

THE CONNECT

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Our Family Crisis

One occasionally hears or reads in our media about the worldwide persecution of Christians. Studies indicate that persecution of over 215 million Christians living in 50 countries is occurring today – representing 1 out of every 12 Christians. (Source: *2017 World Watch List*). The plight and pain of Christians around the world creates a moral responsibility to know about and support our sisters and brothers in Christ who are being persecuted on account of their faith in Christ.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we have been called to carry the Gospel message to a hurting and dying world. Doing so isn't always safe. People legitimately point to the hurting, needy, and sinful people in our own country requiring Christian assistance. That is correct and thankfully the people of Dardenne Presbyterian Church are involved in many local and national mission and evangelistic endeavors.

However, Christian persecution includes and extends to multiple areas of “*anti-Christian pressure*” (to wit: *private life, family life, community life, national life, and church life*), and levels of “*violent action*” against Christians and churches (to wit: *restriction of freedom, rejection of ideas and person, physical beatings, slavery, imprisonment, and death*). The worst persecution against Christians today is taking place in **North Korea** where beating, imprisonment, and death are commonplace. Dardenne Presbyterian Church supports missionaries working in several Muslim countries where Christian persecution is rated “very high.” Even our missionaries in China, Brazil, and Haiti must be very careful about not offending legal, religious, and political authorities. Recently, two Palestinian Christians spoke at our church about the persecution they have experienced in the Middle East.

None of this should surprise us or deter the Church's mission efforts. Jesus predicted that His followers would face opposition and persecution as we obeyed His instruction to, “**Go and make disciples of all nations**” (**Matthew 28:19**). The Scriptures also tell us to, “**Remember those in prison, as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering**” (**Hebrews 13:3**). We support our sisters and brothers in Christ through prayer, advocacy, financial and material aid, church building, ministry training, and more. Through the providence of God, even the smallest of our actions will assist our persecuted family members and influence the world for Jesus Christ. Please do your part!

All Glory to Our Lord,
Larry Maley

Events Happening at DPC

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| May 28 | Sign Up for VBS in Mission Hall! |
| May 29 | Memorial Day! |
| June 2 | THE UPRISING |
| June 4 | Pentecost Sunday |
| June 7 | PW Luncheon and Installation of Officers |
| June 7 | Hope & Healing Worship |
| June 12 | Summer Bible Study with Pastor Maley |
| June 13 | Cancer Companions |
| June 17 | Charity Golf Tournament |
| June 19-23 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 24 | Restore St. Charles |
| June 24-28 | Summer Camp |
| June 25 | Patriotic Concert |
| June 26 | Summer Bible Study |
| July 7 | THE UPRISING |
| July 10 | Summer Bible Study |
| July 11 | Cancer Companions |
| July 16 | Summer Bible Study |
| July 24 | Summer Bible Study |

Opportunities to Serve

Calling all VBS Stage Kids!

Did you know that you can attend VBS and be on the stage for the opening and the closing each day? You will need to attend at least three of the four practices held in the CLC on Wednesday, May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14. So, if you are interested in serving Jesus and having fun learning the music and the movements for VBS, please give Miss Sue a call to confirm at 636-293-8632.

VBS Needs Nut & Bolts!

If you think about it, it's only natural that VBS organizers would be asking for "clean, not rusty" nuts, bolts, and washers for their Maker Fun Factory activities. Please drop off whatever you have at the VBS table any Sunday in May or bring them to the church office during the week. Your donations are very much appreciated.

VBS Volunteers

Besides nuts and bolts, the VBS organizers need volunteers (current 6th grade students through adults) to donate a small portion of their time to be Crew Leaders and Crew Helpers. Responsibilities vary. Please stop by one of the VBS tables any Sunday in May to ask questions and sign up. Thanks!

Recycling Help Needed

For some time, Ed and Barb Walter have graciously collected DPC's cardboard, cans, glass, and plastics to recycle. They had their own weekly system established that included adding our recycling to their own and taking some of the better cardboard to Francis Howell Middle School's Tech class. With their move to Texas, DPC has no one or group to handle our recycling. If you think you can help in some way, please contact Myron (myron.lindsey@dpc4u.org). Opportunities to change the method of recycling are welcome for discussion and implementation.

HOPE Food Pantry

It's June and school is almost over. Kids will be home so we are asking for gifts of cookies, Rice-A-Roni, cereal, and canned tomatoes. Thank you all!

Upcoming Event

THE UPRISING!

Friday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft

This is a night to worship Jesus, dive into His word, and have some fun! We believe that students have a unique opportunity to be a light on their campus and in their community. These nights are created to be the best night of the month for students. This is the perfect opportunity for students to invite friends that normally don't go to church or even attend another church. The Pre-Party starts at 7:30 p.m. and provides a fun environment to connect with other students. Our gatherings start at 8:30 p.m. with incredible worship and teaching from special guests. We finish up with the After-Party where we take over the building with a group game. You're not going to want to miss these nights!

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Last week for Registration! Deadline is May 28!

Wednesday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Whitmoor Country Club

All ladies are invited to attend the music-themed PW Luncheon and Installation of Officers at Whitmoor Country Club, 1100 Whitmoor Drive, St. Charles. Teacher, dramatist, vocalist Cynde Vits of Carmel, Indiana will present the program "Visible Music", a dramatization of the life of hymn writer, Fanny Crosby. Reservations must be made today by contacting Karen Taylor (636-561-1080). Reservations are \$18.00.

Monthly Book Club – A Man Called Ove

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

Join Sally and friends for the discussion of A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman. It's an inspiring affirmation of love for life and acceptance of people for their essence and individual quirks. Questions? Contact Sally Pflaum. (Sally.Pflaum@gmail.com or 636-265-0939)

DPC Charity Golf Tournament

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

This year's charity event will benefit 3rd Presbyterian's "Flourish" Summer Youth Program and the "Joy in Haiti" Orphanage for young Haitian girls. The entry fee is \$75 per golfer or \$300 for a foursome. We are again offering an "Early Bird Special" discount to \$65 per golfer or \$260 for a foursome if registered by May 30. The deadline for registration is June 10. Register early by visiting the church office, contacting Mark Bass (mdbass85@outlook.com), or by using dpc4u.org/golf.

Summer Camp

June 24 through June 28

Students in 6th-12th grade for the 2016/17 school year, get ready for the best part of summer! Students are heading to Lake Williamson Conference Center in Carlinville, Illinois. Experience five days of incredible activities including worship services, small groups, team recreation, ropes course, swimming, lake activities, and fun with friends! The cost is \$280 per student. Register now at dpc4u.org/camp. Registration will close on Sunday, June 18. Contact Becky Kronauge (becky.kronauge@dpc4u.org) with questions.

Celebrate!

Israel Trip

The Israel Trip planned for May 3 through May 17, 2018 is a go! Brochures are located around the halls of DPC. Information can also be gained by visiting the website at www.bibleproj.com. Forms to sign up are available from Pastor Jim Tony (jrtony@bibleproj.com or 636-856-8220). Please make checks payable to Jim Tony with a memo "Israel 2018." Forms and checks may be given to Jim Tony or Benny Hedden. Acknowledgments will be sent. Please contact Jim Tony if you have questions.



Thank you, thank you to my DPC family for ALL the prayers, cards, e-mails, phone calls, meals, and trips to the pharmacy during my wrist surgery and recovery time! I am truly blessed to be a part of this incredible church family! Grateful thanks, Andy Kuhlmann

Our Own American Heritage Girls Troop MO3130 has received the Diamond National Honor Troop Award!

The Honor Troop is a program that acknowledges the entire Troop in their efforts to achieve high standards. Only 16% of all Troops across the nation were approved for the National Honor Troop Award. Diamond is the highest level of Honor Troop awarded. AHG strives to bring glory to God by working on our promise to "Love God, Cherish My Family, Honor My Country and Serve in My Community."

Two requirements of getting the Honor Troop are service hours and religious awards. The girls love serving their community. This year they nearly doubled last year's total service hours. They went from 2,249.25 hours by 61 girls in 2015-2016 to 4,245.25 hours of service to the community by 89 girls. Another requirement of becoming an honor troop was to have half of the girls bridging to a new level and earn a religious award, such as the "God and Me" or "God and Family." Twenty six girls earned a religious award this year, bringing the total to forty-one girls (nearly 50% of the entire troop, not just the ones bridging) having earned a religious award. These are just two of the high standards that AHG MO 3130 had to achieve to earn Honor Troop. Congratulations American Heritage Troop MO3130! We are proud of your efforts!

DPC by the Numbers

**As of April 30, 2017 giving has exceeded our budget by \$7,000.
At this time last year, giving was under budget by over \$30,000.
Thank you for your generous contributions!**

**\$53,400
has been contributed through online and text giving
since August, 2016.
Have you considered giving this way?**

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

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

Opportunities to Serve

Christian Education Fund

The Christian Education Committee is grateful for your support of the Christian Service Fund in the past through your contributions on Pentecost Sunday. Currently, three members of the congregation receive support in pursuit of degrees in religious studies. The CE Committee asks that you prayerfully consider making a contribution again this year. Please designate your special Pentecost offering to the "Christian Service Fund."

Information Booth Volunteers Needed

If you enjoy helping people and answering a few questions about DPC, we could use you. Help needed for 30 minutes, at least one Sunday per month prior to any of the three services; we especially need help prior to the 8:00 am service. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Lowell or Shirley Barnes at Lowell_Barnes@charter.net or 636-561-4195.

New DPC Telephone Directory

The DPC Phone Directory will have a new look! The layout contains a new design and includes both members and DPC Friends. Please use the "DPC Church Phone Book Directory Form" found in today's Order of Worship to **add** new information or to **change** or **delete** existing information. Please print clearly. Deposit your completed form in the offering basket or submit it to the church office. The deadline to submit your form is Wednesday, June 14, 2017. We will use information on file for households that do not submit a form. The new Directory will be available to purchase in the office on July 5 for a cost of \$2.

Praise Team

Do you have a desire to worship the Lord with the musical gifts He has given you? The 11 a.m. Praise Team is always welcoming new members. Please contact Julie Foster if you are interested. (julieb@mofosters.com)

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, May 29

Building Closed

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

Wednesday, May 31

6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study -
 Cappuccino's
 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study -
 Email Rev. Kasberg
 5:30 p.m. VBS Stage Kids practice -
 CLC/Stage
 6:00 p.m. High School and Middle
 School Tide - Loft
 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

7:30 p.m. THE UPRISING - Loft

Saturday, June 3

9:30 a.m. Patriotic Choir Rehearsal

First Wednesday of the Month

Hope and Healing Worship
 5:00 p.m. Rock Church

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