

THE TIDINGS

Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Digital Newsletter
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The next chapter in DPC's story is about to begin following the congregation's vote on September 15 to approve Rev. Dr. MacHenry "Mac" Schafer as our next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff! He will officially begin his role here on December 2.

Mac and his wife Katy joined us in Fellowship Hall for a Meet & Greet session on September 14 which gave members a chance to get to know him in a casual setting. The following day, during worship, Mac led the Time with the Children, offered the Sermon, and shared in the excitement after the vote to approve his call.

**More on
Mac...**

To take a look at the special brochure emailed to church members when the Pastor Nominating Committee announced Mac as candidate, [CLICK HERE!](#) For some comments from members about how the special weekend unfolded, and their thoughts on DPC's future, see **Page 2**.



The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace returns to DPC with a **single worship service at 10:30 am** on World Communion Sunday, **October 6**.

Ruth recently served as Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly, the highest non-staff elected office in the denomination, and is the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Those who have heard Ruth's sermons in the past are familiar with her exuberant style and infectious energy that shines through her words. We hope you will join together for this truly unique worship service. The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** will be collected this Sunday, with 25% designated toward Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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Associate Pastor Becca Bateman shared in the joy felt throughout the sanctuary when the congregation approved the call for our next Senior Pastor. Here are Becca's thoughts, along with some from various leaders of our church...



"I know Mac will be a gift for DPC in this season of our lives together. I am eager to begin working with him! I pray that his gifts expand our understanding of God. Join me in praying, that together, we might have open minds to learn from and about each other as he becomes part of DPC."

More on Mac...

"It was such an exciting weekend in the life of our Church! We trusted that God would lead the PNC to the right candidate and were joyfully rewarded when Mac answered God's call."

-Linda Cacossa, Clerk of Session

"It was incredible to see the energy in the congregation on Sunday and the clear eagerness and excitement from Mac to be part of our congregation."

**-Jonathan Craig,
Pastor Nominating Committee**

"When Mac came and preached to the church, I listened and was interested in what he had to say. Through his sermon, the energy he brought filled the sanctuary, and gave me hope for a new and bright future ahead."

-Molly Blore, Youth Elder

"Finding the right match for all members of the congregation was going to be a long and thoughtful process - and I think the PNC did a phenomenal job. I think in our world today we need somebody to be uplifting, compassionate, and who will be caring and accepting to all. I think Mac seems to be that perfect fit for DPC. The enthusiasm in the congregation was amazing to see."

-Jenny Drollette, Deacon

New Look Library!

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Library Committee and a generous gift by an anonymous donor, the Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library has undergone an amazing transformation and is officially reopened! You'll see a cozy conversation corner, brand new lighting, storage bins that double as benches, and so much more! This, of course, is all in addition to the extensive collection of books, games, puzzles, and movies curated by our passionate volunteers. Take a look for yourself next time you are at church!



DPC YOUTH



ELEMENT YOUTH GROUP IS GOING TO SHADYBROOK FALL FEST!

**OCTOBER 13TH
LEAVING DPC AT 5:45 PM
RETURNING AT 9 PM**

**DINNER TO EAT ON THE GO
PROVIDED.**

**TRANSPORTATION BY DPC VANS
FRIENDS WELCOME
YOUTH CHOIR 5-5:45 PM**



Let Your Prayer & Praise Rise!

“Youth Music Festival at Princeton Theological Seminary”

The DPC Youth Choir is teaming up with youth music ministry of Nassau Presbyterian Church (Princeton, NJ) for this inspiring time together at 3 pm on **October 27** at Princeton Theological Seminary. The festival will include rehearsals, workshops, and free dinner (for youth in grades 6-12) - all culminating with a closing concert in the Seminary Chapel at 6 pm which is open to families and the public. For more information about this unique opportunity for faith formation, contact Rev. Dr. Mina Choi, DPC's Organist and Director of Youth Music at dpcorganist@gmail.com

Be part of the ultimate fall celebration! The cost is \$40 by check or \$45 online with credit card. **RSVP by October 6** by contacting Pastor Becca Bateman at Beccab@dtownpc.org or Candi Young, Children and Youth Connections Coordinator, at Candiy@dtownpc.org.

Mission & Justice

Winter Coat Drive. Because the winter season can be especially tough for our homeless or struggling friends, we are collecting new or nearly new coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the Bethel Mission at Bethel Presbyterian Church in North Philadelphia.



As the cold weather is coming in quickly, we ask for all donations from **October 20** through **November 3**. We encourage you to drop off the winterwear at the church office or call 215-348-3531 ext. 228 if you are unable to do so and a volunteer will be in touch.



Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs **October 20** from 9:15 to 11 am to help stock the shelves of the Doylestown Food Pantry and help those in need. Following the later worship service we join together at noon for our monthly Community Meal with our own congregation, community members and our homeless guests. To volunteer or contribute food visit bit.ly/DPC-CM

Fellowship



The **DPC Dads** and **DPC Moms** Groups join forces for a fun, casual outing to **Neshaminy Creek Brewery** located in The Station at 139 N. Main Street in Dublin.

We'll meet for food, drink, and laughs at 7:30 pm on **October 12**. No RSVP needed. We'll see you there! The Dads and Moms groups meet periodically throughout the year during casual gatherings and share life experiences. If you'd like more info about future meetups, email dpc@dtownpc.org with the subject "DPC Dads" or "DPC Moms" and someone will be in touch. New faces are always welcomed!



November 14 - Sign up Today!

DPC's Senior Adult Ministry invites you to travel by a comfortable coach bus to visit this amazing **American Music Theatre in Lancaster** for a production of "Joy to the World!" This all new holiday show features your favorite seasonal and sacred Christmas songs brought to life by marvelous vocal talent from across the country, accompanied by the masterful AMT Orchestra. Lunch is included at one of the area's amazing buffets. The bus will leave DPC at 10:45 am. The cost is \$125 per person which covers transportation, lunch, tax and show ticket. You can pay via check made out to "Doylestown Presbyterian Church" and drop it off in the church office or in the offering plate. We ask that you register to save your spot by visiting bit.ly/DPCAMT today!

Education



**CONTINUING
THE CONVERSATION**

As a follow up to Eric Barreto's illuminating class in late September, Pastor Pauline Sexton will continue the conversation in the Celtic Cross Room on Sunday, **October 13** at 9:30 am.

Pauline will explore questions we all face as we strive to be better Christians and neighbors, including "*How do we live with each other - and how do we love each other when we disagree?*" We thank Matthew 25 and Adult Education for presenting these opportunities to learn and grow.

Children & Families



It's time to get into the festive fall spirit as families are invited to experience all the activities at **Tabora Farms** in Chalfont.

All ages are welcomed for apple picking, wagon rides, corn mazes, games and yummy food when we meet following 10:30 worship on **October 13**. Visit www.taborafarm.com for details or to buy tickets in advance.



On Sunday, **October 20**, the Earth Care Team presents the second of a three-part series titled Stewarding God's Creation as we consider "**What's the Buzz About Biodiversity?**" Visit the bridge to explore and download an app that helps you identify bird songs, learn how to make your garden not only beautiful but a habitat for plant populations, wildlife communities and even soil organisms, and take home a birdseed giveaway! There will also be a special Kids Corner with space for our young environmentalists to learn and grow.

Ministry in Motion!

Wednesday Club (Grades 2-6), **Celebration Choir**, **Sunshine Singers**, and **Element Youth Group** (Grades 7-12) have been off to a great start this program year - spending time forming friends, developing their faith, and pitching in to help those struggling with food insecurity.



Our **Sunday School** classes dressed up as their favorite people in Scripture and visited our **Adult Education Classes** *The Word Among Us* and *Good News and Other News!*



On behalf of Pastor Becca Bateman and the entire DPC staff - a huge thank you to the entire DPC Women's Retreat Team, and to Bev and Jeff for once again hosting at their beautiful Happiness Farm, and to all who attended this special time together!



With the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene spanning several states, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. To learn more and to donate to this relief effort, [CLICK HERE](#)

Next Up In November...

Martha Redbone - Sunday, **November 10** at 4 pm Celebrate the Arts & Matthew 25 present this renowned vocalist, songwriter, composer, and music educator in a special free concert.

Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness - Sunday, **November 17**, Pauline Sexton leads this service for those seeking a sense of hope and renewed spirit