



*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 Page
www.dmpc.org

Dear Saints,

As I write this we are being tempted with warm days and spring-like breezes. We are always moving from one season in our lives to another together. We pray that the pandemic is on its way out and a new normal is on its way in. Most of us like to remind each other that we don't like change. But this kind of change is what we have been waiting for. New hope! New life!

I wonder what it would mean if we welcomed change with open arms with the following affirmations:

It was God who said "behold I am doing a new thing.
Do you not perceive it?"

That instead of feeling like the world is changing all around us, we join in the opportunities change brings and be part of the unfolding newness that God is leading us toward.

That God is in control and continues to lead us into his work in both tried and true ways and in ways that will be new and different.

The winds of change are often the winds of the Holy Spirit. Certainly our belief in resurrection means that we are the people of new life in Christ. And often, times of change are those that turn out to be bigger times of opportunity; times when God is doing something new in our midst. More times than not, it's all in how we approach them or receive them. Be aware of the breeze that is blowing into our midst. Imagine it to be God's Spirit bringing us hope and anticipation for where God is leading us. In doing so, there will be so much to be thankful for!

Christ is Risen!

Peter Vial

SESSION NOTES FROM THE STATED MEETING OF SESSION, MARCH 8, 2021

*Sue Chenoweth opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

*The Session took secret ballot second votes on two requests from the Capital Gifts funds.

1. The first was a request of the Treasurer for \$30,000 from the Angel Fund to go against the current budget deficit.
2. The second was a request of the Witness Service Committee for \$9,000 from the Missionary Fund for projects in our sister Presbytery in Kenya.

*The Worship committee recommended the approval of Nancy Kissinger, Moderator of The Presbytery of WV to preach on October 17 which is the Gifts of Women Sunday. The recommendation was approved.

*The Session heard update reports from Witness Service and Christian Education. Witness Service has participated in providing lunches for the volunteers at the vaccine clinics. Christian Education is coordinating participation in the Presbytery's Festival of Faith on March 20.

*The Property Committee reported on restoration projects at the Church and Manse.

*The Session granted a vacation request of Peter Vial's for April 5 -11. Dr. Robert McCutcheon volunteered to preach in the pastor's absence.

The next meeting of the Session will be Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This meeting, as all Session meetings, is open to members of the congregation.

FOOD PANTRY...

Although we haven't been able to host a Food Truck since the pandemic began, we are still helping those in the community who need help feeding their families. Recently, Steve Cook and Allan Swanson met with a truck from the Mountaineer Food Bank to pick up several cases of food for use in our Food Pantry. David Hyer helped unload the cases and then sort them out for the Pantry. The items we received will help us keep the Food Pantry stocked for several weeks.



Steve Cook, Allan Swanson & David Hyer with the cases of food for our Food Pantry. Rev. Peter Vial, Marsha Gardner and Judy Guye Swanson helped them sort it all out.



The Legend of the Dogwood

At the time of Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this. In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree:

“Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross — two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember.”

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

The week preceding Easter is known as Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and is traditionally a week of somber reflection on the events preceding Jesus' death: his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his betrayal by Judas; his Last Supper with his twelve apostles; his arrest, crucifixion and death; and his burial in a tomb.

WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, which occurred several days before his death. According to the gospels, the people of Jerusalem spread branches from trees—identified specifically as palm branches in John's gospel—on the road to welcome Jesus as he rode a donkey into the city. Because of this, many Christian churches today offer congregants palm fronds as they enter the church on Palm Sunday. In some denominations, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and of his death is read in church on Palm Sunday, juxtaposing the welcome Jesus received on one day with his betrayal and arrest a few days later.

WHAT IS HOLY THURSDAY?

On Holy Thursday (also called Maundy Thursday), Christians commemorate the Last Supper—a Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his death. During the meal, Jesus broke bread and offered his followers wine, saying “This is my body, given up for you.” Many Christians consider this event to have been the institution of the [Eucharist](#), which is a sacrament in some denominations.

WHAT IS THE PASSION?

Though today the word “passion” has romantic connotations, it was originally derived from the Latin word *passio*, meaning suffering. In religious contexts, the Passion (often capitalized) refers to the torture, crucifixion, and death of Jesus.

EASTER LILIES...

With the decision to continue the suspension of “in-person worship” in April, the Presbyterian Women will be purchasing a few Easter Lilies for the sanctuary to show on the services broadcast on Facebook. You can help by making a donation of \$5.00 for lilies or by making a donation to the PW Scholarship Fund in honor or in memory of someone in lieu of purchasing lilies. Your gift will be acknowledged and it is a way to show support to our Youth. Forms are due in the church office by March 31. Please make checks to DMPC for PW Scholarship Fund.

Judy Guye, PW Scholarship Chair

WORSHIP...

DMPC continues its excellent music program even under unusual circumstances under the direction of Melody Meadows – who celebrated her 40th year as organist/choir director at DMPC. Mark Armentrout continues to serve as assistant organist/choir director. Melody plans the music for each service, and provides additional special music during our worship services. Along with Melody, musicians and soloists include: Joel Franks, drums; Gloria Garner, handbells, vibraphone, organ and drums; Kim Graham, cello; Braden Hoffman, tuba and bass; Ian Jesse, violin; Lindsay Malenich, flute; Seth Maynard, bass and guitar; Brett Miller, clarinet and organ; Logan Mullennex, handbells; Catherine Saporito, piano; Jessica Scott, mandolin, piano and organ; Shelby Williams, handbells, organ and piano. Vocal soloists include: Isaac Collins, Jeremiah Franks, Joel Franks, Don Gardner, Braden Hoffman, Olivia Insani, Lindsay Malenich, Brett Miller, Tyler Perske, Sherezade Panthaki, Catherine Saporito, Jessica Scott, D. J. Stout, and Shelby Williams. They all continue to richly bless us with their musical talents. A special thanks goes out to Melody and all members of our choir and all those musicians who provide music during our worship services while the sanctuary is closed during the coronavirus pandemic.

ONLINE MINISTRY...

We've now been live-streaming on our Facebook Page for a few weeks using new equipment provided by a \$6,900 New Life Innovation grant through the Presbytery of West Virginia. These grants are funded from the sale of properties of congregations that have closed or left the denomination. Grants are awarded for the purpose of creating new or enhancing existing ministries in congregations in our presbytery. The new equipment includes a high-quality wall-mounted camera that can pan to anywhere in our sanctuary and a high-quality video camera on a tripod. Both cameras are operated through a control center in the back of the sanctuary. Video and audio have been significantly enhanced with these improvements, and our streaming service no longer relies on personal cell phones to bring worship into the homes of viewers. The team who operates this system includes Tina Vial, Seth Maynard and Nate Garver-Daniels, rotating staffing the controls each week to ensure worship continues to come to you every Sunday. Seth then edits the raw footage to a final version that is posted on our Facebook Page and remains available. Since moving to this system, viewership has increased by approximately 200% - half that increase is on Sunday morning, and the other half from views throughout the week. The Session has agreed that we will continue to livestream our worship services even after we resume in-person worship in order to reach those who join us from their homes or from other areas of the country—or even the world! While there is nothing good about a pandemic, this is one example of how God can create blessings even from dire situations. It is our job to watch for where God is active and join God in the effort. Praise be to God!

PW BLANKET PROJECT 2021...

In Honor of:

The Church Women of DMPC
 Lisa and Chris Wood
 Dr. Rosemary Thomas
 Cindi Tichnell
 Robyn Carlson
 Alexis Carlson
 Our Worship Team
 Margie Sutton
 Debbie's mother
 Mina Cupp
 Bud Cupp
 Sonja Corbin
 Holly Reilly
 Mina & Bud Cupp
 Jay & Patti Crissman
 Bob & Pat Gilchrist
 Our 16 grandchildren
 Bernard Bennett
 Michelle Rutter, my daughter
 Brooke Rutter, my granddaughter
 Paige Rutter, my granddaughter
 Haldey Satterfield, my great granddaughter
 Amelia Pennington, my great granddaughter
 Rev. Peter Vial
 Silas Raines
 Ethan Raines
 Cole Bradley
 Grant Bradley

by:

Joyce Allen

 Joe Carlson

 Sue Chenoweth
 Steve & Debbie Cook

 Roberta Dye

 David Hyer
 Diana Kerr

 Kerr & Susie Kump
 Sherri & Cliff Marstiller
 Dana Marzolf

 Holly Reilly
 John Talbott

In Memory of:

Pete K. McKee
 Jean Lancaster
 Jack & Sherry Butler
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Butler
 Robert R. Butler, Jr.
 Roger F. Bertolini
 Leon "Bud" Higgins

by:

Joyce Allen

 Loretta Bertolini

Paul & Toots Burr
 Charlie & Flossie Jones
 Christal Dawn Carlson
 Lena Mealey
 Juanita Kyle
 Anna Lee Carlson
 John Sutton, Debbie's father
 Ernest Cook
 Steve's father
 Arlene Thompson Cook, Steve's mother
 John Sutton, Debbie's father
 Juanita Kyle
 Mr. Robert Nelson
 "Chip" Meadows,
 Melody Meadows' brother
 Grace Cosner
 Ethel Wolfe
 Catherine Dauber
 Judy's mother
 Mathilda Swanson, Allan's mother
 My parents
 Juanita Kyle
 John Kirkpatrick
 Juanita Kyle
 Pat Bennett
 Wanda Marstiller
 Howard Marstiller
 Dana M. Miller, my mother
 Shirley A. Marzolf, my mother-in-law
 Anne McWhirter, friend
 Zan Hughes, my sister
 Bernard & Gladys Hughes, my parents
 Robert "Buck" Reilly, my husband
 Eleanor (Ellie) Lesser
 Violet Johnson
 Dorothy Johnson
 Roy Stalnaker

Jan Burr
 Joe Carlson
 Sue Chenoweth
 Steve & Debbie Cook
 Donnie & Sonja Corbin
 Roberta Dye
 Judy Guye & Allan Swanson
 Anna Harper
 Brenda Kirkpatrick
 Franklin (Randy) Kyle
 Sherri & Cliff Marstiller
 Linda Rudy
 Margaret Stalnaker



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judy Guye Swanson
- 4 Brenda Hermanson
- 8 Lynn Hartley
- 8 Will Proudfoot
- 11 Richard Fath
- 12 Jan Burr
- 12 Melody Loudin
- 13 Scott Kyle
- 13 Matthew Maynard
- 14 Stephanie Riddle
- 21 Rachel Varner
- 24 Joe Carlson
- 25 Sonja Corbin
- 25 Seth Maynard
- 26 Marshall Crawford
- 27 William Kump
- 30 Mina Cupp

HTLC

- 3 Sammy Long
- 15 Nancy Goerlich
- 23 Mary Rose Rinell
- 24 Lance Bond



14 Allan & Judy Guye Swanson

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MARCH 29 THROUGH APRIL 2, 2021 @ NOON

Woodford Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 113 First St. in Elkins, will host this year's services. Face masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. There will be no luncheon this year. Please join us as we celebrate this very special time of year.



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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		
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