



2023-2024

Register TODAY!



**ELEMENT
YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER**

Everything you need to know!

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ELEMENT FALL SCHEDULE

5:00 – 5:45 pm Bells/Choir

5:45 – 6:15 pm Dinner

6:15 – 7:30 pm Fellowship

***Alternate Element meets on the same day but times may vary. Locations TBD, no choir/bells.**

August/September Events

- August 27 Salt Box, 2 pm
- September 17 Parent Meeting in the AM
- September 17 NO Element, Bells/Choir
- September 24 Element Kickoff!!
DRACE – Scavenger hunt through town
- September 29 & 30 7th grade & up invited to Women's Retreat

October Events

- October 1 Regular Element
- October 8 *Alternate Element
- October 15 *Alternate Element
- October 22 Regular Element
- October 29 *Alternate Element

November Events

- November 5 Regular Element
- November 12 Element, NO Bells/Choir
- November 17-19 Grades 8-12 RETREAT
- November 19 NO Element, Bells/Choir
- November 26 NO Element OR Bells/Choir

December Events

- December 3 Regular Element – Christmas Party
- December 10 DPC Caroling – NO Element, Bells/Choir
- December 17 Lessons & Carols – NO Element OR Bells/Choir
- December 24 NO Element OR Bells/Choir
- December 31 NO Element OR Bells/Choir

Cost is \$50 per semester.

Each family is expected to provide dinner once per semester. *Sign up below.* Keep it simple...pasta, pizza, tacos...cook at home, in the CCR kitchen or order takeout. Any questions contact Kristen Roland. See page 8 for contact info.



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:30 – 10:15 am Starting October 1



Confirmation (Grade 8+)

Taught by Pastor Becca and her team of amazing teachers and mentors: Phil Cacossa, Glenn Haas, Kim Keller and Larry King.

See next page for details...

YOU ARE THE CHURCH NOW

We are reforming our Sunday morning youth offerings to reflect the diverse gifts and talents our youth have in being a part of the church NOW!

Therefore, we will not be IN one room for Sunday School. Instead you are invited to sign up for one or many Sundays to be involved in the church in action.



- **Worship Tech Team (Sound Board)**
- **Nursery/Little Lamb Helper**
- **Sunday School Teacher**
- **Food Drive once per month (Every 3rd Sunday)**
- **Lay Leader**
- **Singing/Bell Ringing – See schedule**

*When you register online click ones you might find interesting and we will connect you so you can sign up for dates that work for you!

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

An opportunity to grow in faith and learn about Christian life from historical contemporaries. Youth will become better friends with others their age. Confirmation is the process of becoming a member of the church.

Class cost \$50*

Includes:

Class supplies

Nifty "Big Journal"

Bonus surprises along the way

Select SUNDAYS, 9:30 am at DPC

*Inquire about scholarships

*Retreat cost not included

Class Dates:

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5

January 21

January 28

February 4 (Mental Health Panel)

February 11

March 4

March 10

March 17

April 7

April 14

April 21

April 22 Dinner & Meet with Session 6-7:30 pm

April 28 Confirmands presented in 10:30 am worship

SAVE THE DATE!

November 17-19 Retreat at Johnsonburg Camp!



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meal & Food Drive

3rd Sunday of EACH month

Food Drive:

Under the bridge 9:30-11:15 am

Community Meal:

Fellowship Hall 11 am-12:30 pm



Feed My Starving Children meal packing.

More events to be announced...

Check out some of last year's projects!



Create Smile Bags for Simple Gifts Project.



Shop for & assemble Easter baskets for the children living in the apartment DPC sponsors through Bucks County Housing Group.

CPP CERTIFICATION

Join our team of volunteers, whether it's once in a while or every week! Do you like to cook or bake, play games, pray with our youth and leaders, or attend trips?

You will need to complete our Community Protection Policy (CPP) Certification before you can help out with children or youth. You must be a DPC member, complete our application, submit copies of your PA State Police and Child Abuse Clearances, and attend a 30 minute Zoom training. Sounds like a lot but it's easy and so worth it!

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MUSIC

Organized Music Rehearsals

Handbells/Choir with Mina Choi:
Meet before Element Youth Group
Sundays 5-5:45 pm

Rehearsal/Playing Schedule

September 17 Regular Rehearsal
September 24 Regular Rehearsal

October 1 Regular Rehearsal
October 8 Sing & Ring at 10:30 am service - NO Evening Rehearsal
October 15 NO Evening Rehearsal
October 22 Regular Rehearsal
October 29 NO Evening Rehearsal

November 5 Regular Rehearsal
November 12 Sing & Ring at 10:30 am service - NO Evening Rehearsal
November 19 Regular Rehearsal
November 26 NO Evening Rehearsal

December 3 Regular Rehearsal
December 10 Regular Rehearsal
December 17 Youth Choir, Lessons & Carols at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm - NO Evening Rehearsal
December 24 Sing & Ring at 5 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 31 NO Evening Rehearsal



MEET THE TEAM!



Becca Bateman

As your Pastor, I couldn't be happier. When I'm not at DPC, I love exploring the Doylestown area with my husband and two kids, trying endlessly to find the best Mexican food, and coffee shops. I enjoy playing soccer myself on an adult rec league team, photography, listening to music, and playing with our rescue dog. What I love most is creating community who is working together to do the work that God has called them in this world to do.



Andy Benson

My wife and I have 2 sons, Sumner and Chatham. We also have a Springer named Basco (short for Tabasco) and 6 chickens. I studied photography and currently work for an advertising agency based in Philly and NYC. My favorite food is either BBQ or Tacos, so I guess BBQ pork tacos would win out. I'm really looking forward to working with the youth at DPC, having fun flexing our creativity and getting some recommendations for new music.



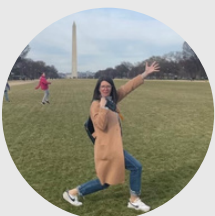
Mina Choi

I am the Organist & Youth Music Director, and am newly ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. When I am not at DPC, I work at Princeton Seminary. I've travelled to more than 40 countries, and it's hard to decide on a "few" favorite spots. I LOVE exploring nature more than exploring famous tourist places. I really hope that my work at DPC will include more students to participate in DPC music ministries as well as growing in discipleship together. Come join the youth choir and festival ringers and share your musical gifts!



DeeDee Cox

I am a life long member of DPC. As a youth I attended Sunday School, choir and youth fellowship. When my daughter was in Sr High Fellowship I said I would drive supplies and cook meals so they could help serve meals to the homeless in Washington, D.C.. After that I continued to lead Jr High Fellowship for 3 years and followed my original 7th graders through 3 years in Sr High Fellowship. It is wonderful to be part of today's youth program.



Megan Craig

I'm the Interim Youth Director (yes, again) and my focus is on Youth Group activities, Sunday evenings and other fun outings for grades 7-12, as well as some Sunday morning things, too. In my free time, I am a mom of four kids and the foster mom to many others! I met my husband through the youth group, and we have been married for 16 years. I love live theater, all kinds of music, and talking to people to hear their stories and learn all about them.



Honor Ford

I am a Creative Writing and Theatre Studies graduate from Susquehanna University, and work as a supervisor and bookseller at The Doylestown Bookshop. I had such wonderful experiences as a member of Element growing up, and am glad to be able to give back to Element now. I am excited to foster a safe space for everyone to be completely and fully themselves as they walk through their journey of knowing God. My fiancée and I have two cats, Clarence and Bailey (named for the movie *It's A Wonderful Life!*). My favorite family vacations are to Damariscotta, Maine, where I frequent the bookshop and coffee shop daily, read constantly, and write to my heart's content. I am so excited for the year to come and can't wait to see everyone at Element!

MORE OF OUR TEAM!



Glenn Haas

I joined DPC in 1990. My favorite part of DPC is working with the youth. I am a Youth Leader and Confirmation Teacher. I have taught 9th grade Sunday School and served on the Youth Committee. I went to schools you may recognize...Linden, Lenape and East, graduating from Kutztown University with a BS in Public Administration. I work for the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds. Favorite foods are pizza, pizza Goldfish and BLTs. Favorite movie is Star Wars. Favorite places to vacation are Disney World and Boston.



Kristen Roland

I'm the Meal Coordinator for Element as well as current Elder moderating the Youth Committee. My husband Frank and I have three kids, two sons who graduated college and a daughter in 10th grade. I have enjoyed traveling with DPC and my kids to New Mexico to participate in the family Southwest Service and Culture Trip where we were able to help at the Community Pantry while building lasting relationships with other DPC members. I am a former research librarian and enjoy cooking, reading, and knitting in my spare time.



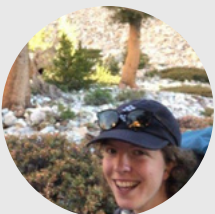
Art & Lindsay Shull

We have been involved in DPC's youth ministry in one way or another since 2010. We met in this same youth group (although at that time, Lindsay wanted nothing to do with Art-haha). Flash forward and we've been married for 10 years and now have 3 fun busy boys and sometimes more as our family is involved in short-term foster care. We are continually inspired by the many amazing people in the DPC community and we always strive to work in their footsteps-trying to show Christ's love and work to be His hands and feet in our community!



Andy Smith

My life would be drastically different if it weren't for a thriving youth program and leaders that cared for me at DPC throughout my teenage years and beyond. I studied Adventure Recreation at Green Mountain College in VT. I returned to Doylestown to start a family with my wife, Justine. I started a team building and adventure company with Jonathan Craig, both of whom I met in youth group. I operate the business remotely while caring for our three young children. I'm excited for the future of the youth program at DPC and hope I can impact someone's life the same way mine has been.



Katie Toner

I am a novice forager and rock climber, a caretaker of cats, a former player/current fan of soccer, a taurus, a big fan of breakfast foods and a life-long member of DPC. I have many fond memories of my time in Element, and I'm so down to be a part of more! I left the Doylestown area for college (Wesleyan class of 2020!), but now I'm back, working for a local land conservation non-profit. Some other jobs I've dabbled in include: farm hand, researcher of Venus's volcanoes, and librarian's assistant. Now before this bio turns into just a series of lists about me, I'll just say that I'm so looking forward to seeing you all!

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out!

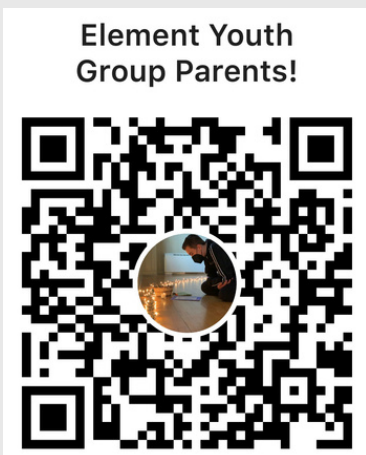
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Contact Candi Young at candiy@dtownpc.org



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