

THE CONNECT

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Keeping Sabbath

Before we had children Annie and I decided to visit the Holy Land, neither of us had been to see the places we read about in scripture and preach about. We imagined these places as we had seen them depicted in countless Sunday school lesson illustrations, oil paintings by great masters, and colorful stained glass windows. We wanted to see them for ourselves before we started a family and before we decided it was too expensive or not wise to go.

We were amazed, of course, at what we saw – the old city, the walls, the temple mount. It was glorious. Then Friday evening arrived. Somehow we hadn't anticipated what observing the Sabbath would be like in Jerusalem. Everything stopped, including the elevator. It was much quieter as machinery was shut down. While we could get food from the hotel restaurant, the menu was very limited. (Wait, what do you mean, no dairy?) By custom, and default, we observed a Sabbath rest in Jerusalem, whether we wanted to or not.

During Lent, we are learning about spiritual disciplines that can enrich and deepen our walk with Jesus if we take time to practice them. Keeping Sabbath is one of those disciplines. It may seem strange to suggest that keeping Sabbath requires practice, but in our busy lives, setting aside significant time for Sabbath rest is not easy. We tend to be over-programmed and to fill our waking hours with activities. We squeeze things into our schedules and leave little time for intentional rest, reflection, and renewal.

Yet the Ten Commandments require us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. The commandments remind us that God kept the Sabbath. God created, then, God rested. In Mark 2:27-28, Jesus identifies himself as the Lord of the Sabbath – the Lord of Rest. Jesus encourages us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Keeping Sabbath allows us time and space to recharge and to reconnect with God's vision and purpose for us. When our lives are filled only with activity we lose perspective, running from one task to the next. In that state of constant movement, we easily lose track of the path God has set before us.

This can happen to churches too. While an interim period is not the same as a Sabbath in the life of a congregation, it is a time to pause from new initiatives, to reassess where God is pointing us, to cease from doing some activities, and to wait on God's call to the pastor who will lead the congregation on the next leg of the journey.

As we make our way through Lent, may you find that Sabbath rest which prepares your heart and mind for new life that awaits you at Easter.

Events Happening at DPC

- Mar. 7 **Hope & Healing
Worship**
- Mar. 10 **Guest Experience
Team (G.E.T.) Training**
- Mar. 11 **DPC Chili Cook-Off**
- Mar. 12 **Alzheimer's Support
Meeting**
- Mar. 13 **Book Club – Before We
Were Yours**
- Mar. 13 **Cancer Companions**
- Mar. 17 **Restore St. Charles**
- Mar. 20 **PW Election of Officers**
- Mar. 24 **Easter Egg Hunt**
- Mar. 28 **No Dinner or Classes**
- 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**
- Apr. 10 **Cancer Companions**
- Apr. 10 **Book Club**
- Apr. 14 **Spring Clean-Up**
- Apr. 21 **Restore St. Charles –
Youth Serve Day**
- May 11 **Children's Spring
Musical - CLC**

Upcoming Events

Custodian Position Available Now

A custodian is needed from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. The wage is \$11 an hour. Please visit the church office to complete an application, if you are interested.

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 attention to this matter is appreciated.

Guest Experience Team Training

Saturday, March 10 at 8:45 a.m. until noon in the Loft

The Usher/Greeter/Welcome Desk/Minutemen programs are being regrouped to form the Guest Experience Team (GET). The Team is looking for a few good men and women who wish to participate in welcoming new and regular attenders to Dardenne Presbyterian each Sunday. If you are currently serving in one of the above-mentioned ministries or if you have thought about serving in one of them, this is the meeting to attend. Changes and new information will be presented to those who wish to serve as hosts to those entering our Father's house. Please contact the following people if you plan on attending: Pam Ford (pford726@gmail.com), Bob Campbell (campbellbob6@gmail.com), Mary Fridley (thefridleys@charter.net), or Lisa Klevorn (lisa.klevorn@gmail.com).

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).

Book Club – Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Tuesday, March 13 at 1 p.m. in the Parlor

Each month you have an opportunity to come laugh, share stories, and enjoy a good book with friends! Join Sally and the group for the discussion of a book the second Tuesday of each month. Call Sally Pflaum with questions (636-265-0939).

PW Spring Program and Election of Officers

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

Besides the election of officers for 2018-2019, Presbyterian Women welcome all DPC women to this special evening gathering. This year's spring meeting attendees will be entertained with "Beautiful Glory" presented by the Kingdom Dancers from My King Dance Studio. Dessert will be served. The special charity for the evening will be Joy in Haiti. Look for the posters in Mission and Salmon Hall for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

It's time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children in 5th grade and younger with an adult. Join us for an Easter message, crafts, snacks, Humphrey the Camel Puppet, and, of course, the BIG HUNT! Please register by Monday, March 19 on one of the posters in Watson or Mission Hall, online at <http://dpc4u.org/egg hunt>, or by calling the office (636-561-4347). This is a great event, rain or shine, to invite friends and neighbors to our church. Be sure to bring your baskets to collect eggs!

Wednesday Night Dinner

March 7, 2018

Kid's Meal

Macaroni and Cheese

Adult's Meal

Red Chili/ Rice

Layered Salad

Cornbread

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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

HOPE Food Pantry

For March

- Salad Dressing
- Dried Potatoes (not mashed)
- Red Pasta Sauce
- Syrup
- Tuna Helper

Paper Bags welcomed!

Thank you!

Inclement Weather

Delay or Cancellation of
Worship

- All-Church Email
- DPC Website
- Facebook
- Call the Church Office

Opportunities to Serve

Easter Egg Hunt Help Needed

Adults and older teens are needed to help supervise craft tables at the Easter Egg Hunt from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 24. All materials and samples will be supplied. No craft experience is necessary. Please call Susan Eoff (314-346-0821) if you are able to help. Thanks!!

Nursery Still Needs Help

We are adding a volunteer to the nursery staff to provide an extra set of hands. We will need an additional volunteer to help our staff member and serve at each of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. 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). Please prayerfully consider helping out our little ones and our staff with this very important and worthwhile ministry.

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).

Are You an Encourager?

DC Student ministry is looking for a few good men and woman to invest in the lives of our middle school and high school students. Do you like to watch talented people do amazing things? Then this could be the job for you. We are looking for retired people in our church family to “adopt” a student small group. Each small group has eight to ten students. Currently we have six small groups to be adopted. We’ll supply you with the extracurricular activity schedules for the students in your small group. All you need to do is attend some of their events throughout the semester to cheer them on and let them know how much their church family cares about them. If you’re intrigued and want to know more, shoot me a quick email at becky.kronauge@dpc4u.org or stop by my office! Hugs, Becky

Mission Update

The Mission Committee recently received a two-page report from the Boshoff’s telling us about their success in reaching people in some very unfriendly parts of the world. They are succeeding in helping people to know Christ. Look for the two-sided colored letter in the Narthex and in Mission Hall. Please read and offer up prayer for the Boshoff’s as they continue to bring hope to some very dark and dangerous areas of our world. For more information you may contact Joan Grossmann, Steve Collier, or Jerry Leigh.

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>

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, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

12:00 p.m. Myers Circle- Hearth
 1:00 p.m. Watson Circle - Myers
 7:00 p.m. Bunce/Nixon Circle -
 Myers
 8:00 p.m. Basketball - CLC

Wednesday, March 7

6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
 Cappuccino's/Capp's
 Restaurant
 9:30 a.m. Salmon Circle - Parlor
 10:00 a.m. Sale Circle - Harriet
 Fader's home
 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
 Contact Pastor Kasberg
 12:30 p.m. Elzea Circle - Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Hope & Healing - Rock
 Church
 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

Thursday, March 8

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

Friday, March 9

Saturday, March 10

8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
 Hearth Room
 8:45 a.m. Guest Experience Team
 Training - Loft

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