

# THE CONNECT

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## *Holy Living and Holy Week*

This year we've focused on preparing ourselves for Easter by considering disciplines that deepen our spiritual lives. We've looked at forgiveness, Sabbath, generosity, guarding our tongues, and today, prayer. As we began the series, I said that these practices would take perseverance and repetition to produce fruit in our lives. We don't just pick them up and take off without putting in effort and time. How quickly time passes! The forty days of Lent are mostly behind us. Next Sunday is Easter. I hope the season has brought you closer to Christ and prepared you for Easter's promised new life.

Easter is the most holy time on the church calendar. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We raise our "Halleluiahs" as we welcome Him and as we receive our confirmation class into membership in the church. This is a day of celebration and joy!

On Thursday we'll gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. to recall Jesus' last supper with the disciples before he died. At that meal Jesus charged the disciples to love one another as He loved them and to remember Him in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. Our service will be filled with scripture readings that recount that eventful evening, and we will share in communion. This is the familiar, traditional Maundy Thursday service but in the more intimate space of the Christian Life Center. During communion we'll have time to reflect briefly on our spiritual disciplines at prayer stations.

On Good Friday, Dardenne's Chancel Choir, Youth Worship Arts, and Orchestra will present Pepper Choplin's cantata "Come Walk with Me" at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In this dramatic setting of the Passion story, narrators lead us from scene to scene, retracing Christ's path during His last days in human form. The music supplies the drama and passion through its incredible mix of styles that range from classical to Appalachian, bluegrass, and Celtic folk idioms.

I pray that you will make an effort to attend these Holy Week services. I believe they will deepen your faith and prepare you for a more meaningful Easter celebration as we seek together to be Jesus' faithful disciples. Halleluiah!

## Events Happening at DPC

- 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. 18** Last Fellowship  
Dinner this Session
- Apr. 21** Restore St. Charles –  
Youth Serve Day
- May 2** Hope And Healing
- May 4** DCS Uprising
- May 6** Children's Spring  
Musical
- May 8** Cancer Companions
- May 14** Alzheimer's Support  
Meeting
- July 14** DPC Charity Golf  
Tournament

## Upcoming Events

### Congratulations to the 2018 Confirmands!

Today we are celebrating the introduction of our Confirmands at 11 a.m. worship.



Madison Alkire  
Brynn Bartram  
Elliott Burchett  
Daniel Larkin

Jenna Liesman  
Makayla Lyndsay  
Amanda Olivas  
Natalie Ruis

Maddie Sanderson  
Chloe Schwab  
Enyoram Sosuh

#### Baptism of Madison Alkire

**Today during 11:00 a.m. service in the Christian Life Center**

Madison Grace Alkire, daughter of Bradley and Donna Alkire, was born on March 23, 2004. She will be baptized today with Elder Christopher Grimes representing Session.

#### Easter Morning Breakfast

**Sunday, April 1 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) Please note the corrected ending time!**

An Easter morning breakfast of egg casserole, biscuits & sausage gravy, fruit, and drinks will be served. (No fooling!) If you are coming from Sunrise service or are going to the 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 service, please stop by the CLC for a warm, hearty breakfast. Cost is \$3 for everyone over five.

#### Bible Project Registration Begins

**Sunday, April 8**

A new brochure has been prepared and is available in the Narthex and Mission Hall. "Frequently Asked Questions" is also available. Please give prayerful consideration to participating.

#### Spring Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

**Beginning Monday, April 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Myers Conference Room**

The 6-week, spring study will be "Laughing in the Dark." In her entertaining way, Chonda Pierce looks at the book of Job through the eyes of a woman. She parallels her life and many women's experiences to Job's struggles and enduring faith. The cost of the book that goes along with this study is \$9. To register, please contact Barbara Busse (636-300-3996 or bbusse924@charter.net).

#### Book Club – The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald *(Please note the change in May's book title.)*

**Tuesday, April 10 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. If you want to read ahead, next month's book is An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff. Call Sally Pflaum with questions (636-265-0939).

#### 3rd Presbyterian and DPC Annual Golf Tournament

**Saturday, July 14 at Bear Creek Golf Course**

"Save the Date" for the charity golf tournament that will benefit 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbyterian's "Flourish" and Dardenne's "Joy in Haiti." Tee time will be 7:30 a.m. The cost will be \$100 per golfer.

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
March 28, 2018**

**No Dinner is Scheduled!**

**Dinner will resume April 4.**

*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

### Did you forget to sign up for Spring Clean-Up at DPC?

Currently, there are only two people who have signed up for Spring Clean-Up at DPC. Please consider participating in this spring cleaning event that will be held inside and outside of our church. Tasks involve mulching parking lot islands, picking up trash, and deep cleaning areas inside the building. By noon, our grounds will be refreshed. So please, prayerfully consider donating some of your time on April 14. Complete the sign-up sheet and place it in the basket in the Narthex or Mission Hall. Let's make DPC shine!

### 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.

### Facility Update

You may have noticed several hand sanitizer units throughout the building. These units were provided at "no charge" from our chemical provider. We only purchase the sanitizer inside. We hope this helps to curb the spread of germs at DPC to a minimum. Myron Lindsey, Property and Grounds

### Have You Forgotten to Pick Up Your DPC Shirt?

Several people have ordered shirts and failed to pick them up. Please do this before we order more shirts. Due to the lack of storage space, it is impossible to keep the shirts on hand. Please see Judy Lowery between services on Sunday to get your shirts.

### Mary Martha Thrift Store

Have you thought about donating some of your time to a worthwhile cause? Stop just thinking about it; join a group from the church to perform such jobs as being a cashier, sorting and hanging clothes, pricing household items, or emptying the drop-off. Any amount of time you can give is very much appreciated. If you believe this is a way that you can serve, please contact Ceci Magney (ceci@stlou@yahoo.com). The dates that help is needed this session are April 1 through April 7.



### A Special Way to Serve for Easter!

We have an exciting opportunity to serve our guests during the Easter services and hope that you will consider joining us. We want to get teams together to serve during the 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services to help welcome every single person who walks through our doors. Our specific role will be to head out to the parking lots and help bring in all the little ones with a fun ride in some red wagons! This is such a unique and fun opportunity to go above and beyond in welcoming these families. Not only will this be a sweet way to serve the parents, but this will also help get their little ones EXTRA excited about coming to church!

To make sure we can get to as many families as possible that morning, we will definitely need your help! If you are interested in helping in this way, at either of the services, please email Marisa Mason at: [marisa.mason@dpc4u.org](mailto:marisa.mason@dpc4u.org). If you can't be there during those service times, but still want to be a part, we do need a few more red wagons if you own one and wouldn't mind our borrowing. Please bring your labeled wagons on Wednesday, March 28 and leave them in the Loft. We are asking they all be picked up by the following Wednesday in the same location.

Thank you for considering serving in this way!

### The Pastor Search

The PNC has prayerfully considered how best to conduct interviews with applicants. Did you know that one important step in the process of finding our next Pastor is verifying their Theology?

Please pray for us this week for wisdom as we seek God's Will for our congregation.

*"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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
caitlin.kasberg@gmail.com

**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  
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**Middle School and High School**  
Contact: Becky Kronauge  
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**Visit our website**  
[www.dpc4u.org](http://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 26**

**Tuesday, March 27**  
8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

**Wednesday, March 28**

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Parent Night - Myers
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Worship and Small Group - Loft

**Thursday, March 29**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters – Quilt Room
- 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Hearth
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship – Christian Life Center

**Friday, March 30**

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship “Come Walk with Me” Cantata - Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 31**

- 8:00 a.m. JAM-Men’s Bible Study Hearth Room
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Quilting Bee

**Sunday, April 1**

- 6:00 a.m. Meet at church to carpool for Sunrise Worship at 6:30 a.m.
- 7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast –ends at 9:30 a.m.
- Also 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m. Worship



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