



*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.*

September 2020

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SUNDAY AT DMPC



Worship each Sunday is
 broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM
 and live-streamed on
 our Facebook Group
www.dmpc.org

Dear DMPC family,

September 2020 marks the 125th anniversary of this congregation. We will be sending you a special edition of the *Monthly Manna* soon marking this milestone filled with historical information and pictures. Dana Marzolf has worked long and hard on compiling our recent history since our 100th.

We had planned to have a picnic and celebration of our 125th but due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will have to plan for this party at a later date. Meanwhile, celebrate your church's birthday together in spirit. Perhaps you would like to make a special memorial donation to the church in honor of its birthday. Anyway you choose, it is your birthday to celebrate!

Let us keep the ears and eyes of our souls open to what the Holy Spirit has in store for the next 125 years of our ministry together. 2020 is being a strange year for sure, but let us not lose hope. God continues to call this congregation to a great and meaningful ministry together. As one of our elders encourages me, "We will get through this"! God's future here at DMPC will prove to be exciting and will continue to bring us blessing in our work and life together.

Happy Birthday, Church!

Peter



SESSION NOTES FOR AUGUST 2020...

The following actions were taken by the Session on August 10, 2020

- *Shall we continue to worship by radio and Facebook and not worship in person at this time? Until further notice? The corona virus is still a major presence in our community, state and nation. If we did come back to worship, it would be distanced seating, masks, no singing or responsive readings. The governor is not wanting gatherings above 25 people. The recommendation is to continue broadcast and streaming worship until further notice. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 10 for and 2 not voting.
 - *To elect Sherri Marstiller as Treasurer and Larry Wing as Financial Secretary effective August 10, 2020. By a vote of 10 for and 2 not voting, the nominations were approved.
 - *A resolution to assign the following people as signatories on our checking account: Sherri Marstiller, Larry Wing, Marsha Gardner, and Peter Vial. By a vote of 10 for and 2 not voting the resolution was adopted.
 - *A request from the pastor for vacation time August 10 through 14, and 17 through 21 to care for Tina who is having additional rib surgery on the 10th. Pastor will preach and lead worship on the corresponding Sundays. By a vote of 10 for and 2 not voting, the pastor's vacation time was approved.
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Hello Everyone!

My name is Marty and I am the church mouse at HTLC. This has been a very unusual year for me. There was always activity and voices in the church on Sunday mornings along with throughout the week. But not for the last six months, and I have been very lonely. I have not heard any of Ruth Whitesel's beautiful music along with singing voices on Sunday mornings. I miss hearing Patty Calain's singing voice along with hearing Pastor Vial's sermons. I miss getting an occasional nibble of food from the kitchen to keep up my strength. I have lost weight and sleep leading to my body becoming very weak and undernourished.

Even though the members are not in or around HTLC on their usual schedule that I am accustomed to, they keep breaking up my sleep pattern. I cannot get any sleep when Logan and Rick Campbell are trimming and mowing the yard around the church. The church grounds look great, but I need my sleep. Chip Ramsey is in and out at all hours checking on the church, sorting the mail, and filling the Blessing Box. Brenda Ramsey is checking on the cleaning of the church when necessary but who knows when she will show up. Brenda, Jane Hazer, and Nancy Schumacher were busy making pepperoni rolls for Common Grounds. I was so hungry and they smelled delicious, but they did not leave me a crumb. The church building and grounds are being well maintained, but I am still lonely, hungry, and not getting any sleep. I guess I am going to have to start praying for this new Covid-19 virus vaccine so that all my friends can come back to church and my life can get back to normal. Do you know how I feel? I miss seeing Joyce and Gil, Linda and Wayne, Alex, Mary Rose, Denise, Vonda and Charles, Steve and Amy, Sammy, Greg, and along with the ones I hear or see occasionally. I pray and hope everyone is well. I really do appreciate all the wonderful things the members are doing around the church to keep me comfortable but they certainly are social distancing.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Phil Kyle
- 5 Greg Schumacher (HTLC)
- 7 Monna Macomber
- 8 Don Corbin
- 9 Estrid Garver-Daniels
- 10 Richard Moore
- 11 Elizabeth Kump Conlan
- 11 James Lambert
- 12 Brendan Kerr
- 13 Joan Armbruster
- 15 Cyrus Kump
- 16 Nicholas Harper
- 16 Ralphene Maynard
- 19 Bernice Becker
- 22 Katie Schuler
- 23 Nancy Smith
- 25 Anna Harper
- 26 Joyce Allen
- 29 DMPC (1895)



- Sept. 01 Larry & Keitha Wing
- Sept. 01 Ryan & Natalia Schooley
- Sept. 21 Dan & Lynne Harper

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM...

Dear Parents and Patrons,

I just wanted to inform everyone as to the status of the After School Program.

After much research and discussion, I have (with a heavy heart) come to the conclusion that I will not be able to re-open at this time. I didn't make this decision lightly and took all matters into consideration. My top concern has been and always will be the safety of my students and employees and I just do not feel that I can provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all who participate in the program.

When things change (I hope and pray that they do soon!), I will be happy to welcome everyone back with open arms.

Please stay safe and as always feel free to contact me for any reason at any time.

ASP Director,
Monica Varchetto

PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY... SEPT. 8 @10AM

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and observe our "social distancing" by sitting 6 feet apart. You must notify Linda Rudy in advance to be sure there is adequate seating for everyone. Each person must wear a face mask.

Dana Marzolf will be introducing the new Bible study for 2020-2021, *"Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament"*. Study helps will be provided for all circle leaders.

There will be no After School Program at this time.

There will be no Buckwheat Breakfasts this year.

There will be no Rally Day/Annual Church Picnic this year.



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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.

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.
