



*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.*

**October 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)

**Stewardship 2021:  
Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart,  
Honor God With your First Fruits**



The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is based upon Proverbs 3:5-9, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, honor God with your first fruits”*.

We will be contacting people by letter, online by our Facebook services, through a series of speakers on five Sundays during our campaign starting September 26th, Peter’s stewardship sermon on October 3rd, and our final event of handing in your pledge cards on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> which is Dedication Sunday.

Schedule of Speakers

Sept. 26	History of Giving	Larry Wing
Oct. 3	Needs & Programs of the Church	Julia Elbon
Oct. 10	Role of the Capital Gifts & Angel Fund	Cliff Marstiller
Oct. 24	Gifts and Giving	Jean Snedegar
Oct. 31	Ways of Giving	Gary Moden

## **SESSION NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13TH MEETING...**

At its September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the Session of DMPC took the following actions or discussed the following topics:

1. Heard a devotional opening by Susan Pell
  2. Voted in favor of a request from the Worship committee to purchase additional camera recording equipment for the Sanctuary to be paid by the Myles Capital Gifts Fund. Second vote.
  3. Voted in favor of a request from the Property Committee to take funds from the Property 2 Capital Gifts Fund to cover expenses from repairs at the manse of \$8,118. First vote.
  4. Heard reports from the Worship, Finance, Christian Ed, Membership, Fellowship, Property and Stewardship committees. No actions taken.
  5. Acted in favor of a request from Peter Vial to take vacation September 21-27 and to invite the Rev. Laura Brekke Wagoner to preach in his absence on September 26.
  6. Donnie Corbin has agreed to act as temporary chairperson of the Personnel and Nominating/Leadership Training committees.
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## **LAY ACADEMY...**

Both as spiritual formation for the congregation and outreach to the community, the Academy offers classes on Christianity and culture.

This semester's offerings:

Does the Bible Say What It Means? Making Sense of Scripture.

Focusing on key stories in both testaments, we will discuss the way their writers conveyed God's word through human language. This session began September 12th and continues on Sundays at 4:30-5:45pm

"Wherefore could not I pronounce 'Amen'?" Salvation and Damnation in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

The class will look at the theological dimensions of the play and culminate in a trip to the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, VA, for a performance.

Five Thursday evenings, October 7-November 11, 6:30-7:45.

Classes will meet in Fellowship Hall, a space that lends itself to social distancing.

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## RALLY DAY 2021...

Rally Day was celebrated on September 12, 2021 at Davis Memorial with songs, hymns, and guitars. A gift to the church, of a handmade wooden Noah's Ark by Phil Kyle, was unveiled during children's time. Children's Sunday school classes began with a study of "The Parables Jesus Told" from the *Growing in God's Love* curriculum. Robert McCutcheon welcomed all to his Lay Academy class "Does the Bible Mean What It Says?" on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 at the church. The adult Dr. Lacy class will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Dunham Conference room, lead by Bob and Brenda Hermanson. After worship our folks were treated to a Grab and Go picnic lunch. Box lunches were prepared by our Fellowship committee and distributed to all as they left the church. Several lunches were delivered to those who weren't able to attend worship.



Members of the Fellowship Committee, Marlene Kyle, Sonja Corbin, Holly Reilly, Monica Varchetto, Kim White, Samantha White, Margy Nelson and Mina Cupp prepared the Box lunches for pick up as folks left worship on Rally Day.





## NOAH'S ARK LANDS AT DMPC...

Phil Kyle spent his time during the pandemic creating a Noah's Ark for the children of DMPC. Phil said "I saw a picture of this ark and decided while everyone was shut in, I would work in my shop and build the ark for the children of the church." It took Phil about 3 months to build the ark, Noah, Mrs. Noah, the sons and their wives and let's not forget the animals (two of each) all were cut, sanded, and varnished.

The Genesis account of the Noah story says Noah was between 500-600 years old when God commissioned him to build the ark. And when Noah was 600 years old the flood waters began!



Cliff Marstiller takes a close look at the ark



Phil used seven different types of wood for the construction of his ark; the top is removable and the people and animals are stored below. A closer look shows the dove perched on the top of the ark. The ark will be on display in the White Chapel for several weeks, then moved to the Noah's Ark Sunday school room on the second floor. Our church is truly blessed to receive this gift from Phil that will entertain the children for years!

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...**

DMPC Presbyterian Women held their annual Fall Gathering on September 16. Linda Rudy, Moderator, welcomed the Women with a Call to Worship, based on Isaiah 43:1-7. Dana Marzolf gave the Meditation “When we trust in God’s love, we are liberated from fear”.

The Least Coin was collected by Holly Reilly to be sent to Church Women United.

Brenda Hermanson conducted our Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of Joan Graziani, Juanita Kyle and Lena Mealy in 2020.

Rev. Vial installed the new officers: Moderator, Sue Chenoweth; Assistant Moderator, Linda Rudy; Secretary, Susan Pell and Holly Reilly, Coordinator of Mission Interpretation and Action.

Dana Marzolf gave an overview of the 2021-22 Horizon Bible Study, “What my Grandmother Taught Me”. Dana will lead all the circles in Lesson One on October 14 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at a Joint Circle meeting.

Susan Pell read interesting facts about the Life Membership recipient, while the women guessed who the recipient was. Linda Rudy was identified by her delicious deviled eggs she brings to dinners at church and the beautiful crocheted shawls she has made for shut ins and babies.

Judy Guye closed the Gathering with prayer and invited all women of the church to join a circle this fall.



## **NEW BEGINNING BACKPACK PROGRAM...**

Church Women United in West Virginia have done a most amazing job this year in providing backpacks and money for the New Beginning Backpack Program. 44 full backpacks were collected along with some added supplies to begin to put together added backpacks. Individuals from the group, churches and local units also donated a total of \$2,500.

This money will be used by Bev Sharp in the newly designated REACH Initiative, an expansion of the program previously affiliated with the West Virginia Council of Churches. Added backpacks will be prepared. Materials will also be purchased so that prisoners at St. Mary's Correctional Institute outside Parkersburg can sew duffle bag size backpacks which will hold both personal care items and clothing. This training and service initiative was begun during the pandemic lockdown.

Over and over the lyrics to the song "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, this you do unto me" comes to mind. I am so very proud of the efforts of all the individuals, churches and local units who gave so generously so that our fellow brothers and sisters will have a fresh start, a new beginning, as they re-enter society.

Jane Hazer

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## **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ELKINS WV NEWS...**

Church Women United's National Office informed all CWU units that we were not allowed to have in person meetings in 2021. This action cancelled our World Community Day Celebration schedule for Friday, November 5, 2021 at Woodford Memorial United Methodist Church. The local CWU board has decided to have a conference call on that same date at 7:00 pm. Our conference calls generally do not last longer than an hour and consists of opening devotion, business meeting, and sharing time. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to join us. Your CWU Representative will receive a letter shortly with the necessary call-in information.

The Elkins CWU unit donated \$880.00 towards the New Beginning Backpacks. More information is provided in the Church Women United in West Virginia news. We thank everyone who helped with this project. If you have any additional questions, please contact Jane Hazer (304) 636-6434.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Tracy Fath
- 4 Jeff Caplinger
- 5 Bryan White
- 6 Ginny Byer
- 6 Gayle Moore
- 8 Virginia Landrum
- 8 James Legg
- 12 Hans Hermanson
- 13 Kim Anger
- 20 Sue Chenoweth
- 23 Mandi Wilson
- 25 Kennedy Schooley
- 27 Phillip Reilly

### HTLC

- 10 Gill Estridge
- 11 Emma Hose
- 21 Chip Ramsey

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- October 7 Ed & Linda Rudy
- October 12 Robert & Wilma Miller
- October 15 Donnie & Sonja Corbin

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

- 3 4:30pm Lay Academy/Fellowship Hall
- 5 1:30pm Membership/Dr. Lacy Classroom
- 7 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Macbeth/Fellowship Hall
- 11 6:30pm Session Meeting
- 7:00pm Garden Club
- 14 6:30pm Macbeth/Fellowship Hall
- 16 10:00am Common Ground
- 2:00pm Richard Cardot Memorial Service
- 17 11:00am Women's Sunday
- 4:30pm Lay Academy/Fellowship Hall
- 20 All day Life Line Screening/Fellowship Hall
- 21 1:00pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham Room
- 6:30pm Macbeth/Fellowship Hall
- 24 4:30pm Lay Academy/Fellowship Hall
- 28 6:30pm Macbeth/Fellowship Hall
- 31 4:30pm Lay Academy/Fellowship Hall

### BREAKFAST & BIBLES

### SUNDAYS @9:45AM

This class is now meeting at the Elkins Sewing Center. If you would like to join the group, please contact Mike Bell for information at mbellwv@gmail.com or 727-798-4401.

### WOMEN'S SUNDAY

### OCTOBER 17, 2021

Dr. Laura Brekke Wagoner will be our guest preacher as The Presbyterian Women of DMPC celebrate Women's Sunday. Judy Guye Swanson will be presenting a list of the PW Scholarships awarded for this year.



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**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows
Assistant Organist	Mark Armentrout
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner
Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing
Treasurer	Sherri Marstiller
After School Program	Monica Varchetto
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels

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<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Brenda Hermanson &amp; Mina Cupp, Chairs</b>
<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Judy Guye Swanson &amp; Linda Rudy, Chairs</b>
<b>CIRCLE 6</b>	<b>Holly Hughes-Reilly, Chair</b>

If you need a ride 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. Follow our Facebook *Page* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" for live-streaming worship.

