



*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.*

**January 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

~ A NEW THING ~

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth.*

*Do you not perceive it?"*

~Isaiah 43:18, 19a

Dear Members and Friends,

One problem with welcoming a new year is that it comes at a time when nothing feels new. The Christmas decorations look ragged and maudlin in January's dim light. Taking them down is a tiresome task. Winter hasn't even gotten out of the gate at Christmastime. By New Year's Day, winter's iciest, coldest two and a half months are still ahead of you, with precious few holidays to break up their tedium.

And yet, even amid all the sameness of things, we can sometimes feel the moments passing. Their constant rumble is like a subway train beneath the ground we're standing on. If we stop to listen to the rhythm of our hours and days, if we pay attention to the sometimes-monotonous march of seconds and minutes, we'll catch echoes of their footfalls drawing nearer, stomping past us, receding into the distance. When did that hair go gray on the head of the one you love? When did that wrinkle form on the familiar brow? Time passes, bestowing gifts richly with one hand and stealing them with the other.

In every season of life, there is a new thing that God is doing, if we will open our hearts and spirits to its unfolding. Whatever time it is in your life, whatever your age or occupation, the voice still calls out to you again from down the beach. "Follow me." Or, as the God of Isaiah declares, "I am about to do a new thing... Do you not perceive it?" I'd encourage you to ask yourself these two questions: What new thing am I being called to? What new thing is our church being called to? It is my joy and privilege to be making new discoveries with you.

In Christ's Peace,  
Peter

## **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.



## **BUCKWHEAT BREAKFASTS...**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

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



## **"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?



## **TOASTY TUESDAY AT D&E COLLEGE...**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

During the winter months, churches take turns providing hot drinks and homemade goodies to D&E students on Tuesday afternoons. The PW's will be serving Valentine's Day cookies, hot chocolate, and other goodies. If you would like to provide something for this event, please contact Linda Rudy.

## LESSONS AND CAROLS...

The Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir presented their annual Lessons and Carols service to a packed sanctuary on December 5th. President Chris Wood (below left) was the preacher for the evening and Carson Crawford was the narrator for the program. Robert Fields, (left) a choir member from Logan, WV, sang a special solo.



**UPCOMING D&E SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

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## SPECIAL MUSIC ON DECEMBER 22, 2019...

D'Andrew Parker has been the music teacher at Cardozo High School in Washington, D.C. for the last four years. He grew up in Clarksburg and taught himself to play piano after undergoing a double hip replacement at the age of fourteen. Drew attended West Virginia Wesleyan, receiving a B.A. with an emphasis in voice and piano. While he was at Wesleyan and serving as a music intern at Davis Memorial Presbyterian, our church sponsored Drew one summer to serve as the music instructor at Solidarity Child Rescue Center in Nairobi, Kenya. He established a middle school choir for the school and organized weekly music performances for the entire community.

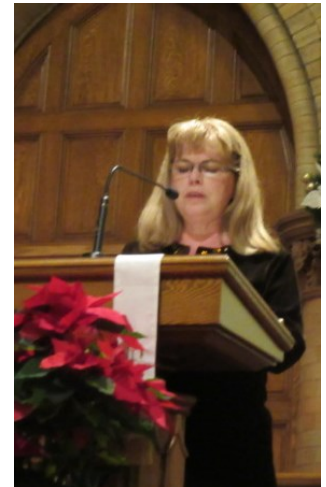


D'Andrew's professional performance opportunities include being part of the cast for "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" at the historic Lincoln Theatre and directing several shows at Arena Stage in D.C. He is also the vocal coach for Atlas Theatre and has served as a gospel soloist with many choirs across the country.



Richard Shyrock, Estrid Garver Daniels and Samantha White presented readings from "Kneeling in Bethlehem" by Ann Weems during the morning service on December 22.

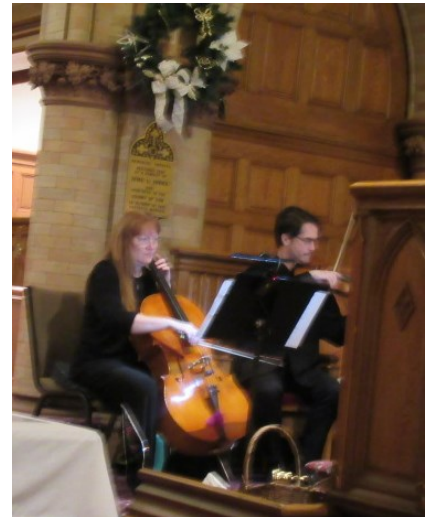
## CHRISTMAS EVE...



Rev. Peter & Tina Vial light the Advent Candles

Lynne Harper & Monica Varchetto read the scripture lessons

Mezzo-soprano Leah Heater sang solos and was accompanied by Kim Graham on the cello and Ian Jessee on the violin



The Children's Bell Choir practiced really hard to learn their song for the special music presented on December 22nd.



## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWS CORNER...**

We wish to congratulate Logan Campbell on being inducted into the National Honor Society at Elkins High School.

Our Christmas Bazaar was one of our best ever! We raised \$1,480.00 to be used to help nonprofit organizations and those in need in 2020. We give a special thank you to Brenda Ramsey for organizing the event and making most of the crafts. We also thank our members and those of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church who donated or purchased items. We appreciate your support.

We wish to express our condolences to Greg Schumacher in the recent passing of his brother, Gary, who lived in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Members of the Church Council and WELCA were installed for 2020 during our church service on December 29.

Church Council elected the following officers for 2020:

President	Charles Spanitz
Vice-President	Greg Schumacher
Secretary	Steve Schumacher
Treasurer	Chip Ramsey
Financial Secretary	Jane Hazer

You are invited to view the display of quilts by the Mountain Weavers' Guild at the Randolph Art Center on Randolph Avenue Tuesday thru Friday during the months of January and February

World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Friday, March 6, beginning at noon. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Joyce Estridge and Arlene Williams.

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Logan Campbell	Jan 4	Nancy Schumacher	Jan 16
Steve Schumacher	Jan 5	Pat Calain	Jan 25

The January & February News is combined as there will be a special piece for HTLC in the February Newsletter.

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### Birthdays

- 2 David Hyre
- 2 Lynn Proudfoot
- 6 Margaret Stalnaker
- 8 Addison Riddle
- 9 Julia Cassells
- 13 Hollis Vance
- 15 Levi Fath
- 19 Marlene Kyle
- 19 Benjamin Proudfoot
- 22 Jayson Hamrick
- 23 Arnold Kyle
- 24 Wyatt Chenoweth
- 24 Roberta Dye
- 28 Tom Regan
- 30 Isaac Anger
- 30 Marsha Gardner

*Happy Anniversary*

We have none in January.

## **DMPC YOUTH GROUP**

- Jan. 12 6:00pm Regular Meeting
- Jan. 26 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

- Jan. 02 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/Fellowship
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 04 7:00am Buckwheat Breakfast
- Jan. 08 2:00pm Membership Committee/Dunham
- Jan. 09 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 13 6:00pm Session
- Jan 16 1:00pm Meals on Wheels Bd/Dunham Rm.
- Jan 20 Martin Luther King Day (office closed)**
- Jan. 23 9am-4pm Life Line Screening/Fellowship
- Jan. 21 Noon Book Club/Old Chi-Rho Room
- Jan. 24 1:30pm Property Comm/Dunham Rm.
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 31 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  
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 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
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**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

- CIRCLE 1**     **Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs**  
 Jan. 10 @1:30pm at Jan Burr's home
  
- CIRCLE 2**     **Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs**  
 Jan. 10 @10:00am TBA
  
- CIRCLE 6**     **Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair**  
 Jan. 9 @7:00pm at Marlene Kyle's home

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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 announcements, discuss topics, see our growing photo gallery, and generally stay in touch.

