. We’re not all Olympic-level Christians. But all of us can commit to stretching our faith through practices that draw us closer to God and God’s intention for our lives.

As Paul reminded Timothy, “...discipline yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

In Christ,
Pastor Terry Epling

Events Happening at DPC

Feb. 19	Presidents’ Day Building Closed
Feb. 24	In-House Registration for Mother’s Day Out
Mar. 2	World Day of Prayer
Mar. 2	Uprising
Mar. 3	Public Registration for Mothers’ Day Out
Mar. 3	Strong Tower Ranch Fundraiser
Mar. 7	Hope & Healing Worship
Mar. 10	Usher, Greeter, Info Booth Training – Loft
Mar. 11	DPC Chili Cook-Off
Mar. 12	Alzheimer’s Support Meeting
Mar. 13	Cancer Companions
Mar. 17	Restore St. Charles
Mar. 24	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday
Mar. 30	Good Friday “Come Walk With Me” Cantata
Apr. 1	Easter Services
Apr. 2	Building Closed
Apr. 4	Hope and Healing Worship
Apr. 8	New Member Recognition
Apr. 9	Alzheimer’s Support

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Out (MDO) In-House Registration

Saturday, February 24 from 9 to 10 a.m. with lottery at 10 a.m.

The Mother's Day Out program services children who are two years old by September 1, 2018. The classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A class for preschool age children, who are independent using the restroom, (3, 4 or 5 by September 1, 2018) is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The hours for both classes will be 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and tuition is \$106/month for one day a week. Additional sibling's tuition is \$96/month for one day a week. Children may attend a second day if space is available. Tuition is doubled. A \$75 non-refundable fee is due with registration. Please contact Karen Loechner, Director (church office, 636-561-4347, ext. 230 or email at karen.loechner@dpc4u.org) for further information.

Annual World Day of Prayer Service sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Friday, March 2 at 10 a.m. in the Rock Church

World Day of Prayer is an international women's movement dating back to 1887. It emphasizes church unity, respect and concern for different peoples, cultures, and traditions. Women world-wide of many faith traditions come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March. Our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. This year's theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good". Interim Pastor Terry Epling, will be speaking to the congregation. Men, women, and children, are welcome to attend this worship service.

Strong Tower Ranch (STR) Fundraiser

Saturday, March 3 begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

Come and have a delicious BBQ dinner, live music, and lots of laughs with emcee David Graham, America's clean comedian. A silent auction begins at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. This fundraiser will benefit STR, a Christ-centered refuge, offering hope and mentoring to youth, especially those at risk. Children who have challenging life circumstances attend free, year-around horse programs and summer day camp. They are taught Bible lessons, sing Christian songs and pray. Children are also provided free transportation when needed. Please help us to plant God's seeds by attending or donating to this event which is hosted by the Strong Tower Ranch Mission Care Team and Daughters of the King Circle. Register in Mission Hall or go to www.strongtowerranch.org. (Credit cards accepted.)

Cemetery Clean-Up

Tuesday, March 6

Please remove any decorations that you may wish to keep to prevent them from being discarded. Members of the Cemetery Committee will prepare for the mowing season by removing winter blankets, wreaths, and any decorations that may interfere with mowing or have seen better days. Leveling some gravesites as well as seeding and fertilizing new graves will also take place. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Support for Alzheimer's Caregivers

Monday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Parlor

This support group is vital for all caregivers who are struggling with their loved one at home or in a nursing home. If you are a caregiver, take this opportunity to learn and share with other caregivers. Provide and receive support in dealing with Alzheimer's. This meeting is open to members and non-members. Questions? Call Jim Miget (314-607-0531).

Wednesday Night Dinner February 21, 2018

Kid's Meal

Adult's Meal

Chicken Tenderloin
Tator Tots
Broccoli Salad
Brownies

Carrots and Applesauce

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

HOPE Food Pantry February

- Toothpaste
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Canned Stew or Hash
- Tuna Helper
- Paper Grocery Bags

Lost and Found

Lost and Found Box will be emptied on February 18, and contents will be donated to Mary Martha Thrift Store.

- Bibles
- Glasses
- Coats

Opportunities to Serve

Pew Pad and Connect Cards

Did you know that filling out the pew pads and Connect cards lets the church office know that you were in attendance Sunday? We use this information to mark you “present” in your church record for each Sunday you attend. This is one way to ensure you stay on our Church rolls as a member and don’t fall into “inactive” status. The pew pads and Connect cards are also a great way to make the office aware of any changes in your contact information. Please take a few moments each Sunday to fill out the pew pads or the Connect cards and let us know you were here.

Cemetery Lots

The Cemetery Committee has authorized the sale of burial lots in the Rock Church and Dardenne Creek Cemeteries. Efforts continue to identify available lots in these cemeteries. The price of cemetery lots will be the same for all three cemeteries: \$500 for burial lots and \$230 for cremation burial lots. If you have any questions, you may contact me, Adolf Mueller (636-625-8464) or Myron Lindsey, our Facilities Manager and Cemetery Coordinator (636-236-0392).

New and Used Musical Instruments Wanted

Instruments are needed for a music program at the New Christian Church of Tabarre, Haiti. This outreach program is for youth ages 12 to 15 in the village of Tabarre who cannot afford to attend school. They will be taught music on Saturday mornings and will be required to attend church and Sunday School, so they may hear the gospel and learn about Jesus. Any type of instrument is wanted, but each must be in good working condition. The instruments will be sent on the next container to Haiti in mid March, so we will need to collect them by March 1. Please contact Stefanie Liesman (stefanie.liesman@dpc4u.org) if you have an instrument that you would like to donate. Thank you!

Your Help is Needed

Please consider giving your time to help in the nursery during our 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. Our teens are encouraged to help out as long as they are 14 or older! You can sign up for one or more dates on sign-up sheets posted outside the nursery. You can also serve by contacting Mary Fridley (636-561-3025 or thefridleys@charter.net).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The purpose of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to prepare shawls of comfort that are given to anyone who is going through a difficult time in their life. This ministry was expanded to include lap robes for men and fleece blankets for children. Our crafters, whom we call “Yarn Angels,” knit or crochet their shawls and lap robes while saying prayers for the future receiver. This is their way of adding a special blessing to each of the shawls and lap robes crafted. If you know of a need for a prayer shawl, lap robe, or teddy bear, all are located in the closet located by the office across from the mailboxes. Anyone can share God’s love with someone in need with a gift of a prayer shawl, a lap robe, or a teddy bear. Please be sure to record the shawls, lap robes, or teddy bears that you take to share with others on the clipboard in the closet.

Estate Planning

Dardenne Presbyterian Church has flourished through the generous giving of time, talents, and financial support of dedicated Christians like you. Please consider leaving a legacy of dedication for the Lord’s work through designation of the DPC Endowment Fund in your estate planning. With the investment markets near all-time highs, have you considered the advantages of donating appreciated stock or mutual funds? For those over 70-1/2 years old, consider donating all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. By donating from your RMD, you can lower your tax liability as this reduces your taxable income for the year. For further information, please see the pamphlet in the Narthex, or contact Greg Aman, chairperson of the Endowment Board (636-240-0882 or gregory.aman@centurytel.net).

The Pastor Search

Please spend the next week in meditation and prayer for guidance from God. Pray for the following groups: the PNC, our congregation, and the person who is being called next to Dardenne.

“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

Ephesians 1:22-23 ESV

<http://bible.com/59/eph.1.22-23.esv>

Inclement Weather

Delay or Cancellation of Worship

- 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
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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, February 19

Building Closed

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 p.m. Basketball - CLC

Wednesday, February 21

- 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 Parent Night - Myers
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Worship and Small Group - Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Class - Watson
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs
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- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

- 8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Hearth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Mother's Day Out
Registration - Watson

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