

# THE CONNECT

Rev. Dr. Larry Maley – Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor

## “Jesus: the Miracle Worker”

### Pastor Maley’s Wednesday evening class starting September 6

Most Christians are familiar with the miracles Jesus is purported to have performed in the Gospels: raising the dead, exorcisms, calming the sea, healings, etc. However, in our scientific, empirically based culture, we question the credibility of the miraculous narratives. Studying Jesus’ miracles is important for several reasons.

First, opinions about Jesus’ miracles are often in the news. For the past decade, American media has relished reporting the controversial opinions of the Jesus Seminar scholars - a think tank of some two hundred “participants” – who regularly question the authenticity of the Jesus accounts.

Second, the modern struggle over Jesus’ miracles generates consternation among Christians at a popular level. There are those who believe the Gospel’s miracle stories are rooted in eyewitness reports. Others suggest the stories are later accretions of the Christian Church. What is frequently ignored in this debate is the amount of space devoted to miracles and their purpose. What is your opinion about Jesus’ miracles? How does one ascertain the reliability of the Gospel accounts?

Third, studying Jesus’ miracles is important because ancient biographical writings were deeply-rooted in the concept that what a person did was critical to understanding the person’s character. Given that Jesus is portrayed as a miracle worker in the Bible, any understanding of him must include a substantial discussion of his miracles. Deleting or minimizing Jesus’s miracles reduces him to primarily a teacher. Is that how he viewed himself?

This Wednesday evening class will introduce you to the various miracles Jesus performed. We will examine four aspects of Jesus’ miracles:

1. How Jesus understood his miracles.
2. The extent miracle stories reflect “what actually happened.”
3. The place the miracles had in the writer’s understanding of who was Jesus, and what they meant for early believers and skeptics.
4. The implication of Jesus’ miracles for modern Christians.

**I encourage you to attend. Who knows...maybe a miracle will happen in your life!**

**A Congregational Meeting** has been called for **Sunday, September 10** in Dardenne Presbyterian Church’s sanctuary at **10:30 a.m.** to (1) *consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of Rev. Larry Maley with Dardenne Presbyterian Church (G-2.0901 and G-1.0503)*, and (2) *elect members to compose the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) (G-2.0802)*. Dardenne’s Session recommends that our PNC be composed of seven members, of whom five recommended members are Steve Collier, Pam Ford, Chuck Poe, Marty Provin and Rachel Wilcox. The congregation may recommend other nominees. The congregation shall elect seven members to the PNC. (Please do not nominate a person at the Congregational Meeting without first having received their consent.)

## Events Happening at DPC

### “Jazz for Joy” Today! At 3:00 p.m.

Aug. 27	Small Group Sign-Ups
Sept. 1	DC/S Uprising
Sept. 3	Small Group Sign-Ups
Sept. 6	Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Begins
Sept. 10	New Members Class
Sept. 12	Cancer Companions
Sept. 16	Restore St. Charles Workday
Oct. 1	World Communion Sunday
Oct. 3	Quilts of Valor Display
Oct. 6	DC/S Uprising
Oct. 7	Bonfire & Hayride
Oct. 8	Congregational Meeting to Elect 2018 Officers
Oct. 10	Cancer Companions
Oct. 21	Restore St. Charles Workday
Oct. 22	PW Bake Sale
Oct. 29	Reformation Sunday
Nov. 3	DC/S Uprising
Nov. 14	Cancer Companions
Nov. 15	Last Fellowship Dinner
Nov. 19	Eve of Thanks

## Opportunities to Serve

### Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 30. All are welcome to join us as we lift our voices in song to the Lord! The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. The first Sunday that we will lead in worship is Sunday, September 10. Contact Stefanie Liesman (stefanie.liesman@dpc4u.org) if you have any questions.

### Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir needs both ringers and subs. Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary starting September 6. Contact Jim Mathis (jmathis3869@gmail.com), the director, if you are interested.

### HOPE Food Pantry

The requested food items for August are canned soup, cereal, jelly, canned fruit, and lemonade or Kool-Aid. Thanks for all you do!

## Fellowship Dinner

**September 6**

**5:00 to 6:15 p.m.**

### Kid's Meal

Macaroni and Cheese  
Applesauce / Carrots  
Vegetable  
Dessert

### Adult Meal

Pork Loin Roast  
Hash Brown Casserole  
Layered Salad  
Green Beans  
Apple Crisp

## Small Group Sign-Up Today!

Take the next step in your journey of faith and join a small group! Sign-ups are between services in Mission Hall today. Also, if you are a small group host and were unable to attend the last small group gathering, come to Mission Hall and pick up your small group host gift!

### Baptism of Alexander Beck

**Today during 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**

Alexander James Beck, son of Mark and Sara Beck, was born on March 9, 2017. He will be baptized today with Elder Rob McCoy representing Session.

### Children's Choirs Joyful Voices and King's Kidz

**September 6 from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. in B-11**

**and**

### Youth Worship Arts

**September 10 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in B-11**

Our children's choirs and Youth Worship Arts (formerly known as Tide Worship Arts) will begin preparing for Dardenne's very exciting celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 29. For more information, please contact Karla Leigh at misskarla@earthlink.net.

### Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

**Beginning September 11 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Myers Conf.**

James MacDonald's Bible study, Think Differently, is a 10-week DVD small group study that asks, "Why do we lose our temper? Why do we tend to hurt those we care for the most? How do families find themselves broken? The reason is the way we think." If you repeatedly find yourself in places where you don't want to go, it's your thinking that leads you there. This study offers believers a Biblical view for the renewing of our minds. The cost of the study is \$12.99, payable at our first class. To register, please email Barbara Busse (bbusse924@charter.net) so there will be a book for you!

### Alzheimer's Walk

**Saturday, September 30 at St. Charles Community College (SCCC) from 9 a.m. to noon**

Help support the Alzheimer's Association which provides services and supports families of those with Alzheimer's by participating in the walk at SCCC on Mid Rivers Mall Drive. Besides participants, volunteers are needed to help register and hand out information. If you are interested in volunteering, call Jim Miget (314-607-0531). If you are interested in contributing or signing up for the walk, see Jennifer Kessler or call her (636-397-5388).

**Please remember the church office closes at noon on Friday!**

### **Inquiry Class New Member Class**

Have you just found Dardenne Church, and are impressed with its friendliness? Or have you been a regular visitor for some time, and finally decided to be a part of the church family? Maybe you have been a member for years and just want to learn more about what goes on around Dardenne? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you will be interested to hear that **the next Inquiry Class begins Sunday September 10**. This class is more than a membership class. It is designed to tell you more about the rich history of Dardenne Church, what we believe, what it means to be Presbyterian, and how you can get more involved in the life and work of Christ's church on earth. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour for five weeks in Watson Hall. The last class will be held on October 8. We would like you to **pre-register by marking your interest on the pew pad, on the Connect Card, or calling the church office**. If you have questions, please contact the church office (636-561-4347 or [office.admins@dpc4u.org](mailto:office.admins@dpc4u.org)) or Lowell or Shirley Barnes (636-561-4195 or [lowell\\_barnes@charter.net](mailto:lowell_barnes@charter.net)). We look forward to hearing from you!

### **American Heritage Girls**

Our American Heritage Girls troop is gearing up for another year! After earning Honor Troop last year, Troop 3130 is almost full for 2017-2018 but there are a few spots still open! AHG ([www.ahgonline.org](http://www.ahgonline.org)) is a Christian scouting organization for all girls ages 5-18. Its mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Our troop meets here at Dardenne on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month September through May. Hurry and join in the fun! Meetings begin August 28. Stop by and visit our display case in Mission Hall. Contact Samantha Knauper (636-448-6812 or [srkbk@yahoo.com](mailto:srkbk@yahoo.com)) for more information.

### **Coffee and Doughnuts Bring Everyone Together!**

Are you looking for a fun way to serve in a way that helps bring the DPC family together? The DPC Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers from the congregation to help with Sunday morning coffee and doughnuts. You can work as little as one Sunday each month. Our goal is to have teams of three or four each week, including a Deacon member of the Hospitality Committee. This is a great way to help foster the fellowship that happens between the services every week at DPC! Contact Rodney Moulin ([rodneymoulin@gmail.com](mailto:rodneymoulin@gmail.com)) or Roger Durkee, ([rogerpack88@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerpack88@yahoo.com)) for more information. Thank you from the Hospitality Committee!

**Did you know that the Lloyd Daugherty  
Pipe Organ reaches age 20  
on September 21, 2017?**

## **Opportunities to Serve**

### **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)**

Who is looking for an opportunity to serve? Who would like to teach our children a few Friday mornings a month? We need your help. The MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program is looking for Caregivers to help teach our children so our moms can engage in fellowship with other mothers. Our Caregivers serve a critical part of the MOPS program. We need a few more people to serve to insure the success of our MOPS program. This could be you!! This position can be paid or volunteer. The MOPS program begins on Sept 15. If you have an interest or questions, please contact Jeffrey Larkin (636-544-9603 or [jefflarkin@charter.net](mailto:jefflarkin@charter.net)). Thank You!

### **Congregational Care**

The Congregational Care Committee needs volunteers to serve on its committee. We provide support in many ways to the congregation such as the giving of get well and grief cards, grief books, angel meals, prayer shawls, and teddy bears. If you feel a calling to help others this is the committee for you. Please contact Brenda Kenney (636-699-2957 or [brenkenn6@aol.com](mailto:brenkenn6@aol.com)).

### **Lost and Found Box**

Please help Martha, our church secretary. She is concerned that many of you are having problems getting where you need to go because there are so many pairs of glasses in the Lost and Found Box. Please ease her mind and check for any lost items you might be missing.

## 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 (DC/S)**

9:30 a.m. Middle and High School -  
 Loft

#### **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  
 bigpat20us@gmail.com

### **Middle School and High School**

Contact: Becky Kronauge  
 becky.kronauge@dpc4u.org

### **Visit our website**

[www.dpc4u.org](http://www.dpc4u.org)

**for a complete list and  
 description of  
 Bible studies.**

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 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, August 28

### Tuesday, August 29

8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

### Wednesday, August 30

6:30 a.m. JAM – Men's Bible Study –  
 Cappuccino's/Capp's  
 Restaurant

9:00 a.m. Kitchen Clean-Up

11:30 a.m. JAM – Men's Bible Study –  
 Email Rev. Kasberg

6:00 p.m. DC/S Wednesday Night

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Quilters – Quilt Room

9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer  
 Gathering – Hearth Room

### Friday, September 1

7:30 a.m. DC/S Uprising

### Saturday, September 2

8:00 a.m. JAM – Men's Bible Study –  
 Hearth Room

9:00 a.m. Quilting Bee

### Sunday, September 3

Small Group Sign-Ups

### Monday, September 4

Building Closed

### Tuesday, September 5

12:00 p.m. Myers Circle – Hearth Rm

1:00 p.m. Watson Circle – Myers

7:00 p.m. Bunce/Nixon Circle -  
 Myers

8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

### **First Wednesday of the Month**

**Hope and Healing Worship**

**5:00 p.m. Rock Church**

## **Dardenne Presbyterian Church**

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