



*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.*

**January 2021**

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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)

Dear Church Family,

The year 2020 is in the books! What a year it has been. We look forward to 2021 with anticipation, hope and faith!

Perhaps the most significant has been the broadcasting and streaming of our worship services on Sunday mornings. There has been a hidden treasure in this change in that we are reaching a number of people who have not been regular attendees in person. This has been and will continue to be a new and important outreach of our two congregations. The Session of DMPC and the Council of HTLC have decided to continue the broadcast and streaming of our services into the new year as long as it seems prudent to do so given the Covid numbers and surges we are experiencing.

Because the pandemic limited our meeting in person, our new elder nominating process was stifled in 2020. The Session of DMPC decided to maintain our current classes of elders for the year 2021. Permission to do this is in process through the Presbytery which grants permission to waive the rotation of officers. Several churches have done this due to the pandemic.

Signs of hope for 2021 include several Covid vaccines rolling out! We look forward to being vaccinated before too much of 2021 passes. The Session of DMPC has begun meeting via Zoom, a video conferencing service. Several committees are meeting via Zoom or conference calls carrying forward the work of the church. I am so grateful to everyone for your willingness to adapt to a new normal, as we carry forward our ministry to our community and denominations and the world.

I am looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities for mission and ministry that will be coming our way in 2021 and sharing in this ministry with you. Thanks be to God who journeys with us and goes ahead of us calling us to be the body of Christ in our community.

With hope and faith,  
 Peter

## WANDUMBI...

Once again this year I would like to appeal to church members to support a child at Wandumbi Special School in our sister presbytery in Nyeri, Kenya. On my last visit I was able to present our gift to the dedicated staff of the school (the students were on break). The efforts of the teachers are heroic; the children have a whole range of challenges, from learning difficulties to profound disability. A child can be enrolled for \$210 a year, but any amount will help. Checks can be sent anytime in the next month to our church treasurer with a memo to Wandumbi.

Bob McCutcheon outside the school with the staff.

A dryer that was purchased with money from DMPC.

The “backyard” of the school

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Bob meeting with the staff.

Bob presenting our gift to the staff.









## COMMON GROUND...

Members of Davis Memorial gathered together to serve 125 lunches to the people of Elkins on November 14, 2020 at the Woodford Methodist Church. Every Saturday, throughout the year, church groups and organizations in the Elkins area provide lunches from 11:00am – 12:30 for anyone in need.

This year, due to the COVID restrictions, bag lunches are handed out to those that come to the church. Lunches were prepared in the Woodford fellowship hall by Judy Guye Swanson, Kim and Samantha White, Tate Summerfield, Sue Chenoweth, Marlene Kyle, Holly Reilly, and Joan Armbruster. Lunch included subs, potato salad, fruit, cookie, chips, and a bottle of water. Thanks to those who helped that morning and to our church family whose gifts to our Witness Service committee made it possible to furnish these lunches. Your support helped to spread God's love! A special thanks to Jonathan Kyle for the donation of the water.



## **FROM THE DMPC LIBRARY...**

Hello to all from your friendly church librarian! I miss seeing your smiling faces on Sunday mornings. Praying that God brings us all back together in God's good time and that everyone stays well and safe.

While we have been social distancing, I have been working on our church library located in the White Chapel. To date, we have approximately 746 titles in the collection. I know there are many people who have availed themselves of its contents, and I sincerely hope that you will continue to do so even while services are not being held. As always, I am happy for suggestions of new books and donations of books that you might like to bring. Just leave them on the counter with a note that you are donating them, and I will get them into the collection. There are also DVDs and CDs available for use. Please donate those as well. As those of you who have used the library know, there is a clipboard for signing out materials. There is no time limit. Just don't forget to bring them back! You may also have noticed the books are loosely arranged into topical sections. These topics are designated by a sticker on the spine of the book. There is a legend taped to the shelves giving you a lay of the land. There is one exception to the organization. What I deem to be OVER-SIZE books are lying flat on the far top left shelf. Due to lack of shelf space, they are a combination of topics.

The great NEW news, is that you can now go online to look up what materials are in the collection! You access the collection by going to the website <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/DMPC>. You will see a SEARCH box where you can look up a book by title or author. Under the SEARCH box is a scrolling banner of all the books which can serve as a BROWSE method. If a book catches your eye, just click on it and you will be taken to the record. You can also look up SOME things by subject. Sadly, not all books are cataloged with that information, but a great many are. In each record, you will see a category labeled TAGS. That is where you will see the section in which the book is shelved. For example, if the TAG says BLACK, you can find that book in the section of books with BLACK stickers. The same for GOLD STAR, GREEN STAR and the like. Some sections are VERY small, so you may have to hunt for them (sorry about that!). You may also see a CALL NUMBER listed in the record. These numbers have been assigned by the system, not by me. Sadly, because I am not there every day to keep the books in strict order as they do in a larger library, you will have to hunt in a particular section to find the exact book you're looking for. The good news is that as much as possible, I have tried to make sure the cover of the book in the record matches the cover of the book in the collection. With many old books, this is not possible, so they will have a generic-looking cover.

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There is also a stack of books and magazines which are free for the taking. Some of these items have been taken by people who use the Food Pantry. It is another way we can reach out to the community.

As with any library, the collection is not static and will be changing continually. I hope that you will continue to find this ministry in our church useful. Please feel free to contact me about questions, suggestions and the like.

Email: [stb345@yahoo.com](mailto:stb345@yahoo.com) or telephone: 304.636.9576.

Grace and peace to all!  
Brenda Hermanson

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## 2020 POINSETTIAS & PW SCHOLARSHIP FUND...

### 2020 Poinsettias

#### In Honor of:

John C. Allen, Sr.  
Joe Carlson  
Tina & Peter Vial  
Marsha Gardner  
Melody Meadows  
Mark Armentrout  
Scott Kyle & Angie Watkins  
(our children)

#### by:

Joyce B. Allen  
  
  
  
  
  
Phil & Marlene  
Kyle

#### In Memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler  
(parents)  
Robert R. Butler, Jr. (brother)  
Jean Lancaster Butler (sister)  
John (Jack) Butler (brother)  
Annalee V. Carlson  
Christal D. Carlson  
Bernard D. Hughes  
Dr. Robert Rector  
Rev. George Rector  
Mrs. Beatrice Townsend  
Frances Rossi Triplett  
My family  
My parents

#### by:

Joyce B. Allen  
  
  
  
  
Joe Carlson  
  
Holly Reilly  
Norma Rector Triplett  
  
Adrienne Vance  
Hollis Vance

### 2020 PW Scholarship Fund in lieu of a Poinsettia

#### In Memory of:

Roger F. Bertolini  
  
  
  
Juanita Kyle  
  
Catherine Dauber, mother  
Mathilda Swanson, mother  
  
My parents, sisters & brothers  
  
Jim Pifer  
  
Richard H. Talbott, Jr.

#### by:

Mrs. Loretta Bertolini  
& family  
  
Circle#6  
  
Judy Guye  
Allan Swanson  
  
Anna Harper  
  
Sue Pifer  
  
Jo Ann Talbott



## **Birthdays**

- 2 David Hyre
- 2 Lynn Proudfoot
- 6 Margaret Stalnaker
- 8 Addison Riddle
- 9 Julia Cassells
- 13 Hollis Vance
- 15 Levi Fath
- 19 Marlene Kyle
- 19 Benjamin Proudfoot
- 21 Barbara Tedford
- 22 Jayson Hamrick
- 23 Arnold Kyle
- 24 Wyatt Chenoweth
- 24 Roberta Dye
- 28 Tom Regan
- 30 Isaac Anger
- 30 Marsha Gardner

## **HTLC**

- 4 Logan Campbell
- 5 Steve Schumacher
- 16 Nancy Schumacher

## **PW...**

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

## **WITNESS/SERVICE...**

During December, DMPC in conjunction with several Elkins and Tygart Valley churches donated funds to Tyrand Ministries to assist and provide 172 Christmas food baskets to less fortunate citizens.

Tyrand Ministries also received a grant from the Benedum Foundation. This collaborative and simultaneous effort was without regard to geographical or denominational considerations.

These baskets consisted of:

- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Peas
- Canned Baked Beans
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Box of Dressing
- Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Ham
- One Gallon of Milk
- A Pack of Butter
- Large Bottle of Soda
- Loaf of Bread
- Pack or Box of Cookies



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