

# Doylestown Presbyterian Church

Annual Report  
2024-2025



## ***Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love:***

A Note from Pastor Mac  
and Pastor Becca

**Becca:** So, it's been about six months since you arrived at DPC. How does it feel?

**Mac:** What comes to mind is the ordination question for Deacons, Elders, and Ministers: *"Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?"* I've been praying for energy, intelligence, imagination and love and I long to serve this community with those attributes.

**Becca:** That ordination question gets me every time.

**Mac:** It's a powerful charge. Poetic but practical.

**Becca:** You feel it in your head and your heart. It's a whole-body experience. However, when faced with everyday challenges of this multi-faceted organization, fulfilling it can be challenging!

**Mac:** It can be, but I've seen when we do it together, it is replenishing. Take the first one for instance, ENERGY. As you know, beginning a new call takes energy. It's energizing when God calls you to do something new. I appreciate how the energy of Christ, clergy, and congregation fuel one another. What would you say about INTELLIGENCE and DPC?

**Becca:** We Presbyterians are called to seek the mind of Christ in community. The reformed tradition is steeped in the importance of faith formation and education. DPC embodies this historic tradition. I've been privileged to have a front row seat with Christian Education at DPC. What about IMAGINATION, Mac?

**Mac:** One of the fun discoveries for me at DPC is the willingness people have to try new things. Even though we are a 221-year-old congregation I don't feel like I've run into people who say, "*We've always done it this way.*" To the contrary, I think people are ready to use their imagination for what God is calling this community to next!

**Becca:** And that leads us to LOVE.

**Mac:** When you think of DPC, Becca, what comes to mind about love?

**Becca:** I think of the encouragement in 1 John 4:7, "*Beloved let us love one another, because love is from God,*" and DPC's courage to deepen our love for one another.

**Mac:** Verse 8 says, "*God is love.*" We are called to ground ourselves in the God who created love.

**Becca:** There are so many people at DPC who embody love in word and deed.

**Mac:** Agreed. That is my early experience here. As we move forward, let's pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love!

Onward!

Mac Becca





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What follows is a glimpse at the ministries of DPC as seen through the eyes of Moderators and Facilitators of our church's various subcommittees and interest groups. In addition, they each took time to reflect on and share an answer to the question: ***"Where have you seen the Spirit of God moving in specific areas of ministry this year?"***

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Standing Committee Moderator: Marilyn Weichman

### ADULT EDUCATION — Bob Maxwell, Moderator

*Our mission is to intentionally foster discipleship, fellowship, and nourishment of adult Christian learning communities as we seek to Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love. To do this, we provide a wide range of learning activities to engage members and prospective members in ongoing adult education classes, special presentations, growth groups, and other faith-building activities that span learning styles, educational formats, and curricular needs.*

- Continued its sponsorship of Sunday morning classes, including Good News and Other News (a look at current events and issues through a Christian lens), and The Word Among Us.
- Sponsored vibrant and diverse Growth Groups, including these special offerings which met during the spring: Tuesday Night Group, Wednesday Afternoon Lunch Group; and iLight.
- Arranged for Dr. Peter Enns to join us for both worship and conversation on Sunday, September 14. Dr. Enns is a renowned biblical scholar, author and co-host of The Bible for Normal People podcast.
- Began to reflect on how our subcommittee can help educate the congregation on the many issues involved with immigration.



***"I have seen the movement of the Holy Spirit through the faithfulness, dedication and creativity of our subcommittee members."*** - Bob

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY — Lindsay Shull, Moderator

*The vision of the Children's Ministry Subcommittee is to undertake activities that will help make Christ known to the next generation by sharing with them the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and their messages of God's love for all His children.*

- Sunday School took place each Sunday morning between services for infants in the Nursery through children in 6th grade. This year we hired 4 nursery staff to rotate each Sunday and they have been a wonderful addition in helping us serve and care for children and young families on Sunday mornings.
- Children's Worship Time and Children's Worship Time+ was offered for 4 year olds-6th graders during the 10:30 am service each Sunday.
- Wednesday evenings for Sunshine Singers, Celebration Choir, and Wednesday Club were filled with musical practices, fun and learning with friends, and family fellowship time.
- Many different family fellowship opportunities from bagel brunches, Burpee Park pizza picnics, and an Iron Pigs game, to a movie night, glow stick night, DPC Hop, and many more helped families connect and also reach out to new friends and families.
- DPC Summer Camp week was a wonderful and energetic camping-themed week last July when DPC was bustling with children and wonderful volunteers! This was the first time an afternoon session of *ActingUp* was offered as well for the older elementary children to stay through the afternoon and it was a wonderful success!



"This year I have seen the Spirit of God moving in the eagerness for families to connect with one another. I have watched as times of casual lingering following services and in between choir rehearsals have become regular times of fellowship where children and families are growing in relationship with one another. These joyful and joy-filled times are certainly filled with the Holy Spirit as children play and families get to know and care for each other more and more." - Lindsay

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## YOUTH MINISTRY — Kristen Roland, Moderator

*In a welcoming and supportive community, the DPC Youth Ministry team strives to nurture meaningful relationships with Christ and one another, while cultivating a lifelong exploration of faith and servant leadership.*



- Youth in grades 7-12, along with youth leadership, gathered for fellowship at DPC on Sunday evenings where they shared dinner and built community through discussion and games.
- Youth assisted as VBS leaders, at the community meal, with Code Blue, with Bucks County Housing Group Easter basket shopping, collected food for the food pantry, and assisted in the nursery, as worship leaders, and on the soundboard.
- Two youths served on the Session as Youth Elders and two youths served as Youth Deacons on the Board of Deacons.
- In July, a group of 8 youth and 3 leaders participated in a summer mission trip to Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. The group worked at a combined daycare facility for preschool-aged children and adults with special needs, learned about environment-sustaining farming, sorted items in a thrift shop, and volunteered on distribution day at a local food pantry. They bonded over group discussions, games, and refreshing toe-dipping in the natural springs on the property.
- A group of 6 youth -- along with seminarian Jamie Neal and Pastor Becca -- attended a fall retreat at Camp Johnsonburg.
- The Youth Committee ran a successful hoagie fundraiser to support Youth mission efforts, trips, and activities.
- A confirmation class of 7 met from October through April, were celebrated by Session at a brunch, and welcomed as church members on Youth Sunday.
- The program year concluded with Youth Sunday as youth led worship services, and the Youth Choir and Festival Ringers contributed musical talent. High school and college graduates were also honored.

*"In Youth Ministry, the spirit of God was evident in the fall arrival of Princeton Seminarian Jamie Neal, who worked alongside youth leaders to grow the spiritual framework of DPC Youth programs." - Kristen*

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Dot Fabian

*The Deacons' mission is to maintain a Godly, spiritual life by the power and aid of the Holy Spirit and attend every service of worship; health, employment, and circumstances permitting, be enthusiastic about DPC's programs, be vitally concerned about the spiritual welfare of the members of DPC, be warmly enthusiastic in greeting members and strangers at all Church services and programs and do our part in carrying out any other general responsibilities that may be delegated to the Board of Deacons.*

- Held monthly nursing home worship services at Pine Run Health Center, Neshaminy Manor and Liberty Pointe.
- Assisted with readers and ushers at the Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness.
- Joined with DPC Youth to bring the joy of Christmas to the homebound by organizing our annual Christmas Caroling event.
- Started a discretionary fund in the memory of Alex Jay Pujols and the deacons were able to share some of those funds with a family in need this past Christmas.
- Hosted and served lunch and provided seasonal crafts at Advent All Together.
- Provided Communion to the homebound in October and February.
- Sent handwritten notes and gift cards to our college students during the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Sent cards and set up meals for those in challenging life situations through DPC Cares.
- Organized rides and assistance around the home for those in need through Home Help Corps.
- Delivered flowers after Sunday Worship to those in need of a little cheer.
- Kept our homebound members connected to DPC through our Deacon Connections ministry.
- Supported Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless by volunteering in the Code Blue shelter.

"I have witnessed God's Spirit in all the Deacons this past year. I see their willingness to step up and actively be the hands and feet of Christ. Be it delivering flowers, taking on a Deacon friend, working in the kitchen for Code Blue or unanimously approving the Alex Jay Pujols Fund. Each one has shown the Spirit of the Lord working to further the goal of being a beacon of God's love." - Dot

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## FELLOWSHIP

Standing Committee Moderator: Diane Alexanderson



### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY – DeeDee

Cox, Moderator

*The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)*

*Subcommittee seeks to inspire the adult church community to participate in programs that connect to God, grow our faith and build fellowship with one another through education, entertainment, inspiration, and fun.*

- Sponsored Summer Spiritual Renewal with speaker Stephanie Templin Ashford, pastor at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Sponsored Annual SAM Fall Retreat at Spruce Lake in the Poconos. Pastor Pauline Sexton presented a program, Bible 101.
- Planned 50 year member recognition and reception.
- Sponsored bus trip to the American Music Theater presenting *Joy To The World*.
- Participated in Advent All Together, helping children create a wooden Nativity scene.
- Joined the Matthew 25 Committee and Second Baptist Church of Doylestown in a luncheon and program for MLK celebration.
- Sponsored a fun afternoon of playing games and fellowship.

“I have seen the spirit of God in so many areas of our Church. Starting with the selection of our new Minister, who has presented us with a new vision. From our collaboration with Matthew 25 and Second Baptist Church to DPC’s dedication to all ages and our continuing effort to help those in need. I have witnessed so many inspirational moments.” - DeeDee

### DPC DADS – Jonathan Craig and Matt Rizk, Facilitators

*DPC Dads Group offers the opportunity for support, fellowship, and a shared experience for fathers of children who range in age from newborn to college.*

- DPC Dads plan the church's annual drive-thru nativity, sharing the Christmas story with both church and community members.
- Enjoyed God's creation with winter and spring hikes at Ralph Stover State Park.



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- Gathered with the DPC Moms for a meetup at Neshaminy Creek Brewing in the fall.

“We have seen the spirit of God at work in the welcome and hospitality shown to the new faces that have joined us at each of our events this year.” - Matt and Jonathan

### DPC MOMS — Megan Craig, Facilitator

*The DPC Moms Group consists of casual gatherings where mothers can come together to share stories, discuss parenting issues, encourage one another, and nurture their faith.*

- Held a summer small group which met at various homes for fellowship and faith based discussion.
- Enjoyed combined fellowship with the DPC Dads Group at Neshaminy Creek Brewing in the fall.
- Fellowship and meet and greet for Katy Schafer at Megan’s home in the winter.
- Met at local venue for fellowship in the spring.



“This year the Moms Group intentionally attempted to connect with more women in our congregation who are both moms (of children birth through college age/young adult) and women of faith. We saw God in our gatherings as we welcomed a variety of faces every time—some familiar and some brand new. We saw God through shared laughter and tears as we supported each other in our various journeys in life and faith. We saw God during our intentional conversations and our small chatter in between. And we continue to see God in the friendships created as we run into each other around church and in our larger community. It’s been a wonderful year of growth.” - Megan

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## FINANCE/PROPERTY

Standing Committee Moderator: Frank Fabian

### FINANCE — Dave Sager, Moderator

*The Finance Subcommittee's mission is to provide comprehensive financial management and oversight, monitoring all aspects of DPC's fiscal operations.*

- The operating budget for 2024 ended successfully within budget thanks to the generosity of a faithful congregation providing revenue and the diligence of a dedicated staff to manage expenses. DPC is well on its way to a successful 2025 as we approach the halfway point in the year.
- DPC continues to dedicate 10% of eligible revenue to go towards mission partners and projects.
- Recommended to Session that we used some bequest funds received in early 2025, to pay off our two internal loans from the Endowment Funds. DPC is now debt free.
- Continue to monitor and adjust investments for the Memorials, Bequests and Gift Fund, Mission Endowment Fund and the Endowment Fund.
- Lease renewals were recommended to Session for the two tenants that share our facilities, Building Blocks Learning Center and Jazzercise.

"The Spirit of God is felt each month as we review the financial support of the faithful members and friends of DPC. We are also moved by God's spirit when our members who have joined the Church Triumphant show their love and support of the ministry of DPC by remembering DPC through a bequest." - Dave

### PROPERTY — Jay Stough, Moderator

*The Property Subcommittee is entrusted with preserving all Doylestown Presbyterian Church properties to ensure that weekly worship and church supported activities operate freely, safely and without interruption. The mission of the property committee is three-fold: to be responsive to the daily maintenance requirements of all DPC properties; to develop a comprehensive planning process for anticipated maintenance requirements and long term growth; and to establish fiscally responsible plans that give consideration to facilities and equipment with appropriate projects and timing.*

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- Trimmed trees in playground area.
- Planted trees in the cemetery to replace the ones that were removed.
- Replaced the Mercer doors in the sanctuary.
- Continued to administer and maintain the rented 112 Mechanics Street house.

"It seems like God's Spirit has inspired more people of all ages to show interest and appreciation for how we care for our buildings and campus here at DPC." - Jay

## MEMBERSHIP, CONNECTIONS, AND OUTREACH

Standing Committee Moderator: Marty Starner

### CONNECTIONS & OUTREACH

— Marty Starner, Moderator

*The Connections and Outreach Subcommittee strives to foster connections among our church family and our Bucks County neighbors that strengthen community, fuel faithful engagement, and open our hearts and spirits to experience God's gifts.*



- Assisted with community outreach and all-church events, including Advent All Together, Day of Service at DPC on Martin Luther King Day, Fat Sunday, Memorial Day Street Picnic, Pridefest, and Juneteenth, with a focus on facilitating connections within the church and with community members.
- Conducted an accessibility review of our DPC campus.
- Updated the DPC website to be more inviting to those with accessibility concerns and questions.
- Expanded signage in DPC elevators to help with wayfinding, particularly for visitors and new members.
- New this year was the addition of an Outreach component of Connections. The Connections & Outreach Subcommittee and church as a whole will continue to explore more ways in which we can connect and grow in our faith while welcoming our neighbors and wider community to take part in this congregation.

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"The Spirit of God is Alive and Thriving at DPC! The joy and enthusiasm are palpable in the various ways people connect and reach out to those within our community of faith as well as the wider community. Whether it be sharing a meal together or passing out pinwheels at the Memorial Day Parade, the love of Christ is alive and welcoming to all." - Marty

## HOSPITALITY — Kathy McQuate, Moderator

*The Hospitality Subcommittee strives to be a reflection of Christ's love as it works to foster internal relationships, welcome visitors, and strengthen our sense of community through Sunday morning coffee hour and beyond.*

- Recruited and trained approximately 35 new Hospitality volunteers responsible for hosting and providing treats for coffee hour.
- Developed 9 Hospitality service teams and created a rotating schedule to cover Sacred Grounds and summer Lemonade in the Churchyard.
- Enhanced the coffee hour experience by introducing a selection of special teas, more gluten free options and animal crackers for the children.
- Purchased a new air pot designated for hot water use only.
- Hosted bimonthly new member receptions, providing a special cake for each one.
- Collaborated with other committees and groups for special events such as Day of Service at DPC and Youth Sunday.
- Created Welcome Bags for DPC visitors containing important information about our church, a special DPC mug, and other items.
- Set up a Welcome Table at coffee hour with name tags and welcome bags for visitors.



"We have seen the Spirit of God in the increasing number of visitors to Sacred Grounds, eager to make connections with each other and to welcome new friends to our DPC community." - Kathy



## MEMBERSHIP — Dennis Parenti, Moderator



*The Membership Subcommittee welcomes and supports potential new members through the Inquirers' classes and facilitates new members' engagement with church activities.*

- Drafted and implemented the new two-class Inquirers' new member procedure. Five sessions scheduled for 2025.
- Welcomed 21 new members into the first two Inquirers' classes; 17 of whom became members (other 4 scheduled for June class).
- Partnered with the Hospitality Subcommittee to hold a cake reception following the membership service.
- Partnered with elders to become new member sponsors.
- Submitted a policy proposal to Session regarding the membership procedure for previous members who would like to re-join.

"I sense that the Spirit has encouraged the Membership ministry to emphasize the personal relationships/fellowship within the congregation to the new members. I think it also impacted the team members as well." - Dennis

## MATTHEW 25 — Bev Jewusiak, Moderator



*Five years ago Session voted for DPC to join with the Presbytery of Philadelphia and other PC(USA) churches to become a Matthew 25 Congregation. We prayerfully join with other DPC committees to work toward equipping our congregation as disciples of Jesus Christ to recognize and understand structures and moments of racism encountered in the places we live, work, learn, worship, and play. We strive to respond as Christ-like allies to collaboratively challenge structural racism and its intersectionality with poverty.*

- Shared presentation to the Confirmation Class on what it means to be a Matthew 25 Congregation.
- Co-sponsored with Adult Education Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto *Living Faithfully in Community* Sermon and discussion program.

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- Co- Sponsored with Celebrate the Arts and Americans for Native Americans the Martha Redbone Concert.
- Provided an education program and discussion on the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Sponsored discussion lead by Rev. Pauline Sexton on *How to Have Difficult Conversations*.
- Led a Martin Luther King Day Wreath Laying Service.
- Jointly sponsored with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown a Lunch and Learn fundraiser providing opportunities for both congregations to strengthen interpersonal relationships. The event hosted over 150 people and raised over \$4,000 for the African American Museum of Bucks County.
- Co-hosted small bi-weekly groups throughout the year from DPC and Second Baptist to develop relationships and discuss race-related issues.
- Will be a sponsor of the 4th annual Juneteenth Festival at Mercer Museum in Doylestown Celebrating 150 Anniversary of Freedom from Slavery.



“The spirit was certainly moving in the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown kitchen as the DPC and SPDC food crews chatted, stirred, and scooped soup for the Lunch and Learn event this January. Another time we experienced the Spirit of God moving within us is when some of us attend the monthly roundtable sponsored by Immigrants Rights Action. The Spirit of God is very visible when groups representing multiple denominations and organizations come together to share how their congregations/organizations are working together to provide much needed services to refugees/immigrants. We are all God’s children. There is such joy in building community!” - Bev

## MISSION AND JUSTICE

Standing Committee Co-Moderators:  
Joanne Chaikin and Kim Keller

### MISSION — Amy Edenson, Moderator

*Seeking to be the hands and feet of Christ, DPC's Mission Subcommittee is called, in partnership with our congregation, to support mission locally, nationally, and globally. The subcommittee focuses on issues of self-development and basic human needs involving food, water, shelter, education, and safety. This support has many facets, including providing opportunities for DPC members to engage in volunteer activities both within and outside our walls and distributing funds to organizations through DPC's various funding sources.*

- Advent Mission Market - provided alternative giving items during the Advent season that support various missions of individual organizations. Some of these missions include providing fair trade products, employing individuals with special needs, employing individuals who are of lower social economic status and have difficulties finding employment due to lack of job skills, and helping refugee women find employment and gain skills.
- Bethel Presbyterian Church – DPC partners with this Matthew 25 church to support its community meal and food distribution, as well as provide items needed by the community such as winter coats, undergarments, and school supplies.
- Red Cross Blood Drives held in August and December.
- Caring For Friends – monthly meal packing in Andrews Hall kitchen for homebound individuals.
- Code Blue Shelter – provided shelter, meals, and showers in Fellowship Hall for 30 homeless guests during February.
- Community Meal – held monthly for congregation, community, and homeless guests.
- Feed My Starving Children – church-wide meal packing event for malnourished children around the world.



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- Food Drive – held monthly for the Bucks Country Housing Group food pantry.
- Giving Tree – congregation-wide Christmas gifts collection for clients of four of our community mission partners.
- Carversville Farm Foundation – volunteer to harvest fresh produce during food gleaning gatherings in the spring and fall.
- Day of Service at DPC - in partnership with Connections, created crafts for given to children and women in our mission partner organizations, specifically Hunting Park Christian Academy and Welcoming the Stranger.
- Two Work Trips to the Community Pantry in Gallup, New Mexico.
- Partnered with Children and Youth Ministries to provide mission opportunities through the year.
- Second Annual Community Wide Food Collection - Organized volunteers to distribute bags and pick up food donations in Doylestown Borough to be taken to the Doylestown Food Pantry.



"I feel the spirit of Christ in all that we do! When we are helping others to be fed, clothed, educated in Christian faith and above all loved and valued, we are doing the work that we were put here to do!" - Amy

## PEACE & JUSTICE — Mark Vandersall, Moderator

*The Peace and Justice Subcommittee responds to God's call to be peacemakers by supporting the work of our congregation to seek racial and environmental justice, end hunger and poverty, prevent violence, and promote peace.*

- Initiated contact with local churches and other organizations dealing with immigration justice issues such as Immigrant Rights Action (ImRA). Participated in monthly roundtable meetings/discussion organized by ImRA.
- Participated in PC(USA) and Presbytery programming related to immigration.
- Proposed motions to Session to adopt the PC(USA) statement on immigration and to consider what it would mean for DPC to become a Sanctuary Church. This led to Session forming an Ad Hoc committee to study and provide recommendations to Session.



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- Working to explore ways DPC can support immigrants and immigration justice.
- Collaborating with Matthew 25 and Adult Ed to develop educational programming for DPC on immigration issues.
- Began work to develop a "Welcome Statement" for DPC, in collaboration with the Connections Subcommittee.
- Led DPC's participation at the Doylestown Pride Festival with other local congregations.



"This year, we relied on the Spirit of God to guide us as we explored new areas of focus for our subcommittee. After much discussion and discernment, the Spirit has led us to a new primary emphasis to work on immigration justice and support for refugees." - Mark

## EARTH CARE — Diane Paul and Scott Nichols, Facilitators



*This Interest Group aims to meet the challenge of Global Climate Change while recognizing that effective and timely action is essential. This is the third year that DPC has earned the PC USA designation of an Earth Care Congregation. This assessment looks at the life of the church through its pledge in the following areas: Worship, Education, Facilities and Outreach.*

- Completed the three-part educational series *Stewarding God's Creation* with interactive displays and giveaways.
- Organized a members' Hybrid/EV car show.
- Shared the Carbon Footprint Challenge with individual "bingo" cards that you can check off in the areas you have made a difference in reducing our carbon footprint.
- SWAPS listing and display of things you can use to replace single use items.
- Showing of *Single Use Planet* at Doylestown Borough Hall, co-sponsored by the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance.
- *Got Sneakers?* collection of used sneakers to prevent them going to the landfill.
- Earth Care Sunday through the lens of John Muir on May 25.

"The Spirit of God is always before us, in the beauty of the natural world, and the profusion of life that blossoms in Spring and throughout the year." - Diane and Scott

## PERSONNEL

Standing Committee Moderator: Jenny Danzis

### PERSONNEL — Jenny Danzis, Moderator

*The Personnel Committee's mission is to support ordained and non-ordained staff of DPC through allocation of resources and effective performance management systems; and to assure that our Personnel Processes are aligned with operational realities and strategic visioning and reflect contemporary and external benchmarks, where applicable.*

- Members of Personnel revised the annual evaluation forms for DPC pastoral and office staff.
- In collaboration with staff and with the approval of Session, Personnel filled open nursery worker positions, choir section leaders, and a leader for the Youth Ministry.

*"The Spirit of God is visible as we work toward creating a workplace grounded in the ministry of Jesus Christ." - Jenny*

### COMMUNITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

— Jenny Danzis, Moderator

*The DPC CPP mission continues to develop policies and administer systems in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations and best practices to ensure our children and vulnerable members of our church community are protected from abuse.*

- As DPC continues to evaluate and implement the session and committee restructuring, members of Community Protection Subcommittee explored the subcommittee's relevance given the state of Pennsylvania's legal and regulatory requirements for volunteers working with children under the age of 18.
- Subcommittee members continued to provide CPP training and provide oversight and support to DPC staff as they comply with the policy and document volunteer applications, clearances, and training in accordance with state requirements.



*"God's Spirit is at work as DPC ensures the children in our midst are safe." - Jenny*

## WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND THE ARTS

Standing Committee Moderator: Mark Strasburg

*The Worship, Music and the Arts (WMA) Standing Committee coordinates all the services of worship, special music events, music programs and the arts at Doylestown Presbyterian Church. The Chancel Choir, Joyful Bells, Sunshine Singers, DPC Instrumentalists, Celebration Ringers/Singers and our Youth Choir and Festival Ringers were once again skillfully led by staff and dedicated volunteers. There is much that happens behind the scenes that is vital to the worship life of the congregation.*



- The Chancel Guild was created to prepare the Sanctuary each week for Worship.
- Sanctuary decorations for Advent and Lent were well-received.
- Committee members prepared communion including each Sunday at 8:30 during Lent.
- The Candelabras were replated and look new. They were originally placed in the Sanctuary in 1960.
- Vocal and Bell Choirs and Ensembles provided rich music to our worship services.
- For the second year in a row, the Chancel Choir offered a special music piece for the Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service—a music tradition we hope will continue.
- Our Celebrate the Arts Series continued with vibrant programs, including the beloved Festival of Lessons and Carols in December.
- Spring 2025, Celebrate the Arts featured a composer residency with Benedict Sheehan.

*“This year WMA created the Chancel Guild to prepare the Sanctuary for worship each week. It was wonderful to see so many quickly volunteer and enjoy to service DPC in this way and clearly showed the Spirit of God moving through this ministry.” - Mark*

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## RUTH I. HUGHES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

— Mary Lee Reiff, Moderator

*The Library Subcommittee's mission is to provide books and other resources that will strengthen the lives of members and deepen their relationship with God.*

- Received a very generous donation allowing the Library to make much-needed renovations making the space more welcoming and useable for meetings and fellowship. The Subcommittee worked diligently through the summer to bring this to a reality. Over the summer months of 2024, members worked together to install a computerized library system, clean out and curate the book collection, order new bookshelves and furniture, paint, install lighting and a coffee bar.
- Implemented the new library software and continue to encourage the congregation to use it.
- Hosted author Mike Sielski and his book *Magic in the Air* on February 23, using the new larger Library space.
- Joined with Matthew 25 Task Force, Peace and Justice, Earth Care, Growth Groups, and Read & Chat with supporting books.
- Donated baby books to the Library in honor of each new baby born to or adopted by DPC families.
- Little Free Library, now in its ninth year, continues to be well received.
- Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange continues to grow with each passing year.
- The Library holdings are over 3,800 items. During the renovation, many outdated and under used items were donated or discarded. Circulation continues to increase.



*“Over this past year, we have seen the Spirit of God moving through Library Subcommittee members coming together in a huge way to renovate, remodel, and update the library space, gathering for the monthly Read and Chat discussions, purchasing books to honor newborns, maintaining the Little Free Library, supporting the Advent celebration, and setting up a Library book table after Sunday Worship during the summer. In all, we have felt God’s Spirit move to make the Library a welcoming space for the congregation.”*

- Library Subcommittee



## VISUAL ARTS – Donna Line, Moderator

*Through the sharing of arts, the church will lead all ages to an awareness of God in everything we see and experience.*

- Group planning for themes to coincide with the church calendar and activities is a goal. The Visual Arts Subcommittee strives to include all age groups through various venues of expression (i.e. poetry, paintings, photography, etc.) during the year.
- One exhibit shared the History of Doylestown Presbyterian Church from the beginning of the church to present day. Some pictures were previously hidden in closets and rarely seen.
- Another amazing display titled *All Creatures Great and Small* featured photos and artwork of personal pets, local farms, and animals around the world by DPC travelers.



*“We have seen the Spirit of God in nature (trees, water, sun, animals, flowers) and people in the arts displays. The creativity of artists is exciting and is a joy to share with others.” - Donna*



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER

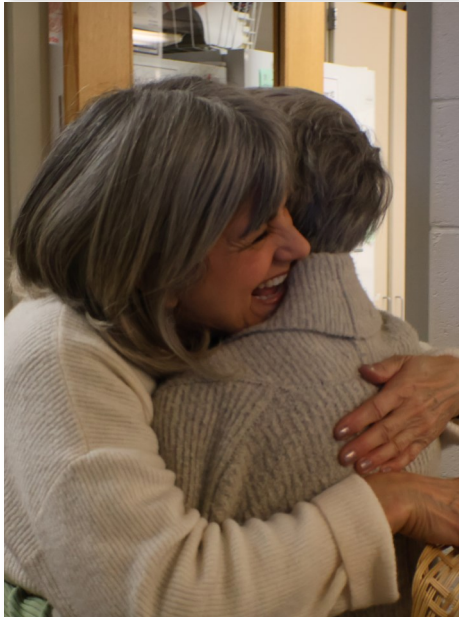
— Sue Haldeman, Moderator

*We are tasked with “recruiting” church members to serve as ushers and greeters to make our Sunday worship experience welcoming and vibrant.*

- Sent notes to new members inviting them to serve as ushers.
- Led usher training.
- Recruited people to serve as greeters each Sunday morning, and for special events.
- Welcomed several new ushers. Some are new members, some members of long standing. A couple of new usher teams have therefore been created.

*“The Spirit of God has been at work in this subcommittee, bringing together people with different gifts to increase and strengthen the volunteer base of our church.” - Sue*

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## SESSION

**Moderator** - Mac Schafer **Clerk** - Linda Cacossa

### Class of 2025

Molly Blore  
Dave Buday  
Christo Claassens  
DeeDee Cox  
Amy Edenson  
Honor Hamilton  
Kim Keller  
Bob Maxwell  
Caroline Roland  
Kristen Roland

### Class of 2026

Diane Alexanderson  
Frank Fabian  
Sue Haldeman  
Julie McCormack  
Melissa Shaw  
Marty Starner  
Mark Strasburg  
Marilyn Weichman

### Class of 2027

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