



*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.*

**April 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](http://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 together to another. 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!

As we journey our Lenten road we are also praying for peace in **Ukraine**. Opportunities for giving to aid the humanitarian crisis of millions of refugees leaving their country have been shared. If you want to help, a check can be written to DMPC or HTLC marked for Ukraine and it will be sent on to the disaster relief efforts of the Presbyterian and Lutheran denominations.

There is an opportunity to walk with Jesus during his last days as we gather for **Holy Week** services at noon each day at Woodford United Methodist Church sponsored by the Randolph County Coalition of Christian Churches. We will also be having our annual service on Maundy Thursday at HTLC.

I wonder what it would mean if we welcomed change and opportunity 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 falling down 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 SESSION, MARCH 14, 2022...**

The following happened at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Session meeting:

- \*Sue Chenoweth offered a devotional on Prayer Walking.
  - \*Lynn Proudfoot was elected as Temporary Clerk for the meeting.
  - \*Cliff Marsteller presented the second vote on a \$30K budgeted withdrawal from the Angel Fund. It passed 10-0 in favor.
  - \*Session voted to sell 32 shares of Comcast stock which amounted to about \$45.
  - \*Session voted on a Proxy item from Citizens Bank regarding the make up of the Board of Directors of the Bank. 435 shares of the Bank stock is in the name of the Trustees of the Church (the Session).
  - \*Peter led the Session in a visioning discussion about the future ministry of the church. Results of the discussion will be available to the congregation.
  - \*Lynn Proudfoot presented the Worship Committee report – Communion will next be celebrated on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Easter Sunday. Holy Week services will be held at noon each day at Woodford UMC with luncheon to follow.
  - \*Julia Elbon presented the financial statement for the month of February.
  - \*Sue Chenoweth presented the Christian Education report which included an invitation from First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg for our confirmation aged kids to attend a one day confirmation class. (For churches with only a few kids)
  - \*Lynn Proudfoot provided a report from the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia.
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### **EASTER EGG HUNT...**

Mark your calendars! The DMPC Annual Easter Egg Hunt is ON! Unfortunately we will not be having our much missed coffee and cookies, but please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday after service for some joyful mayhem. If you would like to send in a bag of small, individually wrapped candy, the After School kids will be providing the muscle power to stuff all the eggs. You can leave your donation in the basket in the White Chapel and I'll hide it away till needed!

### **EASTER LILIES...**

The Presbyterian Women will be purchasing Easter Lilies for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Donations for lilies can be made in honor or in memory of someone and will be \$10.00 each. In lieu of lilies, you can make a donation in honor or in memory of someone to the Presbyterian Women's Scholarship Fund. Your gift is a way to show support for our Youth. Forms are due in the church office by April 11. Please make checks to DMPC for PW Scholarship Fund.

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### **PALM SUNDAY**

## **GARY CLAY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR...**

The Tygart Valley United Way, of which Randolph County is now part, surprised Joyce Allen on March 15 by honoring her with a new award, the Gary Clay Advocate of the Year Award. Joyce is the inaugural recipient of this award, presented with these words by Chief Executive Officer Brett White.



*“This award is given ... to an individual who clearly demonstrates extraordinary leadership in philanthropic and human services. This individual strategically and effectively spreads the word about how to LIVE UNITED with passion and enthusiasm. It is named in honor of Gary Clay of Elkins, who was a consummate community servant and a tremendous advocate for our United Way that we lost too soon. He was critical to our recent merger and served his community through several organizations, such as the American Red Cross, the Randolph Development Authority, and the United Way. He has left a significant imprint on our organization for many generations to follow. This year’s recipient really needs no introduction in Randolph County or throughout our region. Not only does she give of her time and treasure, but she continues to find ways to support the amazing work being done in the community. Agencies across the region, Higher Education institutions, athletics, and so many more are beneficiaries of her tremendous caring and support. She is truly one of a kind and our United Way wouldn’t be the same without her.”*

Congratulations, Joyce! Well deserved!

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## **“TAKE BACK THE NIGHT” EVENT...**

**APRIL 8, 2022 7:00PM-9:30PM**

The Davis & Elkins College Victimology Class CRIM 330 is planning a “Take Back the Night Event” for our service-learning project this semester. We hope to get as many students, staff, and community members to join us for this event.

Lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on jobs, schools, and the economy have increased exposure to abusive partners. These victims are worse than ever now because of the pandemic and feeling like they have no escape. We want to show the Campus and Community that if you are in a domestic situation, there is hope and help out there.

With this in mind, we will be highlighting the services offered by the Centers Against Violence in our community. As of now, we plan to light candles and walk to the Elkins courthouse from the Myles Center on campus, where we will have a couple of people will speak out about this issue and help spread awareness. Thank you so much for your time and we hope to see you there!

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## 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.

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## RCHS 10TH ANNUAL SPAY-GHETTI DINNER... SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 4-7PM

Take-out only here at DMPC!  
Tickets from Tina or online at  
[www.rchswv.org](http://www.rchswv.org),  
\$12 adults/\$6 child 12-under

RANDOLPH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY'S 10TH ANNUAL  
**SPAY-ghetti**  
Dinner  
PREPARED BY  
ST. PATRICK'S GUILD  
OF COALTON  
RANDOLPH COUNTY  
HUMANE SOCIETY  
ELKINS, WV  
ADOPT VOLUNTEER DONATE  
**SAT. APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4-7 PM**  
**\$12 ADULT / \$6 CHILD**  
**50/50 RAFFLE!**  
TAKE-OUT/DRIVE-THRU  
DAVIS MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TICKETS RCHSWV.ORG

The Christian Education Committee invites our church family to:

## MOVIE NIGHT AT DMPC

Sunday April 24, 2022

Come join your DMPC family as we prepare to enter the world of Narnia as we watch the Walt Disney movie

### **“The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe”**

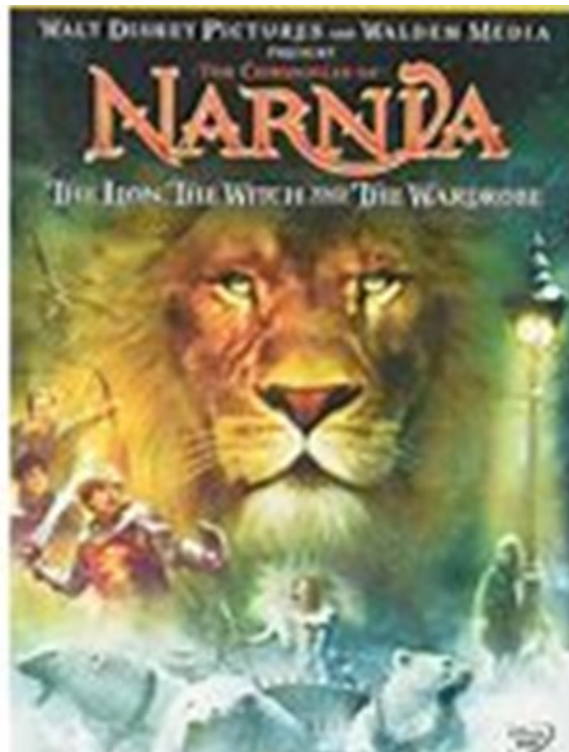
in our Fellowship Hall on the “big screen!”

**4:30 ---Pizza, salad, drinks, deserts**

***(Popcorn served during the movie)***

**5:00---Movie begins**

*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is the best-known work of author and literary critic Clive Staples (C. S.) Lewis



No Charge for those 0-99 years of age. Just call the church office if you plan to join us for dinner!! 304-636-2788

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## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...

The following transactions took place at the March Church Council meeting:

1. Purchase new flooring and faucet fixture for the sink in the basement restroom
2. Accept a bid from North Central Building Solutions to replace the entire roof at a maximum cost of \$31,800 with a five-year maintenance guarantee.

Eleven voting members attended the second half of our congregational meeting on March 20. Discussion was held on the repairs to be made to the church. A delicious brunch was served by the Women of the ELCA. (This was the first time that we shared a meal since COVID hit!!)

Women of the ELCA will meet after church service on April 3.

The Randolph County Coalition of Christian Churches has agreed to sponsor the annual Holy Week services beginning at noon on April 11. The Church Women United will provide the luncheons after the service. Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Brenden's Catholic Church and Holy Trinity will prepare the meal on Monday, April 11.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Holy Trinity on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: Mary Rose Rinell on April 23 and Lance Bond on April 24. Please remember Arlene Williams, Mary Rose Rinell and Joyce Estridge in your prayers.

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### *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."*





#### 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
- 25 Sonja Corbin
- 25 Seth Maynard
- 26 Marshall Crawford
- 27 William Kump
- 30 Mina Cupp

*Happy Anniversary*

April 14 Allan & Judy Swanson

#### DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Apr 2 Festival of Faith
- Apr 7 10:00am PW Coordinating/Fellowship
- Apr 11 Life Line Screening/Fellowship  
6:30pm Session  
7:00pm Garden Club/Fellowship Hall

#### APR 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Holy Trinity
- 10:00am Circle 2/Fellowship Hall
- 1:00pm Circle 1/Fellowship Hall

#### APR 15 GOOD FRIDAY

#### APR 17 EASTER SUNDAY

- Apr 19 1:00pm Meals on Wheels/Fellowship
- Apr 28 1:30pm Property/Fellowship Hall

- Mondays @ 6:30pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship
- Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship
- Wednesdays @ 7:00pm Al-Anon/Dunham

#### BREAKFAST AND BIBLES

March 27 - April 24: Sundays at 9:15  
at Elkins Sewing Center, studying 2 Thessalonians  
Beginning May 1: Sundays at 9:15  
at the home of Mike and Donna Bell  
100 Maple Street, Elkins, studying the book of James  
For weekly updates & a link to join by Zoom, visit:  
[www.breakfastandbibles.weebly.com](http://www.breakfastandbibles.weebly.com)



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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
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<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b> <b>April 14 @ 11:30pm in the Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Linda Rudy, Chair</b> <b>April 14 @ 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall</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.

