

# THE TIDINGS

Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Digital Newsletter  
June 2026

## Summer Spiritual Renewal

The Church Sings



Join us for a four-day retreat as Professor **Paul Rorem** from Princeton Theological Seminary will guide us through the story of hymns and the ways they have shaped the life of the church. We'll explore familiar hymns, sing them anew, and discover how music has been a powerful expression of faith.

We gather in the Celtic Cross Room at 9:30 am, Monday - Thursday, **June 15-18**. A \$25 program fee will be collected at the door which also covers lunch on Thursday. Scholarships available (Reach out to Pastor Becca for details). *Organized by the Perennials Committee of DPC.*

Visit [bit.ly/SSR-2026](https://bit.ly/SSR-2026) to register!

### Summer Choir

Are you looking for an easy going, yet meaningful musical experience but don't have time for a steady commitment? If so, just arrive in the sanctuary by 9 am on Sundays **beginning June 7** and throughout the summer season to learn a simple anthem to be sung during the 9:30 am service. Youth and adults all welcome! Childcare is available.

### Hymn Sings!

This summer we will be offering a monthly hymn sing before the start of worship. Come to worship a few minutes early on **June 7, July 26, August 9, and September 6**. We will ask for favorite hymns from the congregation so find your favorites in the hymnal and be ready to sing out for joy!

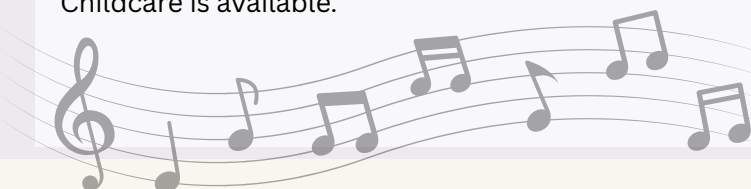


**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 7**  
**Following 9:30 am worship**

Join in person as we

- Elect the corporate officers,
- Elect members to the Nominating Committee,
- Thank outgoing Elders and Deacons for their service ,
- Receive the Annual Report,
- and enjoy a video celebrating the 2025-26 Program Year.

\*The Nursery will remain open





# Mac's Meanderings

## A Posture For Pilgrimage and For Everyday Life

As you receive this June issue of *The Tidings*, 14 members and friends of DPC will be heading out on a pilgrimage along the Scotland/England border. The path is called St. Cuthbert's Way (<https://www.stcuthbertsway.info/>). Cuthbert of Northumbria lived from 635 to 687 who was a monk, bishop and hermit. The group will walk approximately 100 km over six days in the land where he had his ministry.

I like Edward C. Sellner's definition of a pilgrim: "**A pilgrim is someone who voyages to a shrine or holy place with a desire for renewal, wisdom, and a change of heart.**" Our group will indeed travel to a few holy places, but as with so many things, I will remind the group that God often uses the journey itself more than the arrival at a destination.

A daily posture I will encourage in the group is called *The Spirit of the Camino*. I got it from a pilgrimage organization called American Pilgrims on the Camino (<https://americanpilgrims.org/>); a non-profit group that encourages and supports pilgrimage along the various Camino routes in Spain, Portugal and parts of Europe. Here it is:

- **Live in the moment**
- **Welcome each day – its pleasures and its challenges**
- **Make others feel welcome**
- **Share**
- **Feel the spirit of those who have gone before you**
- **Imagine those who will follow you.**
- **Appreciate those who walk with you today.**



Camino means "way." While I think these are great reminders for people on the "way" of pilgrimage, I think they are even better reminders for all of us in everyday life. They encourage awareness and openness, postures that God can use to help us grow.

As the DPC group walks along St. Cuthbert's Way I hope you might join us in pursuing these important postures in your day to day life.

Bien Camino (which means "Good Way"),



**Interested in walking "in spirit" with the group?**

Turn to **page 5** to learn more about a unique opportunity to join with others locally and share in their same daily devotionals.

# May Session Update



Session met on Monday, May 18th for their stated meeting. The following occurred:

- Membership Committee concluded their diligent work in trying to reach out to member households who had not been active at DPC in recent years. Session approved removing 99 members from the church active membership rolls. DPC membership currently stands at 1101 following this action.
- Upon the recommendation of Personnel Committee, Session approved a revised Community Protection Policy (CPP). Session funded having this revised policy reviewed by legal counsel.
- Upon Mission Committee recommendation, Session approved two speakers for the fall: Veda Gill of Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan and Cheryle Burke from Friends of PEB. PEB is an organization that DPC donates to on a regular basis.
- Upon Property & Finance Committee recommendation, Session approved up to \$125,000 from General Fund to pay for a new air conditioning system for the first floor of the main church building (i.e. Celtic Cross Room, Choir Room, etc.)
- Upon recommendation of the Worship Committee, Session approved a new Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for Sunday morning worship time.
- This was the final session meeting for the class of 2026: Diane Alexanderson, Charlie Babboni, Frank Fabian, Sue Haldeman, Melissa Shaw, Marty Starnier, Mark Strasburg, Rebecca Stauss and Marilyn Weichman. Thanks be to God for their faithful service to Christ's church!

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



## Church Financial Update: April 2026

### 1. Budget

- **Total Income to Date (YTD):** \$594,803 (Budget: \$530,385)
- **Total Expenses to Date (YTD):** \$556,082 (Budget: \$567,726)
- **Brief Note:** Our income is higher than budgeted due to some pledges paid in full at the beginning of the year.

### 2. Ministry Impact

- In April, we remembered the events of Holy Week and celebrated the resurrection with many worship services.
- Added to our membership through a new members class.
- Witnessed the progress on the masonry work for the sanctuary building.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the ministry of Doylestown Presbyterian Church.

*For a detailed financial report, please contact Linay Richards, Director of Finances and Operations.*



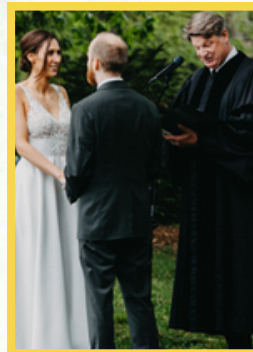
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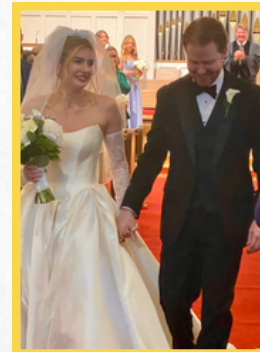
## Church Pews AVAILABLE

Weddings  
May 2026

Have you been dreaming of having an old DPC pew on your porch or living room? A few pews that were not used in the 2011 sanctuary renovation project have been scattered about Andrews Hall. We would like to offer them to a new home. Pews available:



Jill Roe  
& Eric Stahl  
May 9



Amanda Bello  
& Jack Roland  
May 16

- **X-Small** (36 ½" tall, 33 ½" long) - located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the elevator by Church Street
- **Small** (36 ½" tall, 35 ½" long) - located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the elevator by Church Street
- **Medium #1** (36 ½" tall, 8'7" long) - located in the open space near Rooms 211, 209
- **Medium #2** (36 ½" tall, 8'7" long) - located in office lobby, has an arm rest in the seating area
- **Medium #3** (36 ½" tall, 8'7" long) - located outside office copy room in the hallway
- **Medium #4** (36 ½" tall, 7' long) - located main floor by Church Street elevator.
- **Long #1** (36 ½" tall, 12 ft long) - located near 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms, decorative end on the left end when seated
- **Long #2** (36 ½" tall, 12 ft long) - located 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near elevator by Church Street, decorative end of the right end when seated

(Note that the long pews only have one decorative pew end.)



### COME VISIT THE LIBRARY TABLE!

Once again this summer, the Library Table will be awaiting you every Sunday in the Church Yard after the 9:30 worship service. It will be offering something for everyone to check out or borrow: children's books, puzzles, novels, non-fiction, Bibles, theology and gospel studies, and more. Stop by and check out a book, or just browse and say *Hello*. Nothing is more fun than exploring the world that a friendly library offers you every day!

The Library Committee is also looking for new members - reach out to the church office to learn more!



If you are interested, please send an email to [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org) indicating your name, contact number and which size pew has peaked your interest.

All names will be placed in a random drawing, and winners for each size will be selected and contacted on **June 30**.

(Donations welcomed)

\*Note that it is the responsibility of the person to get the pew home.

## Scottish Communion

is Sunday, July 19  
at 9:30 am

Save the Date for this  
beloved DPC tradition!



# WHAT'S happening AT



## A QUESTION FROM DPC'S **Earth Care Committee**

Did you know that every year Americans toss out about \_\_\_\_ million tons of textiles?

- A. 7
- B. 11
- C. 17
- D. 21

If you guessed C, you are correct. Most items left in donation bins don't find a new home. But, there is something you can do to prevent these items from going to the landfill. Now, more and more mail-in programs are stepping up to take your old clothes, keep them out of landfills AND reward you- store credit or cash-like rewards you can use at familiar brands. Check with members of the Earth Care team about the Take Back Bag as an option. They accept clothing, shoes, accessories and home textiles. <https://www.trashie.io/tbb-collection>

Other options include:

**Retold recycling:** a subscription based model that accepts all textiles including clothing, linens and fabric scraps. <https://www.retoldrecycling.com>

**Patagonia's Worn Wear program:** They will take qualifying Patagonia items. <https://wornwear.patagonia.com/>

**ThredUp:** Although not specifically recycling, this is a consignment clothing company that pays you for items it can resell. Order a Clean Out Kit at <https://www.thredup.com/cleanout>

**ReGirlfriend:** this athleisure brand allows you to send in clean clothes from any brand and get store credit. <https://girlfriend.com/pages/regirlfriend>

As for those sneakers in your closet, DPC's Earth Care team partners with **Got Sneakers** to keep sneakers out of the landfill. Save your sneakers for our next collection date in September 2026.

(Information from [Earth911.org](http://Earth911.org) 5/1/2026)



DPC members recently enjoyed a tour of Weatherwood Ridge Reserve in Bucks County to experience this inspirational property that features a thriving forest floor community of native plants.



### Parallel "Back Home" Walking Group

While Pastor Mac is leading 13 DPC folks on St. Cuthbert's Way along the Scotland/England border, those of you in Doylestown are invited to walk in groups as well. Beginning **June 4**, the local groups will be walking and discussing the same brief devotional reflections the group will be discussing each morning along St. Cuthbert's Way. Please consider joining one, all, or as many of the hikes as you can! No RSVP is required. For the full schedule times and locations, visit [www.dtownpc.org/walking-group](http://www.dtownpc.org/walking-group)

# WHAT'S happening AT



**Juneteenth.** This year is the 5th Anniversary of the Central/Upper Bucks Juneteenth celebration on Friday **June 19** from 12 to 6 pm. This year, the event is moving beyond the borough streets and back to the earth and will be hosted at Still Rise Farm in Perkasio. All are invited to this free event! DPC will once again be a sponsor through the Matthew 25 Committee. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.



**Doylestown Pride Festival Block Party.** The Peace and Justice Committee once again sponsors DPC's presence at the event on **June 20** as we join with other local bodies of faith. Be sure to stop by our booth along East State Street from 11 am to 4 pm! Come out to have a fun time creating crafts, eating great food, and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community!

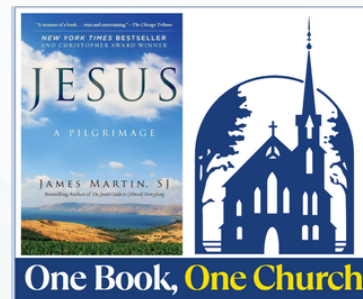


**Friday Walk and Talk Group.** This ongoing fellowship group will continue to meet at Hanusey Park in Doylestown Friday mornings at 8:30 am (continuing on June 12). This is a perfect way to connect with friends or make new ones. No RSVP required. Just stop by!



### America The Beautiful.

The next Celebrate the Arts Visual Display will feature photos or art showing families' travels around the United States especially in warm weather. If you would like to submit pieces, please drop them at the Church Office during regular weekday hours. The present exhibit will be taken down **June 25** and the new exhibit hung. Please include wire on the back. Thank you!



This summer, many of DPC's Growth Groups will be reading and studying *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ. While some have already begun, it's not too late to get involved so feel free to take a look at this season's Growth Group options and sign up today. There are other groups continuing to meet as well. To learn more, visit [www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups](http://www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups)

### INQUIRERS' CLASS



Are you or someone you know interested in exploring membership at Doylestown Presbyterian Church? **Join an Inquirers' Class!** Faith is a journey. No matter where you are on that journey, we invite you to participate in this class to learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the core values and ministries of DPC, connect with church leaders and other Inquirers, and reflect on your own spiritual journey. The next class is on **June 28**. Visit [www.dtownpc.org/membership](http://www.dtownpc.org/membership) to learn more, see future sessions, and sign up today.

# DPC MISSION



## 1 Million Meals!



After worship on Sunday, May 31, we headed to Delaware Valley University Student Center to scrub up, don fashionable hairnets, and receive instructions for packing bags of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamins/minerals. We were able to increase our number to nearly 100 volunteers!

Over the course of 5 days, Central Bucks County MobilePack group finally crossed the Million Meals target by packing 1,040,040! Those meals are heading to Angola and Malawi later this week.



*Spots Still Open!*  
**Doylestown  
Community  
Food Collection**

Alice Perez, Executive Director of the Community Pantry of Gallup, NM, one of DPC's mission partners, recently shared a disturbing statistic: the Pantry has gone from serving 3,800 clients in January to 6,500 in April (a 71% increase in four months!).

Locally, as summer approaches, the Bucks County Housing Group's Food Pantry faces severely decreased food supplies. We are asking for your help in alleviating this problem by assisting with a food collection in Doylestown Borough.

Five teams of three or four individuals each are needed to place empty grocery bags on front doors of homes of assigned neighborhoods on Friday, **June 5**, starting at 6:30 pm. Then on Sunday, **June 7**, at 11 am following worship at DPC, five teams of three or four individuals each are needed to collect the filled grocery bags. Sign up as a team or individually ... everyone is welcome to help.

Sign up at [bit.ly/DPC-CFC](https://bit.ly/DPC-CFC)

## 2026 Southwest Mission Cultural/Work Trip

Join with DPC'ers for the 2026 Southwest Mission Cultural/Work Trip from **September 12 to 19** as we help those in need by volunteering at the Community Pantry in Gallup, NM.

Cultural experiences usually include Acoma Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo, El Morro National Monument, Canyon de Chelly, Window Rock, and Mariano Lake Elementary School. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Church and Andrew Hall entrances. **Please respond by July 1.** For more information, email

[dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org)

# DPC MISSION

## Fellowship and **FOOD**

After our May Meal, Pastor Mac led a memorial service for a former Code Blue guest who recently passed away, where friends and family spoke as well. On **June 21**, our Community Meal starts summer hours: starting at **11 am** in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to get involved in this month's meal, just visit [bit.ly/DPC-CM](http://bit.ly/DPC-CM) to sign up to volunteer—or just plan to stop by for lunch!

That same Sunday, please drive by our Food Collection under the Bridge and drop off your nonperishable food donations for the Bucks Country Housing Group's Doylestown Pantry. No sign up needed. In May, we donated 560 pounds. Thank you for helping our neighbors! For the June 17 collection, BCHG could use paper products, cleaning supplies, toiletries, soap, cereals, bottled (no glass jars please) juices, condiments and salad dressings, and coffee and tea, in addition to canned goods.



**Hunting Park Christian Academy**, one of DPC's mission partners, held their Race for Education scholarship fundraiser on April 24. Rejoicing that they exceed their aim of \$65,000 and upped the total raised to \$72,165! Visit <https://www.hpcaphilly.org/news/race-for-education.cfm> to see videos of the event.

As a reward for surpassing the goal, Kevin Deane, their head of school, has volunteered to face a gauntlet of mud pies followed by a human car wash powered by HPCA students in June!



In May, **Caring for Friends** packed **137 meals** from casseroles, vegetables, and side dishes made by members of the congregation. Our next packing date is **June 23**. To be added to the email list, please contact Laura Mendelson at [dpc@dtownpc.org](mailto:dpc@dtownpc.org)





On Sunday, May 31, more than 30 leaders from our children's and youth ministries gathered to **round out the school year** and celebrate the many ways God has been at work among our young people. Together, we reflected on a school year filled with meaningful relationships, faithful volunteers, and countless opportunities for children and youth to ask questions, wonder about God, and grow in faith within a supportive community.

We also looked ahead to opportunities and challenges to improve and reviewed updates to our safety and Community Protection Policies. If you are interested in playing a role, large or small, in the lives of children and youth at DPC, please reach out to Pastor Becca. Our **Round Up for the upcoming school year** will take place on **August 30** following worship.



A dedicated group of volunteer leaders and staff filled Room 213 for Pastor Becca's presentation on May 31.



Memorial Day  
Street Picnic!



# CHILDREN'S *Ministry*



## LOOKING BACK...

**May 1**

Family Game Night was a blast including dinner, intergenerational games & trip to town for ice cream!



**May 3**

Sunshine Singers sang in worship for the last time this program year. Thank you Ms. Geri!



**May 17**

It was the last day of Sunday School for the program year & CWT classes combined to make fruit salad and decorate cupcakes for the monthly Community Meal.



## SUMMER SCHEDULE

One service at 9:30 am. Nursery is open.  
Children's Worship Time (age 4-entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Ms. Sharon is leading a Summer Book Club!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**June 7**

There will be a congregational meeting after 9:30 am worship. The Nursery will remain open. Children in CWT will return to families during the last hymn.

**June 14**

Communion during 9:30 am worship. Children in CWT will return early to the service to participate together with families.

**FAMILY PICNIC AT HANUSEY PARK**  
(4757 Gordon Road), 4-6 pm!



Hot dogs & drinks provided.  
Last name A-M bring a side dish  
and N-Z bring a dessert to share.

[Click here for all the upcoming DPC Summer Children's Ministry Calender](#)



Scan code to register

VBS 9 am-Noon, age 4 - Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Acting Up Camp 12-3 pm, K-Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Go to [dtownpc.org](http://dtownpc.org) to register

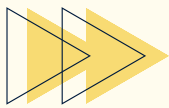
## HELP NEEDED

Children's Summer Camp supplies & High School Retreat  
3 meals a day plus snacks!



Scan code to sign up





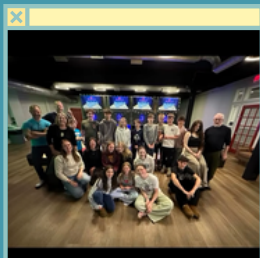
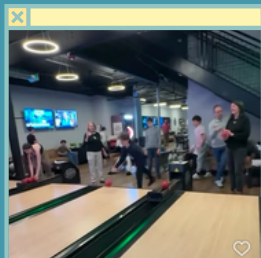
# YOUTH MINISTRY



## What's Been Happening?

May 3

Element Youth Group celebrated the end of an amazing year at Main Strike Bowling along with Pastor Becca, Katy and the best youth leaders!



Each week we are posting a Bible verse image on all of the church's social media platforms that the youth created using canva during Element Youth Group. They even took many of the pictures used. We hope you too can find inspiration in the graphics the youth have created. Here are a few we've posted so far.



May 24

Pop-Tarts & Pastries in the Parlor started! All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stop in for a snack and to catch up with friends and leaders. Everyone gets a fun pair of Pop-Tarts socks!



May 31

We came together to celebrate our high school and college graduates. It was the perfect weather to greet those able to join us and enjoy a piece of cake!



## What's Continuing & Coming Up?

May 24 through August 30

Pop-Tarts & Pastries in the Parlor, 9-9:29 am!

**POP-TARTS & PASTRIES IN THE PARLOR!**

- ENTER UNDER THE BRIDGE & FOLLOW THE SIGNS
- POP-TARTS PROVIDED (INCLUDING MYSTERY FLAVORS!)
- YOUTH CAN SIT TOGETHER OR WITH FAMILIES DURING WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY, MAY 24-AUGUST 30  
9-9:29 AM  
ALL INCOMING 6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WELCOME!

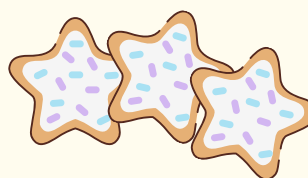
Starting June 7!

Choir Summer Sing! Youth are invited! Meet in the sanctuary at 9 am for a short rehearsal then sing in the 9:30 service. This is a fun, casual way to be involved in the choir. Grownups welcome to join too!



June 19

Cookie baking, 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Sign up is required.

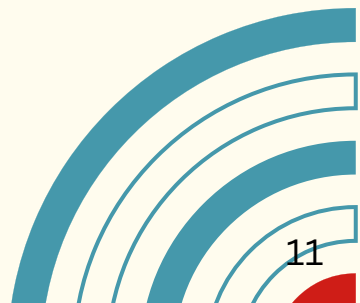


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Summer Camp volunteers still needed!

Must be 12 years old & CPP certified. Hours available 9-noon, 12-3 pm or stay all day! Service hours available. Reach out to Pastor Becca or Katy for more information.



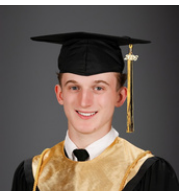
# 2026 GRADUATES...CONGRATULATIONS!

We are incredibly proud of our graduates for their hard work, resilience, and dedication, which have led to these significant milestones. We cannot wait to see the bright futures and positive impacts they will make in the world.

## HIGH SCHOOL



Molly is graduating from The George School and her favorite memory of DPC was being part of the Southwest service trip in which we packed meals, explored ancient canyons, played group Poker, and grew closer together as a DPC family of all ages.



Kyle is graduating from Central Bucks West High School and his favorite memory of DPC is getting baptized and confirmed by Pastor Becca a few years back.



Jason is graduating from New Hope-Solebury High School and one of the best experiences he had at church was the Week of Awesomeness during Club 456. I remember sleeping beneath the sharks at the Camden Aquarium and getting to see Jesus (...that would be the show, *Jesus*, at the Sight and Sound Theater!) People at DPC, especially the pastors and the youth leaders, have always been so caring and supportive of me. Youth group leaders came up with creative ideas for fun activities and always found ways to show us how God is present in our life everyday. I am grateful for the love, care and prayer of DPC.



Tyler is graduating from Central Bucks West High School and his favorite memory of DPC is attending the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve and sitting in a row with my whole family - grandparents, aunt, uncle and cousins. This year, I also helped in a few Sunday School classes with my mom. It was fun doing crafts with the young kids!



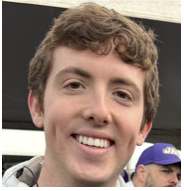
Caroline is graduating from Central Bucks East High School and her favorite memory of DPC is going on the mission trip to Massanetta Springs.



Chase is graduating from Central Bucks West High School and his favorite memory of DPC is being in Church School on Sundays with his dad as his teacher.



## COLLEGE/HIGHER ED



Kyle Adriaansen  
James Madison University



Adam Cameron  
Penn State University



Annabel Edenson  
University of Pittsburgh



Kate Edenson  
Boston University



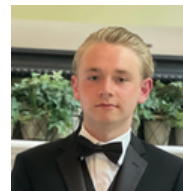
Luke Gormley  
Penn State University



Lauren Hunter  
American University



Alison Maxwell  
Drexel Kline School of Law



Alex Rawlings  
William & Mary University



THANK YOU  
SOPHIA!

We say goodbye to Sophia Nardo from our Nursery staff. Sophia was hired as a Nursery Worker in December 2024 and grew up at DPC. We are thankful for her time as a young adult returning to her roots and pray blessings on her as she moves onto new endeavors and career goals.

This means that DPC is on the lookout for a new person to fill the position.

If you or someone you know is interested, please see [www.dtownnpc.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.dtownnpc.org/employment-opportunities) for details and contact Pastor Becca at [Beccab@dtownnpc.org](mailto:Beccab@dtownnpc.org).

## New Contact Cards Help Us Connect!

At DPC, we want all of our visitors and members to feel God's love and the welcome of this church family. Each person who walks through these doors is special and is here to feel a sense of community. With that in mind, the Membership Committee has installed contact cards inside the cover of the Friendship Pads and will place them on the welcome tables as well. These cards are an opportunity for you to send that welcome message to visitors and other congregants by offering your name and contact information as a way of connecting. Please use them to help us form the strong bonds of friendship and love that Jesus has called us to do.





The family of former DPC Pastor Dr. Thomas S. Goslin II (1957-1967) visited the campus during a mini-reunion

Matthew 25's Trip to the Hindu Temple in New Jersey

Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing

# Ministry in Motion!



Supporting Mina Choi during her recital at Princeton Theological Seminary

Celebrating our graduations during Graduation Sunday!



Celebrate the Arts featuring the Bucks County Symphony Orchestra

Installation/Ordination of New Elders and Deacons



**Mission Statement:** Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love.

**Vision Statement:** A growing community of disciples engaged in worship, service, and care.

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