



*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
 Wednesday Adult Bible Study, 10:00am
 After School program, weekdays 3-6pm

**DMPC Helps Give Birth to a
New Worshipping Community
at Davis & Elkins College**



Over the course of the 2014 Fall semester and the beginning of the 2015 Spring semester, a group of Davis & Elkins College students discussed an interest in creating a new worshipping community on campus. The group discernment began with a desire to have a weekly service for students, staff, and faculty to worship God together and share their faith. There had been a monthly chapel service with sparse attendance, but no weekly opportunity for some time.

In January 2015 the College chaplain, Rev. Kevin Starcher, brought together the group of students who had expressed interest in developing this new worshipping community. The group began meeting three times a week, opening with a short devotion and then discussing how to begin the weekly, student-led chapel service. Rev. Starcher encouraged the group to continue meeting with set requirements. He said that he is grateful that the student body wants to have this weekly worship service, and to be successful, the effort needed structure, leadership, and dedication that had to come from student discipleship. Five students had to be willing and ready to be engaged in the creation of this service, including being actively involved in the meetings, promotion, as well as the service. Rev. Starcher gave the group the greatest confidence when he reminded the group to just give it to God. If the group trusted that God wanted the service to happen, then it would fall into place if there were people willing to work and willing to follow. The discernment process was – and continues to be – at all times held in prayer.

Once a dedicated leadership team had been established the group designated roles and responsibilities. Another level needed to be reached. The group decided to conduct a survey to better understand what the student body wanted out of a new worshipping community. From all the answers given by the student body, the leadership team continued the discernment process by creating a mission statement and a structured order of worship.

The mission statement of the New Worshipping Community, simply called “D&E Chapel”, is “*To empower students with seeds of*

spiritual growth and to inspire discipleship in an open, faith-based community.” The statement exemplifies and communicates the community’s desire to form new disciples of Jesus Christ within the context of an inclusive, student-led service. A student-led approach to ministry was chosen over a model that is staff-led because of an innate desire to change the way young adults view church, and to provide a service that varies from a blanket approach. It is the hope of this group to engage the college community in a creative and innovative manner, inspiring practical application in the lives of community members when they leave the service.

Following weeks of promotion around campus, the first service was held in Robbins Memorial Chapel on Sunday evening, March 15, 2015. The leadership team was a bit apprehensive, wondering how many people would show up for the inaugural meeting. Quickly, the apprehension melted into gratitude as 28 members of the campus community gathered for praise and worship. Throughout the rest of the academic year twenty to thirty D&E community members gathered weekly for praise, prayers, and worship.

Word of God’s blessings on this community quickly spread. A generous donor offered to pay for a light meal following each service to enhance the community, while neighboring Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church agreed to sponsor this new worshipping community with accountability and financial support. The session of DMPC offered a grant for up to \$5,000 to help with the programming needs of D&E Chapel. Finally, the group applied through the PCUSA’s 1001 New Worshipping Communities Initiative for a seed grant to further strengthen the program of D&E Chapel. The D&E Chapel leadership team was thrilled to learn on August 10th that it had received a \$7,500 seed grant to support programmatic needs and strengthen student leadership.

To say that the D&E Chapel leadership team is excited for the next academic year would be an understatement. With widespread support across town at DMPC, the Presbytery Office, and the PCUSA Mission Agency, as well as excitement around campus, the group is excitedly praying for the adventure for another semester of ministry with young adults on campus. Services take place Sunday evening at 8:00pm in the Robbins Memorial Chapel on the D&E campus.



CHI-RHO...

Welcome back! The meeting dates in September are:

- September 13 Kick-off Bonfire at the Simmons’
- September 19 10am Great Day of Service at HTLC
- September 27 6pm Regular meeting



KIDS CLUB...

This is for children pre-K thru 4th grade.

The club will meet Sept 13 & 27 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...

What if this church had all the programs and resources we wanted?

What if we had a balanced “dream” budget?

The Stewardship Committee asked the chairpersons of the other committees for their “dream” budget, and we are excited to learn the Christian Education Committee has some pretty nice dreams for the Youth in our church family! We are seeing growth in this age group, and therefore feel the desire to engage them in new ways... What if we created a Younger Youth group with age-appropriate, fun activities and opportunities for guided growth in Christ and in the community? What if we had one more person in the nursery to watch over the very youngest of our brothers and sisters?

The Finance Committee dreams of a balanced general operating budget for 2016! We have functioned in the red for many years and thanks to generous donations into Capital Gifts, we have had resources available when the budget falls short. What if we actually ended a year without a deficit? We have a gap that must be closed to do this!

In coming weeks and months, we will present different ways to look at our current financial giving and consider increasing our financial giving to help make these dreams come true.

What do you dream for DMPC?

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFAST...

SEPTEMBER 12 & 26, 2015

September 12—a week later due to Labor Day

September 26—a week earlier to avoid the Forest Festival Parade.

Remember, the “patty party” is the Friday before the breakfast.



RALLY DAY...

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

“Rally Day” at Davis Memorial is traditionally when our Sunday school classes resume for the fall. We celebrate new and returning teachers for all our classes; present our 1st Graders with their very own Bible; and enjoy fellowship with our church family at the picnic in the City Park at 1:00pm. The Christian Education Committee has some surprises in store for this special Sunday. Plan to join us at 9:45am for Sunday school; 11:00 am for worship; and 1:00 pm for our picnic in the park.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

AT NOON BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

In the style of Lectio Divina, one of the oldest forms of Christian Bible Study, this group will discover and share the challenges and opportunities found in the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

Presbyterian Women from around West Virginia met at Davis Memorial on August 15 for their "Annual Gathering". Rev. Peter Vial welcomed ladies from So. Charleston, Beverly, Belington, Tygarts Valley, Hinton, Oak Hill, Highlawn, and Beechwood Presbyterian Churches.

The highlight of the morning session was the opportunity to meet and chat with Judy Fletcher, the author of the 2015-16 Horizons Bible Study, "Come to the Waters." A computer technology called Skype allowed us to see and talk with Judy from her home in Texas while sitting in our Fellowship Hall. Awesome! Rev. Joanne Glaser provided the group with handouts and resources for leaders for the new study.

Nellie Howard, Resource Director from the WV Presbytery, was on hand with a table full of books and resources for borrowing! Tina Vial brought greetings from Davis & Elkins College and invited the women to join her for a tour of the college. The offering for our Mission Focus, "Children's Advocacy Center" in Elkins, totaled \$226.00. A lovely lunch was served by our DMPC PW. The gathering continued after lunch in the sanctuary where Danna Davis from Oak Hill was installed as our new Moderator of the WV PW. Nancy Martin, Commissioned Ruling Elder of the Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, portrayed the "woman at the well" in her meditation from John 4:1-26. Peter Vial, assisted by Nancy Martin, welcomed all to the Lord's Supper. The Christ's candle was extinguished and the day was concluded with the Mizpah benediction.

God's blessings and thanks to our DMPC ladies and those from Beverly, Belington, and Tygarts Valley for helping to make this a day to remember!



Nancy Martin & Peter Vial



Nancy Martin



Nellie Howard



Thank you, Tina!



The ladies take a break after getting everything set up. (sitting) Jan, Juanita, Sue Nancy S., Mina, Nancy B., Dana, Brenda, Holly



Look at us. We can Skype!



Holt & Dave greet the ladies!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...

Congratulations to Mary Rose Rinell's grandson, Charles Myers of Virginia Beach, Virginia for achieving the honor of Eagle Scout. His award ceremony will be held on November 21st.

Our congratulations to the fourteen year old Babe Ruth All Stars for winning the state championship. Steve Schumacher served as manager and his son, Read, was on the team. They then played in Robinson, Illinois in the regional Babe Ruth competition.

Our thanks to Greg Schumacher for trimming all of the bushes and trees around the church and keeping the flowers and lawn looking nice. Our thanks to Brenda Ramsey for keeping the inside of the church sparkling clean. Jane Hazer, Brenda Ramsey and Nancy Schumacher cleaned the brass items in the sanctuary.

On Saturday, September 19, we will host "God's work, Our Hands" day along with members of DMPC and D&E College students. If you have any community projects you would like for us to help with, please let a council member know.

The WV--Western Maryland Synod of the ELCA will install the Rev. Matthew Riegel as it third bishop on Saturday, September 26, at 1:00pm in the Wesley Chapel at Wesleyan College in Buckhannon.

Please pray for: Jane Crites, Pauline Fitez, Mary Beck Kisner,
Doug Rinell, Herman Schumacher, Arlene Williams

We are pleased to report that Arlene is now home and that Doug has returned to work.

Happy Birthday to Greg Schumacher on September 5!

Happy Anniversary to Carol and Walt Merton on September 29!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 10 Women of the ELCA meet @10:00am

14 Church council meeting @6:30pm

19 Service Day

20 Church Women United state meeting at Quiet Dell

26 Installation of Rev. Matthew Riegel as new Bishop

PHIPPS LECTURESHIP PRESENTS...

SAVE THE DATE!

Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary

"Practicing Progressive Faith"

Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm at Halliehurst

COMMUNITY KITCHEN...

This program is usually the last Saturday of the month. We find it necessary to have it on a different day this month. Call Tate Summerfield @304-704-9455 or e-mail her at communitykitchen@gmail.com. She will be happy to answer your questions or set up a time for you to come in and help out.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB...

The After School Club Yard Sale made \$400.00. Thanks to all who contributed and helped out! We have 14 registered students with more on the way. We do not need school supplies or snacks but if anyone would like to make a donation, we have several families who need scholarships. These families sincerely appreciate any help they can get.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING...

OCTOBER 4 & 11, 2015

This offering supports peace initiatives and reconciliation around the world. It funds programs devoted to education, mission support, and conflict resolutions in communities at home and abroad. Twenty-five percent is used for local ministries and twenty-five percent is used by the presbytery and synod ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining fifty percent is used to promote peace practices and reconciliation through education, Christian witness, and the advancement of global church partnerships. Please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration as to how you can support these goals through the Peace and Global Witness Offering to be collected on October 4th and October 11th.

RANDOLPH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY...

The Randolph County Humane Society is in desperate need of folks who like to walk and would like it even better if there were a leash in hand with a dog attached to it! At the moment, only a small handful of dedicated volunteers are able to get our 50+ dogs walked three times per week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sunday mornings. We are open to scheduling folks at different times than that, but really need people who are able to walk any size dog. We have dogs of all sizes, but there are always a lot of medium and large dogs. If you are trying to include more walking in your life, please consider helping us do the same for the dogs in our care.

We also need people who would like to come socialize and play with cats. Our feline friends need time outside of their kennels as well, and they crave human interaction.

Socializing and exercising our animals makes them more adoptable. You will really be doing a wonderful service to the community as well as the individual animals if you can help. The larger the pool of help we have, the easier it will be to tend to the needs of our adoptables. If you are interested in getting a couple friends together to help us, please let Tina Vial know. All the animals will appreciate it and so will the staff and Board of Directors!!! Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT DMPC...

BEGINNING SEPT. 13, 2015

Adult Classes: 1. The Letters of Paul will meet in the Fellowship Hall

2. Bibles, Bagels, and Bites will meet at the Coffee Shop downtown

3. Dr. Lacy Bible Class will meet in the Dunham Conference Room

4. **Wednesday** Bible Study at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Classes: 1. Bibles, Bagel, and Bites will meet at the Coffee Chop downtown

2. Chi-Rho Youth Class will meet in the Youth Room off the Fellowship Hall

Children's Classes:

1. Nursery is located on the second floor of the church.

The nursery is available during both Sunday School time and worship

2. Venture for grades K-4 will also meet on the second floor of the church

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS ...

<p><u>Proper 18 (23)</u> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146</p>	<p>James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17</p>	<p>Mark 7:24-37</p>
<p><u>Proper 19 (24)</u> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1</p>	<p>James 3:1-12</p>	<p>Mark 8:27-38</p>
<p><u>Holy Cross</u> September 14, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-5 or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38</p>		<p>1 Corinthians 1:18-24</p>	<p>John 3:13-17</p>
<p><u>Proper 20 (25)</u> Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1</p>	<p>Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54</p>	<p>James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a</p>	<p>Mark 9:30-37</p>
<p><u>Proper 21 (26)</u> Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124</p>	<p>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14</p>	<p>James 5:13-20</p>	<p>Mark 9:38-5</p>



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CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1	Jan Burr & Mina Cupp, Chairs No meeting—see you at the Fall Gathering
CIRCLE 2	Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs September 10 @10am meet at the church to carpool to Joyce Allen's
CIRCLE 5	Sue Chenoweth , Chair No meeting—see you at the Fall Gathering
CIRCLE 6	Sonja Corbin, Chair September 9 @6:30pm Mona Macomber, hostess

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