

THE TIDINGS

Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Digital Newsletter
April 2024



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- An update from the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Details on meal packing with Feed My Starving Children
- Youth/Graduation/Confirmation Sunday is around the corner
- We look ahead to the Memorial Day Picnic and Parade
- Vacation Bible School information, and much more!

DPC is proud to have been RE-certified
as an Earth Care Congregation by the PC(USA)!



DPC members have worked to spread awareness, to educate, and to take action in preserving God's creations. DPC met the requirements for certification in 2023 and we've maintained this status for 2024! Visit www.dtownpc.org/peace-justice for more Earth Care tips and info!



As we move into Spring and Summer, the ECC Team encourages DPC members to participate:

- at Peace Valley Nature Center on Saturday, **April 20** from 12 to 3 pm with a day full of Earth Day activities for all ages.
- by visiting the bridge when you come for worship on Sunday, **April 21** where a display of SWAPS (or eco-friendly products) will be on display.
- by being one of the first 50 visitors on the bridge to receive a native plant on Sunday, **May 12**. Stations will highlight the importance of native plants in climate mitigation.
- by marking your calendars for Sunday, **June 23**, after church when DPC hosts a Members Car Show as church members showcase their Hybrid and EV vehicles.

AWAKENINGS



Join your DPC friends during a special Movie Night on Friday, **April 19, at 7 pm** when we gather in the Celtic Cross Room to view the inspiring, Academy Award Nominated film "Awakenings" starring Robin Williams and Robert De Niro. The film is rated PG-13 but we ask that anyone under 18 attend with a parent/guardian. This offering is sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry Committee who will provide viewers with an outline that links certain scenes to messages found within the Gospels. There will be plenty of seats but feel free to bring your own for extra comfort.

The SAM Committee also reminds you to save the date for a trip to the Woodmere Art Museum on May 16 and for Summer Spiritual Renewal at DPC June 17-20!

An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The PNC has been receiving positive response to our Ministry Discernment Profile and our networking and advertising activities. The team has been meeting weekly to review and evaluate the Personal Discernment Profiles of applicants. We have been encouraged by the broad diversity of the candidate pool with regard to gender, ethnicity and geography. We have begun to conduct preliminary interviews and are continuing to generate new candidates. We appreciate your continued prayer and support as we seek to discern the path God has chosen for DPC.



For more information about DPC’s Pastoral Search, we encourage you to visit www.dtownpc.org/pastoral-search. You can also **click the image above** to see the full-sized advertisement that currently appears on the *Presbyterian Outlook* [website](#) and will appear in the print edition in May.

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



WHAT'S Happening



Native American Art Display. DPC's Celebrate the Arts series continues with a striking and poignant display located in the Celtic Cross Room. Be sure to take a moment to reflect on the themes and appreciate the artistry. Thank you to all who contributed! The next display is the always enjoyable children's art showcase on May 23. For full guidelines on how to submit artwork, visit www.dtownpc.org/cta.



2024 DPC Women's Retreat Planning Meeting. It's time to build on the wonderful experience had by all during last year's DPC Women's Retreat. All women are invited to join in the early stages of preparation for the 2024 edition during a planning meeting **Sunday, April 7**, 11:45 am to 12:45 pm in Andrews Hall Room 213. If you can't make it to the meeting but you'd still like to get involved, contact Pastor Becca Bateman at beccab@dtownpc.org.



Memorial Day Street Picnic! We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in Doylestown on **May 27**. Be sure to stop by, outside the church, for food and fun with your fellow DPC members. Volunteers are always needed so keep watch for full details and sign up information!

Register now for Vacation Bible School July 8 - 11!

This year's VBS theme is "**Camp Firelight...A Summer Camp Adventure with God!**" Open to all 4-year-olds (potty trained) through entering sixth grade, 9 am to noon.

And new this year, **ActingUP Drama & Music Camp** invites your kiddos to spend the afternoon in a faith-based experience led by Kim Harris & Dalia Hamilton! Open to all incoming 1st-6th graders, noon to 3 pm. Register today (for just VBS or VBS+ActingUP) for the most fun you'll have this summer! Visit www.dtownpc.org today for details and to sign up!



News and Notes

Doctrine of Discovery

A Review of Its Origins and Implications for Congregations in the PC(USA) and Support for Native American Sovereignty



A Note from DPC's Matthew 25 Task Force. An Adult Education opportunity is being planned to raise the awareness of the **"Doctrine of Discovery."** Introduced in US law in 1823 this doctrine stated that "discovery of territory previously unknown to Europeans gave the discovering nation title to that territory against all other European nations, and this title could be perfected by possession." This doctrine was first declared in 1452 by Pope Nicholas, giving explorers the right to claim any land they discover. The implications of this doctrine have been played out over 600 years with serious impact on indigenous people worldwide. In recent years this doctrine has been repudiated by the Catholic Church and nations. Matthew 25 seeks to provide opportunities for us to learn history, share our stories and work together as we pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime we invite you to explore the content provided by the [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#).

A note from Pastor Pauline Sexton, Pastoral Care Assistant at DPC:

"A big THANK YOU to Marty Starnier for offering caring and attentive care to our congregation as Interim Parish Visitor while I was away on my travels. Marty has a heart of compassion and I was blessed to know she was caring for you, as I know you were blessed by her presence. Thank you all too – for all your prayers, well wishes and hearty welcome back greetings. It was a fabulous trip experiencing the beauty of God's world and the people Jesus loves."



A Note from your Deacons moderator

Mark Chaikin: Happy Spring from the DPC Deacons! Our ministry continues as set forth in Scripture as one of compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, or anyone in distress. Our ongoing tasks include nursing home worship at Pine Run, Neshaminy Manor, and Liberty Pointe, delivering flowers after Sunday Worship to those who need cheer, and connecting with the homebound through our Deacon Connections ministry.

We also recently sent notes and gift cards to our college students. And DPC Cares and Home Help Corps are continually busy sending cards, coordinating rides and meals, and assisting with tasks anytime the need arises. If you or someone you know are in need of help of this kind, please contact the Church office and the staff will notify the Deacons to get the appropriate assistance into action.



DPC Mission



A BIG thank you to all who helped out with Code Blue this winter! We served several meals and gave our homeless guests a warm place to lay their heads for 20 nights in February during which we had 465 total heads in beds.



Save the Date for **Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing** on Friday evening, **May 17 from 5-7 pm** at Delaware Valley University. This event has become a beloved tradition as a way for families and individuals to come together to truly help those in the battle against hunger around the world. Stay tuned for registration info and details.



Are you creative? Do you like to sew? Mission is looking for a few folks to help honor the volunteers who work with the Christian Legal Clinics of Philadelphia. DPC has supported the efforts of this urban legal ministry which seeks to address injustice and poverty in partnership with existing inner city host ministries by bringing volunteer attorneys into neighborhoods where their services are most needed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office or email dpc@dtownpc.org with the subject line "Mission Project" for details. Your help with this project would be greatly appreciated!



Don't forget the **Community Food Drive and the Community Meal** on **April 21** and again on **May 19**. Visit bit.ly/DPC-CM to volunteer or to contribute food for the meal!

Are you interested in joining the Mission Committee in 2024? We would love to have more members on our committee. If you are interested or have questions about the committee, please contact committee moderator Amy Edenson through the church office at dpc@dtownpc.org



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church, we invite you to attend our upcoming **New Members Class**. The class is designed to allow us to become better acquainted with each other and the meaning of church membership. This class will gather twice. On **Sunday, April 28** we meet from 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Celtic Cross Room, attend worship service together at 10:30 and then back together from 11:30 to 1 pm, with lunch provided.

Meet our newest members!



Kaitlin Beck lives in Buckingham with her husband Edward and their three young children. Kaitlin is the manager of a local art gallery and helps with marketing and social media for her husband's restaurant business. She enjoys visiting museums, serving as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, and participating in the DPC Moms group.



John and Diana Gibb live in Ambler, having moved from Northern Virginia, where they resided for nearly 50 years. John works in commercial real estate, is retired from the military, and enjoys pickleball, cycling, traveling, and attending his grandchildren's special events. Diana works as a mental health therapist and career counselor, and she previously taught at George Mason University. She enjoys needlework, cooking, and spending time with family.



Jerri Christoph and her husband Greg live in Hartsville, having recently relocated from West Palm Beach, Florida. Jerri has spent time working in a variety of settings, including government, hotels, restaurants, and architectural design, but is now retired. She enjoys biking, walking, art, music, Jane Austen, country landscapes, and spending time with family and friends.



Linda Luther lives in Trumbauersville. She is a semi-retired registered nurse with Healogics, the largest provider of wound care services in the United States. Linda enjoys staying active, and some of her hobbies include cooking, gardening, reading, and loom weaving.



Pat Fey was first introduced to DPC by friends at Pine Run Village, where she resides. Though she is now retired, Pat worked in fabric retail and as a seamstress and dressmaker, and she made much of her children's clothing as they were growing up. She enjoys singing, dancing and crafts, and has participated in a number of variety shows benefiting charitable causes.



Keith Scala lives in Doylestown with his wife Michelle and their young son. He is an attorney, specializing in intellectual property and patent infringement. Keith enjoys sailing, reading, cooking, gardening, volunteering, and making maple syrup.

The following **Sunday, May 5**, the class will meet in the CCR beginning at 9:15 to meet with session elders and attend 10:30 worship service to be received into membership. If you are interested in joining this class, email dpc@dtownpc.org, subject line "New Members." Childcare will be available upon request.

ORGAN OVERHAUL

DPC's Schantz Organ - a beautifully complex instrument which resides on every level of the sanctuary building, is now in Phase 2 of an ongoing repair project.

Work began in the spring of 2022 when some computer components literally burned out. This initial work left the instrument unplayable for three months. The organ returned to working condition but with certain issues the organist must work around. Phase 2 began this past January with the removal and replacement of mechanisms called "coupler switches." Progress is being made and the repair technician is impressed by the overall condition of the organ.



DPC's Director of Music and the Arts Jason Moore is thrilled to see the organ receive such dedicated care. "DPC is so fortunate to have this instrument for its weekly worship," he said. "The Schantz Organ is large enough to accompany the choir and congregation joyfully singing together and even blend with full orchestra. Its softest stops allow the organist to play the most delicate of melodies, inviting the congregation to listen more closely to hear every detail."

Rev. Dr. Mina Choi, DPC's Organist, said the digital and mechanical issues have presented challenges at times, but she is delighted to see the improvements.

"I know this organ will serve many generations to come and it is central to congregational life," Mina said. "I pray that this project will make you feel more excited and to dream big about our next season of worship together!"

Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 pm

Afternoon in Paris—Durufé *Requiem* and Guilmant *Symphony No. 1*



In the mid 1800's there was a radical change in design and purpose of organ building in France. New organs were built to put the full sound of the Romantic Orchestra in the hands of one musician, the organist. Both of the composers featured here were well acquainted with these instruments and their compositions were guided by their incredible capabilities. This concert is brought to life by the Bucks County Ecumenical Choir, DPC Chancel Choir & Orchestra with Dr. Christine Clewell, Organ, and Jason Moore, Conducting.



MATTHEW 25

During this concert, Dr. Clewell will debut a commission piece by composer Roger Zare titled "Refuge(e)" which highlights the tragic experience of children affected by war. With these conflicts often tied to racial discrimination, this piece aligns with our goals as a Matthew 25 congregation to join together against structural racism. To learn more about the piece, visit [Zare's website here](#).

Children's Ministries April Planner

THIS Sunday, April 7

Children will return to worship from Children's Worship Time and Children's Worship Time+ to participate in Communion with their families.

Wednesdays starting April 10 through May 1

1st graders are invited to join Wednesday Club! We start at 5:30 with dinner and pick up is at 7:15. Drop off & pick up under the bridge.

April 14

Sunshine Singers sing at the 10:30 worship service. Call time is 10 am in the sanctuary **AND** Little Lambs are receiving their bibles during 10:30 worship.

April 21

Celebration Choir is singing at the 10:30 worship service. Call time is 10:15 am in the sanctuary **AND** Wednesday Club is hosting the Community Meal. Sign up below to bring something or volunteer.



DPC YOUTH

at a glance

April 7	Choir/Bells Rehearsal 5 pm 5:45 pm Element walks to the Doylestown Bookshop after dinner. Current 6th graders invited! Shop and/or pick up 7:30 pm at bookshop
April 14	NO Choir/Bells Rehearsal 5:45 - 7:30 pm Dinner & Element - Youth Sunday Rehearsal. Current 6th graders invited!
April 21	Pastor Tom invites all current 7-12th graders to lunch at The Hattery at noon. Pick up at the restaurant. No money needed. RSVP is a MUST to Pastor Becca (BeccaB@dtownpc.org). Choir/Bells Rehearsal 5 pm 5:45 - 7:30 pm Dinner & Element - Youth Sunday Rehearsal & Game Night. Sixth graders invited!
April 28	YOUTH/CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION SUNDAY! NO Evening Choir/Bells Rehearsal OR Element
May 5	Last Element! Senior send off! Sixth graders invited! NO Choir/Bells Rehearsal
July 8-11	All youth (12 years and up) invited to volunteer at VBS and/or Acting Up Drama & Music Camp. Contact Pastor Becca or Candi Young (CandiY@dtownpc.org) for more information.
July 14-17	Still time to join the group going on the Youth Summer Mission Trip to Massanetta Springs, VA. All current 7-12th graders invited. Reach out to Pastor Becca.

MINISTRY IN MOTION



Lunch & Learn at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown
Co-Hosted by the Matthew 25 Task Force, we gathered with our neighbors to learn about Black History in Bucks County



Southwest Mission Trip
A dedicated team of DPCers once again made the trip to help at the Food Pantry in Gallup, NM and assist members of the community



Easter Sunday at DPC

We gathered in joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior and transformed the cross into a symbol of light and color

