

Dear DPC Family,

Giving was down significantly in September. Our income was only \$97,134 as opposed to the \$115,556 we have budgeted. Our spending was \$120,157, resulting in a deficit of \$23,023 for the month. This now has DPC at a loss of \$10,959 for the year. In general, DPC Committees have done an excellent job of being good stewards of DPC's resources. On the whole, spending is about \$41,000 less than what has been budgeted for 2017. The issue is giving, which is trending downwards. 2017 giving is down around 4.3% from what was expected based on past giving levels. Current estimates are that 2017 giving will be around \$11,300 less than 2016 and \$75,000 less than what was budgeted for 2017. Some people may ask, "Why was giving budgeted so high?" The 2017 giving was budgeted as a 2% increase over 2016, which was conservative based on previous year over year increases. This is the first period in several years that DPC giving has trended downwards.

While this is by no means a crisis, I feel it is important to explain our current financial situation, particularly going into the time frame where the Session is setting the 2018 Budget. With income trending downwards, spending on DPC's programs will have to be reduced, and additional programs are highly unlikely without even further cuts. Again, I ask you to please read 2 Corinthians 9:7 and Leviticus 27:30-34 and then pray about your giving to promote God's work.

YBIC,
John Burk, Finance Elder

Dardenne Presbyterian Church Financial Report

	2017 9 months <u>Actual</u>	2017 9 months <u>Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Offering – Pledges	\$ 854,645	\$ 899,736
Offering – Friends	71,845	64,562
Offering – Loose	9,810	13,278
Utilities Reimbursement	18,605	18,255
Per Capita	5,158	5,250
Other Income	<u>35,155</u>	<u>38,919</u>
Total Income	<u>995,218</u>	<u>1,040,000</u>
<u>Expense</u>		
Personnel	269,614	278,819
Administration	18,135	20,250
Worship	119,799	125,468
Missions	77,014	80,550
Financial Affairs	82,715	85,484
Property and Grounds	216,326	214,996
DC Students	74,741	79,522
Christian Education	101,875	104,860
Other Expense	<u>45,958</u>	<u>60,691</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,006,177</u>	<u>1,050,639</u>
Income Less Expense	\$ (10,959)	\$ (10,639)

Thank you for your financial support of DPC's programs and missions.

Chancel Choir & Children's Choirs Christmas program**"Jesus, The Light of the World"**

Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Dinner will immediately follow the program in the Christian Life Center. Please purchase tickets for dinner at the table in Mission Hall on November 5, 12, or 19. No tickets will be sold after November 19. More details on the dinner will be coming soon!

Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday, December 5 with doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8 – Reservation Deadline

All women are invited to our 14th Advent by Candlelight. The evening will be a wonderful beginning to your Christmas season with scripture, singing, beautifully decorated tables, and a delicious dessert. Proceeds from this event will benefit The BackStoppers, Inc. Reservations are a must. The church office will take reservations for an entire table (7-8 per table) or for an individual. Individual reservations can also be made by contacting Ruth Hahn (636-240-5901 or noraruthhahn@outlook.com).

3rd Quarter 2017 Giving Statements

If you didn't opt-in to receive Giving Statements by email, the 3rd Quarter 2017 Giving Statements are available for pick-up! Please stop by our table in Mission Hall this Sunday to pick yours up. If you would like to opt-in to receive future statements by email, forms are available at the table. The Financial Affairs Committee thanks you for your continued commitment and generosity to DPC!

Part-Time Custodial Position Available

DPC is looking for a custodian for one or two evenings (beginning midafternoon) each week. Approximate hours are seven per evening. Experience is preferred. Visit the church office for an application. Call the Facility Manager, Myron, with questions (636-236-0392).

Missing Hymnals

We are missing some hymnals from the Sanctuary. If you have borrowed one, please return it either to the church office or to the Sanctuary. We do not have any spares on hand to replace those that go missing, so it is important all hymnals remain in the Sanctuary. If you need to borrow one, please check with the church office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Lloyd Daugherty gave a bequest of \$35,000 for the purchase and installation of a pipe organ in the New Brick Church in 1981.

**That bequest grew to \$65,000 by January 1995,
and it was mostly completed for less than
\$100,000 by February of 1998.**

For your convenience, donations to the Memorial Endowment Pipe Organ Fund may be made using the "Organ Fund" envelopes in the pews. Currently, \$45,724.65 has been donated toward the goal of \$65,000.

Opportunities to Serve**HOPE Food Pantry Adopt-A-Child**

When you adopt-a-child, you make the holidays bright for needy children. What a joy there is in knowing you made a child smile and parents' hearts glad! Listen for details during worship and in future Connects.

Missions Coat Drive

Missions would like to announce our Annual Coat Drive that we sponsor each year to support Third Presbyterian Church. We are asking for new or nearly new coats for men, women and children. Coats will be collected in Mission Hall now through October 29th. Your help is gratefully appreciated.

2018 Stewardship Update

Our congregation is comprised of more than 600 families, and average annual household income in our area is approximately \$75,000. An increase in giving of just 1% of average household income could mean an extra \$450,000 per year for our ministries. Imagine how much Kingdom-work we could accomplish! Please prayerfully consider your contribution for 2018. Pick up a pledge card in Mission Hall or visit www.dpc4u.org/pledge to pledge online.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Currently DPC collects ink cartridges and receives \$100 to \$250 twice a year depending on the types and amounts of cartridges collected. This money is placed toward printing costs in the office. Please bring your cartridges to the collection point in Mission Hall between the soda machine and the end wall.