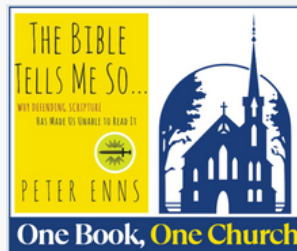


THE TIDINGS

Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Digital Newsletter

August 2025



Right now, many members and friends of DPC are exploring ***The Bible Tells Me So...*** by Peter Enns.

And it's not too late for you to start reading this unique book before Peter's visit here on **September 14**. Peter will preach at our single 9:30 service and stay for lunch and discussion after.

On **Page 2** of this newsletter, you'll find comments from members about the book, and about the general experience of joining a growth group.

Fall is right around the corner so keep watch for our interesting slate of groups next season, too!

If you have interest in facilitating a group, reach out to Pastor Becca.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND...

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...and so much more!



"The amazing Study Guide Pastor Becca put together makes the task of facilitating so easy and so rewarding!"

One question I look forward to asking Pete (in keeping with his great humor) is: 'Other than reading his books in a 'One Book, One Church' program, what are some practical things a church community can do to ensure that everyone feels included regardless of where they are in their faith journey?'"

--Steve Spadt

"Being part of this summer's 'One Book, One Church' Growth Group has allowed me to get to know others at a deeper level.

In growth groups, you find out that you are not alone in having questions, doubts or concerns regarding your personal spiritual journey, you have opportunity to hear God speak through the voices of others as they share their experiences and opinions that might differ from your own and you come away feeling more a part of God's very colorful and diverse family of believers.

--Carole Hoffner



SAVE THE 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



"Peter Enns' interpretation of the Bible is down-to-earth with a touch of humor. I am intrigued by the contradictory Bible stories he describes, especially in the four gospels, and am curious which of the gospel accounts Peter thinks most accurately reflects Jesus' presence in our lives today. The comments from other members in our growth group have validated my thoughts about scripture and raised interesting questions as well. I am looking forward to hearing Peter speak in September."

--Dody Shaw

"Being part of a growth group in the summer is an excellent way to stay connected to church and to continue to learn and grow. I appreciate the challenge and consistency of a summer reading assignment for a growth group because it helps me to stay connected no matter where I am. Growth groups are a really great place to further your faith journey and to dig a little deeper in your faith."

--Linda Monkosi

"One Book, One Church summer theme prompted me to read some of Enns' 'Genesis for Normal People.' My favorite quote is his main point of the Adam and Eve story, a point that I believe is most important for all of us...

"learn to listen to God and follow in His ways and then--only then --you will live.' I wish we could all be as eloquent as Peter Enns."

--Dave Buday

"Usually 2/3rd's of our group is active when we are studying a book. I'd say we are at 95% with this one. That was a positive surprise."

--Kevin O'Hare

A Letter from Pastor Mac

Lingering Reminders

As most of you know I was installed officially as pastor on Sunday, June 29th. The week after, I went back and watched the YouTube recording of the service to be reminded of what the various ministers had to say. For those of you who were not there, the Reverend Dr. Lisa Hebacker and the Reverend Dr. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace reminded us of our calling.

Rev. Hebacker challenged us to think about which character we are in the story of Jesus healing the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12). I urge you to read the story on your own and answer that question:

- Are you the curious observer outside the house, looking through the door or window?
- Are you inside the house at the feet of Jesus?
- Are you the friend lowering a friend before Jesus?
- Are you the paralyzed man needing Jesus healing?

It is always interesting to place yourself into a gospel story, pondering where you are in relation to Christ at this stage of your life.

Rev. Santana-Grace challenged us all to be torchbearers or beacon bearers (tied to our mission statement). She challenged us in several ways:

- Our Presbyterian "order" is always on the edge of the unknown.
- Christ's light will always break through the darkness.
- See beyond what you see with your eyes - be curious and courageous in the hard places of life.
- Be resilient - God is faithful to us.
- Be compassionate inside and outside our DPC red doors.
- Power comes from vulnerability.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer said: "In me there is darkness, in we there is light."

I hope a few of these highlights from the Lisa's sermon and Ruth's charge to the congregation guide us in our shared ministry going forward!

Onward!



July Session Update

The Session had two meetings in July:

On Tuesday, July 15th Session had a one issue electronic meeting to elect the following elders to be voting commissioners at the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia at Deep Run Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 19th:

- Doug Barnett
- Linda Cacossa
- Frank Fabian
- Luray Gross
- Jeannie Quist
- Lindsay Shull
- Marilyn Weichman

On Sunday, July 20th the Session met and welcomed three people into membership: Kim Remsing, Taylor Remsing, and Vince Remsing.

-- 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



Join Pastor Mac in the DPC Library
Tuesdays, 7:00 am, through the summer!
Visit www.dtownnpc.org for details



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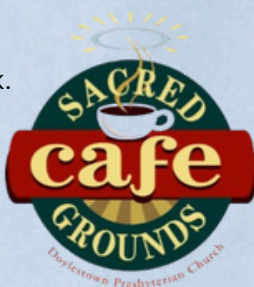


On **September 21** we join with our friends at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown to view and discuss *The Cost of Inheritance*. This hour-long PBS documentary addresses the complex issue of generational wealth in the United States using a thoughtful approach to history, injustice, and inequality. After the viewing, we will foster the sharing of individual stories to gain a better understanding and help us develop practical and actionable ways we can all help to close the gap. The gathering begins at 12:30 pm at Second Baptist. Lunch will be provided. Keep watch for full details and to RSVP.

When the fall season rolls around and DPC returns to two worship services each Sunday, there will also be **TWO** opportunities to enjoy coffee, refreshments, and fellowship each week.

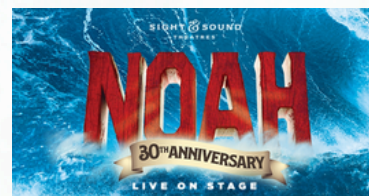
We'll gather on the bridge following both the 8:30 and 10:30 am services when the schedule resumes on **September 21**.

That means we're on the lookout for people to join the amazing Hospitality team which makes this all happen by setting up the coffee and snacks, refreshing them between services, and cleaning up after.



Fall Retreat at Spruce Lake—October 6-8. The Perennials of DPC invite you to join in an enriching program "Walking in Wisdom" in the heart of the Pocono Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania. Spruce Lake is located 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! Please use Spruce Lake's website for registration and payment:

www.sprucelake.org/events/walking-in-wisdom



Noah at Sight & Sound Theatre - November 6 - sign up today! We board a comfortable coach bus to 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. The cost is \$175 per person (which includes show ticket, transportation, lunch, and tax). Visit bit.ly/DPCNOAH today to reserve your spot! Payment is due by **September 15!**

Each Sunday will be split into two shifts, handled by teams who serve on a rotating schedule.

This ministry is a great way to get to know people and to foster a welcoming sense of community among DPC members and visitors. Having it available after both services will only strengthen our bonds together!

If interested in learning more about becoming a Hospitality Assistant, please contact Chris Graham-Rawlings at chrisr@dtownnpc.org.

For more details, you can check out the signup form here: bit.ly/DPCCOFFEE and join the team today!

DPC MISSION

FOOD DRIVE & COMMUNITY MEAL



DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs on **August 17**, from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown Food Pantry.

Last month you donated 410 lbs of food!

Following the worship service, also on **August 17**, we join together at 11 am in Fellowship Hall for our monthly Community Meal. If you'd like to get involved, just click bit.ly/DPC-CM to sign up to volunteer—or just plan to stop by for lunch!

To sign up, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the code "doylestown presby" and click "make an appointment" or scan this code



Red Cross Blood Drive

August 21

11 am - 4 pm

at DPC



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CLEANING DAYS AT HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!

AUGUST 16 AND 30



Volunteers Needed! ****Please note the date change!**** As Hunting Park Christian Academy prepares to welcome students back to school, volunteers are gathering to help spruce up the building! Join in the fun, rewarding days from 9 am to 3 pm on **August 16 and/or August 30** when we roll up our sleeves and make the school shine! Feel free to bring a loved one or a friend! Contact Jen Deane at Hunting Park at jen@hpcaphilly.org to RSVP. HPCA is a DPC Mission Partner, and provides a safe, nurturing, Christian education to children in Pre-K through 8th grade.

DPC MISSION



Backpacks and School Supply Donations. Thank you for signing up to purchase donations for Bethel Presbyterian Church and Hunting Park Christian Academy! Every single item on the list was quickly claimed! Please remember to drop off your items in the Andrews Hall entrance by Sunday, **August 10.**



PENTECOST Update
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The PC(USA)'s Special Offering at Pentecost (this year, June 8th) benefits children at risk, youth, and young adults. The 60% that goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) supports denominational efforts like the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and the Young Adult Volunteer program (which has both a U.S. and an international focus); the 40% that is designated by DPC this year went to the Friends of the Pakistan Education Board (PEB) for scholarships (visit www.friendsofpeb.org for more information). PEB estimates that educational costs are \$400 per year for a day student and \$800 for a boarding student. So far, DPC has collected a total of \$1,190, representing \$714 for PMA and \$476 for PEB scholarships, so we have funded one day student!



Thank you
To DPC for Supporting our Troop!



Jessica
Nora
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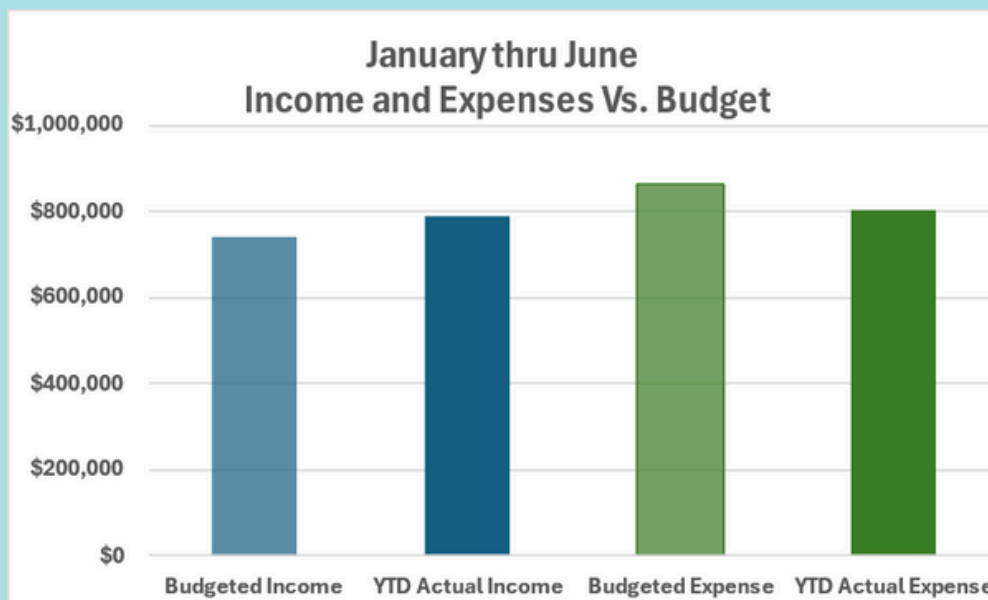
From our Troop 2372

Back in March, Girl Scout Troop 2372 spent their morning volunteering at DPC's monthly Community Meal. The troop was so thankful for this opportunity to provide meaningful service to those in need that they sent DPC this awesome card. We appreciate their generous hearts and amazing commitment to community!



As of June 30, 2025, our financial forecast is looking good. Our income (pledges, non-pledge and other income) is about \$50,000 above our year-to-date planned budget. DPC is blessed with the gifts that we received from each and every person. These gifts to DPC allow us to continue to *be a Bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love* to those at DPC and also to those in our community, region, and beyond.

Here is a snap shot of the financials as of June 30, 2025:



If you would have any questions or want to see the full financial report, please contact Linay Richards, Director of Finances and Operations at linayr@dtownnpc.org or by calling the office (215-348-3531).

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

- The DPC Finance Subcommittee



Upcycled Art. The Earth Care Team and the Visual Arts Subcommittee are collecting items to turn discarded items into works of art. Please leave donations in the box located in the Celtic Cross Room until **August 17**.

Some of the items will be used as part of the upcoming visual art display in the Celtic Cross Room in September titled **"Stewarding God's Creation."** Members and friends of DPC are invited to share their "art" that exhibits our fragile relationship with the Earth. All mediums (except for sculpture) must be submitted to the church office by **August 31**.



Save Your Sneakers! The next effort from DPC's Earth Care Team will encourage you to donate old sneakers to keep them out of landfills. Collections will occur on selected dates in September. Keep watch for details and visit www.gotsneakers.com for additional information.

Meet the NEW MEMBERS



Taylor Remsing

Taylor resides in Perkasio with her parents, infant daughter, and two dogs. She works as a preschool teacher at Kiddie Academy of Horsham and loves caring for children. In her free time Taylor enjoys drawing and coloring, listening to music, hanging out with family and friends, and spending time at church.



Vince and Kim Remsing

Vince and Kim live in Perkasio with their daughter Taylor, their infant granddaughter, and two dogs. They recently retired after operating a real estate appraisal company for more than 30 years. Vince loves boating, fishing, traveling, and attending mustang and car shows. Kim enjoys gardening, long walks, car shows, reading, traveling, and crafts.



September 21

DPC's Sunday worship schedule returns to two services.

8:30 and 10:30 am

with livestream available for the later service.



Sing & Rejoice!

Are you a trained singer looking for a place to showcase your gifts? Or maybe you have never sung a single note before...Or maybe you fall somewhere in that big space in between. Whatever your experience level, there is a place for you in the DPC Chancel Choir!

The choir is full of kind, caring, welcoming people who are dedicated to making sure our worship is rich with beautiful music. The experience is very positive, and while we may work hard, there is a lot of laughter as well!

- Rehearsals begin on **September 11**, each Thursday from 7-9 pm.
- The choir sings primary at the 10:30 am Sunday service from September through May, with seasonal special concerts.

Interested in joining in or learning more? Contact DPC's Director of Music and the Arts Jason Moore at jasonm@dtownpc.org.

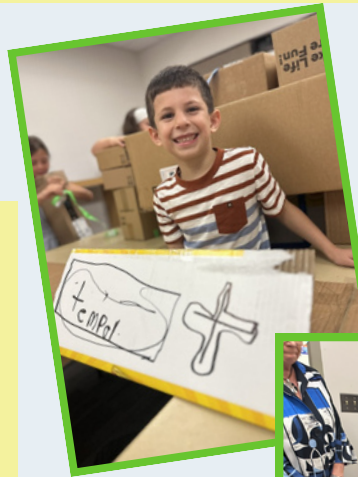


DPC KIDS

**ONGOING AND
UPCOMING!**

**CWT & CWT+
4 yr olds-6th grade**

The kids are hard at work every Sunday morning on our version of Solomon's Temple. Walls are getting higher and no detail is too small for this creative group!



August 31

Bagels at Burpee!

Families invited to gather at Burpee Park after worship to end summer and welcome the new school year.

LOOKING BACK!



Wednesday Clubbers walked the Community Labyrinth and finished the day at Annie's Water Ice!



DPC Summer Camp was a time of excitement, faith formation, and fun! [Click Here to see a recap video](#) that was shown in worship, see more pics on the Ministry in Motion page in this newsletter and many more on our [Facebook page](#)!



Family Movie Night was a great way to beat the heat while watching the classic comedy "The Parent Trap"

DPC Youth

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

August 18-21

Most of the seats in the church minivans are full as 15 kids are on board for our adventures! The crew is ready to roll up their sleeves and serve their community!

- Monday: Habitat ReStore
- Tuesday: Hunting Park Christian Academy
- Wednesday: Carversville Farm
- Thursday: We still have some spots available for our visit to Cradles to Crayons.

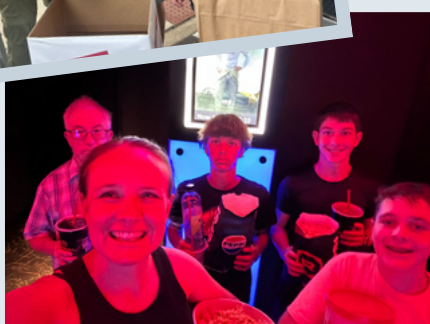
Visit bit.ly/DPCMMW if you are interested in joining in on Thursday, August 21!

August 24

Ice Cream Hangout!
All Youth 6th-12th grade
4-5 pm in the CCR
Choir Rehearsal 5-6:30 pm



Summer Memories!



- **Summer Youth Mission Trip.** The Youth who spent a week serving those in need in Raleigh, NC, shared their experiences with the congregation in a **special video** played during worship on July 6.
- **Ice Cream Outing.** The girls were treated to some tasty treats in town at Nina's.
- **Popup Movie Night.** The boys buckled up for an adrenaline ride seeing "F1".
- **Volunteer Youth Leaders Lunch.** The 15 leaders enjoyed a fun meal as a thank-you for all they do!

Click the link to watch!



Ministry in Motion!

DPC Summer Camp and ActingUP music and drama brought together all generations of kids, youth, and adults creating a truly memorable experience for all!



The 53rd edition of DPC's Scottish Communion service was an inspiring time of celebrating cultures, listening to the Word, sharing in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and praise through song!



Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love

