

# THE TIDINGS

Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Digital Newsletter  
July 2025




## A Thank You from Pastor Mac

I want to thank the many, many people who made the Service of Installation and reception a special day. There are lots of details that make a day like this happen:

From the staff combing over drafts of bulletins in the previous week, to the Audio-Visual crew making sure worship leaders could be heard and seen. From the chancel choir preparing a new anthem, to John Doran learning a Bob Dylan song. From Marco and Linay fixing the sanctuary air conditioning a few hours before the service began, to the Pastor Nominating Committee and their families preparing a fabulous spread of food for people to enjoy after the service. From Jason's conducting coupled with Mina's magical fingers on the keyboard, to Linda Cacossa stitching together beautiful stoles for Becca and I to wear together in the Sundays to come. From ushers providing hospitality to visitors, to each of you carving out time in your busy schedules to pause and worship.

Thanks be to God for bringing us together with our various gifts to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ! It is a humble privilege to serve alongside so many gifted people!

As Ruth Faith Santana-Grace encouraged us, let us be torchbearers for Christ. As Lisa Hebacker preached, let us bring ourselves and others to the feet of Jesus.

With Gratitude, 



**CLICK  
HERE**

or visit [www.dtownnpc.org/mac-service](http://www.dtownnpc.org/mac-service)  
to access a video recording of the  
entire Service of Installation, a fun  
recap video, and a wonderful photo  
gallery of the service and reception!



### Backpacks and School Supply Donations.

Bethel Presbyterian Church and Hunting Park Christian Academy, both in Philadelphia and DPC Mission partners, are in need of back-to-school supplies for the children they serve. Please sign up at [bit.ly/DPC-SS](http://bit.ly/DPC-SS) if you are willing to purchase backpacks or school supplies.

All items can be dropped off in the Andrews Hall entrance during the day on weekdays or Sunday morning. **Deadline is Sunday, August 10.**

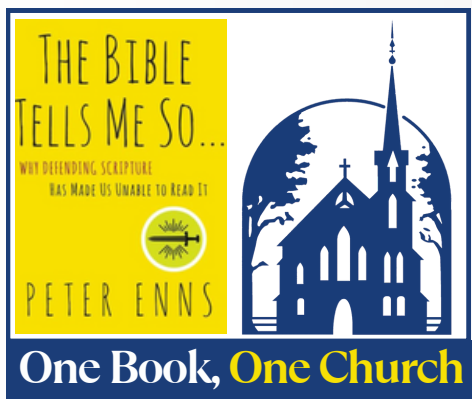
# DPC Year In Review

Throughout the program year, this body of faith strived to follow our mission statement to “Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love” through caring ministry, service and outreach, meaningful and inspiring worship experience, connection, and faith formation.

The Annual Report offers a glimpse of all the ministries here at DPC. To view or print a copy of the report, [click here](#). Printed copies are available in the church office or at both entrances to the sanctuary.



Click the video above for a fun way to relive and explore all that happened here from June 2024 to June 2025, which serves as our program year.



This summer, we are joining as a congregation to read ***The Bible Tells Me So...*** by noted biblical scholar, professor, and author Peter Enns in anticipation of his visit here.

The book is widely available through all major online booksellers, likely at your own local bookstore or library, and audiobook. We encourage you to pick up a copy as we build excitement for Peter’s inspiring visit with us. Read along on your own and keep watch for touchpoints in worship throughout the summer...



## SAVE <sup>THE</sup> DATE

DPC welcomes biblical scholar, author, professor, podcaster Peter Enns on **Sunday, September 14**

To learn more about Peter, visit his website at [www.thebiblefornormalpeople.com/about-pete-enns](http://www.thebiblefornormalpeople.com/about-pete-enns)





# June Session Update

- Session met twice in June:
  - June 23rd for their stated meeting
  - June 29th for a called meeting.
- At the June 23rd stated meeting:
  - a presentation was made by CPP (Community Protection Policy) chair Jenny Danzis. Session approved the recommended rearrangement of responsibilities proposed by Personnel & Christian Education Standing Committee. CPP oversight will be managed by Personnel Committee. CPP training will be managed by Christian Education Standing Committee.
  - Session had a lengthy discussion about potential edits to the CPP, but took no action.
- At the June 29th called meeting:
  - Session welcomed into membership 18 new members.

-- Linda Cacossa (Clerk of Session) &  
Mac Schafer (Pastor & Moderator of  
Session)



## Nominations for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates to be elected in early February and to begin their service in June of 2026.

We are looking for some able, gifted persons with strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (from the Book of Order). It is essential that the committee recommends individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all the matters before us. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are critical to the committee's work. If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or talk with Terry Herring, moderator of the Nominating Committee. The deadline for submitting nominations is **August 17**.

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Qualification and Attributes: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples of ways the candidate has shown  
leadership and/or faithful discipleship: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_



# WHAT'S happening AT



**DPC MOMs Meetup at Megan's House!** The DPC Moms are gathering at 7pm on Thursday, **July 3**. Come for a low key evening of appetizers, drinks, and friendly conversation! No RSVP required. There will be appetizers to eat but BYOB. If you are interested, talk to Megan Craig in person, or reach out to [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org) or call the church office to request the address. Also, save the date for another meetup on July 30 at Pag's Pub in Doylestown (72 W State St).



**Plastic Free July.** DPC's Earth Care Team invites you to participate in the Plastic Free July Challenge at [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org). With all the single use plastic items that go into our waste streams, there are alternatives. You can be part of the solution. Visit the bulletin board in the Celtic Cross Room for more info! Scan the code above for ideas from AARP on reducing single use plastic.



**Sing with Purpose.** This class led by DPC Organist Rev. Dr. Mina Choi has been a big hit and there are two more sessions remaining. New faces are welcomed! The program is designed for music ministry, focusing on integrating musical leadership with spiritual formation to enhance congregational worship. Mina leads from the music room in the sanctuary building following 9:30 am worship on **July 6 and July 13**. No RSVP needed.



DPC's monthly **Food Drive** occurs on **July 20**, from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown Food Pantry. Following the later worship service, also on **July 20**, we join together at 11 am in Fellowship Hall for our monthly Community Meal with our homeless guests. If you'd like to get involved, just click [bit.ly/DPC-CM](http://bit.ly/DPC-CM) to sign up to volunteer—or just plan to stop by for lunch!



**2025 Southwest Work & Cultural Trip.** Join the DPC crew **September 13-20** on another trip to areas surrounding Gallup, New Mexico to experience Native American culture and volunteer at the Food Pantry. For all you need to know about transportation, accommodations, cost, and details of the Pantry - whose work DPC has supported for more than 20 years - please take a brochure located on the table near the bridge or at the entrance of Andrews Hall. You can also email [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org) with the subject line "SW Trip" and Brian or Mary Lee Reiff will contact you. The deadline for registration is **July 14**.



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**DPC Dads BBQ.** All DPC Dads are invited to join in a fun afternoon of grilling at Christo's house on Saturday, **July 12**. Arrive anytime after 3 pm with dinner set for 6 pm. BYOB and feel free to bring a side or salad. The Dads Group is always welcoming of new faces! Those interested can speak with Christo Claassens or Jonathan Craig in person, or reach out to [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org), or call the church office to request the address.



**Upcycled Art.** The Earth Care Team and the Visual Arts Subcommittee are collecting items to turn discarded items into works of art. Items can include things like plastic bottlecaps, yogurt tops, plastic packaging, etc. and must be cleaned before donating. Please leave donations in the box located in the Celtic Cross Room until **August 17**.



The Hospitality Subcommittee is seeking volunteers to join our **coffee hour hosting teams** this fall. Teams of 4 are responsible for hosting coffee hour on a rotating basis a few times a year. Sign up as a team, couple or individual! This ministry is a great way to get to know people and to foster a welcoming sense of community among DPC members and visitors. If interested in learning more about becoming a Hospitality volunteer, please contact Chris Graham-Rawlings at [chrisr@dtownpc.org](mailto:chrisr@dtownpc.org).



## DPC's Summer Camp happens NEXT WEEK!

There's still time to sign your kids up for the awesome and enriching VBS program in the morning and ActingUP music and drama camp in the afternoon for the older kids. Let's join together in prayer to support the 70+ kids and 30+ leaders all over campus!

For more information and to sign up today, visit [www.dtownpc.org/summercamp2025](http://www.dtownpc.org/summercamp2025)



## Scottish Communion is July 13

We continue the beloved DPC tradition honoring our denomination's Scottish roots as we gather at 9:30 am during a unique time of worship. Together we share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, enjoy music from a traditional Scottish ensemble, and gather for shortbread in the churchyard.



# Summer Youth MISSION TRIP

In the last week of June, DPC Youth Charlie, Rebecca, and Tyler (along with Rev. Jamie Neal and leaders Mike Paradiso and Suzanne Courtwright) were hard at work at the various organizations associated with Raleigh Youth Mission in North Carolina. You were with them every step of the way - by buying hoagies during a recent fundraiser to help make the trip possible, by following their journey on social media, through prayers, and by donating items for special Hope Bags delivered to an Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women. To check out a special photo gallery and to read an engaging first-hand account from Jamie, the youth, and the volunteer leaders, we invite you to click here:

[www.dtownpc.org/summermission2025](http://www.dtownpc.org/summermission2025)



We are in the last half of our Beyond initiative to fund our ministries for 2024 and 2025. The response has been exceptional and we are thankful for your ongoing and continual support of DPC!

Because of your generosity, DPC continues to shine. We've had meaningful worship services, fun fellowship events on and off campus, amazing children and youth opportunities, and many ways to impact our community, country and the world.

Did you know that DPC contributes 10% of eligible income to mission? As of the end of June, we will have given \$233,749 to local, national and global organizations that support those less fortunate than us. For a list of our mission partners, check out the mission page on the website - [www.dtownpc.org/mission-outreach](http://www.dtownpc.org/mission-outreach). If you have any questions about your giving or our current financials, please contact Linay Richards in the church office.

As we move into the summer and activities often take us away from home, why not continue your regular contributions through our electronic giving program? You can easily set up a recurring pattern or make a one-time contribution. Electronic donations can be made from checking or savings accounts, credit or debit card. It's convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church.

To become an electronic giver, visit DPC's website, [www.dtownpc.org](http://www.dtownpc.org), select "Give" in the top right, and click the "Give Now" button to access our online giving page.



DPC is doing Christ's ministry in amazing ways and we thank YOU for your part in making it so!

--The DPC Finance Subcommittee



# Meet the NEW MEMBERS



## Nick and Stephanie Angelini

Nick and Stephanie live in Warrington with their two sons. Nick works as a Property Manager for Continental Property Management and Stephanie is a Regulatory Associate Director at Merck. Nick enjoys golf and other outdoor activities, and Stephanie enjoys vacationing and spending time with friends and family.



## Lindsay Dengler

Lindsay and her husband Mark live in Doylestown with their dog and their two daughters. Lindsay works at the Villanova University School of Business as an event planner and external relations specialist. She volunteers with local running groups, enjoys going for long runs, and is an avid reader who is always searching for the latest mystery and crime novels.



## David and Lindsay Fay

David and Lindsay reside in Pipersville with their two sons. David works in banking and data/technology and Lindsay is a content manager for a marketing agency. David enjoys reading, blogging, running, exploring Bucks County, and cooking, and volunteers his time with multiple organizations, including one that had him working onsite in Nairobi, Kenya. Lindsay loves spending time with her husband and children – engaging in fun activities and visiting local parks and museums.



## Brian and Kim Goss

Brian and Kim Goss live in Doylestown with their two children, both of whom love to sing. Kim works as a teacher, and Brian is employed in the biopharmaceutical industry. They enjoy spending time together as a family, particularly traveling. Grand Cayman Island is one of their favorite destinations.



## Chris and Laura Kauffman

Chris and Laura reside in Doylestown and have two grown daughters. Chris recently retired after 33 years with Merck, working in the areas of finance, sales, marketing, and strategic program management. He loves to play golf, hike, workout, and volunteer. Following a career in clinical research within the pharmaceutical industry, Laura now works for Meals on Wheels and is a preschool classroom aide. She loves reading, crafting, watching the Phillies and Eagles, hiking, biking, traveling, spending time with family, and participating in outreach programs and mission trips.



# Meet the NEW MEMBERS

## Saleem Masih and Surriya Saleem



Saleem and Surriya recently moved to Doylestown from Pakistan; they have four adult children and four grandchildren. Saleem retired as Laboratory Supervisor at Memorial Christian Hospital in Sialkot, Pakistan and has also owned several businesses. He has been deeply involved in community service from a young age and is excited to find ways to serve at DPC. Surriya is a homemaker who loves caring for her large family; she enjoys cooking, watching movies, and taking walks.

## Chad Riedley and Kali Maxian



Chad and Kali live in Doylestown and have an infant son. Kali also has four additional sons. Chad owns the Penn Taproom and the Plumsteadville Pub and loves to golf and ski in his free time. Kali works in real estate (Compass) and construction management (J.R. Maxwell Builders) and enjoys keeping her boys busy with sports and activities, as well as golfing with Chad and her older boys.

## Abneer and Sandal Sardar



Abneer and Sandal live in Doylestown and have a son, who will turn one year in July. Abneer is a physician and Chief Operating Officer at Mercy Fleet and is also working to establish his own business. He loves outdoor activities such as biking, kayaking, walking, grilling, and spending evenings around a bonfire. Sandal is a resident physician at Doylestown Hospital. When not busy with medicine and her family, she enjoys recharging through walks, bike rides, and ice cream.

## Hanan Sardar and Nimrah Khokhar



Hanan and Nimrah live in Doylestown. Hanan is the owner and president of AAA Medical Transport and is currently studying for his medical board exams. He enjoys spending time in nature, running, and cycling. Nimrah is also studying for her medical boards, while helping to care for her young nephew. In her free time she enjoys cycling and walking.

## Hanook Sardar



Hanook resides in Doylestown with his large extended family. He is a student and is currently studying for his medical boards and licensure exams. Hanook's hobbies include cycling, basketball, and sampling different cuisines.





# The Perennials



At a recent meeting, members of the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) Committee shed their former name to become **The Perennials**. The group will continue to encourage learning, fellowship, and fun for those 55 and older. Retreat time in the Poconos, a bus trip to Sight and Sound's "Noah," and a tour of the Pearl Buck House are some of the adventures planned for this coming fall. We look forward to enjoyable activities with old and new friends!

## Spruce Lake Retreat October 6-8

Join in an enriching program "Walking in Wisdom" in the heart of the Pocono Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania. Spruce Lake provides Christian and corporate groups with lodging, meeting spaces, and food, in a breathtaking area that allows for a close connection with God's creations in nature. The retreat is open to adults of all ages. We encourage you to spread the word to friends and family!

Sign up today!

Please use Spruce Lake's website for  
Registration and Payment:

[www.sprucelake.org/events/walking-in-wisdom](http://www.sprucelake.org/events/walking-in-wisdom)  
for more information about the location.



## "Noah" at Sight & Sound November 6

We board a comfortable coach bus to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster for this inspiring performance of "Noah" followed by lunch at the world-famous Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Sight & Sound's productions are visually stunning and the talented performers will leave you with lasting memories and a rejuvenated spirit.

**Keep watch for registration details.**



The group photo above was taken during Summer Spiritual Renewal in June - just one of the several opportunities the Perennials have to share their journeys of faith together!



## DPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JUNE/JULY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, July 6

Family Summer Camp Welcome Party!  
DPC, 4-6 pm

### Monday-Friday, July 7-11

Summer Camp!  
VBS, age 4-entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 9 am-Noon  
Acting Up Drama Camp, Grade 1-6, Noon-3 pm

### Wednesday, July 23

Family Fellowship Night, 5-6 pm  
(same day as Wednesday Club gathering)

### Sunday, July 27

Family Movie Night! Celtic Cross Room, 4 pm  
The 1998 version of "The Parent Trap"  
There will be pizza & popcorn!

\*Details for Family Fun Nights coming soon!



On Sunday Mornings during 9:30 am worship this summer, our combined Children's Worship Time (CWT) and CWT+ (for older kids) are building a replica of the Temple of Jerusalem while learning how God cared for God's people, making sure they had a space to worship! Be sure to stop by the second floor of Andrews Hall to see their progress!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

August 18-21  
daily 9:30-3 pm  
Entering 6th-8th  
graders



LOCAL - DAY  
MISSION  
TRIPS

Volunteer at a different location each morning, enjoy our bagged lunches then stop for ice cream and discussion on the way back to DPC.

- Perfect for youth who love helping others and spending time with friends but prefer to sleep at home.
- Great for exploring how local ministries address community issues.
- Ideal for those wanting bite-sized challenges to grow in faith.
- Opportunity for older teens to plan and lead, embrace new responsibilities, and strengthen leadership skills.
- The cost is \$100 per person. Scholarships available by contacting Pastor Becca.

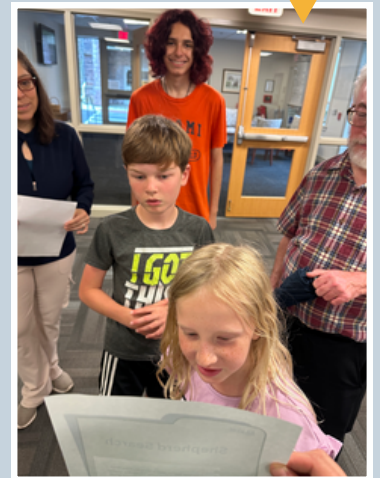
[Click Here](#) or visit [bit.ly/DPCMMW](http://bit.ly/DPCMMW)  
to register today

# Ministry in Motion!

A bunch of Phillies Phanatics enjoyed some Phellowship - or fellowship - at Citizens Bank Park to see the Phils get a win over the Mets during our DPC at the Ballpark outing!



Wednesday Clubbers explored the DPC Campus during an exciting Scavenger Hunt in June!



As part of the continuing relationship with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, members of DPC's Matthew 25 Subcommittee and Pastor Becca met with members of SBCOD at Gather Place Museum in Yardley. The two churches are taking time to visit various museums in the area to become further educated and learn from history in the effort to address structural racism as part of our Matthew 25 initiative.



DPC once again was thrilled to be a sponsor of the Doylestown Pride Festival where peace, love, and compassion were on display during the annual block party in the borough!



A great group of early risers met for Waking Up with the Word led by Pastor Mac Schafer. Join in at 7 am each Tuesday in the Library throughout the summer!



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