



*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.*

February 2020

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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

PRAYER TUESDAYS—ONE YEAR LATER

In Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message), Jesus said to the crowds who had gathered to listen to Him:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me— watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

What a great invitation and promise from Jesus Himself! Partly with this invitation in mind, a year ago this month we decided to open our church sanctuary for a few hours a week to provide a place for people to come and experience God's presence in quiet. Or simply reflect. A place to "be" rather than "do". Two volunteers – prayer group members and others – are there each week to pray with people if they so wish. Or folks can leave prayer requests in a collection plate. Some weeks we've had several visitors – other times only one or two. We've welcomed church members, members of the other churches, community members and people visiting Elkins. In some cases we have no idea who people are, but in every case we trust that God brought them to the sanctuary for a reason. In November we shortened the hours we're open – it's now 11 am to 1 pm on Tuesdays. We hope you consider dropping by one day.

*"Be still, and know that I am God
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10*



SESSION NOTES FROM RECENT SESSION MEETINGS...

- *Designated Sherri Marstiller as Treasurer-elect. Sherri will be working with Larry Wing in order to take over the treasurer's position mid-year.
- *Took a first vote on a \$30,000 transfer from the Angel Fund into the General Fund to cover part of our annual budget deficit as forecast.
- *Voted to offer communion by intinction most months with several exceptions during the year.
- *Heard about Witness Service's plans to host the Common Ground Café at Woodford United Methodist Church on March 21st.
- *Affirmed Rev. Vial's plans to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators January 28th through February 2nd.
- *Approved inviting Rev. Ed Thompson, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of West Virginia to preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on February 2nd.
- *Approved the following committee chairperson for Session committees for 2020: Christian Education co-chair, Sue Chenoweth; Worship, Dana Marzolf; Witness Service, Steve Cook; Stewardship, Gary Moden; Fellowship, Kim White; Finance, Julia Elbon; Property, Monica Varchetto; Membership, Susan Pell; Nomination/Leadership Training/Personnel, Adam Kota.
- *Elected Larry Wing as treasurer and Mark Armentrout at Clerk.

BUCKWHEAT BREAKFASTS...

Start your new year off right and join us for one of the Men's delicious breakfasts.

There are only 2 left!

February 1

March 7

FEBRUARY 1, 2020



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT 7:00PM

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated that Wednesday at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. This is a joint communion service with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

RANDOLPH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY'S 9TH ANNUAL



**SAT. FEB. 29TH
4-7 PM**

\$10 ADULT / \$5 CHILD

50/50 RAFFLE!

**PHIL GAINER
COMMUNITY CENTER
(OLD ARMORY)**

Tina has tickets!

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“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 2, 2020

DMPC Youth will be collecting cans of soup and monetary donations for our Blessing Box, which is one of our continuing efforts to assist those who are hungry in our local community. Fun Fact: Did you know that each can of Campbell’s Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup contains about 32 feet of noodles?



The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said at a youth group meeting by Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:

*Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us
be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend (the weekend of the first Sunday in February) into America’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Twenty-two churches raised \$5,700 that first year. Since then, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths.

Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. The total collected is reported to the national headquarters of the Souper Bowl of Caring and then **100% of the money and food collected is given directly to local charities of the participating group’s choice.**

Our youth will be collecting cans of food and monetary donations on Sunday, February 2nd. Please give generously. Thank you!

PW BLANKET PROJECT...

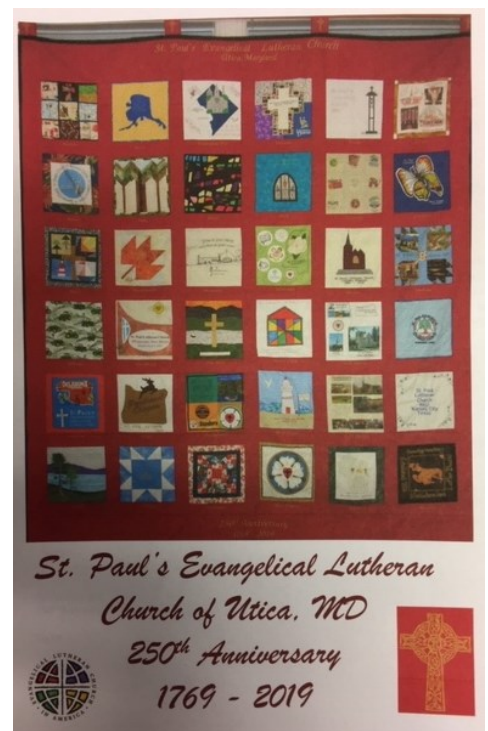
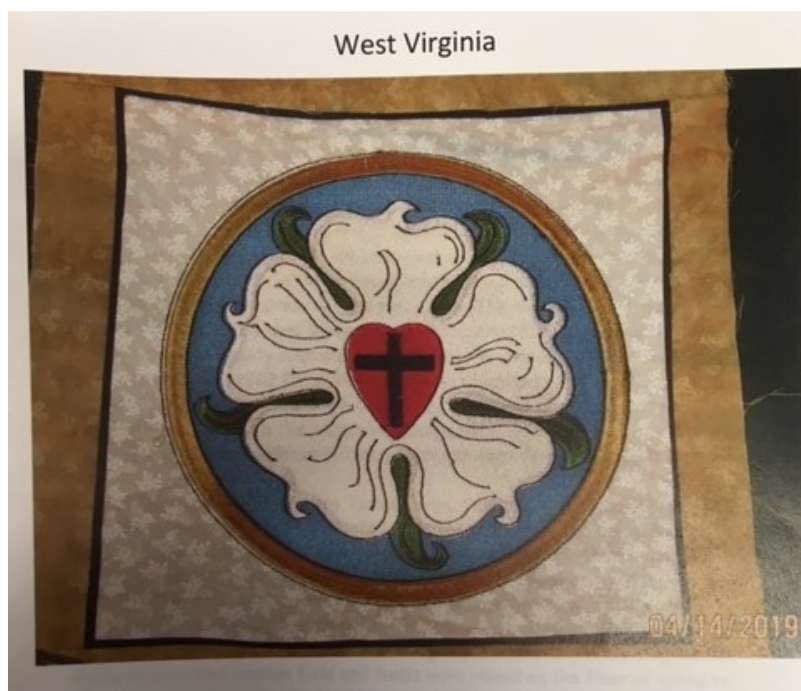
January 26 thru February 16, 2020

DMPC Women's winter project is the Church World Services Blanket Sale. These blankets are sent to people who have gone through a disaster in all parts of the world. These areas have experienced earthquakes, flooding, extreme poverty and devastating illnesses. It shows them that someone cares. It's like a hug made out of cloth. These blankets can be used in many ways: robes, rugs, shelters, or to carry possessions. Blankets will be \$5.00 and may be donated in "Honor" or "Memory" of a friend or loved one.



NANCY GOERLICH'S QUILT SQUARE...

Holy Trinity would like to recognize our former member, Nancy Goerlich, for all of the beautiful and artistic quilt work she has done for not only HTLC but for other churches and organizations. In June 2017, she went to our WV-WMD ELCA Senate Convention. A representative of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Utica, MD was there. St. Paul's was preparing to celebrate their 250th Anniversary in 2019 and wanted a church from each state to submit one square for a celebration quilt. Nancy submitted West Virginia's quilt square in the fall of 2017 and just recently we received a booklet full of churches' pictures, churches' stories, and a picture of each of the squares along with a picture of the full quilt. The full quilt is shown below for all to see and enjoy. Holy Trinity wants to thank Nancy Goerlich for sharing her talent with everyone and for all the beautiful quilted wall hangings and quilted work that she has given to others. She has left her mark at HTLC and will be remembered and loved for years to come. We wish her much happiness in Morgantown, WV with her family.



HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 FIRST STREET
ELKINS, WV 26241

In the late 1800s, two industrious men came to the mountains of the State of West Virginia. Their names were Stephen Benton Elkins and Henry Gassaway Davis. The area was very rich in timber and coal so they concentrated their full attention to the industrial development of the Mountain State which also included railroads to transport these natural resources. The town of Elkins, named for Stephen Benton Elkins, was incorporated in January 1890. Following three years of controversy, the county seat was wrested from Beverly in 1900 and the cornerstone laid in 1902 for a new courthouse which is still in use today. The population of Elkins and Randolph County increased and what was once a quiet valley soon reverberated with the sounds of a burgeoning, industrial boomtown. With this expansion, several denominational churches were formed and built in the area.

In the meantime, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Taylor B. Yeakley, a young seminarian from Winchester, Virginia, graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary. On June 9, 1901, Yeakley accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Davis, West Virginia, thirty-seven miles northeast of the town of Elkins and just a train ride away. Taylor Yeakley presented a stirring challenge for mission opportunity to the 84th Convention of Maryland Synod assembled at Williamsport, Maryland, in 1903. Acting on a recommendation from the Allegheny Conference, West Virginia was declared an active mission field and funds were raised on the floor of synod to support a missionary. Taylor Yeakley accepted the call to become the Maryland Synod District Missionary to West Virginia effective January 1, 1904. After organizing Grace Lutheran Church congregation in Fairmont, West Virginia on April 3, 1904, he turned his attention to Elkins.

With the growth of Elkins, a number of people who moved into the area were of Lutheran background. Under Missionary Yeakley's guidance Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized on August 14, 1904. He departed shortly after the charter was made. Holy Trinity was officially received into membership by the Maryland Synod in 1905 when the congregation was represented by Pastor Treibley and Council Elder B.M. Hoover.

These have been our pastors with their years of service which have helped our congregation serve the Randolph County community by showing God's love along with keeping the Lutheran faith in the mountains of West Virginia:

Pastor's Name	Years of Service
Rev. D.B. Treibley	05/01/1905—03/01/1906
Rev. William C. Ney	11/02/1906—03/31/1910
Rev. J. Eugene Dietrich, D.D.	07/01/1913—07/01/1914
Rev. F.H. Crissman	01/01/1915—02/01/1921
Rev. Arthur F. Richardson	11/01/1922—04/12/1942
Rev. R. Eugene Smith	10/01/1942 - 02/26/1945
Rev. James M. Allan	06/01/1950 - 10/31/1953
Rev. Charles W. Strausser	07/01/1954 - 07/31/1955
Rev. L. Stanley Whitson	04/18/1956 - 11/30/1964
Rev. E. Earl Okerlund	07/11/1965 - 07/13/1969
Rev. Randall F. Peters	06/14/1970 - 08/03/1975
Rev. John F. Haeberle	02/01/1976 - 11/15/1980
Rev. Rolando L. Solon	02/01/1981 - 07/31/1986
Rev. Margaret A. Rasmussen	06/01/1987 - 08/07/1988
Rev. Jay Sullivan	09/10/1989 - 05/31/2001
Rev. Ted Bussey	02/01/2005 - 01/04/2009
*Kevin Starcher	10/01/2014—03/01/2017
*Rev. Peter Vial	10/01/2014— Present

*Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church's ministers

Beginning in 2014, Holy Trinity began a shared ministry with the local Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. Holy Trinity's membership and finances had decreased and made it difficult to finance a full-time pastor. Davis Memorial had two pastors at the beginning of our shared ministry, but Rev. Starcher accepted another call in Idaho. The members of Holy Trinity continue to worship in Holy Trinity's building each Sunday with an earlier service time. Our members are attempting to keep the Lutheran faith in Randolph County. God has been good to Holy Trinity and we thank HIM for our many blessings.



February Birthdays

- 2 Kerr Kump
- 2 Susan Pell
- 3 Garrett Chenoweth
- 3 Margy Nelson
- 4 Phil Becker
- 4 Kenneth Maynard
- 5 Larry Wing
- 5 Elizabeth Proudfoot
- 11 Melody Meadows
- 13 Nathan Garver-Daniels
- 14 Rob Legg
- 17 Patty Crissman
- 18 Rick Campbell
- 20 Samantha White
- 21 Carol Schuler
- 21 A. Joseph Godwin
- 21 Adrienne Vance
- 24 Pat Gilchrist
- 28 Jessie Somers



We have none this month.

DMPC YOUTH GROUP

6:00pm Regular Meeting
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

Feb. 01	7:00am	Buckwheat Breakfast
	11:00am	Laura Brekke/Dunham Room
Feb. 02	"Souper" Bowl Sunday	
Feb. 04	10:00am	Lectionary Study/Chi-Rho Room
	1:30pm	Membership Committee
Feb. 10	6:30pm	Session
Feb. 11	afternoon	Toasty Tuesday/D&E Campus
Feb. 13	6:00pm	Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Feb. 16	D&E Sunday	
Feb. 18	5:30pm	RCHS/Dunham Room
Feb. 20	1:00pm	Meals on Wheels Bd/Dunham
Feb. 27	1:30pm	Property Comm/Dunham Room
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FEB. 14, 2020

The preparation for the World Day of Prayer program will be held at the Randolph County Senior Center on 5th Street. We will meet there for lunch at 11:45am and the planning meeting will start at 12:30pm.

World Day of Prayer will be held March 6th at the First United Methodist Church at 315 Kerens Avenue beginning at Noon with a shared lunch. The program and business meeting will follow.



DAVIS MEMORIAL
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 450 RANDOLPH AVENUE
 ELKINS, WV 26241

Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows
Assistant Organist	Mark Armentrout
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner
Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
Treasurer	Dr. Larry Wing
After School Program	Monica Varchetto
Chi-Rho Youth Group	
Kids Club	
Church office	304-636-2788
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CIRCLE MEETINGS

- CIRCLE 1** **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**
- CIRCLE 2** **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**
- CIRCLE 6** **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**

There will be a Joint circle meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the fellowship Hall.

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.

