

THE CONNECT

Rev. Dr. Larry Maley – Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor

Fellow Christians From the Holyland

Are you aware that 1% of the population of Israel/the Holyland are Palestinian Christians? The descendants of the first believers to follow Jesus are slowly disappearing across the Mideast and even with the Palestinian region. What is causing this exodus of Christians from the Holyland?

We at Dardenne Presbyterian Church are privileged to have two Palestinian Christians, now residing in the St. Louis area, speak at our church on **Wednesday, April 5 from 6:00 -6:45 p.m. in Watson Hall**. As Palestinian Christians from Bethlehem, **Ward and Mariam Qumsieh** will share their experience and insights regarding the importance of a continued Christian community in the Holyland. They do not present a political message, but a message of caring and hope for Holyland Christians. They will speak and share slides from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., answer questions for 15 minutes, and have a display of Holyland Arts.

Ward Qumsieh is the area representative for Holyland Arts which imports hand carved Christian olivewood pieces of art from the Bethlehem/Jerusalem to support the Christian culture and community in those areas. Proceeds go to the Christian families (artisans) who have worked for centuries creating these hand carvings. Come to this unique and informative event on Wednesday, April 5 at DPC.

Interesting Factoids on DPC Stewardship

The congregation of Dardenne Presbyterian Church has been very supportive over the past seven years as the church's income has grown from \$990,000 in 2009, to \$1,322,000 in 2016. In addition, the congregation has been generous in contributing to special funds for missions and church projects which occasionally occur. We thank you and our Lord for your faithful support and all that DPC has been able to accomplish for the Kingdom of God.

One interesting anomaly in DPC's stewardship commitment is the increasing number of potential giving units versus the decreasing number of pledge units. To wit: 290 pledges in 2016 for \$976,233 in comparison to 249 pledges in 2017 for \$838,637. (*A decline of 41 pledge units for \$137,596*). Nevertheless DPC contributions through February 2017 were \$3,600 greater than 2016. Praise the Lord! Final query: What does all this data tell us about stewardship at DPC?

Events Happening at DPC

Mar. 14	Cancer Companions
Mar. 18	Restore St. Charles
Mar. 21	PW General Meeting
Apr. 1	Spring Clean-Up Day
Apr. 2	Confirmation Class Sunday
Apr. 5	Ward and Mariam Qumsieh Speak
Apr. 8	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 13	Maundy Thursday
Apr. 14	Good Friday
Apr. 16	Easter Sunday with Easter Breakfast
Apr. 17	Building Closed
Apr. 22	Joy in Haiti Fundraiser
Apr. 22	Men's Gathering with Third Presbyterian
May 1	Vacation Bible School Registration Begins
May 7	Children's Musical
May 7	New Members Class Begins
May 9	Cancer Companions
May 21	Graduates' Sunday
May 29	Building Closed
June 4	Pentecost Sunday
June 7	PW Luncheon and Installation of Officers
June 13	Cancer Companions
June 17	Annual Golf Tournament
June 19-23	Vacation Bible School

Upcoming Events

Monthly Book Club - The Whole Town's Talking

Tuesday, March 14 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 the second Tuesday of each month.

April 11: Glory Over Everything by Kathleen Grissom

May 9: A Dog's Journey by W. Bruce Cameron

June 13: A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman

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

Cancer Companions

Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

If you are a cancer patient in treatment, a patient in post treatment, a caregiver, or a loved one, you are invited to join us. It is open to members and non-members alike.

Ken Weber ([314-541-3016](tel:314-541-3016) or kenw427@gmail.com)

Presbyterian Women General Meeting

Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30 p.m. in the CLC

Ladies come to the Hoedown. Wear your best western attire, and join us for dessert and a program by Strong Tower Ranch. All are welcome. Please leave horses tied to the hitching post 'round back.

Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to noon

Opportunities to help enhance the appearance of Dardenne Presbyterian are available for this year's clean-up. Myron, Martha, Karen, and Pastor Kasberg are looking for your help with the cleaning of the church grounds and building. Help is needed with mulching, cleaning windows, power washing, vacuuming, and other cleaning duties. Pick up a form in the narthex and Mission Hall, select the area you would like to work, and return the form to the "Spring Clean-Up" basket in the narthex and Mission Hall.

DPC Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 17 at 8 a.m. at Bear Creek Golf Club

This year's charity golf tournament will benefit 3rd Presbyterian's "Flourish" Summer Youth Program and the "Joy in Haiti" Orphanage for young Haitian girls. The entry fee per person is \$65 per golfer and \$260 for a foursome. After May 30, the fee will increase to \$75 per person and \$300 for a foursome. The deadline for registration is June 10. Register early by calling the church office or by contacting Mark Bass (mdbass85@outlook.com).

Opportunities to Serve

The Kim Family

Interested in supporting our ministries?

To give online, visit www.dpc4u.org/give.

To give via text, send an amount (ex. "\$10")
to (636) 334-3013.

Upcoming Events

Easter Lilies

If you would like to contribute toward decorating the church with 6" 5-bloom lilies for Easter, please pick up a copy of the lily order form in the narthex or Mission Hall. There is room on the form to write a short message honoring someone special. The cost for each plant is \$9. The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 31.

Motorcycle Riders!

I would like to gauge the interest of starting a group of motorcycle riders at DPC. I have no particular vision of what this group might look like other than riders of motorized two (or three) wheeled transportation who love the Lord and have a desire to grow closer to Him. If you are interested in being part of this kind of group, please email me at ssunbear13@gmail.com with your contact information along with what your vision of this small group might be. Thanks, Larry Mundhenk.

Estate Planning Notes

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 further information, please see the pamphlet in the Narthex, or contact Greg Aman, chairperson of the Endowment Board, at 636.240.0882 or gregory.aman@centurytel.net.

Office Assistance Needed

The church office is looking for volunteers to answer phones and answer the door buzzer Monday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Candidates must be a member of DPC or in the process of becoming a member. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Good News!

The Connect is now being sent by email to 269 households. If you would like to have a Connect sent to you on Friday by email, complete a form on the narthex table or the Information Booth in Mission Hall. Place it

Wednesday Night Family Dinner

March 15, 2017

Kid's Meal

None

Adult Meal

Pasta/Choice of
White or Red Sauce
Garlic Cheese Bread
Green Beans
Italian Salad
Brownies

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

Opportunities to Serve

Joy in Haiti Donations

Joy in Haiti is accepting the following donations:

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Twin sheets
- Twin bed/mattress
- Vitamins

Please place your donated items in the Joy In Haiti bin located in Mission Hall. Donations will be loaded on Saturday, March 25 for delivery to Haiti.

Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care Committee assists members of Dardenne Presbyterian and their families that are in need. Members of our committee offer many kinds of help that include furnishing meals, sending cards, and providing home visits. If you would like to join this committee or if you are in need of help, please contact Brenda Kenney (636-699-2957) or Kathy Holtkamp (314-225-9930).

HOPE Food Pantry

The special items needed from DPC for March are Chicken Helper, sweet muffin mix, jelly, and Jell-O.

Egg Hunt Help Wanted

A few older teens and adults are needed to help at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please call Susan Eoff (314-346-0821) if you are available to help.

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
lmrembry@centurylink.net

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 13

Tuesday, March 14

- 1:00 p.m. Book Club - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Cancer Companions - Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

Wednesday, March 15

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's
- 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - email Rev. Kasberg
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner in CLC
- 5:00 p.m. Joyful Voices Choir B-11, B-7
- 5:30 p.m. King's Kidz Choir B-11
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. High School and Middle School Tide - Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs - D2, 4, 5, 6
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study Class - Gospel of John - Watson Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

- 8:00 a.m. Restore St. Charles Work Day - Mission Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Quilting Bee C-6
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 19

- 12:15 a.m. Tide Worship Arts - B-11
- 5:30 p.m. Weisz Circle - Watson Hall

First Wednesday of the Month

Hope and Healing Worship

5:00 p.m. Rock Church

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