



DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTHLY MANNA

*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.*

March 2016

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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, Noon
After School program, weekdays 3-6pm

HIGHLIGHTING PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRIES AT DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE

As many of you are already aware, my full-time pastoral position in Elkins is split between being a Co-Pastor at DMPC and serving as the Benfield-Vick Chaplain at Davis & Elkins College. My predecessor Chaplain at the College, Dr. Robert McCutcheon (a Ruling Elder here at DMPC), left some awfully big shoes to fill. But with his help, and the help of many others, the spiritual life of the College continues to grow and blossom. Here are a few updates on how Presbyterians are making an impact on college students at D&E:

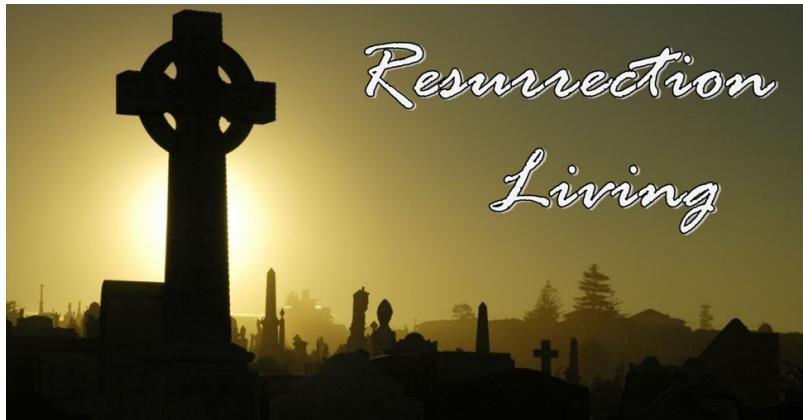
- Did you know that our church has hired a college intern to help foster relationships with students and our church? Ms. Elise Cardot, a sophomore from Petersburg, WV (and granddaughter of Dick and Marty Cardot) works to bring students to our church, as well as host a Bible Study on campus on Monday evenings at 10:00pm. We are grateful for the energy, faith, and dedication of Elise.
- Each Sunday evening at 8:00pm throughout the academic year, worship is held in Robbins Memorial Chapel. We have seen no less than 20 participants at any given service. A highlight from the year thus far was standing-room only service where athletes were invited to receive a blessing.
- On February 23, our Presbyterian Women hosted Toasty Tuesday and served hotdogs as an afternoon snack to appx. 200 college students!
- Davis & Elkins College is beginning to become known for our commitment to matters of faith and spirituality. On Monday, March 14th, D&E will host a regional Symposium on Faith, Spirituality and Higher Education. This gathering is designed to:
 - ◊ Provide college administrators, chaplains, faculty members, students, and faith leaders an opportunity to explore how religious traditions and practices can enhance the higher education experience.
 - ◊ Examine practices for cultivating the positive roles of faith and spirituality within academic institutions.
 - ◊ Offer time for institutions to develop action plans to nurture spiritual and religious life on campus.
- On April 1-2, the Chaplain's Office will host a Career and Calling Retreat for students at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville to help students consider what God may be calling them towards in their life and career. This retreat is being co-led by myself and our newly retired, former Executive Presbyter, Forrest Palmer.
- Incoming Presbyterian students are offered a \$5,000 scholarship for contributing their faith life towards the life of the college.

- Many members and friends of DMPC work and volunteer at the College, whether they are teaching, administrating, coaching or volunteering! These names include: Ms. Joyce Allen (Board of Trustees), Mr. Donnie Corbin (Transportation and Coaching), Ms. Dana Marzolf (Volunteer Librarian Assistant), Dr. Robert McCutcheon (Professor of English), Ms. Tessa Randolph (Assistant Director of Financial Planning), Mr. Chris Randolph (Assistant Director of Admissions), Ms. Sue Talbott (Assistant Professor of Education), Dr. Bryan Wagoner (Assistant Professor for Philosophy and Religion), Mr. Adam Kota (Admission Counselor), and Ms. Tina Vial (Development Support and Coordinator for Church Relations). There are so many of us involved in the life of the College it is possible that a name has been forgotten. Please forgive me if I have left off a name or two!

Aside from these major happenings on campus, there are numerous other activities for our students to engage their faith.

Please take a moment to consider the work we do together to strengthen the faith lives of our neighbors across Sycamore St. and let us give thanks to God for the work of so many who prepare and inspire students for success and for thoughtful engagement with the world.

Blessings,
+ Pastor Kevin



Throughout the Easter season, Pastors Peter and Kevin will be leading our congregation through a six week sermon series based on the theme “Resurrection Living”. Together, we will explore what it means to live as people who put our hope in the risen Lord.

- April 3 (Peter): Resurrection Living: Fearful Living or Resurrection Living? Also Youth Sunday
- April 10 (Peter): Resurrection Living: Our Way, or God’s Way?
- April 17 (Kevin): Resurrection Living: Discerning the Voice of God
- April 24 (Kevin): Resurrection Living: Evidence of a Christian Lifestyle
- May 1 (Peter): Resurrection Living: Living in the Peace Christ Gives To Us
- May 8 (Kevin): Resurrection Living: When It Is Time to Disrupt the Status Quo

THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM...

The After School Program currently has 22 registered with an average of 10-12 who come daily. Two D&E work study students were hired and we opened our doors. We have students from 4 different schools this year as well as a special needs student "helper".

The children created a scarecrow to enter in the Main Street Associations Scarecrow Contest and won! They made a "Minion" from the "Despicable Me" movie and lovingly named him "Bob." "Bob" was on display in front of Elkins City Hall throughout the month of October.

In November, the After School Program filled 2 shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child program. We found out later that one box went to Belize and the other went to Ghana. Everyone hopes the children who received these gifts enjoy them. In December, the children participated in Amnesty International's "Write for Rights" letter writing campaign. After learning a little more about Amnesty International, the children copied a sample letter and addressed it to the President of Syria and urged him to look into this matter and free the family and their children..

In November, the ASP found that it no longer has exempt status from state licensing. Many hurdles have been cleared, such as a Fire Marshall Inspection, Health Department Inspection, and a lead risk assessment test which cost us \$1,725.00.

The good news is that in the fall of 2015, a grant was written and submitted to the Presbytery asking for general financial help. In January, we received word that \$3000 had been allocated to the ASP!

The new year brought some new faces to the After School Program. We lost Caitlee Timbrook, a D&E student who decided not to return to Elkins for the Spring semester. Long time worker Katie Varchetto is so busy with classwork and theater production, she doesn't think she will be able to provide any help. But we are keeping her on the books for early dismissals and Parents Night Out! Consequently, two new helpers have been hired. ASP welcomes Tucker Price, a member of the DMPC family, and Jen McMillion, an Elkins resident. Both are finding working with the ASP both rewarding and demanding!

The ASP will be participating in some cooking classes in the church kitchen this spring and hopefully we will be able to have some art classes as well. We are looking forward to March 2nd, Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will welcome Melodee Price, from Mountain Heart, who will be reading some Dr. Seuss classics to the children and leading them in a craft. Rick Varchetto, a local retired math teacher, will be coming twice a week to help any ASP child who needs extra help with math.

Snacks continue to be an uphill struggle. In an attempt to not segregate the children with allergies, we have been trying to provide healthy and tasty snacks, all of which are dairy and peanut free. Another change once we receive our license is that the ASP must abide by state regulations concerning healthy food choices. We will have to follow the same guidelines as the school system. We may be able to sneak in a few treats from time to time, but not as often as before!

We also have several families who struggle to make ends meet. We are in need of scholarships for their children. If you would like to help, please make a donation to the After School Program. We only charge \$10 per child per day, so any amount is always greatly appreciated.

WHO'S IN MY PEW?

This month's candidate is Richard (Rick) Evans. His grandparents, Evan Dale and Evelyn June, as well as his grandparents, Clyde and Clara Evans, were active in DMPC in the early 20th century. Rick is a retired public school music teacher who taught elementary band and general music. He received his B.M. in Music at West Virginia University, Class of 1969. Rick took additional post-grad classes at WVU and University of Maryland.



Rick collects 19th century antiques, including Currier & Ives prints, portraits of George Washington, sheet music, black & white photos of musicians (especially flute players), daguerreotypes, mourning pins, and men's tie stick pins. He also visits Victorian cemeteries and collects and performs flute duets, trios and quartets. He has a very large collection of CDs of orchestral music, operas, Broadway shows and movie soundtracks, as well as DVDs.

Rick is a founding member and member of the board of Historic Beverly Preservation and the Beverly Landmarks Commission. He volunteers at the Beverly Heritage Center and is a 19th century reenactor. Rick performs with the Mountain Winds, a woodwind trio. He is a familiar face in our choir and also sings with the Blue and Gray Choir. He enjoys attending concerts, Broadway shows and quality movies in Pittsburgh, Morgantown and Clarksburg.

One of Rick's favorite DMPC memories is singing in the various youth choirs that DMPC used to have, including the bell choir. He remembers with fondness DMPC's Christmas Eve Services of years ago. Those who attended our Christmas Eve Service last December will remember Rick's beautiful flute playing.

See the full bio of Richard Evans that is on the easel in the White Chapel

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE...

The Baked Potato Luncheon will be held March 13, 2016 immediately following morning service. Bishop Matthew Riegel of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will be preaching at both HTLC and here at DMPC that Sunday. The combined congregations will meet in the Fellowship Hall to share food, fun, and fellowship. Everything will be provided, so bring a smile and join us.

Dave, Margy, and Fay will again host the Palm Sunday Coffee. As always, they will awe us with their special treats and drinks!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in and around the Fellowship Hall on March 20, 2016. The students from the After School Program will prepare and hide the eggs. It is so much fun to watch the kids hunt for the eggs. But you must hurry to the Fellowship Hall right after church or you will miss all the fun! Donations of wrapped candy and small toys that will fit into the plastic eggs may be left in the designated box in the kitchen.

Let your light shine!
Mina Cupp
Fellowship Committee Chairman



March Birthdays

- 3 Sherri Marstiller
- 4 Hope Caplinger
- 4 Juanita Kyle
- 6 Allan Swanson
- 9 John Allen Jr.
- 10 Peg Rector
- 11 Robert Georgeson
- 12 Beverly Adriannse
- 12 Greg Jones
- 12 Rob Riddle
- 13 Ann Macomber
- 14 Holly Harper
- 14 Gary Moden
- 14 Tucker Price
- 15 Pat Varchetto
- 16 Jackie Papez
- 17 Bonnie Goode
- 19 Kate Somers
- 20 Richard Dye
- 20 Linda Rudy
- 23 Jo Ann Talbott
- 28 Peg Trimble
- 29 Cass Shockley
- 30 Kim White
- 31 Luna Bear

Happy Anniversary

- March 24 Rob & Betty Legg
- March 29 Phil & Bernice Becker

DON'T FORGET!

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFAST

MARCH 5, 2016

This is the last one for this season!

We start serving at 7:00am.



CHI-RHO YOUTH GROUP

March 13 6:00pm Normal meeting

March 27 6:00pm Normal meeting

KIDS CLUB

March 13 6:00pm

March 27 6:00pm

NURSERY...

Our Church Nursery is bustling with toddlers every Sunday and throughout the week for special events. Thanks be to God for Esther Wilson and her love of children for the Nursery Fund. This fund helps to keep our room a welcome place for children. The CE Committee's request for \$3000.00 enabled the committee to purchase books, toys, new furniture, and supplies for this energetic group of kids.

We welcome Bri Conley to our Nursery staff. Bri is a D&E sophomore. She joins Katie Varchetto as nursery caretaker. Our nursery is available every Sunday from 9:45am until 12:00. Katie and Bri also welcome children in our nursery for other church events.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER...

The Elkins Church Women United will meet at the Elkins Church of the Nazarene on the old Parsons road near Gilman on Friday, March 4 to celebrate World Day of Prayer. The meeting will begin at noon with a shared lunch of salads and sandwiches. The program will be immediately after lunch. Our program was written by a World Day of Prayer committee of Cuba and they invite us to consider these words: "Receive children, Receive me." Everyone is welcome to attend.

On March 12, DMPC and HTLC will serve lunches at Common Grounds, which is held at Woodford United Methodist Church at noon. Volunteers from Holy Trinity are needed to provide cookies and /or help serve the lunches. Please see Jane Hazer if you can help.

On Sunday, March 13, Bishop Matthew Riegel will be joining us for worship service here and also at DMPC. After the DMPC service (around noon), their famous baked potato luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and join them for great food and fellowship and to learn from each other.

That same day, at 3:00pm, we will be meeting at Holy Trinity with Bishop Riegel to discuss our mission partnership with DMPC. Members of both churches are welcome to come and join our continuing conversation of joint fellowship to God's glory within our community. If you have questions or concerns, please join us or let a council member know what they are.

The second half of Holy Trinity's congregational meeting will be held immediately following our service on March 20. We will review and approve our 2015 annual report.

Holy Week services will be held at the First United Methodist Church March 21 thru March 25. Services begin at noon each day. Ladies from Church Women United will serve lunch at a minimal cost following each service. Our ladies will provide cookies on Tuesday.

On Saturday, April 16, the Monongahela Valley-Mountain Spring Cluster for Women of the ELCA will meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bittinger, Maryland. More information forthcoming.

Happy March birthday to Barbara Schulz who turns 90.

Happy anniversary to Ruth and Harold Whitesel on March 15.

NEW MEMBER CLASS IN MARCH...

MARCH 6, 13, & 20, 2016

Have you been wondering if membership to our church family might be right for you? DMPC will offer a new member class during Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45am. New members will be received on Palm Sunday, March 20th. If you are interested, please contact Pastors Peter Vial or Kevin Starcher.

WITNESS/SERVICE COMMITTEE...

The Witness/Service Committee is gearing up for a very busy spring! On Saturday, March 12, 2016, DMPC and HTLC will be serving at the Common Ground Café. Our menu will be chili soup, cornbread, and coleslaw. HTLC will be providing cookies for dessert. If you are interested in contributing to the Common Ground Café meal either monetarily, by furnishing food or by helping serve, it would be greatly appreciated!

Once again the WSC will be providing “baskets” to families during the Easter season. Easter eggs containing slips of paper for the items needed will be available two Sundays, March 6 and 13. Beginning on March 13 we will be accepting the canned goods and the nonperishable items for the baskets. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation it would be greatly appreciated! We will prepare the baskets for pick up on Palm Sunday, March 20.

In addition, the WSC is making plans for the annual Great Day of Service to be held later this spring. Watch for more information in the bulletin and newsletter

If any of these projects intrigue you, or if you have other ideas of how Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church can reach out to our community, please consider joining us in the Dunham Conference Room on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm or feel free to contact Ann Macomber or John Talbott at (304) 636-8847.

MARCH LECTORY READINGS ...

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Liturgy of the Palms March 20, 2016 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion March 20, 2016 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56 or
Resurrection of the Lord March 27, 2016 <i>Easter Day</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	*Acts 10:34-43 or <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	John 20:1-18 or <i>Luke 24:1-12</i>



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CIRCLE MEETINGS

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| CIRCLE 1 | Jan Burr & Mina Cupp, Chairs
March 10 @1:30pm Hostess Mina Cupp –place TBA |
| CIRCLE 2 | Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs
March 10@10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Hostess Susan Pell |
| CIRCLE 5 | Sue Chenoweth , Chair
March 9 @ 1:00pm in the Fireplace Room |
| CIRCLE 6 | Sonja Corbin, Chair
March 9 @7:00pm at Holly Reilly's home |

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

MARCH 19, 2016

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

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