



# DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MONTHLY MANNA

*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.*

### November 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](http://www.dmpc.org)



#### CHURCH GIVING IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Thank you for your faithful stewardship during this pandemic time. Our giving is on par with last year and your continued generosity means a lot to the ongoing ministry of the Church.

During this special time of shared worship by radio and Facebook, 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. However you decide to give, we are grateful to God for your great generosity.

## **PRAYER VIGIL...**

**NOV. 1 THRU NOV. 3**

Three churches in the Presbytery of West Virginia have joined together in Christian faith for a prayer vigil to be held Nov. 1-3. We invite you to join with us in prayer as we pray for peace, healing, and reconciliation for our churches, our communities, our state, and our nation. To participate, you are asked to join in a time of individual prayer on each of these three days at 8 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m. following these prayer themes:

Nov. 1 – health & healing from the global pandemic, lamenting with those who have lost or are separated from loved ones

Nov. 2 – essential workers and those who have lost jobs, income, shelter and/or a way of life

Nov. 3 – God's healing grace for our communities, our state, and our nation.

At 8 p.m. each evening, we will join together for communal prayer on Facebook Live, with each of the three churches leading this time together as follows:

Nov. 1 – Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church

(<https://www.facebook.com/BreamPresbyterian>)

Nov. 2 – Clifton Presbyterian Church (<https://www.facebook.com/cliftonpc>)

Nov. 3 – Dunbar First Presbyterian Church

(<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianDunbarWV>)

For those who do not have a Facebook account, we encourage you to continue to pray individually at 8 p.m. each night.

"Also, do good things for the city I sent you to. Pray to the LORD for the city you are living in, because if there is peace in that city, you will have peace also." Jeremiah 29:7

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## **COMMON GROUND**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2020**

The Woodford Memorial United Methodist Church is the host for "Common Ground", a project that provides a meal for those in our area every Saturday. They also have a blessing Box that people can use throughout the week.

The menu for lunch our week will be:

Ham and Cheese subs

Chips

Fruit

Potato salad

Cookie

Water and maybe some soft drinks

Our Presbyterian and Lutheran ladies will be preparing the lunches. Some of our youth may assist also. Recently the head count has increased and is up to an average of 120. All sack lunches will be handed out at the door and, of course, everyone working will/should wear a mask and practice social distancing. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help or make a donation, please contact Sue Chenoweth at 304-636-6677.

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## WE BUILD ON GOD'S FOUNDATION ...

It has been a long time since March 15<sup>th</sup> when we last worshiped together in the church sanctuary. Many of us have had to make changes in our lives dealing with our families, work, and living what would be our normal lives. We have a difficult time wondering when our lives will return to normal. A friend of ours from Minnesota sent us an email last week with a story that is quite relevant to today's world. A micro version is this: a farmer was asked to give blessing at a church super. In it he said: You may hate buttermilk, you may hate lard, and you don't particularly like white flour, but if you mix them together and bake them, the results are warm, fresh biscuits. The story ended with this prayer:

*"Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you are saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."*

Within that prayer we see great wisdom for the many things that are occurring in the world today. Our church has continued to move forward and serve its community. We may not all worship together, but we continue to worship together on the radio or on Facebook each Sunday. The session continues to do its work and meet online on a monthly basis, our committees continue to do their work. We have experienced Zoom communion together and Zoom Coffee Hours. Circle groups are social distancing and meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

In 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11:

*We are God's co-workers... God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder, I laid a foundation and another is building upon it.*

In this year of uncertainty, have you experienced blessings from the Lord – His generosity, His comfort in time of sorrow, joy in times of fulfillment? Now is the time we ask you to commit yourself – your time, your talents and your resources—to the work of the Lord through the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider what He would have you do with your time, talents, or resources. Your financial support is imperative in maintaining the ongoing mission of the church. But equally important in carrying out our mission, is the giving of your time and talents, whether through the food pantry, working with youth, or visiting the homebound. Everything you do builds God's human support system. We know that God can and will provide all we need to do His work. Now is the time, if you are financially able, to increase your commitment to build on the mission and foundation of our church. Your pledge, no matter the size, is deeply appreciated.

Pledge cards and Time & Talent cards will be mailed to you. Please complete the pledge card and time and talent information and return them by mail or drop them off at the church. If you wish to give on line 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. You will have the option to give a one-time pledge or gift, or set-up on-going pledges or gifts. You can also contribute online to the Angel Fund, which is a Capital Gifts fund that can be used for a variety of church needs and ministries.

The Stewardship Committee will be praying for you as you consider your pledge and commitments to DMPC for 2021.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Gary Moden, Stewardship Chairperson

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## DMPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIPS...

Education is so important today and one of the missions of the DMPC Presbyterian Women is to provide scholarships to deserving students. The Minta Hopkins Ogilvie Scholarship was established in the late 1960's in memory of George Ogilvie's wife, Minta. Over the last 50 years, scholarships have been given to over 70 students.

A Scholarship of \$500 is given annually to a high school graduate enrolled in a college or vocational program. The PW budget funds one scholarship, but we are happy to announce that we are able to give five scholarships because of the donations by the congregation to the PW Scholarship fund given during this year. We thank all who have given gifts this year. We are blessed that these recipients are "children" of DMPC and we wish them well in their careers.



Recipients are :

**Paige Corbin**, granddaughter of Donnie and Sonja Corbin, a sophomore at Virginia Tech majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**Jaron Harper**, grandson of Anna Harper, a freshman at D & E College, majoring in English.

**Richard Shryock**, son of Richard and Hillary Shryock, a freshman majoring in Forensic Science at WVU.

**Elliott White**, son of Bryan and Kim White and grandson of Holt and Sue Chenoweth, a sophomore at D&E College, majoring in Criminology.

**Jacob White**, son of Bryan and Kim White and grandson of Holt and Sue Chenoweth, a Senior majoring in Industrial Engineering at WVU.

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## FAMILY ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING DEVOTIONS

You will need an Advent wreath with real or artificial pine, three purple candles, one pink candle, and one white candle in the center, and matches.



### **First Sunday in Advent – Hope      Scripture: Isaiah 9:2; 6-7**

Isaiah foretold that the Savior, the Messiah, the King of the Jews would be born of a young woman in the town of Bethlehem. For many centuries God's people had hope this Messiah would come. Soon it would happen! Light one purple candle.

**Prayer** – Dear God: When You were ready and the time was right – You promised to send a Savior, the Messiah. Help us, this Advent season to prepare the way for Him to be born in our hearts and enter our lives. Amen.

### **Second Sunday of Advent –Love      Scripture: Luke 1:26-38**

God chose Mary to bear God's Son. Mary obeyed because she loved God. God was able to save the world through Jesus.

Light two purple candles.

**Prayer** - Dear God, thank You sending for Jesus and for choosing Mary to be His mother. Help us to feel Jesus' love in our hearts this Advent and Christmas season. Amen.

### **Third Sunday of Advent – Joy      Scripture: Luke 2:1-4**

Mary and Joseph left their home in Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem because of the census. It was a hard journey as Mary was expecting her first child. We light the rose candle in Joy as Jesus' birth is drawing near.

Light two purple candles and the pink candle.

**Prayer** - Dear God: Joseph and Mary trusted You even when they did not understand. Help us to obey You in all we say and do – then we will know Your joy. Amen.

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent – Peace      Scripture: Luke 2:6**

Mary and Joseph found no room to stay in Bethlehem – all the inns were full of travelers. But they found a place in a dark, cold stable with a manger where food was placed for the animals. There Mary found peace as she awaited the birth of her Son.

Light three purple candles and the pink one.

**Prayer** – Dear God: Like Mary and Joseph, we are at peace – the long awaited Messiah will soon be here. Amen.

### **Christmas Eve      Scripture: Luke 2:7**

Advent is over! Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son. Mary placed her precious Baby in the manger. Help us rejoice in this birth and promise to follow this Child as He leads us to do Your will. Amen.

Light all the candles.

**Prayer:** Dear God: Tonight we offer thanks for the gift of Your Son. May our hearts be ready to receive Jesus and may we welcome others in His name. Amen.

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

Church council met on October 19. Due to the large number of Covid 19 cases in the county, it was decided NOT to reopen our doors yet. We will continue to listen to the DMPC service on the radio (WDNE) or watch it on DMPC Facebook. We will not have a Christmas Eve service this year. You are encouraged to participate in DMPC's live broadcast service. See details below.

Council voted to donate \$200 to the Fraternal Order of Police for toys for children in need, \$200 to IOOF Randolph Division for food baskets, \$100 to WV Division of Natural Resources to pay for cutting and packing venison which will be distributed through the Mountaineer Food Bank, and \$250 to Lutheran Disaster Relief. This money will come from our budgeted Benevolence Fund.

We wish to thank our financial secretary, Jane Hazer, and our treasurer, Chip Ramsey, for keeping our bills paid.

We are sad to say that our annual Christmas Bazaar will not be held this year. Brenda Ramsey has been making items all year and has several items for sale. You may see them on her Facebook page. If you are interested in purchasing something, please message her on her Facebook page to email her at [brbren1110@gmail.com](mailto:brbren1110@gmail.com).

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### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED'S WORLD COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION ...**

For everyone's safety during this world crisis, Church Women United in Elkins will be having a conference call on Friday, November 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm instead of our usual luncheon and meeting. Everyone is welcome to participate so please share this information with others. We hope everyone joins us to hear what is going on with Church Women United on the local, regional, and national level. Please call this phone number: 1-978-990-5484, and when you are prompted for the Access Code, use 4455283#.

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### **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS**

In light of everything that is going on these days, we will not be doing food baskets this year. Instead, we will be making a monetary donation to Tyrand Parrish to help with their food needs during the month of November. If you would like to help with this, please send your donations to the church and put "Tyrand Parrish" in the memo line.

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

DMPC's Christmas Eve Service will be broadcast live over WDNE 1240AM and also live-streamed on our Facebook Group at 7pm on Christmas Eve.

Many of you have asked about us opening up and having a "real" service, but unfortunately, we just can't find a way to do it. We will all miss seeing everyone in person (and miss those great cookies too!) but we feel it is just safer for everyone to stay home & share the Christmas spirit another way this year.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Elliot White
- 7 Tina Vial
- 9 Monica Guye Varchetto
- 13 Robert Hermanson
- 14 Grace Sundelin
- 17 Brenda Miller
- 18 Miriam Fath
- 20 Bob Gilchrist
- 24 Frankie Riemenschneider
- 25 Rose Nelson
- 26 Patty Jo Hamilton
- 26 Brenda Kirkpatrick
- 28 Caleb Harper
- 29 Ruth Hinkle

## HTLC

- 22 Carol Merten

*Happy Anniversary*

Nov. 22 Hollis & Adrienne Vance

Nov. 24 Pat & Monica Varchetto

## HTLC

Nov. 10 Chip & Brenda Ramsey

## ASP STUDENT WINS AWARDS



The After School Program here at DMPC not only helps students with homework, it helps them participate in events sponsored by other groups in this area.

Emma Blackwell is this years' winner of 2 awards in the West Virginia Garden Clubs' Annual poetry Contest. She won both local and regional for her poem "Sweet Garden".

She was so excited to go on a shopping spree with her reward money. She wanted something special, so she got a unicorn doll with a pet unicorn. Congratulations Emma!



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#### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**CIRCLE 1** Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs

**CIRCLE 2** Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs  
Nov. 12 @10am in the Fellowship Hall

**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.

