



*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 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

Rev. Dr. Peter Vial welcomes Elliot Harper into
the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church
family.



Front: Rhonda Begeman (aunt), Elliot, Grant Harper
Back: Holly Harper, Christopher Begeman (uncle), Lynne and Dan (parents), Glenda House (aunt), Becca Begeman (cousin)

SESSION NOTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2019 SESSION MEETING...

1. HTLC will be holding a yard sale in June. Jane Hazer thanked the Session for allowing the Johnson family to use the fellowship hall for a funeral reception.
 2. Property Chairperson, Monica Varchetto, presented the plan for securing the doors of the church on Sunday mornings as well as during the week. Mrs. Varchetto updated the Session on the ongoing plans to fund masonry work on the church. A recent application for funding by a National Sacred Places grant program was denied.
 3. Witness Service reported that the next Common Ground Café we will host will be Saturday, July 20th at Woodford United Methodist Church. Volunteers needed beginning at 9:30a.m.
 4. Dana Marzolf updated the Session on plans to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church in 2020.
 5. The annual church picnic will be held Saturday, July 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Elkins City Park.
 6. The Presbytery of West Virginia will be having its next meeting on August 24th at Camp Bluestone in Hinton, WV.
 7. The Session reviewed a financial report provided by Treasurer, Larry Wing.
 8. At a special called meeting on Sunday, June 9th the Session received Elliot Harper into the membership of the church. He was publicly received during worship.
 9. The Session voted to not hold regular meetings in July and August but remain on call as meetings may be needed.
 10. The next regular meeting of the Session will be September 9th, 2019.
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Saturday, July 6 at 3:00pm at the Large Pavilion at the City Park! Please bring a dish to share as we celebrate summer as a church family!

WE SAY GOODBYE...



Rev. Dr. Peter Vial says farewell to Brian and Mary Ann McDonald as they leave us for the big city of Morgantown. They have been an important part of the DMPC family for several years, and we will miss them greatly.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

PW held a joint Circle meeting Thursday, June 13. After a lunch of sandwiches and salad, the lesson was led by Becky Ashburn. Becky led an inspiring lesson on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We welcomed Barbara Tedford and Debbie Pernia to our fellowship and presented them with our PW cookbook. Warmly welcomed back was Sandy Godwin, who we have missed for over a year. The Circles will have meetings this summer, based on their own schedules. We will have our Fall Gathering September 19 with Installation of Officers and introduction of our new Bible study for the year on the Ten Commandments.



Linda Rudy chats with Sandy Godwin who was a most welcome attendee—she has been absent for a while and we all greatly enjoyed seeing her at the meeting.

And a good time was had by all!!

Becky leads a discussion of Lesson 7.

Holly Reilly presented Sue Chenoweth with a special mug in appreciation of her work and devotion to the children of DMPC.



PW NATIONAL MISSION PROJECT...

The PW and Lutheran Women are busy making 30 pillow cases for a National PW mission project of making and decorating pillowcases for the children in Puerto Rico after a devastating Category 5 hurricane. Our own Bible School children will be decorating around the top of the cases. Sue Pifer has donated some fabric and the use of her Sewing Center. Bible School and PW are making donations. Other donations will be gratefully accepted. Holly Harper will be hand delivering the cases to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in July, which she will be attending.



Judy Guye, Sue Chenoweth, Jan Burr, Marlene Kyle, Brenda Hermanson, Mina Cupp, Corney Tolley, and Diana Kerr spent the morning at the Elkins Sewing Center getting the pillow cases ready for our Vacation Bible School children to decorate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Sue Chenoweth and Tina Vial look on as Rev. Vial holds his birthday candle high! After morning service on June 23, the congregation met in the Fellowship Hall to sing Happy Birthday to Peter. May he have many more!



The 5th annual Woofstock event will be Saturday, July 23 in the Elkins City Park from 10am-2pm. This year we're adding an Mt. State Street Machines Cruise-In and Pickin' in the Park will bring the music! Tina has tickets for the Rotary Chicken BBQ (\$10 each), and there will be lots of prizes in the raffle and silent auction. Come on out and support the Randolph County Humane Society while having lots of good ole' family fun!

DMPC's MacKinzie Smith Establishes D&E Scholarship

By President Chris Wood

Very often during my conversations with alumni I hear this common quote, "D&E took a chance on me." This comment is immediately followed by how the caring faculty and staff were instrumental in their success as students and as adults. I recently met with a student who shared her heartbreaking and heartwarming story, and she shared that Davis & Elkins College *gave her a chance* to build a better life. Here's a synopsis of MacKinzie Smith's story and the impact that her experience at our College has had on her promising life so far.

MacKinzie became a foster child at the age of 13 and to date, has lived in 12 homes. She has five younger siblings; three brothers and two sisters. Due to an unfortunate home situation, she is only in contact with two of her brothers but hopes as the younger siblings reach 18 years of age, she can once again be part of their lives.

When MacKinzie was preparing to graduate from high school, she never considered a college education – until she went to a college fair with a friend and found Davis & Elkins College. In her own words, "D&E really wanted me, and they really made me feel like I would matter. That message meant a lot to me." The message was made even clearer when she received a scholarship package that enabled her to enroll and begin her D&E journey.

In addition to her studies as a Biology and Chemistry double major with a Music minor, MacKinzie became very involved on campus and it quickly became her first real home. She was a member of the Morrison-Novakovic Center for Faith and Public Policy, living in the house on campus with other members of the group. She also served on Student Assembly, provided leadership in weekly chapel services, was inducted into Chi Beta Alpha and Zeta Kappa Xi, was a member of the cross-country team and found time for several internships along the way. She credits faculty and staff who provided comfort, support and guidance for helping her find a place where she belongs.

As MacKinzie was preparing to graduate (which she did in mid-May earning Magna Cum Laude honors), she wanted to help pave the way for other foster children by establishing an endowed scholarship. She made the initial \$1,000 gift for the fund despite her limited income stream. This was truly a "widow's mite" gift.

MacKinzie commented, "I thought if there were a scholarship for people with that background, it might help not only ease that financial burden of obtaining higher education, but it could also send a message of 'You are wanted here not despite your background, but because of it' and that isn't a message they get to hear very often."

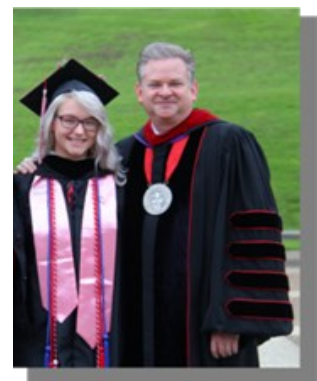
I was personally touched by MacKinzie's story, matched her gift and pledged my full support to assist her with the fundraising for this scholarship. The *Melody and Marc-Alan Smith Scholarship*, named for her two youngest siblings, became a reality. Her goal is to reach \$100,000 quickly, and some day her dream is to see this scholarship top \$1 million. Just imagine the lives that will be changed because of MacKinzie's vision through this scholarship. As MacKinzie sees it, "Not to be cliché but the cure for cancer could be out there. A complete reform of healthcare or revolutionary book writers, they could be out there in the foster care system and those resources could never be tapped into because that's a population that the world has given up on."

Your gift in support of the Melody and Marc-Alan Smith Scholarship, the Highlands Scholarship for West Virginia students or the general scholarship fund is the key to continuing the tradition of finding "hidden gems" like MacKinzie. Please join with MacKinzie and GIVE THEM A CHANCE. Through your gift, help our current and future students learn how they can make a difference in the world.

Sincerely,



Chris A. Wood
President



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY NEWSLETTER...

Church Council News:

New Communion linens have been purchased from the Memorial Fund at the cost of \$109.00. Monies were taken from the Property Fund for a trash bin that has been made to store our trash behind the church building for the cost of \$360.00. We are currently working with Basement Systems on solving the water problem in the basement. The cost of \$4,500 will be taken from the Property fund.

We wish to thank all those who participated in any way for our indoor yard sale on June 22. A special "Thank You" to Brenda Ramsey for putting out and pricing all of the items for sale. Our proceeds of \$500 will be divided between the Randolph County Homeless Shelter and Women's Aid in Crisis.

Nonperishable items are needed for our Blessing Box. Please put the items in the box located next to the kitchen.

We have been invited to join the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church for a picnic in the City Park on July 6 beginning at 3:00pm. Please bring a dish to share.

The congregation is invited to join Charles and Vonda Spanitz as she celebrates her retirement from Armstrong Flooring after 25 years of service. The celebration will be here at HTLC on July 13 from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.

Holy Trinity and DMPC will once again prepare and serve the meal for Common Grounds Café on July 20, 2019.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Denise Campbell on July 14th.

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.



July Birthdays

- 1 Tate Summerfield
- 2 Ed Rudy
- 2 Jeff Loudin
- 2 Danielle Ullman
- 5 Shauna Mason
- 5 Tim Price
- 7 Dana Marzolf
- 7 David Nelson
- 7 Holly Reilly
- 8 Dan Harper
- 10 Sandra Godwin
- 12 David Reed
- 13 Richard Cardot
- 14 Deb Hamrick
- 15 Lynne Harper
- 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

- 17 Dave & Margy Nelson
- 26 Steven & Debbie Cook

DMPC YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will not meet in July or August

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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| July 01 | 10:00am | Minister's Lectionary Study/Chi-Rho |
| July 02 | 1:30pm | Membership Committee |
| | 6:30pm | Girl Scout Planning Meeting/FH |
| July 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY | |
| July 4 & 5 | Office closed for the Holiday | |
| | PW Coordinating Team will not meet in July | |
| July 12 | Noon | Fellowship Committee/ |
| July 8 | There will be no Session Meeting | |
| July 9 | 4:00pm | Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall |
| July 18 | 1:00pm | Meals on Wheels/Dunham Room |
| July 19 | 3:30pm | Set-up for Cowgill Wedding |
| July 20 | All day | Cowgill Wedding |
| July 23 | 4:00pm | Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:30pm | RCHS/Dunham Room |
| July 25 | 1:30pm | Property Committee |
| July 28 | 2:00pm | Set up for Harris Wedding |
| July 29 | Afternoon | Harris Wedding |

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.



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Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
Treasurer	Dr. Larry Wing
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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**
 July 11 @1:30pm at Brenda Hermanson's home
 August—no meeting
- CIRCLE 2** **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**
 You will be contacted at a later date
- CIRCLE 6** **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**
 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.

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