
THE CONNECT

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Share the Meaning of Christmas

Long ago, on a quiet night in a little town called Bethlehem, the answer to all of life's struggles, disappointments, successes and regrets appeared in human flesh. The hopes and fears of all history had arrived in an infant in a makeshift crib. A carpenter, a humble maid, a group of shepherds, and ordinary folks responded in awe at the blessing of His arrival. As always, there were people who were too busy to take notice of an unusual star and some magi traveling in their area. What a loss! They failed to realize a Divine revelation had occurred.

Christians today have the unique privilege of being able to look back and read the whole story about that incredible child – the Son of God and humanity's Savior. We know that He entered our world to fulfill His destiny on the Cross. He was born to be lifted up (**Isaiah 52:13; John 12:32**), "born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth" ("Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", 3rd verse).

He entered our broken world to bring hope, forgiveness and eternal life to humanity. This Christmas, many families will endure grief because a member has been snatched from their midst. Fears and shattered dreams will encompass others this Christmas season. Humankind is wounded and searching for answers. Jesus was sent into our world with God's answer!

Followers of Jesus Christ are pilgrims journeying through this life (**John 17:16; Psalm 119:19a; 1 Peter 1:17**). The story of Bethlehem is the most beautiful and greatest story ever told – the story of God's visitation to humanity. One may choose to live in a world of unknowns, uncertainty, pain and meaninglessness. Or, you may meet the Savior and let Him explain all, and take you to your eternal destination. That is what Christmas is all about: *Hope for life now and hope for the future*. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose kingdom will never end!

The world would be a different place if humanity truly understood and believed what Jesus Christ accomplished for us. Oh, yes! That is the task He gave us to perform: share the message of Christ with others this season (**Matt. 28:19**).

Have a Blessed Christmas,
Larry and Cyndi Maley



Events Happening at DPC

Dec. 25/26	Building Closed
Jan. 1	Building Closed
Jan. 3	Confirmation Class Begins
Jan. 3	Hope & Healing Service
Jan. 5	DC/S Uprising
Jan. 9	Cancer Companions
Jan. 10	Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners Begin
Jan. 10	Pastor's Class with Rev. Jim Tony Begins
Jan. 14	Ordination & Installation of Officers and Deacons
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Jan. 16	PW Soup Luncheon
Jan. 20	Adam Lamb Preschool Registration Begins
Jan. 20	Restore St. Charles
Jan. 21	Congregational Meeting (10:30 a.m.)
Jan. 28	New Member Inquiry Class Begins
Feb. 2-4	DC/S Winter Weekend
Feb. 13	Cancer Companions
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb. 17	Restore St. Charles
Mar. 2	World Day of Prayer
Mar. 13	Cancer Companions
Apr. 14	Spring Clean-Up
May 6	Children's Spring Musical
June 18-22	Vacation Bible School



'Twas the Night Before Christmas

A Visit from Christ

Author: Angie Mosteller

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the earth,
Every creature was stirring, awaiting a birth.
The time for Messiah was certainly near,
The prophets foretold it; the Bible was clear.

From the book of beginnings, the very first sin,
God's word made it clear how His grace entered in.
Born of a virgin, He'd come as a man.
The Creator among us, the time was at hand.

The stars were arranged to show marvelous things,
Setting Wise Men to journey and find the true King.
Shepherds in Bethlehem gazed on the sky,
Longing to see him, their Lord the Most High.

How could they know that the very next night
An angel of God would speak words of delight?
How the Savior was born, it was news of great joy.
In a cloth and a manger they'd find the dear boy.

And a heavenly host would soon join to sing
Of the glory of God and of wonderful things.
He entered creation, set position aside
To show us how deeply his love did abide.

Sin sent us away from our almighty Lord.
He became one of us that we might be restored.
He's the Prince of our Peace; He's the one who makes whole.
He is Wisdom Incarnate, a Shepherd of Souls.

He's the Author of Life; He's the Ruler of All.
He can offer salvation, on His name we call.
The shepherds and Wise Men would bow to adore
Holy God among men, our greatest reward.
All glory and honor is due to this King.

Let all join in worship; let every tongue sing.
Jesus is Lord, all creation proclaims.
He's the first and last, He is always the same.
History turned on the first Christmas day,
When God became man in a humble display.
As we think of the manger in which He was laid,
Let our hearts welcome Him to the world He made!



Adam Lamb Preschool

Sharing in the love and peace that is found through Jesus

Please join us on Thursday, January 11, 2018 for our annual open house and art fair from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to meet our staff and learn more about our programs. There will be a guided tour at 5:30 p.m. To schedule a tour during operating hours, please call Peggy Kanak at (636) 561-5203.

Early registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year will be held in Watson Hall on Saturday, January 20, 2018 for Dardenne Presbyterian Church (DPC) members, Adam Lamb Preschool families, and Mother's Day Out families. Registration is set up as a lottery system. Numbered tickets and registration forms are distributed from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. The lottery drawing begins at 10:00 a.m. A \$75 non-refundable registration fee is due the day of registration. Please make all checks payable to DPC. Registration will open to the public on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Learn more about Adam Lamb Preschool at www.adamlambpreschool.com.

Youth Worship Arts

Youth Worship Arts (YWA), for grades 6-12, will resume rehearsals on January 7, 2018. This energetic group of singers will be preparing music for worship, Good Friday, and our May musical "The Kingdom Connection". We meet in B-11, the choir room, at 12:15 p.m., enjoy pizza for lunch, and then sing praises to the LORD until 1:30 p.m. This is a great way for youth interested in worship arts to serve the LORD and their church family with their gifts and talents. Please join us as we lift our voices in joyful thanks and praise to the LORD of all creation. "How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!" Psalm 147:1

The King's Kidz Choir

The King's Kidz Choir for grades 1-5 and the Joyful Voices for 4 and 5 year olds will resume practice on January 10, 2018 in B-11, the choir room. Joyful Voices meets from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and King's Kidz from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Both choirs will be singing for worship in February, on Palm Sunday, in March, and in May for the children's musical. This year's musical, "THE KINGDOM CONNECTION," will leave the modern world behind as the children step into the ancient world of Bible kings who lived over 2000 years ago. They will learn how their actions affected history and pointed toward the King of Kings, JESUS, who is alive and working in our lives today. Because of Jesus, we can experience the Kingdom of God both now and in heaven. We welcome new children any time throughout the year, however, January is a perfect time to join us in singing praises to our LORD and KING. "It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High" Psalm 92:1

Winter Camp!

Students in 6th - 12th grade for the 2017/18 school year, get ready for the best part of winter! DC Students are heading to **Lake Williamson Conference Center** in Carlinville, Illinois for a weekend of incredible activities, including worship services, small groups, late night activities, and fun with friends. Students need to be at DPC on Friday, February 2 at 4:00 p.m. and should be picked up on Sunday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate early departures or late arrivals. Your registration fee of \$190 (\$50 of which is a non-refundable deposit) covers all costs for the weekend. Registration closes when we reach capacity, or on Sunday, January 14. We will not be able to accept late registrations. Scholarship requests must be submitted by Sunday, January 7. For scholarship assistance, please email info@dcsministry.org. Don't waste any time. Head to dcsministry.org to get signed up!

CORRECTION!

All giving intended to be a part of the Financial Secretary's Friday, December 29, 2017 deposit must be received in the Finance Office by noon that day. However, any giving received during the worship services on Sunday, December 31, 2017 will be credited to 2017 giving also.

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

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Small Groups for Women

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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, December 25

Building Closed

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Wednesday, December 27

- 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, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

- 9:00 a.m. Quilting Bee – C-6

Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1

Building Closed

Tuesday, January 2

- 12:00 p.m. Myers Circle - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Watson Circle – Myers
- 7:00 p.m. Bunce/Nixon Circle – Myers
- 8:00 p.m. Basketball – CLC

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