



*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.*

September 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

Dear Friends,

It’s time to rally! Rally from what? Rally to what? We rally from the Summer activities that have altered our schedules and sent us off in many different directions. Some of you have been dealing with surgeries and illness and are back now ready to participate in full stride. With school starting again we begin to be in worship on a regular basis again. Sunday School starts again. Things get back to normal. So we rally and come together again!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 9th and is the day of our annual church picnic in the park! Come back to Sunday School for all ages and celebrate the beginning of our fall schedule by attending the picnic in the park. It’s time to rally! Our fall is full of activities worthy of our full participation.

Buckwheat pancake breakfasts start up again this fall on September 8th.

The annual picnic in the park on September 9th. Sunday School starting up is an activity to which we rally. The food truck distribution happens on the 22nd.

Our fall Stewardship Campaign will be another activity to which we will be called to rally.

Strengthening our Lutheran/Presbyterian partnership is also part of our rally.

Not to rally would mean we are missing an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to God’s new activity in our lives on a daily basis. Plan now to be part of the new thing God is doing in our midst this fall!

Expectantly,
Peter Vial

SESSION NOTES: SESSION DID NOT MEET IN JULY OR AUGUST

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: SEPTEMBER DATES ...

Sept. 6 @10:00am PW Coordinating Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Sept. 13 @10:00am A workshop for the 2018-19 Horizons Bible Study entitled "God's Promise - I am with you" will be offered by Dana Marzolf. All lesson leaders and interested women are invited to attend.

Sept. 20 @ 1:30pm The Presbyterian Women's annual Fall Gathering will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We will receive the Least Coin offering, install officers and handout our study books and yearbooks for the coming year. In addition, there will be a memorial service for those who have passed on in the last year. Lastly, we will award a lifetime membership. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. All women of the church are welcome to join us.

Sept. 27 @10:00am PW Coordinating Team will meet at the home of Judy Guye. Luncheon to follow the meeting.

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFAST...

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

Fall is fast approaching and with it comes those famous buckwheat cakes! Come join us as we kick off this year's annual event hosted by the Men of the Church. Breakfasts will be on the first Saturday of each month—except September:

September 8 (after the Labor Day weekend)

September 29 (before Forest Festival week)

November 3

December 1

January 5

February 2

March 2

RALLY DAY & ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC ...

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Our Sunday School classes will begin the 2018-2019 session at 9:45am. Our picnic will be in the City Park beginning at 1:00pm. Fellowship and Christian Education committees are busy planning this special Sunday. The meat and drinks will be provided. Please make plans to bring your favorite covered dish or a dessert and join us!

WITNESS SERVICE...**SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 @6:30PM**

Hi Everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, but wait, what? Where in the world has it gone?! The start of September means Witness Service Committee begins again. We will be meeting in the Dunham Conference Room and will be discussing our upcoming fall projects such as the food truck, mission requests, and Common Ground. As always we will try to keep the meeting to under an hour if possible. Questions? Give us a call!

Thank you!! John and Ann

WOMEN'S RETREAT...**SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 9AM-3PM**

The Women of First United Methodist Church of Elkins invite you to a day of Faith and Fellowship with the theme: "Are We Making a Difference?" All women of DMPC and HTLC are invited to join our "Sisters in Christ" as we gather at FUMC at 315 Kerens Ave. in Elkins. Brenda Hermanson and Becky Ashburn, both members of our church family, will be speakers for this event.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY...**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

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 8:00 & 8:30am.

REV. ALEX AWAD, INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER... SEPT. 22 & 23, 2018

DMPC and D&E will host Rev. Alex Awad, International Peacemaker, for a free public lecture at Halliehurst on Davis & Elkins College campus September 22 at 4:00pm. He will also be at Sunday school on Sunday, September 23 at 9:30am, and preaching for us in worship at 11:00am. Please plan to attend one or all of these events for an opportunity to hear from him about issues related to Palestine and peace in the Israel/Palestine region and the challenges of interfaith dialogue.

Rev. Awad served as Dean of Students and full-time instructor at Bethlehem Bible College in Bethlehem where he served on the faculty for 24 years. He is a charter member of the College's Board of Directors and served since 1994 as senior pastor at East Jerusalem Baptist Church. He is a past board member of the Evangelical Local Council of Churches in the Holy Land, and directed the Shepherd Society, Bethlehem Bible College's charitable ministry. Alex and his wife Brenda have moved to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to their children.

WV CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ASSEMBLY ...

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

This will be held at the Quiet Dell United Methodist Church, located just off Exit 115 of I-79 in Harrison County. CWU will be collecting health kits and personal kits to be distributed to those in need in West Virginia. There are information sheets on the table in the White Chapel listing the items needed for these kits. There will be baskets on the White Chapel table for the next 2 weeks for you to bring items in for the kits. The Women of DMPC and HTLC will be putting together as many kits as possible to take to the assembly.

SHEREZADE TO PERFORM AT DMPC...

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Internationally acclaimed soprano Sherezade (Sherry) Panthaki will share her beautiful voice with us during our September 30th service. While still in college, Sherry was a music intern at DMPC and she has always been grateful for that opportunity. She has shared her talents with us before and is anxious to once again return to her roots. If you have never heard her sing, you are in for a special treat. Her voice is at once angelic and strong. She sings the most difficult music effortlessly.

Highlights of Sherry's most recent performances include performances of Vivaldi's *Gloria* with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl and with the St. Louis Symphony. She returned to the Milwaukee Symphony and debuted with the Orlando Philharmonic. She performs with the Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra, Music of the Baroque, Ars Lyrica, and Bach Collegium Japan in a U.S. tour of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*.

Sherry was born and raised in India and began her musical education at an early age. Following intensive study and earning top distinction as a young pianist, she turned to singing and found a more personal and expressive means to connect with audiences. She received her B.A. degree from West Virginia Wesleyan. She holds a Masters Degree in Voice Performance from Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Visit Sherezade on the web at www.sherezadepanthaki.com.

WEST VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY MEETING...

DMPC was well represented at the West Virginia Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Fairmont on August 18th. Present at the meeting were Tina Vial, D&E Assistant Director of Development Support and Coordinator of Church Relations; Lynn Proudfoot who was our worship liturgist; Bob McCutcheon who serves as chair of the presbytery's Mission Committee and presented that committee's report; and Dana Marzolf who was the Elder Commissioner. Julia Hanover, a student representative from D&E's 1001 New Worshipping Community, shared that the final New Worshipping Community grant from the PCUSA has recently been awarded.

SUBMISSIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET BEING SOUGHT

Many years ago, members of DMPC helped create a devotional booklet to be used daily during the Advent season. The Worship Committee would like to put together such a booklet this year. All we need is your help! Dr. Vial has agreed to write a devotional for each of the four Sundays in Advent – we need 20 more – one for each day including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! If you would like to submit a devotional, consider the following guidelines: it should include a scripture passage, your devotional/thoughts and a short closing prayer, and fit on a half sheet of paper. That's it! If you have a favorite scripture passage or hymn and can write a short devotional or even a poem for it, or if you have a devotional that you love, please consider submitting it (please indicate the source!) An example devotion is below:

December 10

Scripture: Luke 2:9-14

Christians around the world are familiar with the end of this passage: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom He favors!' (NRSV) The Hebrew word for peace is 'Shalom' שָׁלוֹם . It is said often as a greeting to people and to bid them farewell. But that is only one small part of the meaning. Shalom is much more than simply peace; it is a complete peace. It is a feeling of contentment, completeness, wholeness, health, tranquility, fullness, rest, well-being and harmony, the absence of agitation or discord. It is something we feel deep inside of us. The joy of a newborn Child in a manger and a family smiling in peace and happiness - this is a peace we should not just feel during the Advent season, but throughout the entire year!

Prayer: Lord God, help us to feel and understand your shalom, which we accept so easily during Advent. Help us to be your child of peace in our own lives and to all those we encounter – this season and throughout the year. We pray for the people all over this weary world. May they have your everlasting peace. AMEN.

Devotions need to be submitted to Dana Marzolf (dmarzolf12@gmail.com), chair of the Worship Committee, **by Friday, October 12th**! You can submit more than one! The booklet will be available to members of the congregation Sunday, December 2nd. Copies will be on the table in the White Chapel and also on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER NEWS CORNER...

Our congratulations to Steve Schumacher for being a member of the 1987 baseball team who were inducted into the Randolph County Athletic Hall of Fame recently. They were the first-ever NCCA champions with a record of 20-2. Steve's brothers, Bart and Brad were also on the team. This is the second time Steve has been honored as an inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Bishop Matthew Riegel will be our guest minister on October 14. The Women of the ELCA will serve a brunch following the service. We encourage all of our members to join us as we will have time to meet and talk with the Bishop about any concerns we may have regarding our church.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS: Jane Hazer attended the WV-Western MD Women of the ELCA Synodical Convention in August. The theme for the weekend was "Here I Am; Send Me- Called to Serve." Our guest speakers included Bishop Matthew Riegel, who led our Bible study, Pastor Tony Setley from WVU Campus Ministry, Pastor Reid spoke about the Madagascar women's sewing project, Angela Bell spoke about our spiritual gifts and Pastor Diane Day led our closing worship service. We conducted the business of our synod while having fun and fellowship with ladies from around WV and Western MD. While driving back from Huttonsville, one of the churches in Mill Creek had a billboard reading:

The Best Vitamin for us Christians is B1. After the wonderful convention, this saying really spoke to me. What about you? -Jane Hazer

On behalf of the state Church Women United, we are collecting the following "New Beginning Personal Kits" for newly released prisoners around the state of West Virginia: tooth brush, tooth paste, wash cloth, small towel, soap, razors (men or women) shampoo, conditioner, manicure kit, lip balm, large comb or brush, or any other health items. Please have them at the church by September 13.

Church council voted to donate \$200.00 to the WV University Campus Ministry Fund.

Bishop Alex and Eleanor Black have moved to: Bishop Alex Black
(I am sure they would love to get a card or note from you) 1500 Graham Way Apt. #111
Mars, PA 16046

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Greg Schumacher on September 5

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Carol and Walt Merten on September 29

Please remember Arlene Williams, Barbara Schulz and Phillips Kolsun in your prayers.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Phil Kyle
- 7 Monna Macomber
- 7 Bodie Shockley
- 8 Don Corbin
- 9 Estrid Garver-Daniels
- 9 Rob Henline
- 10 Richard Moore
- 11 Elizabeth Kump Conlan
- 11 James Lambert
- 12 Brendan Kerr
- 13 Joan Armbruster
- 15 Cyrus Kump
- 16 Nicholas Harper
- 16 Ralphene Maynard
- 17 Amanda Marshall
- 18 Elisa White
- 19 Bernice Becker
- 20 Brandon Tenney
- 22 Katie Schuler
- 23 Nancy Smith
- 25 Anna Harper
- 26 Joyce Allen
- 29 DMPC (1895)



- Sept. 01 Larry & Keitha Wing
- Sept. 01 Ryan & Natalia Schooley
- Sept. 21 Dan & Lynne Harper

DMPC YOUTH GROUP

- Sept. 9 6:00pm Regular Meeting
- Sept. 23 6:00pm Regular Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Every Monday 6:30pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Every Tuesday 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Every Wednesday 7:00pm Al-Anon/Dunham Room

Sept. 3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED

- Sept. 4 2:00pm Membership Cmte/Dunham Rm
- Sept. 6 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/Fellowship
- 5:30pm Capital Gifts/Jim Wilson's office
- Sept. 7 5:30pm RCHS/Dunham Rm
- Sept. 8 7:00am Buckwheat Breakfast

Sept. 9 RALLY DAY

- 9:45am Sunday School begins
- 1:00pm Picnic in Elkins City Park
- 6:00pm Youth Group begins
- Sept. 10 7:00pm Emma Scott Garden Club/FH
- Sept. 18 5:30pm RCHS/Dunham Room
- Sept. 22 9:00am Food Truck
- 4:00pm International Peacemaker @
Halliehurst
- Sept. 23 International Peacemaker @
Sunday school and Worship
- Sept. 25 Noon Book Club/Dunham Room
- Sept. 27 1:30pm Property Cmte/Dunham Room
- Sept. 29 7:00am Buckwheat Breakfast



The children of DMPC gather in Worship for the Blessing of the Backpacks and prayers that God be with them as they begin a new school year.



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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**
We will see everyone at the Fall Gathering

- CIRCLE 2** **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**
We will see everyone at the Fall Gathering

- CIRCLE 6** **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**
We will see everyone at the Fall Gathering

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.

