



*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.*

**April 2020**

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**SUNDAY AT DMPC**



Worship Service at 11:00 am  
Live broadcast on WDNE, 1240am

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for following the directives of State and National officials by staying home as much as possible during these trying times. We hope and pray that you are well as you shelter at home.

The Session of DMPC met in a virtual meeting this past week and decided that we should continue to suspend “in-person worship” and continue to worship with the help of the radio broadcast on 1240 AM at 11:00am each Sunday morning. We have decided to do this for the whole month of April. The council of Holy Trinity will also be meeting to make a determination as we move forward into April.

Remember that Jesus said I will never leave you or forsake you! Remember that you are not alone.

Your church is still here for you and I am available for you via email ([minister@dmpc.org](mailto:minister@dmpc.org)) or by phone on 304-621-8282. I will work to be in touch with as many of you as possible in the coming weeks. I pray for you and love you all very much. Let us continue to worship together on the radio and as best as possible, stay connected as God’s loving spirit continues to move among us as the church.

In Christ’s love,

Peter

## **SESSION NOTES FROM OUR MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> SESSION MEETING...**

- \*The Clerk reported the death of Ms. Cristal “Kris” Carlson on March 5, 2020.  
Dr. Vial stated that her memorial service would be held at the church in May.
  - \* Mr. Marstiller reported that a request had been received from the Finance and Property committees for \$37,565.00 for repairs to the exterior stone work. Noting that the funds were available from the Earle Fund, the committee had approved the request. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. After a brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote of 10 for and 0 against.
  - \*The gas line to the manse has been turned off after a leak was discovered. Resulting in a lack of heat, hot water, and ability to cook, the committee will be working hastily to get the issue resolved.
  - \* Conversation was had concerning the coronavirus, and what health actions we might need to adopt. Dr. Vial suggested that we just be flexible and adapt to any further developments.
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## **CHURCH GIVING IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS...**

During this special time of shared worship by radio, you can continue to give to the church or fulfill your pledge in various ways. We'll be including addressed envelopes in the bulletin so that you can send in your tithes and offerings by mail. Or for those who would like to give online from your bank or credit card account, just go to [www.dmpc.org](http://www.dmpc.org) and hit the blue “Online Giving” button at the top of the page. Through our new partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, you can give a one-time gift, or set up a regular gift toward your pledge, or contribute to the Angel Fund. However you decide to give, we are grateful to God for your great generosity.

(Holy Trinity Lutheran Church members please mail your contributions to the church at:  
HTLC 302 First St. Elkins, WV 26241)

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## **EASTER LILIES...**

With the decision to continue the suspension of “in-person worship” for the month of April, PWs will not be purchasing Easter Lilies for the sanctuary this year. However, you can still help support the PW Scholarship Fund this Easter by making a donation of \$5.00 each in honor or in memory of someone in lieu of purchasing lilies. Your gifts will be a way to show support to our Youth. Forms and return envelopes will be included in this month's bulletins. Please make checks to DMPC for PW Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to everyone who sent cards, emails, and dinners to us while I recovered from surgery. I'm back to work now, albeit working from home, as I continue to recover. Grateful for each one of you and praying for your continued health in these challenging days. Blessings!

Tina Vial

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## D&E SUNDAY...

On February 14, the Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir, under the direction of Liz MacVean, shared their unique talents with us during our morning worship service.



D&E College President Chris Wood was our guest preacher that morning. His sermon title was “Love Bears All Things”.



The Bell Choir performed during our morning worship service on February 23.

After the service, everyone met in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Baked Potato Luncheon.





## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY...

On February 9th, we celebrated Boy Scout Sunday with members of Pack 88, which meets here in the Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings during the school year. Elliot Harper spoke about his Boy Scout experience during our morning service.

“Today is Boy Scout Sunday. For over 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has provided opportunities to boys, and now girls, in the United States. I joined Cub Scouts in first grade as a Tiger Scout and recently achieved the rank of Second Class Boy Scout in my seventh year of membership.

My favorite activities in Scouting are the shooting sports—archery and riflery—and the Electronics Camp Out when we stay awake for 36 hours playing video games and eating snacks.

Last Fall, I was honored to represent Elkins Troop 88 as Royal Scout to Mountain State Forest Festival. That was pretty cool!”



Everette & Estrid Garver-Daniels are also members of Pack 88. Everett is a Tiger in his 2nd year of scouts. He loves the pinewood derby, wearing his uniform and hanging out with his friends. Estrid started scouts in 4th grade as a Webelo, and was one of the founding members of Pack 88's first girls den (Den 8). She has completed her Cub Scout training, and was the first girl to participate in the traditional crossing over ceremony. Troop 88 (The local boy scout troupe) does not currently have the structure to support girls in BSA, so Estrid is waiting to join a girl's troop when one becomes available. She likes camping, learning about the outdoors, and learning new skills.

Lynne Harper is our “Super Mom” Scout! Shown here with her 2 boys, Grant & Elliot, she is their leader.

She is also the leader of her daughter Holly’s Girl Scout Troop.

She has served several years on the Randolph County Service Unit for Girl Scouts. She has run Cookie Sales, Day Camp, and many other activities.



## Girl Scout Sunday...

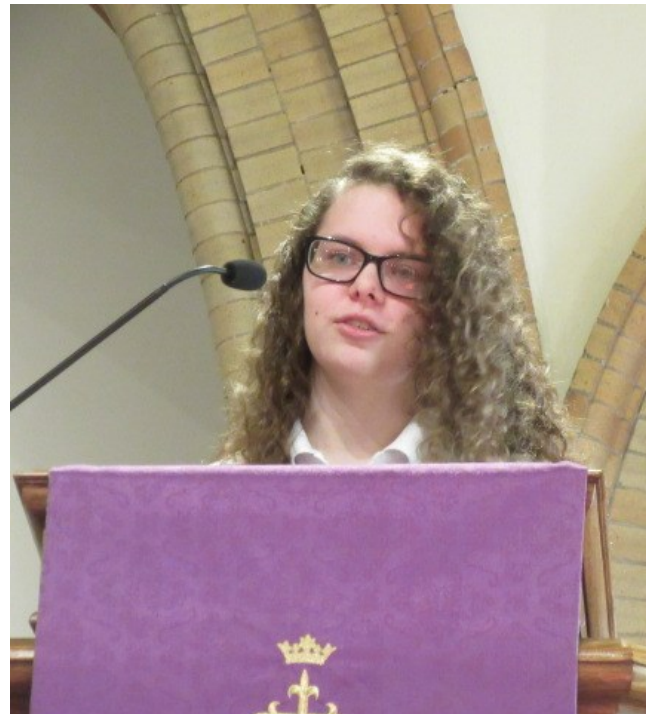
On March 8th, we celebrated Girl Scout Sunday with another of our DMPC Youth members. Holly Harper is a member of a Girl Scout Troop which meets in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings during the school year. Holly was our guest preacher for that Sunday and she talked about the connection between Girl Scouts and Faith.

“Good morning. Many of you are likely surprised to see me up here instead of Peter. Well, I am here in celebration of Girl Scout Sunday. Traditionally, a Girl Scout offers to help during services to emphasize the connection between Faith and Scouting. The role she takes in the church is of her own choosing, but should be something meaningful and appropriate to her age. This year, my mom encouraged me to take a larger part in the service. So here I am.

My troop starts every Girl Scout meeting with a flag ceremony. Three girls are chosen as Color Guard to lead the ceremony. The “caller” gives the commands and the other two form the gates of silence. When directed, we march through the gates of silence and salute our flag. We recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Girl Scout Promise. “On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.” The promise starts with “On my honor, I will try to serve God” This is the line that inspired Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scouts allows its members to substitute the words Allah, Yahweh, or other terms as appropriate to her beliefs. But, Girl Scouting is a religion-based organization. Much attention is paid to the Girl Scout promise. It is short, and memorizing it is required for every level of Girl Scouts. Even the youngest girls can rattle it off.

The last line of the Promise states “... and to live by the Girl Scout Law.” Only a small fraction of new Scouts can recite the Law, and the experienced ones aren’t much better. Most have a general familiarity, but getting the lines in order is a challenge. The Girl Scout Law is as follows, “I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.” Today, I would like to share with you how I live by this law and what that means when serving God.”

Holly then went on to “connect” each part of the Girl Scout Promise to how it helps her follow her faith and serve God.



## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL NEWS CORNER...**

Eight members attended the second half of our congregational meeting on March 15. The annual reports were approved as printed.

We have suspended our Sunday Morning Worship Service for a while. We will let you know when we have a date to resume services.

Happy Birthday to: April 3 Sammy Long  
April 15 Nancy Goerlich  
April 23 Mary Rose Rinell  
April 24 Lance Bond

May 15 Charles Spanitz  
May 16 Joyce Estridge  
May 16 Ric Campbell

May Anniversaries: 2nd Arlene and Steve Williams

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## **GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY...**

After our morning service, everyone went down to the Fellowship Hall to pick up their Girl Scout cookies! Pictured below are several of the DMPC Girl Scouts:

(Standing) Lynn Proudfoot and her daughter Elizabeth

Marsha Gardner

Judy Guye Swanson and her daughter Monica Varchetto

(Seated) Lynne Harper and her daughter Holly.

Lynne presented Holly with flowers in appreciation for all the hard work she does as a Girl Scout.







#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judy Guye Swanson
- 4 Brenda Hermanson
- 8 Lynn Hartley
- 8 Will Proudfoot
- 11 Richard Fath
- 12 Jan Burr
- 12 Melody Loudin
- 13 Scott Kyle
- 13 Matthew Maynard
- 14 Stephanie Riddle
- 21 Rachel Varner
- 24 Joe Carlson
- 25 Sonja Corbin
- 25 Seth Maynard
- 26 Marshall Crawford
- 27 William Kump
- 30 Mina Cupp



April 14 Allan & Judy Swanson



#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nancy Booth
- 2 Julia Elbon
- 2 Everett Garver-Daniels
- 4 Scott Corbin
- 4 Phyllis Jackson
- 7 Cliff Marstiller
- 12 Harold Elbon
- 13 Fay Maynard
- 14 Jean Snedegar
- 15 Mary Ann McDonald
- 16 Vidia Ross
- 16 Ryan Schooley
- 19 Mark Armentrout
- 19 Lena Mealey
- 19 Sue Russetti
- 22 Neva Georgeson
- 24 Natalia Ross-Schooley
- 25 Susie Kump
- 25 Carter Loudin
- 30 Ann Wakeford



May 12 Cliff & Sherri Marstiller  
May 31 Rev. Peter & Tina Vial



**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
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Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
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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

You will be notified by your Circle Chair as to the date of your next meeting.

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT** has been canceled.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** has been canceled.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** has been canceled.

**PRAYER TUESDAY** has been canceled until further notice.

**BREAD AND BROTH** has been canceled until further notice.

**DMPC LAY ACADEMY** has been canceled until further notice.

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