

THE CONNECT

Rev. Dr. Larry Maley – Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor

“JESUS, the LIGHT of the WORLD”

The Chancel Choir, Joyful Voices and King’s Kidz Choir accompanied by a variety of musical instruments will present “Jesus, the Light of the World,” a celebration of carols from around the world on today at 4:30 p.m.

As we are preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of our LORD and SAVIOR, this program will remind us that our Christian brothers and sisters around the world are engaging in many of the same activities. Homes are decorated, manger scenes are lovingly set up, candles are lit, and families gather for elaborate meals before and after attending worship together.

Included in the program will be favorite Christmas music from Spain, France, Germany, Ireland, Africa, Brazil, and the United States. Also, there will be a special appearance by the American Parai Team and the St. Louis Tamil Christian Fellowship representing Christmas traditions from India.

A traditional ham and hash brown potato casserole dinner, including international desserts, will be served in the CLC following the program for those who have tickets. No tickets are needed for the program.

Please join us as we celebrate the coming of our LORD and SAVIOR for people of every tribe and nation.

“The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world”
John 1:9

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
John 8:12

Events Happening at DPC

Dec. 4	First Impact Teen Safe Driving - Watson
Dec. 5	Advent by Candlelight
Dec. 6	Hope and Healing Worship – Rock Church
Dec. 9	Ushers, Greeters, and Information Booth Meeting
Dec. 9	Christmas Caroling
Dec. 10	Endowment Board Luncheon
Dec. 12	Cancer Companions
Dec. 16	Restore St. Charles
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship
Jan. 5	DC/S Uprising
Jan. 10	Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners Begin
Jan. 16	PW Soup Luncheon
Jan. 20	Adam Lamb Preschool Registration Begins
Jan. 20	Restore St. Charles
Feb. 2-4	DC/S Winter Weekend
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb. 17	Restore St. Charles
Mar. 2	World Day of Prayer

Opportunities to Serve

Help is Needed with Mary Martha Thrift Store!

Ceci Magney is looking for a co-leader to help with the Mary Martha Thrift Store. There are eight churches involved with Mary Martha. Each church takes its turn during the year at the store that results in each church's volunteers working a full week six or seven times a year. Ceci wishes to remain as the scheduler but needs a co-leader to work with the volunteers at Mary Martha and attend one meeting per month. Proceeds from Mary Martha are divided among the contributing churches. If you wish to volunteer or need further information, please call Ceci (314-603-0128).

Christmas Angel Mission Update

All of the Angels have been taken from the Angel Tree! This is the last Sunday to drop your gift off under the Angel Tree. The Angel Tree will remain in Mission Hall until *noon on Thursday, December 7*. After that, the presents will be delivered to Mission Gate for the kids' Christmas party. Please remember to wrap your present and use the ornament as a name tag. This ensures your gift will find the right child. The Angel Tree provides presents to children whose parents are in prison. Your gift shares God's love with a child who desperately needs it. THANK YOU!

Another Way to Give

Support Dardenne Presbyterian Church this season and all year if you shop at Amazon. By signing up with Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and designating Dardenne Presbyterian Church as your charity, part of the money you spend will be donated to DPC's General Fund.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Currently DPC collects ink cartridges and receives \$100 to \$250 twice a year depending on the types and numbers of cartridges collected. This money is used 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.

First Impact Teen Driver Safety Seminar

Monday, December 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Watson Hall

American Heritage Girls is hosting First Impact, a traffic safety program that educates parents about Missouri's Graduated Driver License (GDL) law. The goal of First Impact is to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities, injuries, and crashes among teen drivers by increasing parental awareness and enforcement of GDL. Coaches will provide the tools they need to monitor, coach, and support their new teen driver. Your new driver is welcome to attend with you. RSVP to 573-884-3463 or firstimpact.missouri.edu. Registration is required.

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 is your opportunity. The 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 encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Pam Ford (Pford726@gmail.com or 314-258-0736) or Bob Campbell (CampbellBob6@gmail.com).

Annual Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 9 gathering at 8:00 a.m. in Watson Hall

Following hot chocolate/coffee and donuts, we will venture out to share the "Joy of Christmas." We will visit local nursing homes and shut-in members of our congregation. Kids of all ages are very welcome and provide a special ministry to those we visit. Everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter what you think of your singing ability. What a wonderful way to spread the Spirit of Christmas. Questions, contact Steve Collier (314-374-2130).

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 today with Board members, or call Greg Aman (636-240-0882) or Hu Weikart (636-625-2459).

Book Club: The Christmas Letter

Tuesday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Join Sally and friends for a discussion of The Christmas Letter by Debbie Macomber this month. Questions? Call Sally Pflaum (636-265-0939).

Cancer Companions

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Our companion volunteers are trained about how to walk alongside those who have been diagnosed, to help them draw closer to Jesus, to process their journey through scripture, and to know that God is bigger than their cancer!!! If you are a cancer patient in treatment, a patient in post treatment, a caregiver, or a loved one, you are invited to join us. It is open to members and non-members alike. Contact Ken Weber (314-541-3016 or kenw427@gmail.com) with questions.

DPC Shirts in Mission Hall Today!

If you ordered a red DPC shirt and haven't picked it up yet, you may do so at Judy Lowery's table in Mission Hall. If you want to pick them up during the week, call the church office (636-561-4347) and talk with Martha. She will have a list of the shirts and those who purchased them.

DPC E-Mail Request

Collecting too much paper clutter at home? Maybe you want to add to your prayers each day and pray for those brothers and sisters in need. The solution is to pick up a copy of "DPC E-Mail Request" form in the narthex or in Mission Hall and fill it out. Your Connect can be e-mailed each week to you before Sunday service, you can get daily updates of those in need of your prayers, and you can also receive Giving Statements all by e-mail. Please place your completed form in Martha's mailbox.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Update!

OCC is a worldwide event and very much a community event in our area. This is the 16th year Dardenne has served as a collection drop-off location and could not have been completed without the 71 volunteers most of whom were from Dardenne. We received and packed a total of 4,704 shoeboxes. On Sunday and Monday we received the packed cartons from 8 area drop-off locations that were loaded into 3 tractor trailers. The total number of shoeboxes collected was 17,878. (1,000 more boxes than last year.) Now for the really good news: **DARDENNE CONGREGATION GAVE A TOTAL OF 428 SHOEBOXES.** Past years our count has been a little over 300.

A special thanks to Dorothy Morgan, Doris Liesman, and Jan Brown, who prepared and served soup and salad to volunteers loading the packing boxes into the trailers on Monday. Myron also deserves a special thank you for his valued assistance to the ladies! We thank each and everyone of you for your help in sending the love of Jesus to boys and girls around the world. Please continue to pray for the safe delivery of the boxes. This Christmas season we wish each of you the same joy and happiness you have given to the child who will receive your box!

Pastor Nominating Committee Corner

Today is the last day to participate in the survey that gathers opinions from our DPC membership that will be used in the search for our new Senior Pastor. Please take time to offer your thoughts.

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.

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 here for 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 the "Congregation Surveys" boxes in Mission or Watson Halls.

Opportunities to Serve**Mary Martha**

DPC volunteers are needed to work at the Mary Martha Thrift Shop during Dardenne Presbyterian's week of December 11 through 15. The store is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. Any amount of volunteer time that can be given is greatly appreciated. Please contact Ceci Magney (314-603-0128 or cecistlou@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

Custodian is Still 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).

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.

HOPE Food Pantry

All children have been adopted! A huge "thank you" to so many who filled our cupboard AND selected a child from HOPE Pantry to adopt for Christmas. Your continued generosity is amazing.

The Pantry's special needs for December are corn muffin mix, chicken helper, syrup, and facial tissue.

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
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, December 4

6:30 p.m. First Impact Traffic Safety -
Watson Hall

Tuesday, December 5

Noon Myers Circle - Parlor
6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study -
Cappuccino's/Capp's
Restaurant
10:00 a.m. Salmon Circle - The Egg and
I Restaurant on Hwy K
11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study -
Email Rev. Kasberg
5:00 p.m. Hope and Healing Worship -
Rock Church
6:00 p.m. DC/S Wednesday Night -
Loft

Thursday, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Christmas Caroling -
Watson Hall
9:00 a.m. Quilting Bee - C-4, C-6

Sunday, December 10

12:30 p.m. Endowment Board
Luncheon - Lake Forest
Country Club
5:30 p.m. Weisz Circle - Watson
Hall

Monday, December 11

Tuesday, December 12

7:00 p.m. Cancer Companions - Parlor

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