



*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.*

August 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

Dear Members and Friends of DMPC,

I am pleased to report to you the guidance below was passed unanimously by our Session.

To summarize, we ask these basic things of all of us:

1. **To gather for worship in our Sanctuary again beginning on Sunday, August 1st, and**
2. We will sit in the Sanctuary in every other pew, or 6 feet between households.
3. We will wear a facemask during worship and while singing for the sake of our children and immuno-compromised members and friends.
3. If you feel ill please stay home.
4. Radio broadcasts and live streaming on Facebook will continue.

Additional guidelines and actions of protocol that affect how we use our church:

1. We will continue to focus on maintaining healthy spaces for gatherings. Our members, friends and outside user groups will follow the CDC guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated people at DMPC gatherings.
2. Sunday School classes will resume on Rally Day, September 12.
3. Staffed nursery and Coffee Fellowship will resume after Rally Day.
4. Adults supervising children, regardless of vaccination status, will wear a mask to model appropriate behavior for children.

As always, please be in touch with any questions, comments, or concerns. And please bring a facemask so you can join us on **August 1st**. Barring any unforeseen difficulties this will be the way we will gather for worship and otherwise meet together. We are sure the Holy Spirit will be present in our coming together again.

Your partners in Christ's Service,

Peter and the Session

SESSION NOTES FROM THE JULY 12TH STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION...

At its July 12th meeting the Session of DMPC took the following actions and heard the following reports:

- *To invite the congregation to return to the Sanctuary for worship again beginning August 1st
- *To begin coffee fellowship gatherings sometime after September 12th, Rally Day.
- *Voted 8-0 on a secret ballot second vote to use \$12,183 from the Property 1 Fund to put towards the plaster repair and painting the White Chapel.
- *Vote 8-0 on a first vote by voice to transfer \$30,000 from the Angel Fund to the General Fund to cover deficit. This short fall was anticipated when the budget was adopted and follows a pattern of funding we have followed for a number of years.
- *Heard a report from Witness Service about the Common Ground Café which DMPC and HTLC hosted at Woodford U.M. Church on Saturday, July 10th. Our next hosting will be October 16th.
- *Heard from Christian Education about plans for Staycation Bible School which will have been kicked off at our July 18 picnic; and heard initial plans for the opening of Sunday School classes September 12th on Rally Day.
- *The Fellowship Committee reported on plans for food for the July picnic.
- *Heard an update from the Property Committee on the next phases of repair to our building.
- *Heard a report by Peter Vial on the Elkins United Christian Community Center, a new initiative in town to minister to the homeless and hungry of our community. Interested in volunteering to be on the steering committee?

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE...

For those of you who have noticed the scaffolding alongside the church, here is an update:

The 1st part of our masonry has been cleaned. This is the Sycamore Street facade of the White Chapel. The work included setting up access scaffold, cleaning the facade, sealing the capstone and flashing joints at the top of the wall and repointing failed mortar joints throughout the facade with color matched mortar.

While Waters Craftsmen were working, they found some issues with the stained-glass window in the White Chapel area. The next phase of work includes the removal and discarding existing plastic glazing. Clean and grout the stained glass panels. Cut and install 3/16" Low-E glass glazing into existing framework and seal. (The E glass is the clear cover that protects the stained glass window on Sycamore street.)

The next phase will be repairing the inside of the White Chapel where the plaster is water damaged from water leaking in through the failing mortar on the outside. Stay tuned for more updates!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE...

July 26, 2021 Letter for the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Membership From the Session Finance Chairman-Julia Elbon, Sherri Marsteller, Larry Wing and the committee.

The waters have been rocky for the last 18 months for all of us. It will be good to resume some degree of normalcy as we worship in our tranquil facility. Looking forward to seeing everyone again as we open in 2021.

Churches worldwide are being challenged in membership and finances. We are no exception. We are continuing (as has been done over the last few years) to operate a deficit budget. The generosity of previous church members has allowed us to use the Angel Fund to cover the deficit.

At mid-year 2021 our deficit is considerably larger than we had expected. Two reasons for this: First, income is down about 7% from last year and down about the same vs. budget. Second, we expected lower expenses from normal because we were not conducting church school and did not have a Director of Christian Education. However, we had a major water problem in Manse 1 and property expenses consumed almost all of the expected lower expenses. So, not a pretty picture at mid-year.

On another subject, when we reopen we will need collection plate counters after church on Sundays. We have done this before and need several pairs responsible for the counting and security of the collection each Sunday. If you could give some time after church to help, please let me know- julia@elbon.us. Usually this is done for four Sundays. It is not difficult and there is a procedure in true Presbyterian form.

Let's invite those we know to enjoy our worship and share our times together. Growing our church is done best through personal contact.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED BACKPACK RE-ENTRY DRIVE

Through the WV Council of Churches, the New Beginning Backpacks Program provides a new backpack and personal hygiene items to recently released prisoners across WV who often leave with only the clothes on their backs. Area churches hope to have backpacks, items to go in them and/or monetary donations together by August 31, 2021, at which time everything collected will be submitted to the Probation Program for inspection and distribution. For more information, contact DMPC CWU representative Holly Reilly or Jane Hazer from HTLC (304-636-6434).

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "Church Women United in Elkins" and put "Backpacks" on the memo line. Checks may be mailed or dropped off to the DMPC church office between 9am and Noon Monday through Friday.

Suggested Items:

- Backpack
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Comb
- Hand towel & washcloth
- Body soap (bar or bottle)
- Shampoo
- Lip balm
- Nail clippers
- A gallon-size plastic resealable bag
- Notebook & pen
- Personal hygiene items for women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP...

The Davis Memorial Presbyterian Women established a scholarship, formerly known as the Minta Hopkins Ogilvie Scholarship, to be awarded annually to student/s enrolled in college or a vocational program. The award will be presented on Women's Sunday in October.

The PW want to thank members of the congregation for their donations to the fund this past year, some in honor or in memory of individuals. Your donations have made these scholarships possible.

Applications are available at the Church Office or from Scholarship Chairman Judy Guye at 304-636-4763. The deadline for applications to be received is August 31.

COMMON GROUND CAFÉ...

Davis Memorial and Holy Trinity folks teamed up to serve lunch at the Common Ground Café at Woodford Memorial Church on July 10th. Ninety-four sack lunches which included a sub sandwich, fruit, pudding cups, chips, cookie and water were prepared by our group. We served 64 men, women and children. The extra lunches were distributed to the homebound and put in the blessing boxes around town. Appreciation goes out to all who sent donations for our lunches. As a result of these generous donations, only \$17.70 was needed from our Witness/Service budget! Hallelujah!



Meal preparations



Peter offered prayer before lunch

“BACK TOGETHER AGAIN” CHURCH PICNIC...

Many thanks to our Fellowship Committee for arranging a Steer Steakhouse meal and all the trimmings for our church family’s picnic in City Park! This was our first gathering since March 15, 2020!



Holly Harper helps Barrett Elbon make bird feeders and Bob McCutcheon shows Wyatt Chenoweth chords on his guitar during youth activities while we gathered.



A good turn-out for the delicious meal and Vespers, led by Peter.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...

JULY (BELATEDLY)...

Church council met at church service on June 20. Discussion was held regarding our services. We continue to keep our six feet separation from one another. Attendance has been low even though all of those attending have been vaccinated. Our income has been steady and all bills have been paid.

We had a leak in the basement recently and the carpet will need to be replaced. Basement Systems was called and they repaired the problem.

We are sorry to report that the Blessing box will be removed. We have had a lot of vandalism with the items we have placed in the box. We ask that you support the DMPC with their box.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DENISE CAMPBELL ON JULY 14.

AUGUST...

We wish to give a big THANK YOU to the members of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church for inviting our members to their annual picnic at the City Park on July 18. It was great being able to interact with one another and the food was great!

It is great seeing Chip and Brenda Ramsey back in the congregation. They had quarantined themselves from others while Chip was undergoing radiation. We are happy to report that Chip is now cancer free!

The WV-Western MD annual synodical Women's Organization Conference will be held at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center on September 27 and 28. If you would like to attend, please contact Jane Hazer.

Due to so much vandalism, we are no longer filling the Blessing box. We ask that you support DMPC with your donations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: AUGUST 23 BRENDA RAMSEY
27 JANE HAZER

BIRTHDAYS!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lisa Henline
- 6 Chuck Leary
- 7 Molly Harper
- 9 Lilly Henline
- 9 Betty Legg
- 13 Elizabeth Kittle
- 15 Brittany Mearns
- 16 Melodee Price
- 17 Tessa Garver-Daniels
- 17 Richard Evans
- 17 Wood Rosenberger
- 19 Erik Nefflen
- 20 Darroll Talbott
- 21 Steven Cook
- 26 Addison Schooley
- 27 Debra Leary

HTLC Birthdays

- 23 Brenda Ramsey
- 27 Jane Hazer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Aug. 02 Richard & Gayle
Moore
- Aug. 16 Phil & Marlene Kyle
- Aug. 16 John & Joyce Allen
- Aug. 26 Kerr & Susie Kump
- Aug. 26 Tim & Melodee Price

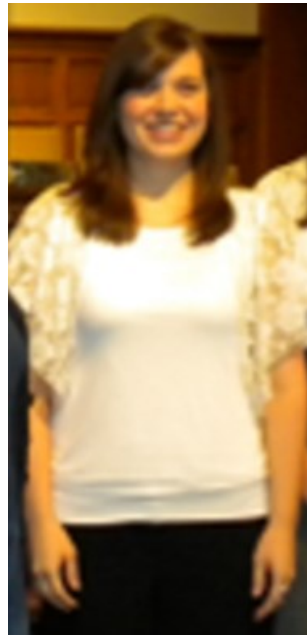
IN MEMORY OF HILLARY SPARKS...

The DMPC family and especially the PW were saddened by the passing of Hillary Sparks. Hillary, age 34, of Arbovale passed away unexpectedly on April 29, 2021.

Hillary was the recipient of our PW scholarship in 2011 while attending D & E School of Nursing. She graduated in 2012 as a Registered Nurse.

Hillary was a caring, kind and compassionate nurse. She enjoyed the fast pace of the ICU and trauma nursing. She was full of knowledge and could handle any medical emergency that she faced.

The Davis Memorial Presbyterian Women were blessed to have known Hillary and were thankful they could support her through the PW Scholarship Program.



Hillary receiving her scholarship in 2011



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Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing
Treasurer	Sherri Marsteller
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CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1 Brenda Hermanson & Mina Cupp, Chairs

CIRCLE 2 Judy Guye Swanson & Linda Rudy, Chairs

CIRCLE 6 Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair

You will be notified by your Circle Chair as to the date of your next meeting.

If you need a ride to get to our Sunday morning Worship Service, please call the Church Office at 304-636-2788 and we will ask a Church member to pick you up.

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.

