

THE CONNECT

Rev. Terry Epling – Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kasberg – Associate Pastor

Our Legacy and Our Future: 199th Anniversary Celebration

Today we mark the 199th anniversary of the organization of Dardenne Presbyterian Church as a congregation. From that seed, planted on this prairie, God has created a garden of blessing. Anniversaries are always an opportunity to look back with gratitude and to look forward with hope. Today we gather as one united congregation, deeply rooted in God's word and the faith we have received and so desire to hand down as a legacy to the coming generations.

Dardenne Presbyterian Church has so many reasons to be grateful to God. In times of growth and times of hardship God has been faithful and blessed this congregation and its members. That is especially true today as the congregation continues to welcome new members, serves the needs of the lost and the poor in our community and the world, and grows in discipleship. As we prepare to welcome new pastoral leadership we can be thankful for all that came before and for all God is doing here now.

Just as God is at work in our church, God is also active in our lives, blessing us with so much. We acknowledge God's provision for us by sharing some of our resources to enable the ministries of the congregation. The giving of our time and money expresses our confidence in God's plan for our lives and for the future of the church. In these ways we participate with all that God is doing here to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our community and in the world.

God is moving through this church! We can be proud of all that has come before and have confidence in God's providence as we look ahead. At this exciting time God is calling us again to use the gifts he has given wisely, with faith and hope and trust. We are prepared to bear the fruit that God wants to yield in us, a legacy of faith for all the generations.

Events

Happening at DPC

- Sept 16 199th Anniversary
Celebration
Sunday
- Sept 19 DPC Blood Drive
- Sept 30 Congregational
Meeting
- Oct 6 Bonfire/Hayride
- Oct 7-21 DPC Annual Coat
Drive
- Oct 16 PW October Event
- Oct 25-28 Men's Retreat
- Oct 27 DCS Fall
Fundraiser
- Nov 12-19 Operation
Christmas Child
Collection

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu – September 19

Baked Potato Bar, Garden Salad, Blueberry Delight Cake, Kids Meal.

Bible Project Update

THE BIBLE PROJECT is off to a great start. Almost 200 began the journey through the whole Bible.

NOTE PLEASE: The last presentation on Genesis 1 (this week's lesson OT 2) will be at **11:00 am today**. You can still get this lesson. The Handout will appear online each Monday after the week's presentations (www.BibleProj.com). Remember the **early class on Wednesday now begins at 5:15 pm**. Wednesday dinner is served at 4:45pm.

Blood Drive Coming Soon

DPC will host a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018** in the CLC from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the church office 636-561-4347.

It's as easy as 1.2.3

1. Show a photo ID, read materials and answer a list of health history questions.
2. You will receive a mini health exam including checks for: temperature, pulse, iron content, and blood pressure. Your answers to the health history questions will then be reviewed by a staff member, and upon meeting all the criteria, you may proceed with the blood donation process.
3. A Red Cross staff member will cleanse your arm and prepare you for the donation process. Most donations take about 10 minutes. After your donation, you will be offered refreshments to help your body begin replacing the blood you donated.

Save a life by donating!

Bible Clubs

All children in Pre-k through fifth grade are invited to come to Bible Clubs. We meet in the D-level at 6:30-7:45 each night of Family Night. This semester our video curriculum is Mr. Henry's Wild and Wacky Bible Stories. The evening also includes crafts, snack and time in our fun Activities Room. Please contact Karen Loechner at 636-561-4347ext. 230 to register or for more information.

3rd ANNUAL BONFIRE/HAYRIDE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

A FREE all church and community event for ALL ages. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Enjoy hayrides, bounce houses, games, live music and fellowship. Multiple fire pits will be burning waiting for you to roast your marshmallows. Complimentary sodas, water, and fixings for smore's will be provided. This year a new twist! Food trucks will be available to purchase food.

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

Please register by Monday, October 1 in Mission Hall, Salmon Hall by the nursery, or call the church at 636-561-4347.

HOPE Food Pantry for September

- Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Chicken, Tuna Helper, Hot Chocolate Mix
- Thanks again for your generous donations of school supplies and food items!

King's Kidz

King's Kidz is DPC's Children's Choir and is open to 1st through 5th grade students. King's Kidz meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Rehearsals will be in the choir room. If you have any questions, or need more information please do not hesitate to contact me at: kayliehabighorst0@gmail.com. I am looking forward to getting to know you and making music with your child this year!

Youth Worship Arts

Youth Worship Arts is DPC's Youth Choir and is open to Middle and High School age students. Youth Worship Arts meets on Sunday afternoons from 12:15pm-1:30pm. Rehearsals will be in the choir room and a rehearsal schedule will be provided at the first rehearsal. We will also continue to serve pizza for lunch again this year! If you have questions, are interested in joining, or need more information please do not hesitate to contact me at: kayliehabighorst0@gmail.com. I am looking forward to getting to know you and making music with you this year!

Shepherding Ministry

Throughout the Bible the image of a shepherd has been one of the most descriptive and tender images of what it means to experience the love and care of God.

Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:3

Just as a shepherd is tasked with tending his or her flock, we are given the opportunity to care for and tend to the needs of God's people at Dardenne Presbyterian, and we need YOU to help us reach that goal.

The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to *Connect Intentionally, Encourage Spiritually, and Build Relationships* with those members who are not yet in a small group. We are looking for people who are willing to spend a few minutes each month reaching out to our members, coming alongside the deacons, and utilizing our current Congregational Care resources to love our people. Each shepherd will care for 5-7 families, and training will be provided to help you care for them. This is a great opportunity to serve one another.

If you have questions, or would like to get involved, please reach out to Ken Weber at kenw427@gmail.com or (314) 541-3016.

Men's Ministry Retreat

A man needs a deeper understanding of his masculine heart—and why God made him just like that. What if those deep desires in our hearts are telling us the truth, revealing to us the lives we were meant to live? A man must know he is powerful; he must know he has what it takes. The way we handle the heart is everything. This is not a retreat about the “seven things a man ought to do to be a nicer guy.” It is a four-day quest into the recovery of a man's masculine soul, the release of a man's heart—his passions and his true nature—all given him by God.

The fall 2018 Basic Wild Heart Boot Camp will begin Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 6:00 pm and conclude on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 12:00pm in Clinton, MO. Registration is limited. We will be leaving from Dardenne Pres on Thursday afternoon. For more information about this event contact Steve Wilburn at slwilburn12@msn.com.

Seniors Activity Group

We are looking for energetic seniors that would like to be on a committee to plan social outings and/or events for a faith, fun and fellowship group for seniors at Dardenne Presbyterian Church. If you feel the Lord calling you to help plan activities for this new group, please email Joyce Lauer at JLauer.cardsfan@gmail.com or call (636) 561 – 5598. We are anxious to start planning activities for this coming fall and winter.

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.” –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Election of Candidates for Dardenne Presbyterian's Officers

The following slate of candidates represents months of steadfast and prayerful work on behalf of the Nominating Committee. For each nominee a photograph and biography will be published in The Connect. Please carefully consider each candidate and be prepared to vote as you feel led at the election during the Congregation Meeting, Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Elder

Kathy Holtkamp
Dan Meier
Kevin Mullins
Roger Webster

Youth Young Adult Elder

Brynn Bartram

Trustee

Steven Wilburn

Endowment Board

Steve Murray
Brian Viehmann

Deacon

Randy Davis
Kimberly Funk
Linda Hoskins
Lisa Klevorn
Frank Miller
Gina Myers
Shawn Schwab

Youth Young Adult Deacon Candidates

Daniel Larkin
Gregory Myers

Nominating Committee

Nancy Krone
Christine Murray

Consider the following DPC leaders for re-election to serve an additional three (3) year term.

Elder

Dan Liebnau

Trustee

Milt Schuepfer

Deacon

Joy Larkin

Endowment Board

Mark Strassner

Opportunities to Serve

Mary Martha – Upcoming Serve Dates: 9/16 – 9/22 & 11/11 – 11/17

Mary Martha continues to receive lots of donations and we have been implementing new ways as to how to obtain the most cash for them. We now sell all the unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, purses and stuffed animals we would have donated to Salvation Army to a company called Remains. Lots of books are being sold at a higher price to used book stores and some of the better items are listed on EBay. The president of the board takes jewelry to local pawn shops and also lists them on EBay taking no compensation for her time and effort. Some donated vases are sold to a flower shop which pays us quarterly. As you can see, it is a big job. Any time you can give to Mary Martha will help those who are in great need in our community.

Joy in Haiti

"Give thanks to the LORD for He is good; His love endures forever." I Chronicles 16:34

The board of Joy in Haiti would like to thank the Lord for His goodness and our church family for its support in our recent fundraisers. Through the Lord's blessing and your generosity, we received \$2500 from the July golf tournament, \$2320 in donations at the Kado Mizik concert, and \$214 from the quilt raffle. Funds received will help further the construction of the New Christian Church of Tabarre and will benefit the new Community Music School of Tabarre and the music program at the New Christian School of Tabarre.

Help Needed for October 6 Hayride and Bonfire

HELP NEEDED!! On Saturday, October 6, 2018 our church is sponsoring our 3rd annual HAYRIDE/BONFIRE from 5-8 p.m. open to ALL church members and the community. In previous years about 500 people have attended. To put on such a huge event we need the help of the congregation to set up, clean up, supervise bounce houses, load riders on the wagons, ride the wagons to keep everyone safe, food tables, and greeters. We want this activity to be a success and your help will be much appreciated. Please sign up in Mission Hall, Salmon Hall by the nursery or call Susan Eoff at 314-346-0821.

WE NEED FIREPITS FOR OUR EVENT. If you have one to loan us for the evening please sign up at the tables mentioned above. The pits will need to be delivered the morning of October 6 between 10-11 and picked up the next day. Thanks for your help.

Endowment Board Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE: You are invited to the Endowment Board THANK YOU LUNCHEON on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11 from 12:30 TO 2 P.M. Location: Lake Forest Country Club, 300 Yard Dr., Lake Saint Louis. There is no charge for the lunch.

This luncheon serves two purposes: to thank those who have committed to supporting the DPC Endowment Fund, and for those who wish to learn more about the endowment. Pastor Epling and Endowment Board Members will be in attendance. Hear directly from members who have knowledge of the Endowment and its work.

The DPC Endowment Fund is a long-term program to plan beyond the year-to-year budget of the church.

Questions? Please call Hu Weikart at 636-625-2459.

Operation Backpack

Operation Backpack at DPC is getting ready for another year of helping children right here in our community. We provide a bag of food to go in the child's backpack every weekend and over holiday breaks during the school year. A large group of volunteers make this a successful mission and helpers are always needed. Currently we need a few more delivery drivers that would be willing to be on a substitute list. If you feel called to help us in any way please contact Jessica Grotewiel at tigergrote@hotmail.com.

The Pastor Search

Want to know what is happening in the process of finding a Senior Pastor? Speak with a member of the PNC (Pulpit Nominating Committee) to find out.

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| 1. Marty Provin (636) 329-1088 | 6. Stuart Huddleston (636) 795-2390 |
| 2. Larry Trevathan (662) 306-9552 | 7. Julie Chapin (636) 978-4810 |
| 3. Pam Ford (636) 300-1309 | 8. Rachael Wilcox (636) 352-7520 |
| 4. Mike Fridley (636) 561-3178 | 9. Lisa Elles-Borrson (314) 703-7152 |
| 5. Charles Poe (636) 698-4226 | 10. Steve Collier (314) 374-2130 |

Shepherding Care Coordinator

If you have any needs from the church and are not sure whom to contact, please feel free reach out to the Shepherding Coordinator Ken Weber at (314) 541-3016 or kenw427@gmail.com.

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 & B3
- 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

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
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Middle School
and High School
Contact: Becky Kronauge
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Music Ministry
Contact: Stefanie Liesman
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for a complete list and
description of
Bible studies.



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Coming This Week

Join in. Make a difference!

Monday, September 17

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study -
Myer's Conference Room

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 p.m. Grief Share - Parlor
8:00 p.m. Basketball - CLC

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
-Cappuccino's/Capp's
Restaurant
11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
-Contact Pastor Kasberg
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
5:00 p.m. Operation Backpack -B6
6:00 p.m. DCS Wednesday Night
(Parent Night) - Youth
Loft
6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs

Thursday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room
9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer -
Hearth

Friday, September 21

Saturday, September 22

8:00 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study
-Hearth Room
9:00 a.m. Saturday Quilting Bee

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Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon

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