



*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.*

March 2022

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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,

March 2nd is the beginning of Lent this year. We will begin Lent with a joint Ash Wednesday Service on the 2nd at 7:00pm in the DMPC sanctuary.

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. Forty days 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.

As I suggested last year, the season of Lent is not necessarily about giving up something you enjoy. 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 through the DMPC prayer list 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.

However you observe the season of Lent, I hope you will begin it with the mark of the cross on your forehead given at our Ash Wednesday worship service March 2nd at 7:00pm. The service will also be streamed on Facebook.

May God bless us all with a holy Lent.

Yours in Christ,
Peter

SESSION NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14TH MEETING...

The following items were discussed or acted upon at the February 14th meeting:

- *Began by focusing prayer for each person on our current prayer list as well as personal requests.
- *Granted a letter of transfer for Betty Legg to the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church in Huntington.
- *Received thank yous from Rev. Vial, Mark Armentrout and Melody Meadows for the Christmas bonus each received from the Church.
- *Received a thank you letter from Davis & Elkins College for our annual budgeted donation of \$500.
- *Approved Phil Becker as a new member of the Capital Gifts Committee
- *Voted in the affirmative on a first vote to grant a request of the Treasurer, Sherri Marstiller, of \$30,000 from the Angel Fund to supplement the General Fund. This is one of two planned such transfers to supplement our planned deficit budget.
- *Approved a recommendation of the Capital Gifts Committee to set our annual spending formula at 2.5% for requests from the Capital Gifts Funds.
- *Approved a recommendation of the Membership Committee to move 18 members to the inactive roll of the church.
- *Approved a vacation request of Rev. Vial to be away Sunday, May 1st
- *Approved a recommendation of Rev. Vial to invite Rev. Laura Brekke Wagoner to preach in his absence on April 24th (Vial on Con. Ed.) and May 1st.
- *Set the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday March 20 immediately following worship.
- *Elected Lynn Proudfoot as commissioner to the February 19th meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia.
- *The next stated meeting of the Session will be on Monday, March 14th at 6:30pm

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY...

This annual event was once again hosted by the DMPC Youth Group. Soup pots were placed at the entrances to collect monetary donations, and cans of soup, vegetables, stews, and other items were collected in the White Chapel. We collected \$339 and 60 canned items to help restock our Community Cupboard & the Blessing Box.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year’s “Souper” Bowl!



COMMON GROUND...

Those who came to pick up a lunch at the Woodford Church on Saturday, February 12 got a nice surprise. Davis Memorial Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches provided the lunch for the Common Ground ministry that day and declared it "Italian Day!"

DMPC's Tate Summerfield, Co-Chair of Witness Service, baked 10 pans of Lasagna for the lunch. Our Lutheran partners, Jane Hazer and Brenda Ramsey prepared the salad and Italian bread. Marlene Kyle furnished the cookies and Sue Chenoweth brought the water. Phil Kyle, Phil Becker and Peter Vial were on hand to pack and distribute the lunches.

65 lunches were assembled and handed to those who came to the door. The hot lunch was greatly appreciated by the people who came by Woodford Church that day.

Our next day to fix lunch will be JUNE 11, 2022.



Weekly Lenten Thoughts and Reflections

Lent is 40 days (excluding Sundays) prior to Easter, set aside to reflect on the ministry of Jesus, on our lives, to ask forgiveness and for the strength to do better. Forty days is the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry.

Week One – Lenten Resolutions: Christians have given special attention to prayer, fasting and charitable giving during Lent. One way to do this is to write down your resolution on a piece of paper and seal it in an envelope. You could use the Bible daily to direct your praying. You could do without a meal one day a week and use that money to help a food pantry. You could set aside some time to volunteer at a charitable organization in your community. Place this envelope in a prominent site to remind you of your resolution.

Week Two – Plant a seed: Jesus asks us to die to ourselves in baptism so that we can yield good fruit. (John 12:24) To get a good look at what it means for a seed to die, plant a bean seed in a clear jar filled with dirt. Plant the seed near the edge of the jar so you can watch the seed. What happens to the old seed? Those of us who have already been baptized die with Jesus by putting our faith in Him daily. Remember the fruit of the spirit mentioned by Paul in Galatians 5:22. How many do you bear?

Week Three – Prodigal Son, Forgiving Father: Read this parable of Jesus (Luke 15:11-32). It has much to say to us during Lent. Why did the father not object to the son's request? What made the son "come to himself?" Was the memory still alive in his heart of the goodness of his father? Why do you think the father didn't need to hear his son's explanations when he returned home? What a great man this father was to recognize what was at stake. Wouldn't you love to have a father like this? You do, you know!

Week Four – Family Reading: Everybody loves a good book. Why not read together as a family during Lent? Set aside some time before dinner to read some devotional material or from the Bible. If you have young children, explain the scripture passage you read and talk about it. You may want to read from a children's Bible. Read *The Bronze Bow* by E. G. Speare, a tale of teenagers set in the Holy Land at the time of Jesus. Or read *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom – the true story of how a woman's faith sustained her in a Nazi concentration camp.

Week Five – Pretzels: Many centuries ago a monk, trying to help his church school class with daily prayer, took some leftover bread dough and shaped it like the way people used to pray – arms folded over their chest. He gave this treat to them as a reward for remembering their daily prayers. Try baking some pretzels during Lent to remind you that Jesus always prayed to God when he was troubled.

Week Six – Decorate an Easter Candle: This candle makes a nice centerpiece not only on Easter Sunday but also throughout the 50 days of Easter until Pentecost. Take a large white candle and decorate it with a cross and the Alpha and Omega symbols. The Easter Candle is a wonderful way to recall that the Light of Christ is in our home and in our hearts. Remember to light this candle even on Good Friday – the Light of Christ never goes out!



Presbytery of West Virginia's
Festival of Faith
GOD SPEAKS IN THE CHAOS

Saturday, April 2, 2022
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
9:30 am – 3:45 pm

Keynote: “Just Creation:
Shalom for our Common Home”

WITH

WILLIAM P. BROWN,

William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament,
Columbia Theological Seminary



In the face of mounting climate catastrophes and travesties of justice, the biblical creation texts speak anew, equipping the church to be the beloved community for the biotic community.

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED, EXCEPT WHEN EATING

Some of the Festival of Faith Workshops:

- ❖ The Tempest of Life: Job and the Comforting Chaos
- ❖ Let's Talk Incorporation
- ❖ Changes that Demand Quiet Courage
- ❖ The Moral Lessons of Star Trek
- ❖ Worshipping through Media
- ❖ Clerks of Session/Session Records Review
- ❖ Pilgrimage on the Appalachian Trail
- ❖ Church Treasurers
- ❖ Festival of Faith Choir
- ❖ AND MORE...

Complete workshop and registration information can be found at www.wvpresbytery.org.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER FOR MARCH...

A joint Ash Wednesday service will be held at DMPC on March 2 at 7:00 pm.

For nearly two years, as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise sharply and watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of clients. This Lent, we are encouraged to help end hunger during ELCA's 40 DAYS OF GIVING. We ask that you remember all that God has blessed you with and give generously to those less fortunate by giving to ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Relief or the charity of your choice.

Church Women United will meet at Holy Trinity on March 4 at 1:00pm. There will be no luncheon.

The second half of our congregational meeting will be held after the service on March 20. We will review the annual report and discuss the replacement of the church roof and remodel the downstairs basement. WELCA ladies will serve a brunch after the meeting.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Arlene Williams in the passing of her Uncle Charles Corley on February 15.

Happy Anniversary to Harold and Ruth Whitesel on March 15.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE...

MARCH 2, 2022 @7:00pm

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a joint Ash Wednesday Service at DMPC. Please join us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 @1:00PM

Church Women United in Elkins will gather for World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, 2022, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 302 First Street. We will have our prayer service first with a business meeting afterwards to discuss how we feel about providing Holy Week luncheons (if Randolph County Coalition of Christian Churches has their noon time worship services). This year's program is "Build on a Strong Foundation" and written by World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu. Please share this information with others and invite a friend to come with you. All are welcome.



March Birthdays

- 3 Sherri Marstiller
- 6 Allan Swanson
- 9 John Allen Jr.
- 10 Peg Rector
- 11 Robert Georgeson
- 12 Beverly Adriannse
- 12 Greg Jones
- 12 Rob Riddle
- 13 Ann Macomber Talbott
- 14 Holly Harper
- 14 Gary Moden
- 14 Tucker Price
- 15 Pat Varchetto
- 19 Kate Somers
- 20 Linda Rudy
- 23 Jo Ann Talbott
- 29 Cass Shockley
- 30 Kim White
- 31 Luna Bear



- March 24 Rob & Betty Legg
- March 28 Fritz & Jo Corey
- March 29 Phil & Bernice Becker

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Mar. 1 1:30pm Membership/Dunham
- Mar. 3 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
- Mar. 10 10:00am Circle 2/Fellowship Hall
- 1:30pm Circle 1/Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 14 6:30pm Session
- 7:00pm Garden Club/Fellowship

March 17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Mar. 17 1:00pm Meals on Wheels/FH
- Mar. 24 1:30pm Property/Fellowship

- Mondays @ 6:30pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship
- Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship
- Wednesdays @ 7:00pm Al-Anon/Dunham
- Fridays @ Noon Linda Rudy/Chi-Rho



Nate, Estrid, and Everett Garver-Daniels and Grant Harper, along with help from the choir, treated us to a puppet show. They acted out the story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man.



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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 Marsteller
After School Program	Monica Varchetto
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels
Custodian	Dan Harper

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CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair March 10 @ 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair March 10 @ 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

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.

