

Element

2022-23

Newsletter



Element Fall Schedule

5:00 - 5:45 pm Bells/Choir

5:45 - 6:15 pm Dinner

6:15 - 7:30 pm Fellowship

August/September Events:

August 28 Ice Cream social 2 pm
Salt Box, Plumsteadville

Sept 10 Rolling Harvest Food
Collection (off-site
mission op) 9-11am

Sept 18* Parent & Youth "Back to
School" (meet & greet)
11:30 am-noon, Rm 213

Sept 18 Element Kick-Off!!

Sept 25 Element

***September 18, 11:30 am Meet and Greet**
Parents invited to stay after outdoor worship and luncheon to meet leaders for upcoming year of Element and Sunday School. We'll meet from 11:30am-noon in Room 213. Come hear about our plans for the year, upcoming retreats, ways to help or get involved, and of course have a chance to ask questions. We hope you'll join us!

November Events:

November 6 Element

November 13 Element

November 20 AM sing/ring -
breakfast + Alternative
Element*

November 27 NO Element
(Thanksgiving)

*Alternative Element meets at same evening times, locations TBD, but no choir/bells

October Events:

October 2 Element

October 9 Feed My Starving Children
1-3pm (off-site mission op)
+ Alternative Element*

October 16 AM sing/ring - breakfast
+ Alternative Element*

October 22-23* RETREAT to OC, NJ
(times TBD)

October 30 Element Halloween Party

***October 22-23, Ocean City, NJ**

This is a special edition retreat to connect with friends, leaders and faith. All youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us as we head to Ocean City for some fun at the beach, on the boardwalk, eating donuts and ice cream, and just all around time together. More details to come...!

December Events:

December 4 AM sing/ring -
breakfast +
Alternative Element*

December 11 NO Element
(Lessons & Carols)

December 18 Element Christmas
Party

Sunday Mornings

Church School 9:30-10:15 am
Starting September 25th every Sunday*

All Youth Church School Class (grades 7-12)

Meets in Youth Room (Room 202)

Taught by:
Megan Craig
Greg Jensen
Erin Rizk
Art Shull

*There will be no Church School
on October 23 (retreat) or
November 27 (Thanksgiving)



Confirmation (grade 8+)

Taught by: Becca and her
team of amazing teachers
and mentors.

*Select Sundays

*Contact Pastor Becca with
questions



Confirmation Class 22-23

An opportunity to grow in faith and learn about Christian life from historical contemporaries. Youth will become better friends with others their age. Confirmation is the process of becoming a member of the church.

Class cost \$50*

Includes:

Class supplies

Nifty "Big Journal"

Bonus surprises along the way

*Inquire about scholarships

*Retreat cost not included

Sundays, 9:30 am
at DPC

Save the date!
2 day retreat with other DPC
youth Oct 22-23 in OC, NJ

Oct 9	Feb 26
Oct 16	March 5
Nov 6	March 12
Nov 13	March 19
Nov 20	March 26
Jan 22	April 16
Jan 29	April 23
Feb 5	May 7

*Meet with Session April 24

*Confirmation Sunday May 14



Mission Events

Community Meal & Food Drive

Food Drive: Under the bridge 9:30-11:15 am
Community Meal: Fellowship Hall 11-12:30

3rd Sunday of EACH month*!

You may be surprised to learn a significant segment of our neighbors are homeless or food insecure. Many others live alone and are longing for fellowship. Our Community Meal and Food Drive help meet those needs. Church members and a devoted group of volunteers prepare and donate food, set-up, serve and clean up. Our congregation is invited, as well as anyone from the community. It is a wonderful opportunity to be together, meet new friends and to fill the food and company gap for those in our community who could use a little extra help.

*Sept. 18 - No separate meal. Community invited to outdoor lunch following Worship on the Street. Tables will be set up to accept food donations at the luncheon.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 9am-11am

Rolling Harvest Food Collection

Carversville Farm
(6127 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville 18934)
Hansell Park Pavilion
(5010 Hansell Road, Doylestown 18902)

We will help harvest vegetables for our local food pantries and meal programs that feed the hungry. This event is for all ages and is a great way to help those who don't always have access to healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables. We will join together under the pavilion at Hansell Park down the road immediately afterwards for a picnic lunch.

Saturday, August 13, 8am-4pm

Hunting Park Christian Academy

We will do a variety of jobs to help get ready for the school year. This may include painting, cleaning, moving furniture and desks, etc. Hunting Park Christian Academy provides a faith-based education for children living in Philadelphia who do not have access to quality public education.

8 am Meet at DPC parking lot
4 pm Return to DPC parking lot

Details:

Pizza lunch provided or BYO
Wear clothes to work in
Masks optional
Ages 8 to 108 welcome

SAVE THE DATE - Feed My Starving Children

Sunday, October 9, 1-3pm
Delaware Valley University

All-DPC Work Activity

A meal packing event that helps to feed malnourished children around the world.

Ages 6 and up welcome!



Music & More!

DPC Pop-Up Music Groups

Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing but also juggle a busy schedule? If so, you and your friends may be a perfect fit for DPC's new musical ensembles who will take part in 8:30 am worship services this fall. You don't need to be classically trained, the songs will be varied in genre, and there will be no regular weekly commitment! If interested, contact Mina Choi at dpcorganist@gmail.com.

CPP Certification

Join our team of volunteers, whether it's once in a while or every week! Do you like to cook or bake, play games, pray with our youth and leaders, or attend trips?

You will need to complete our Community Protection Policy (CPP) certification before you can help out with children or youth. You must be a DPC member, complete our application, submit copies of your PA State Police and Child Abuse Clearances, and attend a 30 minute Zoom training. Sounds like a lot but it's easy and so worth it!

Organized Music Rehearsals

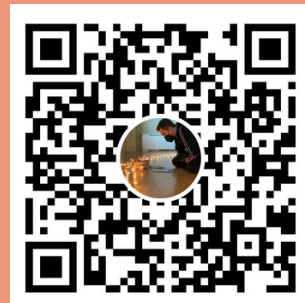
Handbells/Choir with Mina:
Meet before Element Youth Group

Orchestra:

Sunday evenings 7-8 pm

Grown Ups: Stay Connected

GroupMe App: One group for Club 456 and Element Youth Group grownups.



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Meet Your Youth Team!



Pastor Becca Bateman

Hi, my name is Becca Bateman. I can't believe it has been a year since you have been in my life and for that I am grateful. You all have taught me how to live in the cold and the rain, and hopefully I have taught you how to appreciate the green... and to recognize God working in your life. That too is very important! As your Pastor, I couldn't be happier. When I'm not at DPC, I love exploring Doylestown area with my husband and two kids, trying endlessly to find the best Mexican food, and coffee shops. I enjoy playing soccer myself on an Adult rec league team, photography, listening to music, and playing with our rescue dogs. What I love most is creating community who is working together to do the work that God has called them in this world to do.

Andy Benson

Hi, my name is Andy Benson. My wife and I have 2 sons, Sumner and Chatham who both enjoy their youth group time at DPC. We also have a Springer named Basco (short for Tabasco) and 6 chickens whos names I always forget, except for one, Joan. I studied photography and currently work for an advertising agency based in Philly and NYC. My favorite food is either BBQ or Tacos, so I guess BBQ pork tacos would win out. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the youth at DPC, having fun flexing our creativity and getting some recommendations for new music.



Mina Choi

Hi, My name is Mina. I work here at DPC as Organist & Youth Music director. When I am not here at DPC, I work at Messiah University (near Harrisburg) as Student Ministries Pastor. I've travelled to more than 40 countries, and it's hard to decide "few" favorite spots. But, I LOVE exploring nature more than exploring famous tourist places. I really hope that my work at DPC will include more students to participate in DPC music ministries as well as growing in discipleship together. Come join the youth choir, festival ringers, and the new ensemble called "worship community" to share your musical gifts!

Megan Craig

Hello! I'm Megan Craig, the Interim Youth Director for this upcoming school year. My role will be focused on Youth Group activities Sunday evenings and other fun outings just for grades 7-12, as well as some Sunday morning things, too. Fun fact: I did this exact job ten years ago so I am very excited to be back! In my free time, I am a mom of four kids ages 3, 5, 9, and 12. I am also the Board Chair of a local non-profit called RJ Leonard Foundation, mentor through that same organization, and our family does foster care. I have been a member at DPC since I was confirmed here when I was in 9th grade. I used to attend youth group regularly, sing in the choir, play bells, volunteer at 456 and was even a Youth Deacon! I met my husband through the youth group, and we have been married for 15 years. I love love love live theater, all kinds of music, and talking to ALL the people to hear their stories and learn all about them. I really can not wait to get this year started and hope I get the chance to meet you and hear your story, too.



Honor Ford

Honor is a Creative Writing and Theatre Studies graduate from Susquehanna University, and works as a supervisor and bookseller at The Doylestown Bookshop. She had such wonderful experiences as a member of Element growing up, and she is so glad that she has the chance to give back to Element now. She is excited to foster a safe space for everyone to be completely and fully themselves as they walk through their journey of knowing God.

Honor and her fiancée recently adopted two orange cats, Clarence and Bailey (named for the movie *It's A Wonderful Life!*). They are the craziest, feistiest, and best additions to their little family. Her favorite family vacations are to Damariscotta, Maine, where she frequents the bookshop and coffee shop daily, reads constantly, and writes to her heart's content. She is so excited for the year to come and can't wait to meet everyone at Element!



Justine Frank

Hi! I'm Justine and I spent much of my childhood through high school in Sunshine Singers, Wednesday Club (now Club 456), middle school and high school fellowship, and college-age shenanigans. I had the pleasure of building some unforgettable bonds with both my peers and youth leaders alike. I moved to Florida where I went to film school and made movies for four years and got up to more shenanigans that taught me a lot about life. After college I moved to LA and worked in Hollywood for about five years at Disney, Starz, Warner Brothers, Marvel and other production companies. In 2016 I moved back to PA and did some film stuff here before I decided to move on to something more fulfilling. I'm still figuring out what that 'something' is but I know it has to do with elevating people to be their highest selves. Growing up I played fast-pitch softball, got my hands on any art project I could, and absolutely killed it at dodgeball in the church gym. I'm a big fan of herbalism, the outdoors and road trips. I'm still a huge fan of movies, TV and books. Can't wait to meet everyone!





Glenn Haas

Glenn Haas joined DPC in 1990. My favorite part of DPC is working with the youth. I am a Youth Leader and Confirmation Teacher. I have taught 9th grade Sunday School and served on the Youth Committee. I went to schools you may recognize... Linden, Lenape and East, graduating from Kutztown University with a BS in Public Administration. I work for the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds. Favorite foods are pizza, pizza goldfish and BLTs. Favorite movie is Star Wars. Favorite places to vacation are Disney World and Boston.

Brynne Hunter

Brynne was born and raised at DPC. In addition to serving as youth leader, she's served as an Elder, as a Church School teacher for Connect, as Children Worship Time Coordinator, Confirmation Leader, and 456 leader. Some of Brynne's fondest memories of the DPC youth program include leading Winter Retreats, unpacking what being a church member means during confirmation sessions, translating bible stories into Lego creations in Connect, and youth events such as the Night of 1,000 Waterballoons. Brynne lives in Doylestown with her husband, Michael, and daughters, Lauren and Jules. She looks forward to having fun and meaningful time with the youth of DPC!



Alison Maxwell

Hi! My name is Alison Maxwell and I am super excited to be a youth leader this year! I graduated from Lafayette College in May 2022 with a history major and a minor in psychology. I am now working for Legal Aid of Southeastern PA as a Helpline Paralegal. In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends, playing tennis, and reading. My favorite place in the world is the beach and my favorite candy is Sour Patch Kids and I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming friends!

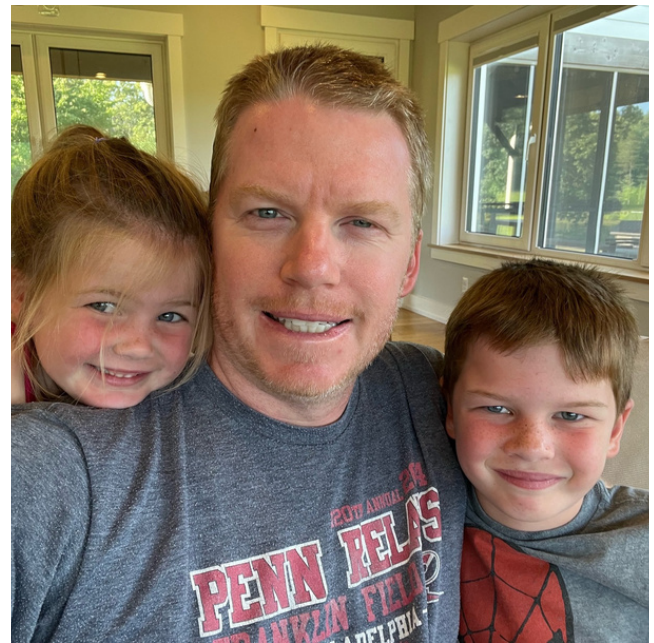


Kristen Roland

My name is Kristen Roland and I'm the Meal Coordinator for Element as well as a current Elder moderating the Youth Committee. My husband Frank and I have three kids. . .a son who just graduated from college and is working in Philadelphia, a son who is a college senior, and a daughter who is in 9th grade. This summer my daughter and I enjoyed traveling with DPC to New Mexico to participate in the family Southwest Service and Culture Trip where we were able to help at the Community Pantry while building lasting relationships with other DPC members. I am a former research librarian and enjoy cooking, reading, and knitting in my spare time.

Andy Smith

My name is Andy Smith and my life would be drastically different if it weren't for a thriving youth program and leaders that cared for me at DPC throughout my teenage years and beyond. As a child I volunteered in the nursery with my mom and was the first youth to be a leader for Wednesday Club (now called 456). The ministers believed in me more than I did, and that confidence helped shape my life as I studied Adventure Recreation at Green Mountain College in Vermont. I returned to Doylestown to start a family with DPC youth, Justine Shull. I started a team building and adventure company with DPC youth, Jonathan Craig. I operate the business remotely while caring for our three young children. I'm excited for the future of the youth program at DPC and hope I can impact someone's life the same way mine has been.



Katie Toner

Hi, I'm Katie! I am a novice forager and rock climber, a caretaker of cats, a former player/current fan of soccer, a taurus, a big fan of breakfast foods and a life-long member of DPC. I have many fond memories of my time in Element, and I'm so down to be a part of more! I left the Doylestown area for college (Wesleyan class of 2020!), but now I'm back, working for a local land conservation non-profit. Some other jobs I've dabbled in include: farm hand, researcher of Venus's volcanoes, and librarian's assistant. Now before this bio turns into just a series of lists about me, I'll just say that I'm so looking forward to meeting you all!