
THE CONNECT

Rev. Terry Epling – Interim Pastor

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Gratitude

As Christians we believe that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. That's easy to do in good times. We often give ourselves credit when things are going well. But in our best moments we realize that in good times and in bad we are blessed by God who loves us and desires to give us every good thing. Our only reasonable response to God's grace is gratitude.

We sometimes find gratitude difficult because we focus on the wrong things. In the next sermon series we'll take a look at gratitude as a way of life and talk about attitudes that get in the way of gratitude to God.

I'm reminded that in a very difficult time in our nation, President Abraham Lincoln, while acknowledging the horrors of war, called the country to gratitude and thanksgiving with these words:

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God."

Lincoln goes on to recount the nation's blessings even in the midst of war. "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens ...to set apart and observe ...a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Events Happening at DPC

- Apr. 14 Spring Clean-Up
- Apr. 18 Last Fellowship
Dinner this Session
- Apr. 21 Restore St. Charles –
Youth Serve Day
- May 1 VBS Sign Ups Begin
- May 2 Hope And Healing
- May 4 DCS Uprising
- May 6 Children's Spring
Musical
- May 6 New Member Class
Begins
- May 8 Cancer Companions
- May 8 Book Club
- May 14 Alzheimer's Support
Meeting
- May 19 Restore St. Charles
- May 28 Memorial Day –
Building Closed
- June 2 PW Spring Brunch
- July 14 DPC Charity Golf
Tournament

Upcoming Events

Bible Project Registration Has Begun

“God Wants a Word with YOU” is the title of the message that Pastor Jim Tony preached last Sunday, April 8. Enrollment for The Bible Project is now open. Enrollment continues today at tables in Mission Hall and Salmon Hall. Enrollment Cards are available at both places and around the building. 99 people have enrolled so far. Classes are filling. Enroll soon. Questions? Check out the FAQs on www.BIBLEPROJ.COM or in various displays. Pray for guidance about your participation.

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 3rd Presbyterian’s “Flourish” and Dardenne’s “Joy in Haiti.” Tee time will be 7:30 a.m. The cost will be \$100 per golfer.

Opportunities to Serve

Help Your Neighbor in Need

If your objective is to change the world...what better way to begin than to help your neighbor in need! Next Saturday, April 21st, volunteers for Restore St. Charles will work at five work sites, including:

1. Completion of two wheelchair ramps for folks who are confined to wheelchairs.
2. Landscaping of one of Emmaus Homes’ community homes, dedicated to providing housing for developmentally disabled adults.
3. Repair of floors of an elderly gentleman referred to us by New Hope Resource Center.
4. Installation of a privacy fence that was blown down by recent high winds. The disabled widow has requested our help before she receives a fine for not complying with local code.

We gather in Mission Hall at 8:00 AM on Saturday for a continental breakfast, safety instructions, selection of work site and distribution of box lunch. **Sign up TODAY in Mission Hall. You will be a blessing to others, and be blessed at the same time.**



A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who donated musical instruments for the Community Music School of Tabarre, Haiti! We received 1 flute, 4 clarinets, 2 alto saxophones, 3 cornets, 1 trumpet, 3 trombones, 1 violin, 1 xylophone, 2 acoustic guitars, 1 acoustic bass guitar, and 1 drum set. **WOW!!!** All of these instruments were recently packed and loaded into a container that will be shipped to Haiti this month. These instruments will be an incredible blessing to the youth of Tabarre. All praise and thanksgiving to God for what He has accomplished!

Wednesday Night Dinner

April 18, 2018

Adult's Meal

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Ice Cream Bars
Kids Meal

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

HOPE Food Pantry

For April

- Alfredo sauce
 - Canned fruit
 - Syrup
 - Jelly
 - Men's tub socks for Father's Day (black or white)
 - Paper bags
- Thank you for your help!

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.

Opportunities to Serve

HOPE Pantry Teaming Up with Neighborhood Schnucks

HOPE Pantry has been chosen to participate in the "Bags For My Cause" program at the Schnucks store on Mid Rivers Mall Dr. at Mexico Road. During the month of April HOPE Pantry will receive \$1 for every Hunger bag purchased. When you buy a bag it's good for HOPE and good for the planet!

Bring Joy to Haiti

Joy in Haiti invites you to go with us this summer from July 22 through July 29 to provide a camp for young girls. My King Dance will be providing dance and tumbling classes. There will also be basketball, Bible classes, and crafts. We will provide lunches to the fifty participants. There is a place for you to serve! Call Cindy Keagy at 636-357-0487.

Coins for Carpet

As you may be aware, the "Coins for Carpet" program was started by Member/Clerk of Session Dick Buchanan many years ago. The program has provided carpet in many areas of the building including Mission and Robinson Halls.

We have more areas that are in need of carpet replacement. Please consider placing your spare coins in the "Coins for Carpet" boxes located on the Information Booth in Mission Hall and the table in the Narthex.

National Library Week

This week is National Library Week. We appreciate our church library volunteers, especially Doris Liesman, who has given countless hours over many years of service to our church.

Sincerely, an anonymous donor

1st Quarter Financial Summary

Dardenne Presbyterian Church:

Financial Summary:

January 1 to March 31, 2018:

	1st Qtr 2018 Actual	1st Qtr 2018 Budget	
<u>Income (Giving)</u>	\$ 324,573	\$ 340,000	
<u>Expense</u>	\$ 321,098	\$ 340,000	
Income less Expense	\$ 3,475	\$ -	

While income exceeded expenses during the first quarter, we are running slightly below budget so far for the year.

DPC does a great job of opening the doors of the church to community. In addition to all the normal church activities, there is a constant stream of groups such as the Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls that frequently use our buildings. Thank you for your faithful giving that helps make our great facilities a way we can share the good news of Jesus Christ with our community.

-DPC Finance Team

The Pastor Search

Want to know what is happening in the process of finding a Senior Pastor? Speak with a member of the PNC (Pulpit Nominating Committee) to find out.

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| 1. Marty Provin (636) 329-1088 | 6. Stuart Huddleston (636) 795-2390 |
| 2. Larry Trevathan (662) 306-9552 | 7. Julie Chapin (636) 978-4810 |
| 3. Pam Ford (636) 281-0053 | 8. Rachael Wilcox (636) 352-7520 |
| 4. Mike Fridley (636) 561-3178 | 9. Lisa Elles-Borrson (314) 703-7152 |
| 5. Charles Poe (636) 698-226 | 10. Steve Collier (314) 374-2130 |

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
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Small Groups for Men

Contact: Steve Collier
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Young Adults (Under 30)

Contact: Pat Wilcox
bigpat20us@gmail.com

Middle School and High School

Contact: Becky Kronauge
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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, April 16

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Daughters of the King Circle Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

- 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

Wednesday, April 18

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Kings Kidz Choir – B-11
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Worship and Small Group - Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Class
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

Saturday, April 21

- 8:00 a.m. Restore St. Charles

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