



*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.*

**July 2018**

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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

Ministry in Churches with an active Presbyterian Women's ministry have been the best places in which to be a pastor. Why?

Presbyterian Women are always about mission. Learning about world mission and generously giving to mission causes, both globally and locally, has always been an inspiration to me personally.

Here in Elkins the ministry of the PW Scholarships is particularly noteworthy. So many students have been positively impacted by the generosity of the congregation via the leadership of Presbyterian Women. I remember a mission trip we took to Davis Stuart Children's Home in Lewisburg where the women saw first hand where some of their mission donations were hard at work.

Presbyterian Women take Bible study seriously. Through the *Horizons* Bible study, Presbyterian Women have led the way in biblical literacy in our congregation here in Elkins and around the country. At the heart of every circle meeting is Bible study!

Presbyterian Women provide leadership and an example of true discipleship for the whole congregation. If you need something done, or leaders for a particular function, ask the Presbyterian Women. If you need leadership for a bereavement dinner, ask Presbyterian Women. If you need someone to take charge of the annual service of worship where we celebrate the gifts of women, ask Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian Women as a group are examples to all the rest of us as to what discipleship and service is supposed to look like and I am grateful.

So happy 30<sup>th</sup> birthday to Presbyterian Women! May this 2018 celebration be sustained and blessed by the Holy Spirit so that your ministry may grow and prosper for many more years to come here in Elkins and around our world.

In Christ's Service,

Peter Vial

## SESSION NOTES FROM THE JUNE 11 MEETING OF SESSION:

- \*Heard an end of the year report from Capital gifts committee and voted to keep the percentage spending limits on Capital gifts funds at 2.5%.
- \*Held a second vote on providing up to \$4500 to cover the expenses of two food trucks this year. The funds are coming from the Magee fund.
- \*Held a second vote on providing up to \$2000 from the Landrum Fund for support of Ryan Mullenex as a Young Adult Volunteer. Contributions from the congregation are also being sought.
- \*Held a first vote on providing up to \$1000 from capital gifts to bolster a deficit situation in the After School Program asking that the program provide a plan and budget for the coming year showing no deficit.
- \*Held a first vote on following through on the last installment of a \$20,000 pledge to assist the D&E Campus Ministry program with it's New Worshiping Community status with the denomination. This last installment is for \$5000.
- \*Witness Service Committee will be hosting the Common Ground Café on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Fellowship Committee reported on a successful picnic at Joe Carlson's farm and announced plans for the annual fall picnic in the park scheduled September 9<sup>th</sup> on Rally Day.
- \*Pastor Peter Vial reported on his attending the May 17 Presbytery meeting in Charleston and the Synod Assembly of the ELCA Synod of West Virginia-Western Maryland in Shepherdstown.
- \*Elected Dana Marzolf as commissioner to the August 18 Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Fairmont.
- \*The Session will not be holding regular stated meetings during July and August but will resume September 10<sup>th</sup> with its next stated meeting. Meanwhile the Session will meet as called by the Moderator.

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## FACES OF FAITH...

This has been our biggest and best year yet with over 200 items being donated. Holly Reilly sorted, counted and divided the items to be distributed to the Homeless Shelter and to Women's Aid in Crisis here in Elkins. Both agencies were most appreciative of the gifts and let us know that our generosity helps them help others in need.

Samantha White delivers items to WAIC



## Who's in My Pew? Dana Marzolf



Dana Marzolf has been a member of DMPC for over 35 years and is an ordained deacon and elder. She has one daughter, two granddaughters and three great grandchildren. Born in Pittsburgh, she moved to Elkins in 1974 with her husband and daughter. Interested in Christian education, Dana became involved in many programs at DMPC and began attending Davis & Elkins College – graduating magna cum laude with a BA degree in Religion & Philosophy and a minor in Appalachian Studies. Later Dana graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with an MA in Religious Education. She is a retired Certified Christian educator in the PC(USA) having served as director of Christian education in churches in Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland before returning to Elkins. Currently, Dana is chairperson of the Worship Committee and also serves as the spiritual enrichment coordinator of DMPC and West Virginia Presbytery Presbyterian Women.

Dana's hobbies are playing guitar, knitting, cross-stitch, gardening and watching all the Pittsburgh sports teams on TV. An avid Beatles fan, she has fond memories of seeing the group five times in concert. She has many wonderful church memories, but her favorite is having the chance to attend the opening worship service of the 220th General Assembly in Pittsburgh with a group from West Virginia Presbytery in June 2012.

Her funniest church memory occurred when she was singing in the DMPC choir. She explained: "I was sitting next to Marty Cardot who whispered to me, Melody is playing the intro to the wrong hymn!" A split second before we began to sing, and without turning the pages in her hymnbook, Melody coolly began playing the correct hymn. The choir was just about on the floor laughing. Rev. Charlie Landrum turned around and gave us a quizzical look and Melody just smiled and played on - the congregation having no idea what had just happened!"

Dana is currently volunteering two or three days a week at D&E's Booth Library where she works mainly in the archives. In the summer, she also volunteers at Augusta.

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## **MELODY'S TRIP...**

Greetings church family,

I have just returned from a month in Cape Town, South Africa, working as a volunteer for Ons Plek, the non-government agency I have been associated with since my year-long sabbatical there in 2009. Cape Town is currently experiencing a drought of epic proportions. In January, BBC News had a headline asking "Will Cape Town be the first city to run out of water?" Water rationing throughout Cape Town only permits 50 liters of water use per day per person. Thanks to the church's generosity, one of the shelters run by Ons Plek is now upgraded to sustainably address the challenges of ongoing water rationing. Rainwater harvesting is now possible through the installation of "jo jo" water tanks and a pump system that allows the flow of stored rainwater into the main water system of the intake shelter.

As June is the winter rainy season, Davis Memorial's mission fund was able to provide this crucial upgrade for the organization when rain capture is possible. Alternative sources of water during the drought conditions will enable the organization to continue their focus on providing vital support to the vulnerable young girls who are provided shelter, education, and care through the dedication of Ons Plek staff and volunteers.

Thank you for providing travel assistance for me as well as the funds necessary to ensure Ons Plek can provide water for the girls living in the shelter. Ons Plek is grateful for the continued relationship of support offered by our church community to their mission and vision.

Melody



## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY NEWS CORNER...

There is no letter for July.

**Happy Birthday to Denise Campbell on July 14th.**

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RUBY!

Ruby York's birthday will be July 17th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after Church on Sunday, July 15, to help Ruby celebrate. We'll have cake and ice cream and share some happy memories with her. The celebration will begin at 12:30pm.

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### CHI-RHO YOUTH NEWS...

During the summer months, our DMPC Youth will be embarking on several monthly "day" missions and adventures. Our 6-12 graders have the following planned:

- \*A trip to the Randolph County Humane Society
- \*A trip to the Hermanson Farm
- \*Kayaking and some river play

For more info, contact: Ginny Rast @304-704-9093 or [vcstast46@gmail.com](mailto:vcstast46@gmail.com)

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### FOOD TRUCK...

As always, this was a very successful event. Although the weather was not co-operating—it rained all morning—we still had a rather large turn out. While there was food left this time, Witness/Service found places for it to be used. We will sponsor the Food Truck again on September 28th. Mark your calendars and come out and give us a hand.

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Bring your your kids and grandkids and your leashed pet out for a fun day in the park full of activities!

Tina has raffle tickets!

# BIRTHDAYS!

## July Birthdays

- 1 Tate Summerfield
- 2 Ed Rudy
- 2 Jeff Loudin
- 2 Danielle Ullman
- 5 Tim Price
- 7 Dana Marzolf
- 7 David Nelson
- 7 Holly Reilly
- 8 Dan Harper
- 10 Sandra Godwin
- 11 Dr. Richard Kelly
- 12 David Reed
- 13 Richard Cardot
- 14 Deb Hamrick
- 15 Lynne Harper
- 17 Ruby York
- 19 Anita Jones
- 20 Chloe Maynard
- 21 Jay Crissman
- 22 Cindy Talbott
- 24 Patrick Reilly
- 25 Helen Stalnaker
- 25 Jacob White
- 28 Alison Kerr
- 28 Rachel Shryock
- 30 Julia G. Brumfield



## Happy Anniversary

- July 17 Dave & Margy Nelson  
 July 24 Doug & Jan Jenkins  
 July 26 Steven & Debbie Cook

## DMPC YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will not meet in July or August.

## BLUESTONE SUMMER CAMP...

This is available to our 7-12 graders during July on various dates. Brochures are on the table in the White Chapel with more information. Prices differ for each camp. Please check with the office if you are in need of financial assistance. Please contact Ginny Rast @304-704-9093 or [vcsrast46@gmail.com](mailto:vcsrast46@gmail.com) with questions.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Wednesday 7:00pm Al-Anon

July 03 2:00pm Membership Committee  
 5:30pm Capital Gifts

### **JULY 04 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

July 05 10:00am PW Coordinating Team

July 16 9am-5m Girl Scout Day Camp  
 Thru July 20 in the Fellowship Hall

July 24 Noon Book Club  
 5:30pm RCHS in the Dunham Room

## FATHER'S DAY...

Everett & Estrid Garver-Daniels keep a close eye on the goodies served by the Presbyterian Women for their Father's Day Coffee.





**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
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**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

- CIRCLE 1**     **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**  
**July 12 @1:30pm**
  
- CIRCLE 2**     **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**  
**July 12 @10am in the Fireplace Room**  
**Hostess is Susan Pell**
  
- CIRCLE 6**     **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**  
**July 11 @7pm TBA**

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.

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.

