

# THE CONNECT

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## The Meaning of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day Christians celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection. As Jesus entered the holy city, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Calvary. He had come to earth to save the lost and now was the time to secure humanity's salvation.

As Jesus ascended toward Jerusalem, a large multitude gathered around Him. The crowd believed that Jesus was the Messiah, although they did not understand the kind of Kingdom which He would establish. In strewing their cloaks on the road, the people were giving Jesus the royal treatment. The crowds waved palm branches and shouted, *"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"* (Matt. 21:9). In their praise of Jesus, the Jewish crowds were acknowledging a prophecy about the Messiah from *Psalm 118:25-26*. Some Pharisees insisted that Jesus silence the crowds' enthusiasm in identifying Him as the Messiah. Jesus saw no need to rebuke those who told the truth, so He replied, *"I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out"* (Luke 19:40).

Yet, even as the multitudes waved palm branches and shouted for joy, they missed the true reason for Jesus' presence. He had arrived to die on the Cross! It was tragic that people could see the Savior but not recognize Him a few days later. The day is coming when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (*Philippians 2:10-11*). Will you recognize Him on that glorious day?

## History of Palm Sunday

The celebration of Palm Sunday originated in the Jerusalem Church around the fourth century. Early Palm Sunday worship consisted of prayers, hymns and sermons recited by clergy while people walked to holy sites throughout the city. At the final site, where Jesus ascended into Heaven, the clergy would read about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. In the early evening, worshipers would return to the city saying, *"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."* The children would carry palm and olive branches back to their churches for evening worship.

Have a Joyous and Blessed Palm Sunday

## Events Happening at DPC

Apr. 11	Cancer Companions
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
Apr. 30	Orchestra plays at the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Worship
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 – Orchestra plays at 8 and 9:30 a.m. Worship
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
June 25	Patriotic Concert
Aug. 27	Benefit Jazz Concert

## Opportunities to Serve

### Do You Play an Instrument?

Dardenne's orchestra will play in worship on Sunday, April 30 and Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Do you play an instrument and desire to use your gift to glorify the Lord? The orchestra, under the direction of Kathy Fenske, will rehearse in the sanctuary on Thursday, April 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, April 27 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, May 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Please contact Stefanie Liesman at [stefanie.liesman@dpc4u.org](mailto:stefanie.liesman@dpc4u.org) if you are interested in participating.

### Patriotic Singers Needed!

Dardenne's 2017 patriotic concert will be held on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Would you like to sing in the patriotic choir? Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24. Most rehearsals will be from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Rehearsal time on 5/6 is still to be determined. Please contact Stefanie Liesman at [stefanie.liesman@dpc4u.org](mailto:stefanie.liesman@dpc4u.org) if you are interested in participating. We need to make sure we have enough music for all who intend to be present at the first rehearsal!

### HOPE Food Pantry

The cupboard doors are often closed, but inside you all have kept the shelves full! Thank you so much for your wonderful and dependable support. The needed items for April are Tuna Helper, corn bread/muffin mix, boxed complete meals, and syrup. All donations are appreciated.

## Upcoming Events

**Monthly Book Club – Glory Over Everything** by Kathleen Grissom  
**Tuesday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor**  
 May 9: A Dog's Journey by W. Bruce Cameron  
 Sally Pflaum ([pflaum4@gmail.com](mailto:pflaum4@gmail.com) and 636-265-0939)

### Evening of Joy – Joy of Haiti Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center**  
 Celebrate an evening of JOY as we share what God is doing in Pastor Briseno's ministry in Haiti. Dinner, entertainment, testimonies, and Pastor's vision will all be included in this special evening. Opportunities to purchase Haitian-made crafts, coffee, and other unique items will be available. Tickets will be on sale for \$20 (Children age 10 and under - \$5) every Sunday between services leading to the big event. Thank you for your support and prayers. Contact Cindy Keagy at 636-357-0487 with questions.

### "Challenging Racism" at Third Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**  
 At Dardenne Presbyterian Church, we have been led to facilitate racial healing in the St. Louis area through a missional relationship with Third Presbyterian Church, a predominantly black congregation in Moline Acres. On April 22, men from both congregations will continue our dialogue about this salient issue. At our last gathering we decided we should include male youths in our gathering and fellowship, for youth are the future of Christ's Church and our nation. We are praying for a heightened understanding and emboldened unity that will foster healing within Christ's Body and throughout the St. Louis area. We will car pool from DPC at 8:00 a.m., returning around 3:30 p.m. You can indicate your interest in attending this event by signing up at the table in Mission Hall. Contact Steve Collier with questions at [steve\\_collier\\_pca@earthlink.net](mailto:steve_collier_pca@earthlink.net).

### Vacation Bible School

**"Maker Fun Factory - Created by God - Built For a Purpose"**  
**Registration begins May 1 through May 28 in the church office**  
 "Maker Fun Factory" will be held June 19 through June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. each day. Children will travel through six stations each day: Bible Discovery, Game Makers, KidVid Cinema, Snack Factory, Cool Crafts, and Sound Wave Sing with Play Opening and Funshop Finale. Children may be registered who are 4 years old by June 19 through current 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost is \$15 per child. Children's T-shirts and CDs will also be available for purchase. Don't miss this chance for your children to enjoy activities that are packed with hands-on learning that will help them grow in their knowledge and love of God.

## More Events & Information

### Easter Morning Breakfast

An Easter morning breakfast of egg casserole, biscuits & sausage gravy, fruit, and drinks will be served in the Christian Life Center from 7:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. If you are coming from Sunrise service or are going to the 8:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. service, please stop by the CLC for a warm, hearty breakfast. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

### Chocolate Easter Rabbit Drawing

Stop by the Tom Sale Library in Salmon Hall (across from the nursery) and enter your name for a chance to win a chocolate rabbit to celebrate Easter. Open to ALL ages. The drawing will be held on Palm Sunday, and the winner will be announced on Easter Sunday. Don't forget to check out a book while you're there!

### Thank You!

Wow! How great our church looks inside and out thanks to the efforts of all those who volunteered to make the DPC Spring Clean-Up Day a success! A special thank you is sent to Cub Scout Pack 984 for its contribution and to Boy Scout Pack 984 for the work the boys will do this weekend. Our church family has come together once again to beautify our place of fellowship and worship. God bless you all. Thank you!  
Myron

### Special Note For All Ordained Elders and Deacons!

If you wish to take Home Communion to DPC's shut-ins, please attend a refresher/training to serve Home Communion at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 in Myers Conference Room. The training will be led by Pastor Maley.

### Looking to grow deeper in your faith? Sunday Morning Opportunities

#### 9:30 a.m.:

**Evidence for Christianity** – Christian Apologetics  
Finders Class in the Hearth Room  
Leader: Allan Washburn

**"When Life is Hard"** – DVD series by James McDonald  
Followers Class Watson Hall Room C-4  
Leaders: Diane Ford and Kathy Holtkamp

**The Book of Joshua** - using the "Understanding the Bible Series" by Cook  
Seekers Class in the Myers Conference Room  
Leader: Stuart Huddleston

#### **The Gospel of John**

Pathfinders Class in Room B-5  
Leader: Chuck Poe

**Studying Sermon Notes** – discusses and studies the current sermon  
New Dawn Class in the Parlor  
Leaders: Bill Ross and Beth Blome

#### 11:00 a.m.:

**The Gospel of Matthew** - following LifeWay Series "Explore the Bible"  
The Explorers Class meets in the Hearth Room  
Leader: Larry Trevathan

### Vietnam Era Veterans

This year during the Chancel Choir's Patriotic Musical performance, Vietnam Era veterans will be recognized as was done the previous two years when the World II Veterans and the Korean War Veterans were honored and presented quilts from the Quilts of Valor Organization and our Dardenne Church Quilters. To ensure that an adequate number of quilts is available, we need to know the number of DPC members plus friends of our church who regularly attend who served during that era.

Those who served in any branch of our U.S. military between the following dates are eligible:

- veterans who served "in country" between February 28, 1961 and August 4, 1964 and
- veterans who served between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 and were awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal and/or the Vietnam Service Medal.

*Due to the large number of Vietnam veterans, the Quilts of Valor Organization finds it necessary to limit the number of quilts presented to those who served "in country".*

Please complete an information sheet found on the table in the Narthex or in the information rack in Mission Hall and deposit it in the basket in either the Narthex or Mission Hall. Additional sign-up sheets may be found in the office and in Mission Hall. Thank you.