



*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.*

December 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

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. It's worth repeating this year again and every Advent. 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 of his trip and boring the angels with slides of his visit to earth. 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...

Don't miss a great opportunity to let the men do the dishes!
Breakfast will be served from 7:00am until Noon.
Men, don't forget the patty party on Friday.

DECEMBER 5, 2015 @ 7AM



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR...

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!

DECEMBER 5, 2015



LESSONS AND CAROLS...

Musical selections and lesson of scripture will exemplify "Images of Adoration" as the D&E College Concert Choir presents its annual Christmas special. "During the holiday season, the beauty of Christmas is heard in music and seen in candles, greenery, crimson flowers and the holy images of the manger and the star. The Choir will perform selections that highlight these images of the season", says Choir Director Liz Marshall-MacVean.

DECEMBER 6, 2015 @ 7PM

In Addition, D&E College Artist-in-Residence Jack Gibbons will perform the prelude and postlude. A special vocal arrangement, "O Magnum Mysterium Op. 105" composed by Gibbons will premier during the collection of the good will offering to benefit area residents in need.

COOKIES...

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a community event that attracts many community members to our sanctuary. The Fellowship Committee of DMPC needs your help creating a welcoming reception following the event. If you bake cookies around the holidays, please consider donating 1 or 2 dozen to share. Cookies may be left in the kitchen in labeled containers marked for Lessons and Carols during the week of Nov. 30 thru Dec. 6.

This has become a special Christmas tradition in our community. We hope to see you there.

May God's love shine on you this season! Mina Cupp, Fellowship Chair

NEW MEMBER CLASS...

An orientation session for those interested in membership at DMPC will be held Monday in the Dunham Conference Room. Refreshments will be served. The group will discuss the meaning of membership in the church, how DMPC is organized for mission and other topics of interest to the group. At 6:30pm the group will be invited to stay and meet with the Session of DMPC to be received into membership.

DECEMBER 7TH @ 5PM

Parents Afternoon Out...

December 12, 2015

For December, we will have an afternoon out to give parents a chance to get a little Christmas shopping done. We will be hosting this from 1-5pm on Saturday afternoon.

Email Monica Varchetto at varchetto@live.com for more details.

CHI-RHO YOUTH GROUP AND KIDS CLUB...

Both groups will meet on December 13th.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING...

DECEMBER 13TH & 20TH, 2015

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PROJECT...

As a project for this Christmas, Presbyterian Women of DMPC are collecting monetary donations to purchase small items for the families who regularly utilize our food pantry. These gifts will be included in their Christmas baskets.

After Thanksgiving, our Mitten Tree will become a Stocking Tree! People will have an opportunity to put their donations into a Christmas stocking on the tree or place their contribution (well-marked) in the offering plate on Sundays, or turn it in to the Church Office during the week.

We are dedicated to helping those in our local area enjoy the holidays.

Thank you for your generous donations.

YOUTH MINISTRY...

Youth Ministry at DMPC is growing strong under the leadership of Ginny Simmons and Kevin Starcher. The group meets twice a month for Bible study, service projects, a meal (with the Kids Club) and fellowship. Youth, ages 5th grade through Senior High, are invited to join in on Sunday evenings from 6:00- 7:30 pm at the church. The youth planned and conducted a Youth Sunday on November 8 with a skit, songs and special music from students of West Virginia Wesleyan and Davis and Elkins College.



“WEE PEOPLE” RETURN TO DAVIS MEMORIAL...

The Nativity characters known as the “Wee People” have returned to our sanctuary to be a part of worship during each Sunday in Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. They may be thought of as Advent calendars or visitors to help children and adults experience the movement of the liturgical year. They are a wonderful addition to our Advent activities as we wait and anticipate the arrival of new characters each Sunday.

The nearly life-size Wee People are touchable and huggable. They have no facial features; their faces are left to your imagination. The dolls were created and sewn in 2007 by loving hands of our Presbyterian women Nancy Booth, Beth & Peg Rector, Roberta Dye, Juanita Kyle, Sue Chenoweth, Sue Pifer, Martha Lou Brinkley and Rev. Jan Jenkins.



On the first Sunday of Advent, look carefully for Mary and Joseph as they begin their journey to Bethlehem.

The second Sunday of Advent finds the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep in our sanctuary.

On the third Sunday of Advent the angel Gloria appears as Mary and Joseph move closer to Bethlehem.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent Mary and Joseph may be seen sitting in the front pew as their journey to the manger comes closer.

The baby Jesus arrives on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, all surround the baby in awe and wonder. Meanwhile, the wise men continue on their journey as they follow the star to Epiphany. Enjoy sitting close to these soft-filled cloth figures, travel with them as they invite us to welcome the Prince of Peace into our hearts!



KIDS CLUB...

“Kids Club” is a new and exciting ministry at Davis Memorial. Led by Chrissy Starcher, the club meets twice a month on Sunday evenings at the church from 6:00-7:30 pm. It is open to all kids Pre-school through 4th grade. The evening begins with dinner at 6 pm (with the youth) then children engage in songs, activities and crafts centered around a Bible story for that evening. On Youth Sunday the children shared a song during worship.

The Christian Education Committee is delighted with the response of this ministry. We are pleased to offer this opportunity for children to learn of Jesus’ love for them. Chrissy is using the Jesus Bible Storybook which children received from the church. Children are encouraged to bring their Bible with them each evening. If your child did not receive a Bible, please let Chrissy know.

Volunteers are helping to provide the meal and lend a hand with the children during the evening.

Attendance has been 12-15 kids a night!! Praise the Lord!

We are hoping our CE budget will allow the continuation of this ministry next year. With God’s help and yours, we have faith that it will happen! Our next “Kids Club” will be **Dec 13!**



A/V UPGRADES...

By the time you are reading the article, the A/V upgrades to the sanctuary should be complete. Using a financial gift from the Sutton Memorial Fund, the Session began this project in mid-October, and includes enhancements to: speaker system in the basement and for the choir, two TV monitors for the choir and the Amen section, one large motorized screen for behind the choir, a projector, a new soundboard, and appropriate cabling to support the upgrades.

We would like to thank Mr. Phil Kyle for his high-quality wood-working skills and time to make this project appropriate for our sanctuary. Using his experience and expertise and a lot of love for our congregation, Phil built a cabinet that houses our new screen, and perfectly blends the new screen into the sanctuary. Phil donated many hours of sweat and passion into the construction of this cabinet. We invite you to take a look at this screen cabinet the next time you are in church.

Thanks Phil!



The New Screen and Wood Cabinet

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER

Our deepest sympathy to Jane Hazer on the death of her mother, Frances Kerns Harper, who passed away on October 29. Our prayers are also with Arlene Williams on the death of her father-in-law, Oliver Williams Jr. who passed away on November 5.

Many thanks to Ruth Peters for showing the ladies how to make hard tack candy. We now have 26 bags of candy to sell at our bazaar.

We collected \$280.00 for World Hunger on November 15. The ladies of the WELCA will match this amount, bringing us to a total of \$560.00.

During the month of December, we will collect nonperishable food which we will donate to Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church for their Community Cupboard.

The annual Christmas bazaar, sponsored by WELCA, will be held in the social room December 5 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Enjoy a lunch of hot dogs or a variety of soups (which will also be available to take home) after you have checked out our beautiful crafts and baked goods.

Our Advent wreath will be up beginning November 29. We will put up the Christmas tree after church on December 13. We are proud of the Chrismons, many of which were made in the 1950's and 1960's.

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00pm.

Wishing a very merry birthday to our organist, Ruth Whitesel, on December 25!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Beck Kisner, Arlene Williams, Pauline Fitez, Molly Queen, Herman Schumacher, Janet Crites, Jane Hazer and family, and Arlene Williams' family.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN...

DECEMBER 19, 2015

Come help us dish out a much needed meal for the less fortunate. If you would like to be part of this exciting endeavor, please contact Tate Summerfield and let her know when and how you can help. Call her @304-704-9455 or e-mail her at wvcommunitykitchen@gmail.com.



AL-ANON HOSTED BY DMPC...

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

Al-Anon is a self-help organization related to Alcoholics Anonymous which assists family members of those in recovery from addiction to live with “their alcoholic” and heal as a family. Alcoholism is known as a disease that affects the whole family. Those who participate in Al-Anon have the opportunity to share with others in the same situation to recover from their old patterns and struggles of living in an alcoholic family. The Session of DMPC is pleased to begin allowing Al-Anon to begin meeting in our building beginning Wednesday, December 2nd, in the Dunham Room. We are also proud to announce that our own Robin Mams will be leading this new group. (Al-Anon is an independent organization and not affiliated with the church or organization which houses its meetings.)

DECEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS ...

Advent Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Christmas Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Nativity of the Lord - Proper I December 24 & 25, 2015 <i>Christmas Eve & Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
First Sunday after Christmas Day December 27, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52



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CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1	Jan Burr & Mina Cupp, Chairs TBA
CIRCLE 2	Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs Dec. 10 @11:00am at Judy's home for study and luncheon
CIRCLE 5	Sue Chenoweth , Chair Dec. 09 @1:00pm in the Fireplace Room
CIRCLE 6	Sonja Corbin, Chair Dec. 09 @7:00pm at Marlene's home

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