

THE TIDINGS

Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Digital Newsletter
January 2024



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A History of Doylestown Presbyterian Church Volume II is now available!

Picking up where Volume One left off in 1984, this new edition chronicles our church's inspiring history through 2014. The immense task began in 2011 under the guidance of the History Committee. DPC members Janet and Galen Hays have shepherded the long process with the help of many members who contributed written content, conducted research, and helped with editing. "It was truly the work of many hands and countless hours!" Janet said, expressing her "profound gratitude" to all those who made this book possible.

Be sure to visit www.dtownpc.org/our-history to download a digital copy or place an order for a printed copy today!



DPC is once again hosting the **Code Blue Shelter** in February!
We will need help in staffing the shelter throughout the month.

For information about volunteer training sessions visit <https://co2ssh.org>
If you would like to help in the kitchen you can sign up here: bit.ly/DPC-CB
If you would like to purchase groceries sign up here: bit.ly/DPC-CBG

Thank you for supporting this critical effort!
Questions? Email dpc@dtownpc.org, subject line Code Blue



An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to report that after working prayerfully as a group, we have developed a Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) that best reflects the Mission Study Report. This document has now been approved by the Presbytery Commission on Ministry and by Session. This MDP, which outlines the position criteria, will be a valuable tool in finding our next Pastor. It will be live on the PCUSA's online matching system the first week in January.



Additionally, we have begun our outreach activities by directly approaching a variety of contacts to source potential candidates. As always, we welcome input from our fellow members during this process, so if you would like to recommend any candidates or networking contacts, please reach out. We encourage you to visit www.dtownpc.org/pastoral-search where you can see a full-sized version of the chart above which offers a more detailed glimpse at DPC's search process. We also urge you to share the employment ad found on this webpage as we continue our search. Thank you for all of your prayers and support as we move into this next chapter as a church family.

-- Kate Adriaansen, Judy Chang Cody, Jonathan Craig, Anne Hutchinson (Moderator), Frank Roland, Dave Sager, Deirdre Hally Shaffer, Art Shull, Jr., Jay Stough.



Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 4
Following 10:30 am worship

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to take place on **Sunday, February 4** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to:

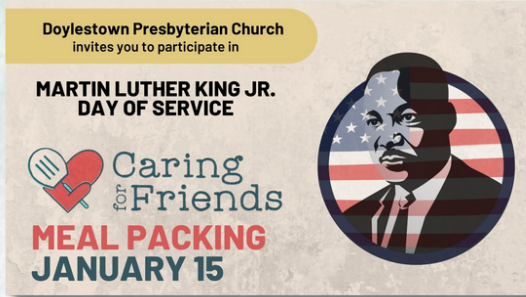
- Elect Deacons and Ruling Elders for upcoming classes
- Approve changes to 2024 Terms of Call for eligible pastors
- Receive the 2023 financial report and the 2024 operating budget

Keep watch in your email later this month for information about the officer nominees and the meeting agenda!

WHAT'S Happening



Fabric Art Display. Celebrate the Arts is now accepting submissions for the Fabric Art Display to be shown in the Celtic Cross Room beginning January 11. Pieces can be quilts, needlework, wall hanging, handmade clothing and more. Experience how texture and material bring these pieces to life. Include a description of materials and themes. For full guidelines on how to submit artwork, visit www.dtownpc.org/cta.



CFF Meal Packing. Are you looking for a spiritually fulfilling way to spend your MLK Day? Consider honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. by packing meals here in Fellowship Hall from 1 to 3 pm on **January 15**. This MLK Day of Service event is organized by Caring For Friends in an effort to provide home cooked meals to the homebound. Packers must bring at least one entree to pack as well as cooked vegetables to feed 12.

[CLICK HERE to sign up today!](#)



THE BROADWAY CONCERT. Pianist Ting Ting Wong, vocalist Brynn Terry, and others bring us a lighthearted program of Broadway favorites that will be fun for all ages. Join in on **February 4** at 4 pm as our Celebrate the Arts Concert Series continues.



DPC's Matthew 25 Committee and Second Baptist Church of Doylestown's Christ and Cultural Humility group invites you to celebrate Black History Month during a joint luncheon at Second Baptist on **Saturday, February 10**. More details will be shared soon, but in the meantime, save the date!



January Special Offerings

9:30 to 10:15 am in the Celtic Cross Room



January 14: Earth Care Congregation Overview.

Join in the **Celtic Cross Room at 9:30 am** for an educational session to learn how DPC earned the official Earth Care Congregation designation and to discuss why God wants us to take careful stewardship of the planet he's given us.



January 21: Children's Author Marie Lamba.

The Library Committee invites you to gather in the **Celtic Cross Room at 9:30 am** as Marie reads her book *Green Green: A Community Gardening Story*. There will be special gifts and activities for the whole family!



January 28: Matthew 25 Overview.

Together we strive to address structural racism and the poverty that exists as a result. Gather in the **Celtic Cross Room at 9:30 am** to explore the progress and next steps along our Matthew 25 journey. After the 10:30 am service, we recognize Black History Month with a special wreath laying ceremony in our historic graveyard.

Sunday Classes*

BibleTalk!

* class schedules may be altered during January.
Visit www.dtownpc.org/sunday-morning for details

9:30 am on Zoom and in-person, AH-120
Bibletalk features different speakers and Biblical scholars each week who take a closer look at our understanding of Christ.

Good News and Other News

9:30 am, Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library
Current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith.

The Word Among Us

9:15 am, AH-213
Join us as we study and appreciate the beauty of Scripture and how we can use it in our own devotional times with God.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We invite you to receive ashes in the narthex on **February 14** from 12 to 1 pm as we begin our Lenten journey.

At 5 pm, all are welcome in the Celtic Cross Room for a short service with leadership from the Celebration Choir, an interactive experience involving ashes, and a simple dinner. This intergenerational service is designed especially with families with children in mind.

At 7 pm, all are invited to a worship service in the sanctuary where ashes will be administered. The 7 pm service will also be available via livestream.



DPC Mission Partner **Wrapping Presence** was able to provide residents of 13 area nursing homes with gifts to give family and friends that visit for the Holidays, along with door decorations, home-made cookies and a sweet trip down memory lane with Santa Claus himself, all at no cost to the resident or nursing home. The organization is thankful for its dedicated volunteers, both from DPC and the surrounding community. If you'd like more information about how you can help in and out of the nursing homes, contact Candi Young at wrappingpresence@gmail.com.



Wednesday Club



WINTER/SPRING 2024

ALL 2ND-6TH GRADERS WELCOME!

*Wednesday club is a safe space to gather
with friends for food, fun & fellowship!*

Welcome Back!

January 10 - Wednesday Club Resumes

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7

February 14 - Special Ash Wednesday
Family Service 5-6 pm

February 21

February 28

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27- Break for Easter Week

April 3

April 10 - Move up day!

1st Graders Invited

April 17 - 1st Graders Invited

Sunday, April 21 - Host Community Meal

April 24 - 1st Graders Invited

May 1 - Last Wednesday Club -

Bring your Family Picnic

Weekly Schedule

5-5:30 Choir/Bells

5:30-6 Dinner

6-7:15 Fun & Faith

Drop off and
pick up under
the bridge

\$100/child payment due
for 2nd semester.
Scholarships available.
Email Pastor Becca at
BeccaB@dtownnpc.org.

Scan code
to make a
payment



Each family is expected
to provide dinner once
per semester. Check out
the sign up.



Scan code
to sign up





SPRING SCHEDULE 2024

JANUARY 7 – ELEMENT FAMILY GET TOGETHER TBD
JANUARY 14 – ELEMENT RESUMES!
JANUARY 21
JANUARY 28
FEBRUARY 4
FEBRUARY 11 – NO ELEMENT – SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 18 – NO ELEMENT – PRESIDENT’S DAY WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 25
MARCH 3 – PARENT MEETING 5 PM & STAY FOR ELEMENT
MARCH 10
MARCH 17
MARCH 24 – NO ELEMENT – PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 31 – NO ELEMENT – EASTER
APRIL 7
APRIL 14
APRIL 21
APRIL 28 – NO ELEMENT – YOUTH SUNDAY
MAY 5 – LAST ELEMENT – SENIOR SEND OFF



Doylestown
Presbyterian Church

5–5:45 pm Bells/Choir
5:45–6:15 pm Dinner
6:15–7:30 pm Fellowship

Drop off and pick up
under the bridge

ELEMENT DINNER

Each family is expected to provide dinner once per semester. Keep it simple...pasta, pizza, tacos, etc...cook at home, in the CCR kitchen or order a family favorite.



Scan code to
sign up!

CONFIRMATION DATES 9:30 AM AT DPC

JANUARY 21
JANUARY 28
FEBRUARY 4 –
MENTAL HEALTH PANEL
FEBRUARY 11
MARCH 3
MARCH 10
MARCH 17
APRIL 7
APRIL 14
APRIL 21

**APRIL 22 – DINNER & MEET
WITH SESSION 6–7:30 PM**

**APRIL 28 – CONFIRMANDS
PRESENTED AT 10:30 AM
WORSHIP**