



*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.*

December 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

Dear Flock,

It's now Advent when we begin to think of the coming of Jesus the Christ in the manger, as well as, Jesus the Christ the one who returns. Both appearances in scripture are in front of us in every Advent season. And the reason is that the coming of Jesus goes right to the heart of who God is. Advent is the season of waiting for the God who comes.

Dr. Eugene Peterson says it best. "God isn't an immovable object at the center of the universe. He's not a fixed point on an astronomer's map. He's active and moving – he *comes*. And this movement has direction – he comes to *US*. He doesn't wander around window shopping from galaxy to galaxy, juggling the moons of Jupiter and casually admiring the rings of Saturn. **We are his destination.** And he didn't simply come once and then return to spend the rest of eternity ... telling stories of his trip and boring the angels with slides of his visit to earth. He came, and he will come *again*. The Christian life, consequently, is lived between those two comings."

The message of the Bible is that God loved us so much that he came to us in the Old Testament and in the New, in Jesus Christ the Word of God. The message of the Bible is also that there are helpful and not so helpful ways to live together as the ones who wait for his coming. Listen during this season of Advent for clues, tips and truth about what it means to be mindful and faithful waiters for the God who comes, and comes again.

The Church staff joins me is offering you our warmest blessings for a deeply meaningful Advent and Christmas Season. We look forward to waiting and welcoming by your side.

In the love of Christ,

Peter Vial

Session Notes from the November 11th stated meeting of the Session of DMPC:

Among the actions taken at our most recent Session meeting were for the following:

1. Took a second vote on removing \$13,087.92 from the Angel Fund and return it to various Capital Gift Funds. This amount represents previously approved and withdrawn funds that were never used for the purpose of their withdrawal.
2. Took a second vote on taking up to \$45,000 from the Angel Fund to establish a money market account to hold various reserve accounts that had been spent on our deficit budget. This new account would be for the purpose of holding these reserve funds separate from the regular checking account of the church.
3. Took a first vote on a request from the property committee for \$2,820 from the Property One fund to provide maintenance on the flat room over the back section of the church building.
4. Heard from Treasurer Larry Wing of his plans to retire from the position of Church Treasurer in the coming months and discussion possible options for his replacement. This would potential include paying someone to do the job.
5. Approved Dr. Steven Tuell to preach at DMPC November 24th (actual date December 1st)
6. Approved a recommendation of the Christian Education Committee that a Christian Education Coordinator be hired and the money to pay for salary be placed in the budget.
7. Had a first reading of a proposed 2020 budget prepared by the Finance Committee
8. Approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the class of new Elders 2022 include Sue Chenoweth, Gary Moden, Lynn Proudfoot and Bob McCutcheon.
9. Set the election of the new elders for December 8th and the Installation of the new elders for December 29th.
10. Approved Peter Vial's request for study leave for January 28 – February 2 to attend the annual meeting of Presbyterian Christian Educators.
11. Approved the recommendation that Executive Presbyter Ed Thompson preach and administer communion on February 2nd in Vial's absence.
12. Heard from the Fellowship Committee that they are aiming to have after church coffees twice per month. The committee will be asking for cookies and other baked goods for the receptions to follow the Lessons and Carols Service on December 5th and the Christmas Eve service.
13. Heard from the Witness Service Committee that they served 88 persons at the November 9th Common Ground Café.
14. The Holy Trinity Lutheran Women's Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 7th.

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFASTS ...

Plan to attend and enjoy wonderful breakfasts prepared by our Presbyterian Men!
Donations support the "Centsability" Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Served on these dates:

· **December 7** · **January 4** · **February 1** · **March 7**

D&E FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS ...

December 5, 2019

The D&E College Concert Choir will again present this popular program of the Christmas season on Thursday, December 5th. In addition to the beautiful music, an evening meditation will be offered by D&E President, Chris Wood, and the annual cookie reception will follow. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them to the church kitchen beginning Dec. 1st. until the 5th, and please label any containers to be returned to you. We usually expect about 200 people to attend this concert; if you can help with set up, serving or clean up, please contact Kim White at 304-642-9274 or Mina Cupp at 304-636-4507.

WVWC FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS ...

December 8, 2019

Wesleyan's Festival of Lessons & Carols will be December 8 at 4pm in Wesley Chapel. This is a music service featuring the college choirs and the brass quintet.

POINSETTIAS ...

The Presbyterian Women will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. You will find a form on the table in the White Chapel to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a special person for \$15.00. You may also make a donation to the PW Scholarship Fund in lieu of a poinsettia. Donations will be recognized in the bulletin. Please bring the form and payment to the Church Office by December 13th.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS ...

The Witness Service Committee is planning to distribute food baskets in collaboration with Tyrand Parish this holiday. If you or someone you know is in need of a basket or if you would like to contribute non-perishable food items or assist in any way, please contact John Talbott/Ann Macomber at 304-636-8847 or Steve Cook at 304-636-7240.

FROM BOB M^CCUTCHEON ...

On January 8, I will depart again for Kenya. For the first few weeks I will teach at the Presbyterian University of Africa outside Nairobi then I will represent the PC(USA) Kenya Mission Network at an international mission conference in Mombasa. But I will leave time to visit our partner presbytery in Nyeri and our sister church, Kangaita.

One of the vital projects of Nyeri Presbytery is *Wandumbi Special School*, which nurtures students with a broad range of intellectual and emotional challenges. We as a congregation have supported this ministry through our endowments for mission. I would like to invite DMPC members—as individuals or in groups and circles—to donate \$210, the cost of caring for a child for a year. I can present gifts when I visit and return with the names of the students who benefit from them. Checks can be made payable to DMPC with this ministry named on the memo line.

2019 THANK OFFERING DINNER ...

November 21st wasn't actually Thanksgiving, but the serving table was "groaning" with all sorts of holiday food. Besides the turkey, stuffing and gravy, there were many homemade side dishes, salads, lots of pumpkin pies and other homemade desserts. The 63 church members and friends enjoyed the food and fellowship as well as a short program that explained how the Thank Offering would be used. Canned goods were donated for both Tyrand Ministries and DMPC's Community Cupboard.



Hayzen Miller held offering baskets and stopped to bow his head, along with Linda Rudy, for the Prayer of Dedication for the Thank Offering given by Dana Marzolf.

Feast and fellowship at the Thanksgiving Gathering



PW ANNUAL MITTEN TREE ...

On November 14th, Sue Chenoweth and Linda Rudy visited the Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center office on Harrison Avenue. They brought dozens of mittens, scarves and hats for the children who are counseled there. It is a very welcoming office with a large basket full of stuffed animals as well as toys.

The photo shows Executive Director Margot Evick and PW Moderator Linda Rudy with some of the items.



Who's in my Pew? Julia and Harold Elbon

Their faith has always been an anchor in their lives. Harold was active in the Elkins First Baptist Church and the youth group. Both Elbons have served on Session and Julia on Capital Gifts. Julia was the pianist at the former Westminster Church in Pocahontas County where her grandmothers were founding members. She recalls the area church youth exchange visits in the fifties. Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church delivered its youth to camp and events in a van called "The Chariot." When it arrived at church camp (ShawMiDeleca) on the Greenbrier River near Lewisburg, years before Bluestone, the kids rolled out of the van like a swarm of bees.

Harold and Julia celebrate thirty-eight years of marriage. Harold is the step-father to Ashley Pitsenberger Harper of Seneca Rocks and James Julian Pitsenberger of Belgrade, Montana. Two grandchildren-- Cali Ann and Cole Matthew Harper bless their lives.

Realtor, Educator, West Virginia Legislator, and County Commissioner have been Julia's life works. She founded Archer Real Estate, which served the area for 30 years. Recently, she penned a trilogy of Lil' Leroi (a trilogy of values). These children's books speak through the train that started the Durbin Rocket Ride. As an educator, Julia encouraged students to reach their potential. Julia holds a Masters in Counseling from West Virginia University. She served 30 years on the West Virginia Housing Authority Board and was elected National President of the state agencies. Julia enjoys the challenge of creative activities, which shows in their hotel décor – the Ekins Inn and Suites in the Randolph Center and the Iron Road Inn.

Harold, like his father, has a life-time in construction. His career included Assistant Chief of Planning and Development of West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, where they designed and built projects. In private construction, he joined with Trushel Construction , which built statewide facilities, including the fish hatchery at Reeds Creek, the local Senior Center, the court house annex, and our airport's Phares building as well as renovating Halliehurst and Graceland, projects spanning fifty years. His company built the handicap ramp at our church as well as the Elkins Railyard Town Square and the Railyard Restaurant. Harold studied engineering at Davis and Elkins in the 60's and likes to design facilities. Also, for 18 years, he served as an Elkins City Councilman.

Together, the Elbons devote time and energy to local tourism, serving on the WV Railroad Museum Board, the Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad Board, and the Board of the Elkins Depot Welcome Center CVB.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH DECEMBER NEWS CORNER...

CHURCH COUNCIL: A total of \$425 was donated to the ELCA Disaster Relief fund. Nancy Goerlich transferred her membership to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Morgantown. She was a member of Holy Trinity for 36 years and will be missed.

The first half of our congregational meeting was held on November 10 with 13 voting members present. The 2020 budget for the general fund will be \$45,000 and the budget for the property fund will be \$50,000. Jane Hazer resigned her seat on church council. Patty Calain, Brenda Ramsey and Greg Schumacher were elected to serve the next three years.

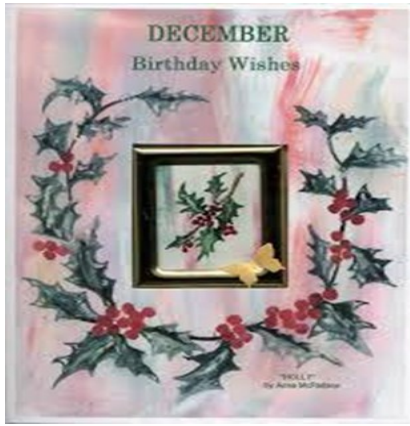
The Lutheran Campus Ministry at West Virginia University is proud to provide a brand new vocation discernment program—Luther House. This program will provide free housing faith formation, and practical skills training to young adults interested in discovering the possibilities of a future call to ministry as Pastors or Deacons. For more information visit their website, www.Luther.House-morgantown.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON –DECEMBER 7—8:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM. Come join us for fellowship while you have a hot dog or a warm bowl of soup, soda or cinnamon roll. (Eat in or take out). Check out our tables filled with lots of great Christmas gifts and goodies for the tummy. We wish to thank Thrivent for their \$250 donation to be used toward our expenses. Proceeds will benefit several nonprofit organizations throughout the next year. See you there!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT HOLY TRINITY AT 5:00 PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RUTH WHITESEL ON DECEMBER 24.





Happy Birthday

- 1 Elliot Harper
- 1 Julia Ann Varner
- 4 Naomi Cassells
- 5 Robin Mams
- 9 Mary Emily Anger
- 12 Steven Corbin
- 15 Deborah Cook
- 15 Walt Lesser
- 19 Virginia Cassells
- 20 Robert Miller
- 22 Mary Hill
- 23 Mitchell Price
- 23 Jacob Riddle
- 24 Mark Talbott
- 25 Sabrina Jones
- 26 Fritz Corey
- 26 Kaia Miller
- 26 Quincy Miller
- 27 Bronwyn Bear
- 28 Wilma Miller
- 30 Richard Legg

Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 05 Greg & Anita Jones
- Dec. 23 Gary & Mary Moden

DMPC YOUTH GROUP

- Dec. 01, 2019 6:00pm Regular Meeting
- Dec. 22, 2019 6:00pm **The youth group is going caroling in the Weese District** behind the church. If you would like to be included in our tour, please let Nate Garver-Daniels know so we can make sure to stop by. There will also be a sign up sheet available in the White Chapel. If any adults would care to join us we would love to have you!
- Dec. 29, 2019 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
- Every other Thurs. 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall

- Dec. 03 10:00am Ministers' Lectionary/Chi Rho
- Dec. 04 4:00pm D&E Lessons & Carols rehearsal
- Dec. 05 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/FH
- 7:00pm D&E Lessons & Carols Concert
- Dec. 07 7:00am Buckwheat Breakfast
- 11:00am HTLC Christmas Bazaar
- Dec. 08 4:00pm WVWC Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 09 6:30pm Session
- Dec. 10 7:00pm D&E Fall Graduation/FH
- Dec. 19 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 20 6:30pm Piano Christmas Recital

The church office will be closed for these holidays:

- DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**
- DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**
- DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE**
- JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY**



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Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows
Assistant Organist	Mr. Mark Armentrout
Church Secretary	Mrs. Marsha Gardner
Clerk of Session	Mr. Mark Armentrout
Treasurer	Dr. Larry Wing
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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**
Dec. 12 @ 1:30pm

- CIRCLE 2** **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**
Dec. 12 @ 10:00 am

- CIRCLE 6** **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**
Dec. 11 @ 7:00pm

If you need a ride 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.

