

THE CONNECT

Rev. Dr. Larry Maley – Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor

Advent Season at Dardenne Presbyterian Church

The story of Jesus’s birth is timeless with familiar details such as shepherds, a star, wise men, and angels. But perhaps the account itself is too familiar. Are we any longer able to hear the wonder of this world-changing, history-altering story?

Join us as we experience Advent for the first time with fresh eyes. Over the course of the next few weeks, we enter into the season of Advent. The English word “advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “visit.” The season of Advent is a time when Christ’s followers focus on the coming of the Messiah and seek to capture the awe of Heaven coming down to us in Jesus.

Our church year is shaped by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, especially his birth, death, and resurrection. This “year” includes Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (the unveiling of Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah), Lent (self-reflection and preparation for the event of the cross), Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost (the coming of the Holy Spirit and birth of the church), and other days set apart for reflection, worship, and anticipation.

As we enter the Advent season and make preparations for Christmas by buying presents, decorating our homes, and gathering with family and friends, we are invited to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming King.

Eve of Thanks Worship	November 19	6 pm (Rock Church) <i>Becky Kronauge Preaching</i>
Sunday Worship	November 26	8, 9:30, 11 am <i>Andrew Kasberg Preaching</i>
Advent Worship (Week 1)	December 3	8, 9:30, 11 am <i>Larry Maley Preaching</i>
Choir Christmas Program	December 3	4:30 pm Sanctuary (Dinner Following in the CLC) <i>Chancel Choir and Children’s Choirs</i>
Advent Worship (Week 2)	December 10	8, 9:30, 11 am <i>Larry Maley Preaching</i>
Advent Worship (Week 3)	December 17	8, 9:30, 11 am <i>Andrew Kasberg Preaching</i>
Christmas Eve Worship	December 24	9 am (Sanctuary) 11 am (CLC & Live Animals) 2 pm, 4 pm (Rock Church) 7 pm (Sanctuary) 11 pm (Rock Church)
New Year’s Eve	December 31	8, 9:30, 11 am <i>Larry Maley Preaching</i>

Events Happening at DPC

- Nov. 19 **Eve of Thanks
Worship in Rock
Church**
- Nov. 19 **Quilt Raffle Drawing**
- Nov. 23 **Building Closed**

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

- Nov. 24 **Building Closed**
- Dec. 1 **DC/S Uprising**
- Dec. 1-3 **Weekend to
Remember**
- Dec. 3 **“Adopt-A- Child” gifts
due**
- Dec. 3 **Chancel & Children’s
Choir Christmas
Program**
- Dec. 3 **Church-Wide Dinner**
- Dec. 5 **Advent by Candlelight**
- Dec. 9 **Christmas Caroling**
- Dec. 16 **Restore St. Charles**
- Jan. 5 **DC/S Uprising**
- Jan. 16 **PW Soup Luncheon**
- Jan. 20 **Restore St. Charles**
- Feb. 2-4 **DC/S Winter Weekend**

Opportunities to Serve

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Weekly Update

Isn't it great to see all of the packing cartons lining the hallway once again this year? Each carton contains shoeboxes filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. These individual shoe boxes will be distributed throughout the year to disadvantaged children all over the world including children in the United States. The trailers you see on the back parking lot will be packed on Monday. We will have total number of boxes collected in next week's Connect. Thanks to each one of you for your contribution to the success of this project.

Christmas Angel Mission Update

Thank you DPC for your wonderful support of this year's Angel Tree! If your family is looking for a way to show God's love this Christmas, there are still some ornaments left on the Angel Tree. Your donation of a new, wrapped present will be given to a child whose parents are in prison. Please stop by the Christmas Angel tree in Mission Hall today and select a child by gender and age. The suggested price range is \$20-\$25 per gift. The deadline to drop presents off is noon on Thursday, December 7th, so that the presents can be delivered in time for the kids' Christmas party. Please consider donating a gift to this wonderful local mission. Thanks!

Adopt-A-Child Update

TODAY IS THE DAY! Today the HOPE table is up in Mission Hall between all the services with the names and information needed to adopt a child or children for Christmas. Please feel free to stop by, look over the information, and ask any questions you might have. Our table will be up today, on the 26th, and Dec. 3rd, or as long as there are children available to adopt. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Baptism of Carter Allen Raglin

Today during 11:00 a.m. service in the Christian Life Center

Carter Allen Raglin, son of Emily and Stephen Raglin, was born on May 4, 2017. He will be baptized today with Elder Steve Collier representing Session.

Christmas Concert Dinner (Reservation Required)

Today is the last day to make reservations!

Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center immediately following the Christmas Concert

Please join us for a dinner of ham with raisin sauce, hash brown casserole, glazed carrots, salad, and international desserts. Children's option is macaroni and cheese. To be sure a place will be set for your family and friends, please **purchase** your dinner reservations at the table in Mission Hall on today. Cost is \$5.00 for ages 12-100 years and \$3.00 for children ages 5-11 years. Under 5 years is free however **they still need a ticket. SEATS ARE LIMITED.** Contact Jackie Schumacher (jlmc51@aol.com) with questions.

Weekend to Remember

December 1 – 3 at Hyatt Regency by the Arch

Wanna Getaway? Family Life's "Weekend to Remember"

(www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember) returns to St. Louis! It's a chance for married or engaged couples to get away from the distractions of daily life, reconnect, align or realign your marriage to God's plan, or even rekindle your romance. The lives of at least several Dardenne couples have been personally transformed by this ministry. Enter the Group Name "TeamDPC" to apply the discount. Pick up a brochure in Mission Hall or contact Chris and Samantha Knauper for more information (dpcchris@yahoo.com or 636-614-2461).

Chancel Choir & Children's Choirs Christmas program

"Jesus, The Light of the World"

Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

"Jesus, The Light of the World" is a celebration of carols from around the world. This musical celebration will include a special appearance by the Tamil School dancers and singers representing Christmas traditions from India. Included in the program will be Christmas music from Spain, France, Germany, Ireland, Africa, Brazil, and the United States. Please join us as we joyously celebrate the coming of our LORD and Savior for people of every tribe and nation.

Usher, Greeter, Information Desk Volunteer Training

Saturday, December 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

Thinking of becoming a volunteer or currently serving as one? Maybe you just want to learn more about this important ministry. This meeting will include:

- Review of the recent surveys returned by current ushers and greeters
- Consider how these positions impact visitors to our church home
- Discuss good security practices during the holiday season
- Introduce new Deacons and lay members who will lead going forward

All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Pam Ford (Pford726@gmail.com or 314-258-0736) or Bob Campbell (CampbellBob6@gmail.com).

Endowment Thank You and Awareness Luncheon**Sunday, December 10 from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Watson Hall**

You are invited to a courtesy luncheon. People who have contributed to the Organ Endowment or other Funds are invited as well as any others who wish to learn how, why, and where our investments are made. Please join us. Sign up in Mission Hall on today or on November 26 with Board members, or call Greg Aman (636-240-0882) or Hu Weikart (636-625-2459).

Thank You!

A very special “thank you” to the DPC Quilters for providing and creating the beautiful quilt wall hangings for the Rock Church. The pattern is an 1890s pattern appropriate to the Rock Church called “Repeating Crosses.” This was done under the leadership of Brenda Kenney. Jean Parker did a marvelous job of sewing the many cover pieces together. Thank you faithful and talented quilters. Your work is a blessing! Thanks to Milt Schuepfer and Gil Hoskins for hanging the quilts.

Operation Backpack Thanks its Volunteers!

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped collect 2,020 items at Shop n Save on November 5! Our volunteers are advocates for children in our community who would otherwise go hungry each weekend. Operation Backpack provides food to over 90 children across four different schools in the community. A very sincere thank you to Sam, Seth, Noah, Lane, and Evan Schaeperkoetter; Jessica, Skylar, and Payton Grotewiel; Jessica Fouse; Carol and Jamie Hoeman; Sheryl Donahue; Joy and Daniel Larkin; Nancy Curry; Cris Ziegler; Savannah and Rose Thompto; Mindy Earley; Sara Grieb; Caitlin Kasberg; Becky and Chloe Schwab; Macy and Laura Lauer; Lisa Klevorn; Emily Raglin; Erica Pauline; Karen Loechner; Sally Schubert; and Madeline Stewart.

Pastor Nominating Committee Corner

Please pray for wisdom as the congregation provides feedback about the qualities that are most important for our next Senior Pastor to have.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”
James 1:5

The Survey

The survey, “Leadership Competencies,” concerns the qualities you feel are most important for our next Senior Pastor to possess. It will be open to complete from November 19 thru December 3.

There are two ways you can take this survey:

1. Use the preferred way by visiting the DPC website. Click on “pastor search” under News Highlights; then click on “more” for the survey. You can also simply use <http://dpc4u.org/pastor-search>.
2. Receive a paper copy of the survey from members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) after worship. Completed copies may then be placed in designated boxes in Mission or Watson Hall.

Opportunities to Serve**Custodian Needed!**

Dardenne Presbyterian Church is still looking for a custodian for one evening beginning in midafternoon and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each week. Experience is preferred. Visit the church office for an application. Call the Facility Manager, Myron, with questions (636-236-0392).

Nativity Quilt Raffle

Last chance! Buy your raffle ticket today in Mission Hall to win the nativity scene quilt made and donated by the Dardenne Presbyterian Quilters. Tickets cost \$1 for one ticket or six tickets for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn today! Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Operation Backpack.

SCRIP Cards

Did you know that Dardenne Presbyterian Church has the opportunity to receive free money? That’s what the SCRIP program does for the children’s ministry non-budgeted expenses. When you buy cards for your regular purchases of groceries, clothing, gifts, gas, etc., a percentage goes immediately to DPC. Last year we received approximately \$1000!! FREE!! Please come to the table in Mission Hall before and after the middle service to purchase your cards or to hear more about the program.

Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up for the Christmas Concert dinner. Please sign up at the ticket sales table in Mission Hall today. We need **YOUR** help! Contact Jackie Schumacher (jilmc51@aol.com).

HOPE Food Pantry

HOPE Pantry’s special needs for November are canned gravy, alfredo sauce, facial tissue, and canned chicken. Your help is so appreciated. Thank you!

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 (DC/S)

- 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
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
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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, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

- 8:00 p.m. Basketball

Wednesday, November 22

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's/Capp's Restaurant
- 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Email Rev. Kasberg

Thursday, November 23



Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27

Tuesday, November 28

- 8:00 p.m. Basketball

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's/Capp's Restaurant
- 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Email Rev. Kasberg
- 6:00 p.m. DC/S Wednesday Night - The Loft

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