



*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.*

**August 2019**

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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



The Rev. John Edward Harris and Rev. Ed Thompson, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of West Virginia, join Rev. Dr. Peter Vial as we celebrate Peter's 40 years as a minister.

Rev. Dr. Vial and Rev. Harris prepare to celebrate Communion with the congregation.





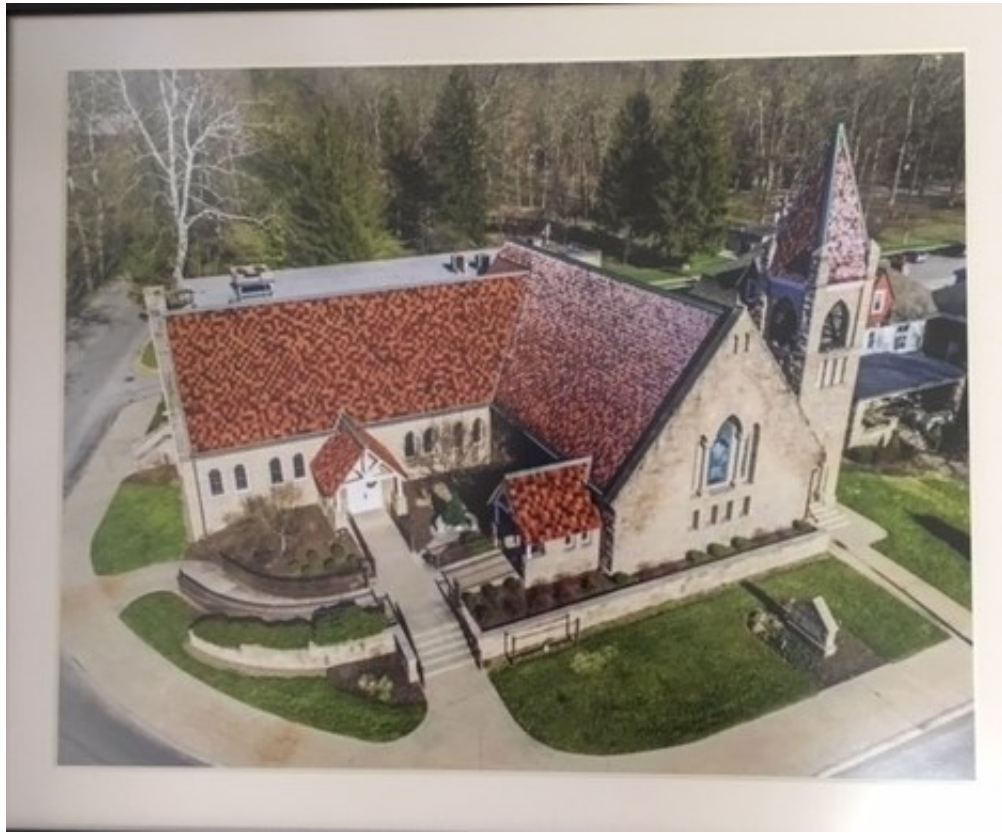
Bruce Dillon piping Peter into the Fellowship Hall



Peter checks out the cake which was made by Missy Austin Tenney - yes, the Bible is red velvet cake!







Mark Armentrout presented Peter with an aerial view of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. Jane Hazer presented him with a watercolor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, which was done by one of their members, Barbara Schulz.



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...**

The Southwest Regional Gathering of the Synod of the Trinity was held on June 30 in Bridgeport, WV. Linda Rudy, Brenda Hermanson, Dana Marzolf, and Judy Guye attended the afternoon session with 30 other Presbyterian Women for a "SeaSide Escape, Where Women Bask in God's Presence". We showed them the pillow cases DMPC women had made. The group were going to decorate 30 white pillow cases at the retreat later in the day, as their contribution.

Linda Rudy, Judy Guye, Brenda Hermanson and Dana Marzolf (holding 'flat Jesus') attended the PW Synod regional gathering



"PW Gives Day" is a day to celebrate and support all that Presbyterian Women make possible. July 31 was selected to commemorate the July 1988 formation of today's Presbyterian Women from the merger of its two predecessor organizations. Thirty one years later, Presbyterian Women continues to answer the world's needs and build loving community. Donations can be made to the annual fund PW's Mission Pledge (PWGDAY19) at Presbyterian Women, Inc. PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652.

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## **BREKKE-WAGONER BABY SHOWER**

Laura and Bryan are expecting twins! Which means they need twice as much of everything! Their DMPC family is holding a baby shower here in the Fellowship Hall right after morning service that Sunday to help them get stocked up on all the items they will need to bring their two bundles of joy into this world. You may go onto their baby registry at::

<https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/brekkewagonerbaby>.

There will be copies of the registry items in the White Chapel. You may also make monetary donations if you wish.

**AUGUST 11, 2019**



Greetings church family,

I spent the month of May in Cape Town, South Africa, working as a volunteer for Ons Plek, a non-government agency that supports at-risk children through various programs. This year marks my 10th year as a volunteer with the organization.

Thanks to the church's generosity, both of the shelters run by Ons Plek are now upgraded to sustainably address the challenges of ongoing water rationing due to drought conditions. Rainwater harvesting now occurs through the installation of "JoJo" water tanks and a pump system that allows the flow of stored rainwater into the main water system of both shelters.



When I wasn't working with the director of the organization, I spent my time in the township of Philippi, working with the after-school/support program that Ons Plek runs there. Our church has been a regular supporter of this program, and the program continues to grow, with the possibility of instituting workshops for the community at large, focused on how to address the harms of domestic violence. The organization was interviewing additional staff while I was there, so I assisted with candidate evaluation as well. I have always found the Ukondla project at Ons Plek to be the most rewarding because the students who participate have the *sine quo non* of education – they WANT it. The elementary students greet you at the door asking "where's my homework?" The project is overseen by a new energetic educator, Agnes, who has a strong vision of how the project can impact the community.

In addition to teaching, I helped with chores, food, and funded special "snacks" that are favorites – from oranges ("naartjies") to KFC. The project is also continuing its liaison with Cesvi, an Italian NGO that runs a domestic violence shelter on the same location, and the European Union, allowing the Ukondla students access to the outdoor space used by the youth center funded by the EU, established for students after they graduate from high school to provide a safe hang out with regular presentations and programming as well as basic computer training.

Thank you for your continued support of this project through the James Wilson Missionary Fund.

MELODY





## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST NEWSLETTER...**

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS: We wish to thank Greg Schumacher for trimming all of the trees and bushes around the church grounds and keeping the lawn cut. He also has made several trips to remove the water in the basement where it keeps flooding with all of the rain that we have had. We can't get the problem solved until September.

The air conditioner in the Social Hall recently stopped working. Comfort Tech repaired it and checked the furnace while the repairman was here.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS: The ladies of the ELCA would like to thank all who participated in our yard sale in June. \$300 each was given to the Randolph County Homeless Shelter and Women's Aid in Crisis. We give special thanks to Brenda Ramsey for spearheading this project.

Our ladies have voted to collect items for "New Beginning" backpacks during the month of August for those who have recently been released from incarceration. These backpacks will be given to the WV Church Women United Assembly in September. If you would like to help with this project, please bring your donation to the church and place it in the narthex. Items needed are: toothbrush & toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, manicure kit, large comb or brush, small towel & washcloth, razor (men or women) lip balm and other personal care items.

Our next meeting will be on August 8 at 10:00am.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: AUGUST 23 BRENDA RAMSEY  
27 JANE HAZER

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## **WEST VIRGINIA CHURCH WOMEN UNITED STATE ASSEMBLY...**

The West Virginia Church Women United's State Assembly will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at Quiet Dell United Methodist Church in Quiet Dell, WV (near Clarksburg). Please mark your calendars to attend this event to participate with women of all faiths. We have devotions, conduct our state business meeting (includes electing our CWU State President), enjoy a delicious lunch with great fellowship, and relax with a program presented by Father Jim O'Connor of St. Brendan Catholic Church with special music to calm our souls. We will again collect health kits and New Beginning personal kits. The cost for registration is \$25.00 which includes a booklet, refreshments, and lunch. If you have any questions, please contact either Holly Reilly (DMPC) or Jane Hazer (HTLC). We will have the information for registration and items needed for the kits.

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### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Lisa Henline
- 6 Chuck Leary
- 7 Molly Harper
- 9 Lilly Henline
- 9 Betty Legg
- 13 Elizabeth Kittle
- 15 Brittany Mearns
- 16 Melodee Price
- 17 Tessa Garver-Daniels
- 17 Richard Evans
- 17 Wood Rosenberger
- 19 Erik Nefflen
- 20 Randy Kyle
- 20 Darroll Talbott
- 21 Steven Cook
- 24 Daniel Jones
- 26 Addison Schooley
- 27 Roger Bertolini
- 27 Debra Leary

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- Aug. 02 Richard & Gayle  
Moore
- Aug. 16 Phil & Marlene Kyle
- Aug. 16 John & Joyce Allen
- Aug. 26 Kerr & Susie Kump
- Aug. 26 Tim & Melodee Price

### **DMPC YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will not meet in August

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Every Tuesday 10:am-2pm Prayer Tuesdays/Sanctuary  
Every Wednesday 7:00pm Al-Anon/Dunham Room

- Aug. 01 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/Fellowship
- Aug. 03 11:00am Izzy/Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 6 1:30pm Membership Committee/Dunham
- 4:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 09 5:00pm Gravely Wedding Rehearsal
- Aug. 10 All Day Gravely Wedding
- Aug. 11 Noon Laura Brekke-Wagoner Baby Shower
- Aug. 12 No Session meeting in August
- Aug. 20 5:30pm RCHS Public Meet./Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 22 1:30pm Property Committee
- Aug. 29 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **HARMAN FLOODING**

We are advised that the best way to help with the cleanup in Harman at this point in time is to donate funds that can be used in the aftermath of the flooding there. Checks can be made to the DMPC and the funds will be forwarded on to the appropriate parties in charge. In addition, plywood and insulation are needed. Again, the best way to participate now is through your donations.

### **OLD DMPC NEWSLETTERS & DIRECTORIES**

#### **WANTED...**

Plans are moving along for our celebration of DMPC's 125 years of serving the Elkins community. We are looking for copies of church newsletters and directories from 1995 to 2015. If you have any from this time period, please bring them to the church office. We will gladly make copies and return them to you. Thank you.



**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows
Assistant Organist	Mark Armentrout
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Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
Treasurer	Dr. Larry Wing
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Chi-Rho Youth Group	
Kids Club	
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**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

- CIRCLE 1** Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs  
August—no meeting
- CIRCLE 2** Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs  
August 15th @10:00am at Judy Guy's home
- CIRCLE 6** Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair  
6:30pm Picnic at Sonja Corbin's

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.

