



*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.*

November 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 Dunham Room

Youth:

- 9:30am Breakfast & Bibles at Henry G's

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

Dear Friends,

Here we are in October, surely one of the most beautiful months in Elkins every year. I came to you as your pastor 8 years ago last month and I must say it continues to be a delight to live and serve with you in this very special place. DMPC is a congregation blessed with folks with many gifts for ministry of all kinds. I thank God when I think of you and work with you to serve and glorify Christ here in our community.

This eighth year of ministry together has including some goodbyes and welcomes! We said our goodbyes to the Starchers and welcomed the ministry of Ginny Rast as our Director of Christian Education. Ginny is doing a great job in Christian Education support and our ministry with children and youth is strong and moving ahead. In August we welcomed the Rev. Laura Brekke to our community and Church family. She is serving the College full-time as Chaplain and living in our Manse #2.

We are serving Christ and his people in need in various ways these days. The Common Ground Cafe continues to be an important soup kitchen ministry that we share with other groups in the community. The Mobile Food Pantry (Food Truck) led by Tate Summerfield and the Witness Service Committee is an exciting venture in feeding the hungry that God has blessed us with. We will no doubt be doing it again come Spring time. Christmas food baskets will be another ministry of feeding the hungry we will enjoy in the coming weeks as well. Bringing non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month to stock the shelves of our small food pantry in the White Chapel provides emergency food for people during the week. These are just several opportunities to serve our community in need. There are and will be other opportunities as well.

Perhaps God is calling you to sign up for the Green Thumb Crew to be on call to help with our Church grounds. Maybe you would like to teach a class, or help lead worship, or be a greeter. Maybe you would like to be on a joint committee with our HTLC (Lutheran) friends as we plan some event or outreach activity. There are endless ways to serve in and through DMPC/HTLC. DMPC members can indicate your interest on the Time and Talent cards as part of our Stewardship Campaign in the coming weeks.

Please know that I am celebrating the beginning of my ninth year with you and look forward to the opportunities ahead to see the amazing things that Christ has in store for us. God in Christ is always doing a new thing in our midst. Let's keep our hearts and eyes open so we can see, witness and be part of the Good News!

In Christ's Service,
Peter

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFAST...

NOVEMBER 4, 2017 @7AM

It's that time of year again! Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

November 04

January 06

March 03

December 02

February 03



ACTIONS FROM THE OCTOBER 9TH SESSION MEETING...

1. Granted letters of transfer for Rick Campbell to the First United Methodist Church, Elkins and for Chrissy Starcher to the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boise, Idaho.
2. Completed the voting process on using Missionary Fund moneys for three Mission trips:
Melody Meadows and the Ons Plek project in South Africa
Brian Wagoner for a mission trip to Nicaragua
Robert McCutcheon for a mission trip to Kenya
3. Approved a slate of nominees for the class of 2020:
Adam Kota, Dana Marzolf, Kim White and Monica Varchetto.
4. Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 5, 2017 for the election of new elders.
5. Voted to designate the following persons as Elder Emeritus: Judy Guye Swanson, Arnold Kyle and James Wilson.
6. Acted to extend Ginny Rast's contract as Director of Christian Education for one year renewable on an annual basis.
7. Acted on recommendation of the Witness Service Committee to install a Blessing Box on the Sycamore Street lawn where persons can pick up non-perishable food items as well as a place where persons can drop off food items.
8. Voted to send \$200 to the First Baptist Church as a thank you for the use of their parking lot on Saturday, August 19, during the Presbytery Meeting.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY...

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Church Women United will meet at the St. Brendan Catholic Church to celebrate "World Community Day". We will begin with a noon luncheon. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share. A program and business meeting will follow the luncheon.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING

NOVEMBER 16, 2017 @6:00PM

The Presbyterian Women will be holding their Thanksgiving Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner is being planned with carved turkey and dressing. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to go with the meal. Our program will be given by Cathy McManamy on her trip to China. Mark your calendars and enjoy Thanksgiving with us. Friends and guests are invited.

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN -- THE BLESSING OF GIVING...

During this month you'll be hearing from church members about the blessing of giving in their own lives, and also the joy of being on the receiving end of God's generosity. Later this month you'll be receiving a letter asking you to consider your own giving to Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church for 2018 -- giving of your time, your talents and your financial support. On November 12th and 19th, we'll have a opportunity to respond to God's call -- with a collection of giving pledge cards during the services. Please be in prayer about what God may want you to give.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MITTEN TREE...

The Mitten Tree in the White Chapel is where we are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats through the week of Thanksgiving. We have already distributed 23 items to needy children in the community. Monetary contributions are also welcome to help us "fill in" items that are needed.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS...

The Witness Service Committee will be providing Christmas food baskets to those in need during the holiday season. The WSC will be asking the congregation for contributions of non-perishable food items beginning November 26th. Baskets will be distributed after church on Sunday, December 17th. If you or someone you know is in need of a basket please contact John Talbott or Ann Macomber [\(304\) 636-8847](tel:3046368847).

MEALS ON WHEELS...

As I begin November and think of Thanksgiving, I always think of the ongoing support that this church and its members provides us. Without the generous offering of free office space, the minimal budget that we attempt to operate on would surely be insufficient. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the employees and volunteers, I offer our most sincere thanks!

If you would be interested in volunteering, please speak with me or call 304-636-4919 and leave a message.

Blessings to all, Betty Legg Coordinator for Meals on Wheels of Randolph County

“I AM GRATEFUL FOR...”

“Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday” was held here at DMPC on October 22. Women of DMPC and Davis & Elkins College participated in this annual worship and delivered some inspiring messages. The theme of worship was ‘gratitude’ and there was a bulletin insert on which the congregation was asked to write down what they are grateful for. During our Children’s Time, the lists were collected by the children and placed in the Gratitude Jar. We received 48 responses which included:

- 43 Family
- 25 friends/each other
- 16 health
- 15 this church family
- 10 spouse
- 10 God’s & Jesus’ love/saving grace

These were mentioned the most. Other things for which we are grateful include: Children, shelter/safe place to live, pets/animals, love, job, our free country, abundant food, Christ’s sacrifice/saving grace/shepherd, safety/security, God’s earth/this world, my faith, grandchildren, living in Elkins/a relatively safe community, beautiful weather/fall, opportunities, ability to help and serve others, cool breezes/warm sunshine, another beautiful day, parents, chocolate, gardens, freedom, clean water/rain, enemies, everything/everyone God has blessed me with, stuffed animals, God’s loving Spirit, ability to speak, ability to love, having enough resources, causes I am passionate about, those who have helped develop my faith, silly giggles, forgiveness, embraces, ability to walk and get around, meaningful work, comfort, all blessings, my car, no debts, life, travel/adventures, military, Boston Red Sox, and so much more.

Thank you for your participation in this part of the women’s service. The congregation has much to be grateful for – we all have much to think about as we prepare for Thanksgiving.



CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY...



Linda Rudy



Judy Guye-Swanson



Holly Hughes-Reilly



Joyce Butler Allen



Brenda Hermanson



Tina Vial



Julia Hancock



Lisa Wood



Jean Snedegar



Rev. Laura Brekke offers the Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Women's Choir



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER NEWS CORNER...

We would like to thank all of the people who made the 500th Reformation celebration a success.

“World Community Day”, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at St. Brendan Catholic Church on Friday November 3 beginning at 12:00 noon. Please bring sandwiches or a salad to share.

On November 11, we remember all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to serve and protect our country. We thank all of the veterans who have served and are currently serving in our military to keep our nation free.

Our ladies will participate in the WELCA Thankoffering service during our church service on November 19. The tradition of “Thankoffering” goes back to the early 1800s. When it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would gather in “cent” or “mite” societies where each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. The women would get together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

A congregational meeting will follow the service on November 19th.

Volunteers are needed to help serve the community Thanksgiving dinner on November 23. Please contact Charles Spanitz if you would like to help.

We will collect items for the Randolph County Homeless Shelter during the month of December. The following items are needed: socks, men’s underwear, wash cloths, towels, combs, hair brushes, personal care items such as deodorant, tooth brushes, and toothpaste.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Carol Merten - November 2

Happy Anniversary to: Chip and Brenda Ramsey—November 10

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

WELCA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR...

DECEMBER 2, 2017

This will be held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church located at 302 First Street.

The Bazaar will begin at 9am. The Ladies of the Church will provide soup & sandwiches for lunch beginning at 11:00am. Lunch may be eaten there or carried out. Please stop by and see all the goodies they have for sale!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Martha Cardot
- 2 Elliot White
- 3 James F. Wilson
- 7 Tina Vial
- 9 Monica Guye Varchetto
- 13 Robert Hermanson
- 14 Grace Sundelin
- 17 Matt Fair
- 17 Brenda Miller
- 18 Miriam Fath
- 18 Pat Schumann
- 22 Hayes Shelton
- 24 Frankie Riemenschneider
- 26 Patty Jo Hamilton
- 26 Brenda Kirkpatrick
- 28 Emily Caplinger
- 28 Caleb Harper
- 29 Ruth Hinkle
- 29 Houston Schuler

Happy Anniversary

- Nov. 18 Ralph & Elizabeth Hill
- Nov. 22 Hollis & Adrienne Vance
- Nov. 24 Pat & Monica Varchetto
- Nov. 30 Jeff & Melody Loudin

DON'T FORGET!

Nov. 05 6:00pm Youth Groups
 Nov. 19 6:00pm Youth Groups

DATES TO REMEMBER...

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

Nov. 2 10:00am PW's
 Nov. 3 Noon World Community Day
 Nov. 4 7:00am Buckwheat Breakfast
 Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends—change your clock
Nov. 12 Dedication Sunday
 Nov. 13 6:30pm Emma Scott Garden Club
 6:30pm Session
 Nov. 16 6:00pm PW Thanksgiving Gathering
 Nov. 18 1:00pm Art Class in Fellowship Hall
 Nov. 23 **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Office closed Thursday & Friday (23&24)

Food Truck...

We distributed 11,429 pounds of food and served 204 families (577 individuals). This equals about 19 pounds of food per

person. 1.2 pounds equals 1 meal according to the guidelines. All in all, we served 16 meals per person or 3 meals a day for a week.





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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**
 Nov. 9th @1:30pm at Susie Kump's home

- CIRCLE 2** **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**
 Nov. 16 We will attend the Thanks Gathering

- CIRCLE 6** **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**
 Nov. 8th @7:00pm at Marline Kyle's home

If you need a ride to get to our Sunday morning Worship Service, please call the Church Office at 304 636 2788 and we will ask a Church member to pick you up.

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