



*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.*

May 2017

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SUNDAY AT DMPC



Adult:

- 9:30am Coffee in White Chapel
- 9:30am Breakfast & Bibles at Henry G's
- 9:45am Dr. Lacy Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
- 9:45am Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall

Youth:

- 9:30am Breakfast & Bibles at Henry G's
- 9:45am Chi-Rho Youth Class in Youth Room

Worship Service at 11:00 am and
Live broadcast on WDNE, 1240am

Dear DMPC Family,

I am thrilled at the new things that are happening this Spring at DMPC!

First is the hiring of Ginny Simmons as our Interim Part-time Christian Education Coordinator. Ginny has hit the ground running in her main duty which focuses on supporting the Christian Education Committee in seeing to it that our CE program continues for all ages in a variety of ways. Her office is where Kevin's office was off the Dunham Room. Her office hours include being here Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 to 2.

Second is a confirmation class that began meeting the last part of April and continues into the first part of May. Our Christian Education Committee has lined up a stellar list of teachers for our confirmands. The class will be received into membership of the church during morning worship on Sunday May 21st.

Third is an Ad Hoc Committee established by the Session to openly discuss how we might continue to be connected to and supportive of the religious life program at D&E as far as possible staffing models, programmatic and or other support is concerned. That group is under the leadership of Bob Hermanson and has begun to meet and hopes to have some proposed directions to share with the Session and Congregation at the end of May or in early June. If you have some input for this discussion, please feel free to be in touch with Bob Hermanson.

And fourth, (it has to be an even number, right?) our partnership with the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church continues. Besides the number of joint programs that we plan together such as Bread and Broth, Great Day of Service, and special worship services such as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, we continue to worship in concert with one another. I am pleased to be leading worship at both churches. Members of both churches are encouraged to attend worship either at 9:00a.m. at Holy Trinity or at 11:00a.m. at DMPC.

I remain in awe of the new life promised to us by our God who says "Behold I am about to do something new...." and brings us the surprise and reality of resurrection in the midst of a world of hurt and death. Thanks be to God who fulfills his promises and continues to call us forward in great hope.

In the spirit of the Resurrection of our Lord,

Peter Vial

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY...

MAY 5, 2017 @NOON

Church Women United will be celebrating here at DMPC this year. Luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon. The program and business meeting will follow. Please bring a dessert to share. During the meeting, the Women will be collecting the Least Coin offering.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin has flourished as a global ecumenical women's prayer movement. The key to the movement's success is its simplicity. Individuals or groups may join by committing to pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation among families and communities and worldwide. Each time a woman prays, she sets aside the least coin of her local currency as a symbol of the prayer. Women's national groups collect the coins and send them to the Central FLC Fund, c/o World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. The prayers offered and the least coins collected support projects for women and children around the world.

ACTION ITEMS FROM STATED MEETING OF SESSION APRIL 10, 2017...

- > Approved a \$5,000 grant from the Barrick Fund for the Chaplain program at the College
 - > Established an Ad Hoc Committee on Personnel to bring recommendations to the Session regarding future directions in staffing at DMPC. The Ad Hoc Committee will be chaired by Bob Hermanson.
 - > Hired Ginny Simmons as Interim Part-time Director of Christian Education.
 - > Received a report from Treasurer Larry Wing on the first quarter of the year.
 - > A Confirmation Class is schedule for this Spring.
 - > A New Membership Class is anticipated in May
 - > Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 18-22
 - > Mary Ann McDonald was elected as commissioner to the May 18 Presbytery meeting at the Bridgeport Presbyterian Church.
 - > The Confirmation Class will attend the May meeting of Session.
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MOTHER/DAUGHTER...

May 18, 2017 @7:00pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for dessert (no dinner this year). Please join us for this yearly celebration. More information will be in the upcoming bulletins.



FACES OF FAITH...

We are now collecting items to be delivered to area agencies sometime in May. Suggested items are: toothbrush/toothpaste, comb, brush, deodorant, razors, washcloth, soap, shampoo, lotion, make-up, nail care products, and other personal care items you may wish to bring in. Items may be placed in the baskets in the White Chapel and the Fellowship Hall.



DMPC youth Groups...

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On March 26th, 2017 our DMPC Youth attended the RISE Against Hunger event held at D&E College during Inauguration Week. We had an assembly line of jobs to prepare a food bag that fed a family of 6. Collectively, in 1hr, this event prepared more than 15,000 meals for people around the world.



BACKPACKS

With generous donations to our Youth Program, we were able to assemble 10 backpacks for our local Randolph County Child Protective Services to distribute to children in transition to foster care. Boys and girls of multiple ages will receive a starter pack loaded with a blanket, stuffed animal, snacks, and personal hygiene items.



DUMPSTER ART

Our Youth Groups gathered after worship on Sunday, April 23 to take part in the Randolph County Make It Shine Program which is led by Melodee Price, a member of DMPC. They painted the dumpster at Papa John's restaurant.



DAVIS-STUART SCHOOL...

Ninety-eight years ago, the Davis-Stuart School Inc. began when George N. Davis and his wife May Estelle Kinports Davis donated their 574-acre farm near Lewisburg, WV, to the Synod of WV. It is now a part of the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to serve as a home for orphaned and dependent children. The home was chartered in 1919 to a board of directors in memory of Mr. Davis' father and mother, Col. James Ward Davis and Margaret Lynn Stuart Davis, hence the name "Davis-Stuart".

The initial task of organizing the home from the farm lay with Dr. J. L. Lineweaver, pastor of the Beckley Presbyterian Church. He took a 6-month leave of absence to convert the home from a farm to a school. Mr. R. K. Robinson, the first Superintendent, quickly enlarged the farm house in the fall of 1920 and the first residents arrived. The facility grew quickly and became the home to as many as 70 youngsters at a time – some as young as six years old.

The original program was designed to provide an environment in which children could learn values, habits, manners and some vocational skills. The girls were taught homemaking techniques, and the boys participated in daily farming activities. The children also attended school, recreational activities, and worship services.

In the 60's, the ages of the children served became 12 years and older. Group homes were also established at Beckley, Bluefield, and Princeton. In the 70's, six campus cottages were built and each cottage could accommodate 6 residents. During this time the staff focus became more specialized in education, work training, and family services. The program became more specialized in it's focus, utilizing positive peer culture, problem solving, and residents were taught how to communicate with and assist others. In the 90's, the clinical program was developed with a licensed clinical psychologist. In 2000, a fourth group home was established.

Today, Davis-Stuart Inc. operates as a private, non-profit agency governed by an independent Board of Directors and is a validated ministry of the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Davis-Stuart is licensed and funded in part by WVDHHR and offers programs for children between the ages of 12 and 18. All referrals are made by DHHR.

DAVIS-STUART SCHOOL VISIT...

June 1, 2017

We will leave at 8:30am, arriving at the school around 11:30am. We will be met by Matt Evans, Spiritual Director and our guide for the day. Lunch will be provided by the Culinary Arts Group. Tours of the school and farm will be provided and our tour will conclude at the horse barn, where we will meet some of the therapy horses.

They suggest we can help them by donating items on their "needs list", which is on the table in the White Chapel. Some are donating aprons, towels, and wash cloths.

Reservations may be made by contacting Mina Cupp at minacupp@icloud.com, calling her at 636-4507, or contacting the church office. We hope you can join us.

DISCIPLESHIP SAFARI

So that they may **be one**, as we are one. John 17.11

For more than twenty years the Presbytery of West Virginia has rejoiced in its sister Presbytery in Nyeri, the capital of the Central Highlands of Kenya, an area that would remind you of our own state, with green hills and hollers—and tea farms and coffee plantations—and without the snow.

Most of the time our relationship is spiritual, as we pray for each other and support at a distance our shared work in the Lord. Every couple of years, however, teams travel from one country to the other. Our next opportunity will come in the late winter (summer in Kenya) of 2018. WV Presbyterians will travel to Nyeri to:

Worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ



Build a church or school

Build relationships as guests of Kenyan families



Learn about another culture

PROPOSED DATES: January 4-18, 2018

COST: \$3,000

Contact Robert McCutcheon
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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY NEWS CORNER...

We would like to give a very special THANK YOU to Nancy Goerlich for the beautiful Welcome and Easter banners.

May Friendship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church on May 5 at noon. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share.

Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, May 11, at the Pizza Hut at 11:30am for our Mother's Day Lunch. All ladies of Holy Trinity and DMPC are invited to join us. Please let Nancy Schumacher know before May 10 so we can get tables big enough for us to sit together.

Mother's Day—May 14 –HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS!

ONLY ONE

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

Kate Douglas Wiggin

The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

We will be collecting items for the Randolph County Humane Society during May and June. Items needed include dog and cat food, old blankets, and cleaning supplies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Charles Spanitz - May 15
Joyce Estridge - May 16
Ric Campbell - May 16

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Arlene and Stephen Williams on May 2

We will have a yard sale at the church on June 10 beginning at 9:00am. If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the church by June 1. No clothes please! Proceeds of the sale will be divided between Lutheran World relief and Helping Hands clearing House.



BIRTHDAYS!

MAY

- 1 Nancy Booth
- 2 Julia Elbon
- 3 Jack Haher
- 4 Scott Corbin
- 4 Phyllis Jackson
- 7 Cliff Marstiller
- 8 Christal Carlson
- 12 Harold Elbon
- 13 Fay Maynard
- 14 Rita Cederberg
- 14 Jean Snedegar
- 16 Vidia Ross
- 16 Ryan Schooley
- 19 Mark Armentrout
- 19 Lena Mealey
- 19 Sue Talbott
- 22 Neva Georgeson
- 24 Natalia Ross Schooley
- 25 Susie Kump
- 25 Carter Loudin



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Cliff & Sherri Marstiller May 12
- Jeff & Ginny Simmons May 13
- Rev. Peter & Tina Vial May 31

DON'T FORGET!

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

- May 07 6:00pm Regular meetings
- May 21 6:00pm End of year cook-out & party!

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Every Monday 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Every Tuesday 9:00am MOPS
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts
- Every Wednesday 7:00pm Al-Anon
- May 04 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
- May 08 6:30pm Session
- May 11 7:00pm Home Prayer Group
- May 13 9am-7pm Daycare/D&E Senator Nation
- Weekend/Fellowship Hall
- May 18 7:00pm Mother/Daughter
- May 19 6:00-8:00pm Garden Club Set-up
- May 20 8:00-3:00pm Garden Club Plant Sale
- May 20 8:00am Mobile Food Pantry
- May 21 Confirmation Sunday/Graduation Sunday
- May 23 Noon Book Club
- May 23 5:30pm RCHS
- May 25 7:00pm Home Prayer Group
- May 29 **Office Closed for Memorial Day**

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY...

MAY 20, 2017

This has become one of our most successful projects. Please take some time and come help us distribute food to those in our community who are in need of a little help.

If you would like to help, meet us in the parking lot behind the church between 8:00am & 8:30am.





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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** **Jan Burr & Mina Cupp, Chairs**
May 11 @1:30pm in the Fireplace Room
Brenda Hermanson, hostess

- CIRCLE 2** **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**
May 18th
We will attend the Mother/Daughter Event

- CIRCLE 6** **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**
May 11 @7:00pm at Juanita's home

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

THERE WILL NOT BE ONE IN MAY



Join us on [Facebook](#)! Join the Group "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" to receive current announcements, discuss topics, see our growing photo gallery, and generally stay in touch.

