



DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Drawing on our heritage, centered in Jesus Christ, looking to the future;
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church reaches out with the Gospel to our community and the world.*

April 2015

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THE WEEK AT DMPC



Sunday: Coffee in White Chapel at 9:30am
Christian education for all ages at 9:45am
Bibles, Bagels & Bites @ Bagels & Bites at 9:45am
Worship Service at 11:00 am and
Live broadcast on WDNE, 1240am
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, 10:00am
After School program, weekdays 3-6pm

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SURRECTION IN A WORLD OF UNEASINESS

Suffice it say we live in a day and time where fear and uncertainty seem to rule the day. But as Christians we believe something different. We believe that Christ's being risen from the dead brings light to the darkness, hope to the hopelessness and direction to his followers. They are told to GO! GO and be the people of love and hope telling others that our God will not be snuffed out by the world of hurt out there, that nothing is going to stand in the way of God's love for us in Jesus Christ, not even death itself.

When we read the story of the resurrection in the Gospel of Mark, it's rather plain and straight forward. It's so plain, it's almost messy. Absent are the easy formulas; we are left with mystery and questions, both of which put the ball in our court. But it is all we need --the young man's command to "go" is also ours: Go! Walk your way through your fear, and become the community of believers, the body of Christ in the world, calling others to hope and to new life in Christ. As such, Mark's ending is actually a beginning--our beginning. So what do we go and tell? How do we connect this rather amazing yet straight forward resurrection to the world we live in? What hope? What encouragement?

In a world of terror, the threat and fear of death becomes overshadowed by a God who loves us so much, he is willing to die and be raised up so that not even deadly terror has the final word. God has got this! Fear and death and threats do not get in the way of our loving God and his Son Jesus Christ's love for us. Through Jesus, we learn just how far God is willing to go to not only show his love for us, but to deliver us to newness of life right now in the middle of life as we know it full of hope, assurance and victory. We are resurrection people and we are to GO!, and keep going without fear. God has got this!

In a world of change in the Church, the prospect of fear and theological wrangling is overshadowed by the resurrection just as it is! Christ's rising from the dead is what we hold in common regardless of church pronouncements, more inclusive definitions of marriage and shrinking dollars for mission. The same-sex marriage issue is both illustrative of resurrection and hope for some and painfully

troublesome to others of you. Either way, we are made new through Christ's being raised from the dead. And we ALL, ALL of us, have the same instructions at the empty tomb. GO and tell the good news that Christ is risen! Live into hope! (For some perspective and hope specifically around the recent actions of our denomination now ratified by a large majority of Presbyterians across the country, I commend to you a very good and balanced article which appeared recently in the Presbyterian News Service entitled "What Same-Sex Marriage Means to Presbyterians" <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/3/20/what-same-sex-marriage-means-presbyterians/>. I also have printed copies of the article in the White Chapel for you to pick up.)

In a world where there are days we don't know what to believe, we are reminded through Christ's rising from the dead, we have very little to fear and so much more to celebrate. God has us in the palm of God's hand, and we learn that the promise of new life both now and eternally is a promise that God continues to keep. We learn through Christ's resurrection just who this God is that we worship and serve: a God who would rather die than be in the sin accounting business anymore; a God who would not lift a finger to condemn those who crucified him, but went to the depths of Hell rather than be apart even from his betrayers; a God unafraid to get God's hands dirty for the ones God loves. This is the God who rises to new life with dirt still under God's nails.

We like to think Easter is about rainbows, bunnies and being all spiffed up! Nadia Bolz-Weber says modern Christians "are shocked that they can't find a single mention of bunnies or rabbits or painted eggs or white sales..." in the Bible. God, rather, is more interested in making you and me new from the inside out, to live and love as Jesus did, reaching way beyond ourselves with this good news of new life for all of God's people. GO!

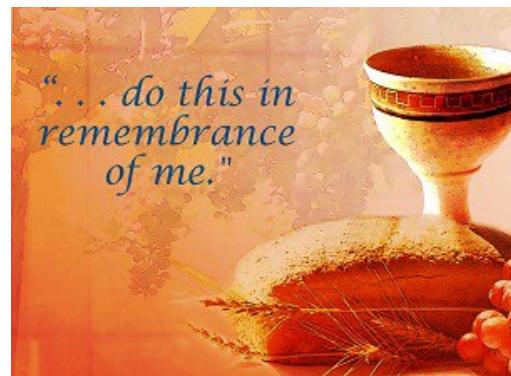
It's time for "go and tell"! Alleluia!!

Easter blessings be yours,
Peter

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE...

The DMPC Drama Players will offer a short presentation during the Maundy Thursday worship Service on April 2nd. Entitled "In Remembrance of Me" by Carol Feickert, this is a thought-provoking drama and features five characters: the Centurion; Mary, the Mother; Joseph of Arimathea; Mary, the Sister; and John. They reflect on the hollow emptiness of time following the crucifixion. The worship service begins at 7:00pm.

APRIL 2, 2015



CHI-RHO YOUTH GROUP...

We will meet on the following Sundays at 6:00pm for dinner, fellowship, and study:

April 12, 2015

April 26, 2015



KNITTERS, CROCHETERS AND NOW “QUILTERS”!...

Bronwyn Bear brought a wonderful idea to the Presbyterian Women! “Let’s make lap quilts for those in our community who may be struggling with illness. These quilts will offer comfort and warmth to those who need to know someone cares.” Our “Quilters” were born!



Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Chi-Rho Room of the church as we make plans and begin cutting for our first quilt. We will gather with the Sew & Sew Forth group who has been busy throughout the year knitting and crocheting many items for our community. Don’t worry if you are not an experienced quilter; we have good leaders and teachers – Nancy Booth, Sue Pifer and Bronwyn will guide us through our first project. Bring supplies you have on hand- scissors, rotary cutters, fabric pieces, rulers, etc. If you need more information call Sue Chenoweth at 304-636-6677.

D&E CHAPEL KICK-OFF A SUCCESS...

Students have been gathering for worship in Robbins Memorial Chapel at Davis & Elkins College. The inaugural evening for this event occurred on March 15th, when 24 students, faculty, and staff gathered in a spirit of worship and prayer in a contemporary setting led primarily by students. DMPC has been a strong partner in supporting this effort on campus. DMPC is sponsoring these students to apply for a \$7,500 grant from the PCUSA and be recognized as a new worshiping community as part of this denomination’s effort to plant 1001 new worshiping communities by 2020. The public is invited for these services, so if you are interested in learning more about young people in the church, or interested in worshiping in a different format, please join this community on the campus of D&E on Sundays at 8:00pm.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

The Great Day of Service sponsored by DMPC is an opportunity for people to get their hands dirty as we share Christ’s love by serving others. Sometimes people say the church is full of all talk and no action...so this day proves we are willing to put our hearts and hands where our mouth is! There will be several projects to work on, and we will have a project for anyone who comes—regardless of age or ability. Projects include: indoor home repair, outdoor home repair, indoor/outdoor work at community organizations, the Community Kitchen and other projects that are brought to our attention.

Sign up by Thursday, April 23rd by e-mailing Pastor Kevin at: kevin@dmpc.org.

Men of the Church...

the griddles have been cleaned and put away for a while.
Thank you to everyone who came to cook, serve, and clean up.
We'll see you again in September!



“A Free Ticket?”



Take out



The “Flippers”!



Fried or scrambled?



“Order up!”

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

Lenten Bread & Broth and Holy Week

Thanks to our PW Circles and the Lutheran ladies for providing soup and desserts for our six-week Lenten Bible Study. The study has been held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30pm at the Lutheran Church and will conclude April 1st.

Holy Week Services

Sponsored by the Elkins Ministerial Association and the Church Women United, this year's services will be held at the First Baptist Church. Services begin March 30 and continue throughout the week. Lunch is provided each day by women from various area churches through the Church Women United Organization. The DMPC Presbyterian Women will serve their hot ham & cheese sandwiches on Tuesday, March 31. Come lend a hand on March 31 at 9:30 in our church kitchen as we prepare the sandwiches.

Faces of Faith

The month of May & Mother's Day will be time the PW will accept your donations of hygiene items and make-up for our Faces of Faith Ministry. Nancy Booth has been busy sewing fabric draw-string make-up bags that we can fill with needed items for Women's Aid in Crisis.

Suggested items are: wash cloths, combs, brushes, any travel size items you may find.

Make-up is always appreciated. Look for the basket in the White Chapel for your donations!

Presbyterian Women appreciate the thoughtfulness of:

- *Ruth Hinkle for new pitchers for our kitchen
- *Our Church Family for \$500 in donations to the Blanket Project
- *Circles and Lutheran Ladies for Lenten Bread & Broth meals
- *Tate Summerfield for the chest freezer

COMMUNITY KITCHEN...

APRIL 25, 2015



This has proved to be a very successful program for DMPC. The meals are generally served the last Saturday of the month. Meals may be picked up or delivery is available for those unable to come to the church. Come give Tate Summerfield a hand. She will be here in the kitchen all day on Saturday, April 25th. Give her a call at 304-704-9455 or contact her at communitykitchen@gmail.com.



PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep the PCUSA Vice Moderator, Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, in prayer as she seeks treatment for her recent breast cancer diagnosis.

DATES to REMEMBER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judy Guye Swanson
- 4 Brenda Hermanson
- 8 Will Proudfoot
- 11 Richard Fath
- 12 Jan Burr
- 12 Melody Loudin
- 13 Russell Isner
- 13 Scott Kyle
- 13 Matthew Maynard
- 14 Stephanie Riddle
- 21 Rachel Varner
- 22 Rev. Jan Jenkins
- 23 Barbara Watson
- 24 Joe Carlson
- 24 Missie McClure Clayton
- 25 Sonja Corbin
- 25 Seth Maynard
- 26 Dorothy Mero Thaubauld
- 27 William Kump
- 30 Mina Cupp



Allen & Judy Guye Swanson April 14th

April 1	6:00pm	Bread & Broth at HTLC
April 2	10:00am	PW Coordinating Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 3		Good Friday
April 5		Easter Sunday
April 7	7:00pm	Home Prayer Group
April 8	1:00pm	Circle #5
	7:00pm	Circle #6
April 9	10:00am	Circle #2
	1:30pm	Circle #1
April 12	1:30pm	Financial Peace University
	6:30pm	Youth Group
April 13	7:00pm	Session
April 17	6:00pm	Baby shower set-up
April 18	Noon	Baby shower
April 19	1:30pm	Financial Peace University
	3:00pm	RCHS
April 21	7:00am	Home Prayer Group
April 24	Noon	Community Kitchen set-up
April 25	7:00am	Community Kitchen
	10:00am	Great Day of Service
April 26	6:30pm	Youth Group
April 28	Noon	Book Club
Every Tuesday		6:00pm Girl Scouts
Every Wednesday		10:00am Bible Study

APRIL LECTORY READINGS ...

<p>Easter Vigil April 5, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Old Testament Readings and Psalms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26● Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46● Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16● Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18● Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6● Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19● Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43● Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143● Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98 <p>New Testament Reading and Psalm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114 <p>Gospel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mark 16:1-8			
<p>Resurrection of the Lord April 5, 2015 <i>Easter Day</i> ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9</p>	<p>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43</p>	<p>John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8</p>
<p>Easter Evening April 5, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Isaiah 25:6-9</p>	<p>Psalm 114</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 5:6b-8</p>	<p>Luke 24:13-49</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 4:32-35</p>	<p>Psalm 133</p>	<p>1 John 1:1-2:2</p>	<p>John 20:19-31</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 3:12-19</p>	<p>Psalm 4</p>	<p>1 John 3:1-7</p>	<p>Luke 24:36b-48</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 4:5-12</p>	<p>Psalm 23</p>	<p>1 John 3:16-24</p>	<p>John 10:11-</p>



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CIRCLE 1

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Jan Burr & JoAnn Talbott, Chairs
April 9 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room
Sandy Godwin is the hostess

CIRCLE 2

Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs
April 9 10:00am in the Fireplace Room

CIRCLE 5

Ruby York, Chair
April 8 1:00pm in the Fireplace Room

CIRCLE 6

Sonja Corbin, Chair
April 8 7:00pm
Beth Kittle is the hostess

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