



*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

Dear Friends,

February 17th is the beginning of Lent this year. Unlike Christmas, Lent is not a fixed date but relates to Passover and the Jewish lunar calendar. Many Christians around the world will get ready for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection by observing a 40 day period of spiritual preparation for this most holy of days. The forty days are because it is the period of Jesus' time of preparation in the wilderness before his public ministry. Many in the early church used it as a time of special fasting and prayer. Sometimes persons were trained during this time before they joined the church at Easter.

The season of Lent is not necessarily about giving up something you enjoy but is remembering how Jesus prepared to give up his life for us. Lent can be more meaningful by taking on something that helps us remember something about Jesus. Maybe you will remember the way Jesus got up early and prayed. You may want to pray a special prayer every morning of Lent. You may want to take on a reading program of scripture or a ministry to the sick or hurting. There is no shortage of opportunities to follow Christ.

One friend of mine encourages his congregation to consider the challenge of tithing their income during Lent. I imagine that many of you do this percentage giving already, but for some, it seems simply impossible. Consider evaluating your spending and giving at the start of Lent and see how tithing during the six weeks of Lent impacts you, your budget and your spiritual life.

However you observe the season of Lent, I hope you will begin it with the mark of the cross on your forehead.

Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be streamed on Facebook February 17th at 7:00pm.

May God bless us all with a holy Lent.

Yours in Christ,
Peter Vial

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 7, 2021

In the past, our DMPC Youth collected monetary donations and canned food items for our Blessing Box which is placed outside the Sycamore Street entrance and has become one of our most successful efforts to assist those who are hungry in our community.

Since we are not yet having services in the church, the Youth will not be able to do their collection this year. Instead, you may send donations to the church office. Please note “Souper Bowl Sunday” on the memo line of your check. Donations received will be used to purchase cans of soup for the Blessing Box. Please help us continue our good work in this much needed area. (Holy Trinity donations will be sent on to Jane Hazer after Feb. 7.)

Fun Fact: Did you know that each can of Campbell’s Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup contains about 32 feet of noodles?

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said at a youth group meeting by Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:

*Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us
be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend (the weekend of the first Sunday in February) into America’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Twenty-two churches raised \$5,700 that first year. Since then, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths.

Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. The total collected is reported to the national headquarters of the Souper Bowl of Caring and then 100% of the money and food collected is given directly to local charities of the participating group’s choice.





February Birthdays

- 2 Kerr Kump
- 2 Susan Pell
- 3 Garrett Chenoweth
- 3 Margy Nelson
- 4 Phil Becker
- 4 Kenneth Maynard
- 5 Larry Wing
- 5 Elizabeth Proudfoot
- 11 Melody Meadows
- 13 Nathan Garver-Daniels
- 14 Rob Legg
- 17 Patty Crissman
- 18 Rick Campbell
- 20 Samantha White
- 21 Carol Schuler
- 21 A. Joseph Godwin
- 21 Adrienne Vance
- 24 Pat Gilchrist
- 28 Jessie Somers

CHURCH HISTORY INFORMATION AVAILABLE

As you know, 2020 was the 125th anniversary of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church but due to the coronavirus pandemic we were not able to have a celebration picnic/gathering. However, twenty files have been put together with photos and information about what happened at DMPC in those years from our 100th anniversary in 1995 to the end of 2020.

We are considering making those files available to members of the congregation on a flash-drive for the cost of the drive. Please notify the church office at 304-636-2788 or e-mail office@dmpc.org if you would be interested in purchasing such historical church information.

PW CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The DMPC Presbyterian Women are planning to have a Christmas in July fundraiser this July. As you take down decorations and pack them away for next Christmas, if there are decorations you don't want to keep, donate them to PW. We will appreciate your donations towards this fundraiser.

Judy

PW BLANKET PROJECT

FEBRUARY 2021

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.

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CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1 Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs

CIRCLE 2 Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs

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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.
