



*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.*

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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

Dear Flock,

It's now Advent when we begin to think of the coming of Jesus the Christ in the manger, as well as Jesus the Christ, the one who returns. Both appearances in scripture are in front of us in every Advent season. And the reason is that the coming of Jesus goes right to the heart of who God is. Advent is the season of waiting for the God who comes.

Dr. Eugene Peterson says it best. "God isn't an immovable object at the center of the universe. He's not a fixed point on an astronomer's map. He's active and moving – he *comes*. And this movement has direction – he comes to *US*. He doesn't wander around window shopping from galaxy to galaxy, juggling the moons of Jupiter and casually admiring the rings of Saturn. **We are his destination.** And he didn't simply come once and then return to spend the rest of eternity telling stories. He came, and he will come *again*. The Christian life, consequently, is lived between those two comings."

The message of the Bible is that God loved us so much the he came to us in the Old Testament and in the New, in Jesus Christ the Word of God. The message of the Bible is also that there are helpful and not so helpful ways to live together as the ones who wait for his coming. Listen during this season of Advent for clues, tips and truth about what it means to be mindful and faithful waiters for the God who comes, and comes again.

The Church staff joins me in offering you our warmest blessings for a deeply meaningful Advent and Christmas Season. We look forward to waiting and welcoming by your side.

In the love of Christ,

Peter Vial

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFAST...

December 3, 2016 @7am

The men will spend Friday morning getting all the prep work done and be ready to go bright and early on Saturday morning. Please join us for this ongoing event.

Please mark these dates on your calendar for upcoming Buckwheat Breakfasts:

December 3 January 7 February 5 March 4

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR...

December 3, 2016

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon at the church located at 302 First Street. The Bazaar will begin at 9am. The Ladies of the Church will provide soup and sandwiches for the luncheon which will begin at 11am. Lunch may be eaten there or carried out. Please stop by and see all the goodies they have for sale!



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM...

DECEMBER 4, 2016 4-7:30PM

This conversation will draw parallels between Christianity and Islam and will provide ample opportunity to informally talk with Muslim students from D&E over a pot-luck dinner. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share (remember, no pork!) We will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4pm to 7:30pm.

LESSONS & CAROLS...

DECEMBER 8, 2016 @7PM

This popular program will again be presented by the D&E College Concert Choir. A reception will be hosted by DMPC and HTLC in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Cookies for the reception may be left in the kitchen, and please mark the containers so we know where they go!

If you would like to participate by donating cookies, helping set up, serve, or clean up, please contact Mina Cupp at 636-4507.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING...

December 11th & 18th, 2016

Envelopes for the Christmas Joy Offering will be in the bulletins on December 13th and the 20th. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

MITTEN TREE

The Presbyterian Women thank those who brought over 50 items for our Mitten Tree. They were delivered to Women's Aid In Crisis and the Randolph and Tucker County Children's Advocacy Center.

POINSETTIAS...

The PW Decorations Committee will be decorating the sanctuary with white poinsettias. You will find a form on the table in the White Chapel to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a special person. Place the form, along with your payment, in the box, or you may contact the church office. You may also make a donation to the PW Scholarship Fund in lieu of a poinsettia.

TREE OF LIGHTS...

The lights were lit on the first Sunday of Advent and will continue to shine through Epiphany on January 6th. If you wish to dedicate a light in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one, you will find forms on the table in the White Chapel. Or you may contact the church office. Lights are \$5.00 each and benefit the After School Club.

WITNESS/SERVICE...

Candy canes were distributed to the church. Written on the candy canes were non-perishable food items needed to fill the Christmas food baskets. WSC will be accepting donations of those items December 4 thru December 18 when the baskets will be distributed. If anyone knows of someone in need of a basket, please contact a member of the WSC or notify the church office.

NATIVITY SETS...

PW and the Worship committee are looking for ways to enliven our spirits during Advent and Christmas season this year. We are requesting that anyone who is interested, and has a nativity set (particularly if it is from another country) allow it to be displayed in the White Chapel throughout Advent. If you have any questions, see Brenda Hermanson. Thank you.

ESTHER B. WILSON NURSERY



We welcome Abby Soward to our nursery staff. Abby is a freshman at D&E and comes to us from Huntington, WV. She is a member of the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church and was active in their childcare program.



The CE Committee is delighted to announce the addition of Sydney Leary as childcare worker in our nursery. Sydney is a senior at Elkins High School and worked with the summer program in the Elkins City Park.



WHO'S IN MY PEW? Naomi Cassells



Hello DMPC and HTLC, our wonderful church community.
I'd like to introduce myself to you. I grew up in Detroit among a loving family and friends and graduated from college in 1973. That's as close as I'll get to telling my age. (Miri, Naomi, Elisheva)

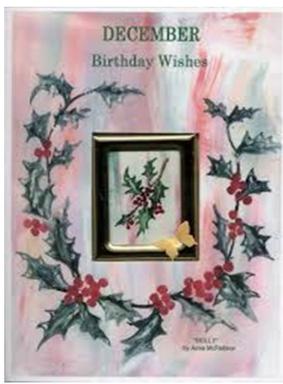
I believe I have always been a spiritual person, and from a very early age became interested in Judaism. After much deliberation and study, I converted while still in college. My education continued with a year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During the Yom Kippur war, I participated in a small musical group performing for wounded soldiers. Because we were in their age group, they loved us and we made many, many hospital visits throughout the country over the course of that year.

After coming back to Michigan for graduate school, where I studied piano and voice, I returned to Israel, became an Israeli citizen, married, had my children, got divorced and then raised my children as a single mom for the next 20 years.

A word about my kids from a proud mama: because we missed our family and also because I wanted the best possible educational opportunities for them, we returned to the United States, where they completed high school and college in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Miri, the accountant, is the practical one. She forgets nothing, and everything is always in its place. Elisheva, the dentist, is the dreamer. She likes a warm, welcoming environment both at work and at home. Avi, the nuclear engineer, is the eccentric. In chess, he can anticipate 15 moves ahead, but can't remember where his socks are. My beautiful 10-year-old grandson, Joseph, takes good care of him.

At present, I live in Elkins with my wonderful mom, Virginia, and sister, Julia. We also have two brothers: Steve, the older, lives in St. Louis and Jim, the youngest, lives in Lansing, Michigan. I worked as a medical transcriptionist for over 10 years, now retired. I'm trying to start a little crochet business making baby clothes, blankets, hats, scarves and anything else people might want. Also, I am learning to play flute, which I love. I enjoy reading, walking, spending time with family and friends.

I've found our church family to be extraordinarily kind and attending church in our lovely building to be an oasis of peacefulness in an otherwise turbulent world. Kevin's lively story time with the children reminds me of a beautiful old synagogue I used to attend, where the little ones were always welcome in the main sanctuary. With great respect for our common Jewish and Christian heritage, I believe there is much more to unite us than to divide us. We are all children of God.



- 1 Elliot Harper
- 1 Julia Ann Varner
- 4 Naomi Cassells
- 5 Karen Boyles
- 5 Robin Mams
- 7 Holly Hinkle
- 9 Mary Emily Anger
- 10 Shirley Young
- 12 Steven Corbin
- 15 Walt Lesser
- 15 Ed Riemenschneider
- 16 Chrissy Starcher
- 17 Ginny Simmons
- 18 Sam Talbott
- 19 Virginia Cassells
- 22 Mary Hill
- 23 Mitchell Price
- 23 Jacob Riddle
- 24 Mark Talbott
- 25 Sabrina Jones
- 26 Fritz Corey
- 26 Chrisantha Hermanson
- 27 Bronwyn Bear
- 30 Richard Legg

Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 05 Greg & Anita Jones
- Dec. 23 Gary & Mary Moden

DON'T FORGET!

CHI-RHO, CLUB 456 & KIDS CLUB...

December 18 11:00am-12:00pm Christmas Program
 5:30pm—7:00pm Youth Caroling

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Every Monday 6:30pm Boy Scouts
 Every Tuesday 9:00am MOPS
 6:00pm Girl Scouts
 Every Wednesday 7:00pm Al-Anon

Dec. 1 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
 Dec. 3 7:00am Buckwheat Breakfast
 9:00am HTLC Christmas Bazaar
 Dec. 4 4:00pm Children of Abraham
 Dec. 5 6:30pm Session
 Dec. 7 7:00pm Home Prayer Group
 Dec. 8 8:00pm Lessons & Carols
 Dec. 11 6:00pm Chi-Rho, Club 4-5-6, & Kids Club
 Dec. 15 6:00pm Piano Recital Christmas Party
 Dec. 18 11:00am Children's Bell Choir during worship
 Youth Caroling

December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service
 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service at HTCL

December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC. 26 OFFICE CLOSED

CHRISTMAS DAY - WORSHIP AT 11:00AM

Bring a gift for the Christ child on Christmas Day in the form of non-perishable food (or a monetary donation) for local families in need.

Come as you are! Pajamas are perfectly acceptable. We will have hot chocolate available as we sing Christmas songs and hear the Christmas story.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CORNER...

Advent is a period of waiting and anticipation. It is a time of preparation, of making ready, a time of darkness, and a time of possibility. A good time to ask the question: what wants to be born in me this season? Take time to slow down and listen.

We wish to thank Mark Armentrout for filling in at the organ for the last several weeks while Ruth Whitesel was recovering from a broken wrist.

The Women of the ELCA will hold their annual Christmas bazaar in the church social hall on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We will have lots of homemade crafts, cookies and a "gently used" table. Several kinds of soup, hot dogs, and barbecue sandwiches will be available for lunch beginning at 11:00am. The Mountain Weavers' Guild will also have handmade items for sale. Let us help you find that "special" gift for Christmas, and let us help with your baking needs. Proceeds from the sale will be used for non-profit organizations and those in need throughout the coming year.

Our Christmas Eve communion service will be held on December 24 at 9:00pm.

There will be no service at Holy Trinity on Sunday, Christmas Day.

We encourage you to attend the 11:00am service with the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church.

We will have our regular service on January 1 at 9:00am.

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Beck Kisner, Arlene Williams, and Barbara Schulz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RUTH WHITESEL ON DECEMBER 24!

HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON!!

D&E SUNDAY– OCTOBER 30, 2016...



D&E President,
Rev. Chris Wood,
Lisa Wood,
Donna Baroudi-Huffman,
Liz Marshall-MacVean,
Dr. MaryAnn DeLuca



The D&E Concert Choir, under the direction of Liz Marshall-MacVean and accompanied by Donna Baroudi-Huffman

MISSION IN OUR OWN "BACKYARD"...

On Saturday, October 29, folks from DMPC, HTLC, and our Elkins community, along with students from D&E, worked together to serve a hot meal and to distribute groceries to anyone in need.



While some were serving a hot meal at the Common Ground Café at Woodford Memorial United Methodist Church...



... others were in the alley behind Davis Memorial filling boxes with food which were loaded in the dozens of cars that came through the line.



Thanks to Tate Summerfield and our Witness Service Committee for organizing this effort through the Mountainier Food Bank in Gassaway, WV.



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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** Jan Burr & Mina Cupp, Chairs
 Dec. 8 @1:30pm at Keitha Wing's home

- CIRCLE 2** Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs
 Dec. 15 @11:00am at the home of Judy Guye

- CIRCLE 6** Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair
 Dec. 14 @7:00pm at Julia Brumfield's home

**THERE WILL NOT BE A
 COMMUNITY KITCHEN IN
 DECEMBER**



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