



*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.*

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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

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church is 125 years old!



Ground breaking for a 'handsome' church as a memorial to Mrs. Caleb Davis, the mother of Senator Henry G. Davis, was on June 11, 1894 led by Rev. C.S. Lingamfelter.

On Sunday, September 29, 1895, former Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, sitting in the privacy of Graceland, his mansion on the hill above the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, noted in his journal that, "Today Rev. Dr. Hoge of Richmond, Va., dedicated the new Church & Sunday School at Elkins donated by my brother, Thomas, and myself to the Presbyterians in memory of our parents – especially Mother." The church was deeded to the Trustees for the congregation. There were about 175 members at the time.

(information provided by Dana Marzolf)

WV Presbytery
FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2020
Hopes and Dreams: God's Church in the World

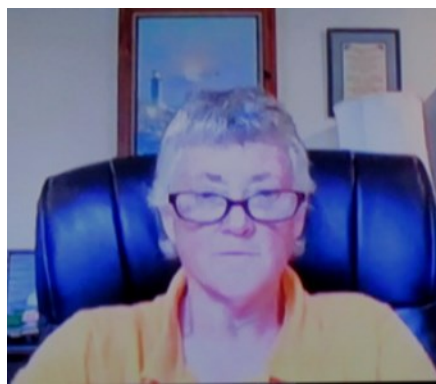
The Festival of Faith was a virtual event this year, held on August 29, 2020. Rather than meeting in person with the uncertainty that goes with it in this time, we met by ZOOM. It gave us the opportunity to see and interact with others in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Workshops were streamed to a TV while participants wore masks and practiced social distancing.

Jill Duffield, Editor of The Presbyterian Outlook, began the morning with her opening keynote "Being the Church for the Sake of the World." Our folks sat in on "Exploring Mr. Rogers" lead by Susan Sharp Campbell and "Parish Ministry" with Rev. Rich Cardot.

It was an educational and informative morning. Those participating were: Dana Marzolf, Sue Chenoweth, Judy Guye Swanson, Joan Armbruster, Marlene Kyle, Lynn Proudfoot and Peter Vial.



Keynote speaker Jill Duffield
Who Do People Say That We
(Presbyterians) Are?



Presbytery Associate for Educational
Ministry Susan Sharp Campbell lead
"Exploring Mr. Rogers" workshop.



Rev. Rich Cardot lead the work-
shop : "The Parish Ministry—
What It Might Look Like"

*Our church doors are decorated and ready for the fall
season thanks to our Lutheran sister in ministry,
Brenda Ramsey.*

*Brenda created and hung these gorgeous decorations
for our 6 doors at the church.*

*We are thankful for our partnership with Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church. May God continue to bless our work
together.*



VIRTUAL PEACE SYMPOSIUMS AVAILABLE...

You may recall in previous years that D&E and DMPC have participated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) International Peacemaker Program by inviting people each year from around the world who are engaged in peacemaking efforts in their home country. We generally only get the opportunity to hear from one each year. However, this year with travel not possible, the denomination has arranged for a virtual symposium with several peacemakers.

You can find all the sessions posted on the denomination's website at:

www.pcusa.org/ipvirtualsympoosium. Click on "Learn More" for the video discussion with International Peacemakers from:

Zimbabwe, Palestine, Cameroon, Caribbean, South Africa, Guatemala, Colombia, Philippines, Greece, Rwanda, Costa Rica, Central Africa, Syria

Each session is approximately an hour long (with some variations). Take some time to learn from each of these servants of peace in their country.

Shalom, Paz, Vrede, Baris, Fred, Taika, Damai, Pokoj, Miers, Beke, Paix, Fridur, Heiwa, Paci, Maluhia, Salam!

DMPC STAYCATION VBS...

Toby, Corin, Samantha, and Wyatt engage in activities during “stay at home” VBS. Pipe cleaners, paper, markers, popsicle sticks, glue, paint and an abundance of supplies helped the kids create their own Flat Jesus and journey through the Bible stories of Jesus.



Samantha and Wyatt’s journey lead them to the Blessing Box at the church to share food with the hungry.

Thanks to the parents and grandparents who participated in our VBS, we hope it was a valuable experience for you and the children!



ROOMFUL OF ORGANISTS!

Our church has enjoyed hearing a variety of organists share their talents during the last few months. Few churches in Elkins could boast of having so many organists in the same room.



Gloria Garner, former organist at First Presbyterian Church in Buckhannon (Aug. 9th postlude)



Brett Miller, Director of Music at First United Methodist, Clarksburg (Sept. 20th postlude)

Shelby Williams, former organist for Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana, PA (Sept. 27th postlude)



Dr. Jessica Scott, organist at First United Methodist Church, Clarksburg

MELODY MEADOWS...

Melody actually has two seats here: an organ bench and a piano bench from which she plays preludes and postludes and everything in between. Melody has been playing and directing music at DMPC since April 20, 1980. She is Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning as well as Professor of Music, which entails teaching piano and organ at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Melody's musical journey began when she started piano lessons with the minister's wife at Woodford Methodist Church, so she was playing for church at an early age. She was fascinated with the organ but the instrument was always locked. When she tried to gain access by "repurposing" a paper clip, the organist told Melody she should be allowed to explore the instrument if that's what she wanted to do!

The local Episcopal Church agreed to pay for her organ lessons with Lewis Wilson if she would become their organist. Thus began her career as a church musician.

In high school, Melody attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan. At camp, she was enthralled with an organ concert by Marilyn Mason when she played an entire piece using just the pedals. After that concert, Melody knew what she wanted to do with her life. Melody chose University of Michigan for her doctoral program because Marilyn Mason would be her organ teacher.

Her funniest church memory is when she asked the choir for suggestions for musical themes to use during the service. There were smiles from several members of the congregation one Sunday morning that told her "Whiter Shade of Pale" was familiar to them!

In 2009, Melody took a year's sabbatical to volunteer with a shelter called Ons Plek (our place) in South Africa. She went expecting to do low-key volunteer tasks only to find that the director of education was retiring in two days! This meant she was the interim director of education for her year of service. She supervised and tutored girls at several safe locations throughout the day. Melody says "the life changed most was mine and I continue to return to Cape Town when possible to offer assistance to this amazing organization". She is grateful for the financial support DMPC provides to Ons Plek and allowing her to continue traveling to help them whenever she can.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ACTIVE DESPITE PANDEMIC...

Our PW members haven't met in person since March, but we have nonetheless managed to accomplish a lot. We were unable to hold elections but all PW officers agreed to serve another term. We continue to send Thank Offerings to PW HQ where they will be used to help women all over the world.

Here is a summary of some of our other projects:

We have been sending greeting cards to church members who are homebound or live in care facilities. Susan Pell and Diana Kerr organized this important outreach.

In July we learned that D&E Honors Graduate and friend, MacKinzie Smith, needed some financial assistance to help her siblings in foster care. Private and DMPC checks were sent to her. She is now studying at WVU to become a doctor.

On September 8th our Circles met in the Fellowship Hall where we sat two to a table wearing masks. PW Spiritual Advisor Dana Marzolf gave a very helpful introduction to this year's Horizons Bible Study: "Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament."

If you missed this meeting, and would like a copy of the handout, email Linda Rudy, at lrudy1963@gmail.com. Our Circles will start meeting in October. New members are always welcome. Watch for times and locations in our Sunday bulletins.

Judy Guye has created a new scholarship application. Students will be asked to write a 250 word essay explaining why they need the scholarship.

DMPC and Holy Trinity Lutheran are participating in the New Beginnings backpacks for newly released prisoners. Backpacks and personal care items were donated by church members. The deadline was September 30 but it is an ongoing program. Holly Reilly, our Liaison with CWU, organized the collections at DMPC.

Help is needed to keep our Blessing Box stocked each day. If you are interested, contact Judy Guye at guyeswanson@live.com and she will assign you as many days as you wish. The food is provided by Witness Service and individuals such as yourselves.

In closing, I'd like to share a message from Dana Marzolf: *"This is a good time to remember that the church is more than a structure, a building, a place of bricks and mortar, but is rather a faithful group of people journeying together."*

May God bless us all as we continue our journey!

WOMEN'S SUNDAY...

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Dr. Laura Brekke Wagoner will be our guest preacher as The Presbyterian Women of DMPC celebrate Women's Sunday. Judy Guye Swanson will be presenting a list of the PW Scholarships awarded for this year.



Happy Birthday

- 1 Tracy Fath
- 4 Jeff Caplinger
- 5 Bryan White
- 6 Ginny Byer
- 6 Gayle Moore
- 8 Virginia Landrum
- 8 James Legg
- 12 Hans Hermanson
- 13 Kim Anger
- 20 Sue Chenoweth
- 23 Mandi Wilson
- 25 Kennedy Schooley
- 27 Phillip Reilly

HTLC

- 10 Gill Estridge
- 11 Emma Hose
- 21 Chip Ramsey

Happy Anniversary

- Oct. 7 Ed & Linda Rudy
- Oct. 12 Robert & Wilma Miller
- Oct. 15 Donnie & Sonja Corbin

CWU BACKPACK RE-ENTRY DRIVE...

The WV Church Women United wish to thank the eight Church Women United groups located across WV and their local churches for their support towards the New Beginning Backpacks Program. The WV CWU president works with the WV Council of Churches to provide a new backpack and personal hygiene items to recently released prisoners throughout WV prisons. They have a northern coordinator and southern coordinator who collects the backpacks and distributes them to all the prisons throughout WV.

This year with the COVID-19 virus, WV CWU received monetary support to allow WV Council of Churches to buy any additional items they needed to support the backpacks program. We have been extremely blessed with the outpouring of support throughout the CWU units in West Virginia. WV CWU have received at least \$1,700.00 in monetary support.

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church provided five backpacks along with additional items for other backpacks. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church donated \$100.00 to be used to support the backpack program. WV CWU President Sandy DiBacco is in the process of coordinating the collections of the backpacks with WV Council of Churches Director Rev. Jeffrey Allen in Charleston WV.

Again, we have been blessed and want to thank everyone who helped in this endeavor.

The backpacks pictured are from Elkins Area churches including DMPC.





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		CIRCLE MEETINGS	
Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial	CIRCLE 1	Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows	CIRCLE 2	Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs
Assistant Organist	Mark Armentrout	CIRCLE 6	Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner	You will be notified by your Circle Chair as to the date of your next meeting	
Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout		
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing		
Treasurer	Sherri Marsteller		
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