



*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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
EASTER EGG HUNT

Monica Varchetto gives instructions for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held after church on Palm Sunday. It's been a couple of years since we were able to get together for this event and the kids were ready to make up for lost time.

The eggs were stuffed and then hidden by the students in our After School Program which meets every day after school in the Fellowship Hall. They had as much fun hiding the eggs as our kids had finding them!



SESSION NOTES FROM APRIL 11, 2022...

At it's April 11 meeting the Session of DMPC handled the following topics:

1. Approved the appointment of Elder Proudfoot to serve as Clerk of the Session pro tempore in the absence of Mark Armentrout.
2. Rev. Laura Brekke Wagoner presented the names of two international student worshippers from her Robbins Chapel Group who want to join the Presbyterian church. It was moved and seconded and passed to authorize her to move both Jiwh Santos and Ricky Salas toward chapel membership and Jiwh Santos, from the Philippines, toward Baptism. (The DMPC Session is the sponsoring Session of the New Worshiping Community on the D&E Campus)
3. Jane Hazer of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church invited all to attend the Maundy Thursday Worship Service at HTLC. She also announced that the Thrivent Insurance Company, who sponsors working volunteer community missions, has offered \$250.00 to sponsor the next Common Ground Mission on June 11, 2022.
4. Dr. Vial reminded members of his Sunday absences on April 24th and May 1st. Laura Brekke Wagoner is preaching on both Sundays. The D&E choir will also perform on April 24th. May 1st is a communion Sunday.
5. There was discussion on the topic of Coronavirus pandemic protocols in the church. Session will consider relaxing some of the restrictions. Rev. Vial will talk with some congregants of concern and issue a letter addressing protocols.
6. Presbytery of West Virginia will meet in person on May 19, 2022 at Beckley Presbyterian Church. Session will need to appoint a commissioner.
7. The next stated meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK 2022...

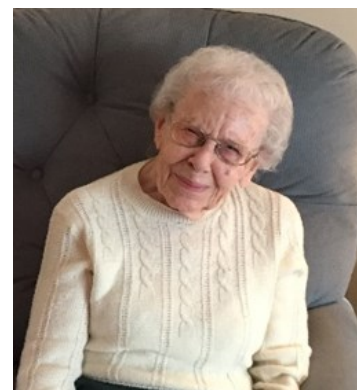
DMPC PW's Diana Kerr, Mina Cupp, Linda Rudy, Marlene Kyle, Jan Burr and Sonja Corbin assemble 80 ham & cheese sandwiches for Monday lunch at the Woodford Methodist Church after that day's Holy Week service. Holy Trinity Lutheran ladies baked some very delicious desserts!



COURTESY FUND ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF LENA MEALEY...

The Presbyterian Women of Davis Memorial were blessed to receive a generous gift in memory of Lena Mealey by her family. With this gift the PW have established the Lena Mealey Courtesy Fund.

Lena had been involved with the Presbyterian Women since the 1990's when she moved to Elkins, and for over 20 years served the church and the PW in many ways. She was an active member of Circle 4 as their treasurer and courtesy/telephone chairman and continued on with these duties until Circle 4 joined Circle 5 in 2011. Everyone looked forward to dessert after our meeting when Lena was serving her "Ugly Duckling Pudding Cake"! In 2004, Lena joined her good friend Ella Mae Settle to become co-chairmen of the Special Projects Committee of the PW. One of the "special projects" were the Campbells Labels. Lena worked hours cutting and pasting labels onto forms that would be redeemed for items for our After School Ministry. Games, books, toys, and gifts for the children were purchased with our labels. Lena continued as Special Projects chairman until 2016, attending our PW Council meetings each month.



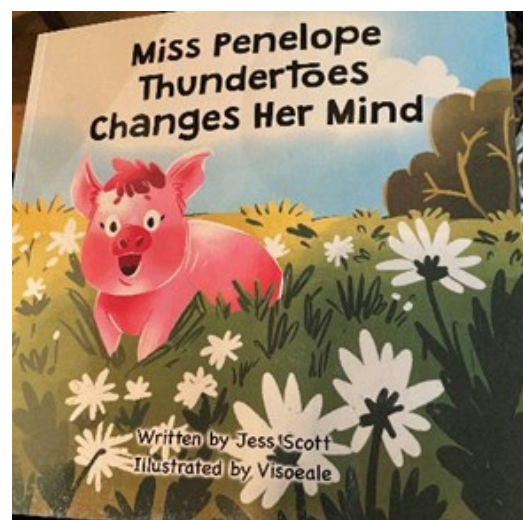
The Presbyterian Women send many cards every year to our sisters and church family; including Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You, Congratulations, Sympathy, Easter, and Christmas. Our new Courtesy Fund will enable us to purchase stamps and cards and envelopes. We are ever grateful for our sister in Christ, Lena. She was gracious, kindhearted, polite, pleasant and faithful as she served our church and our women throughout the years.

LIBRARY NEWS...

A new book recently published by our own Jessica Scott is now available in our church library. A delightful story for children and adults on family, friendships and being accepted! Check it out!

Also, Brenda Hermanson, our church librarian, has ordered the complete Narnia series by author C.S. Lewis on DVD for your viewing.

These can be found in the Dunham Room on the shelves!



FROM JUDY GUYE...

I visited South Africa in 2006, where the tour I was on visited the Huntington Home Based Care School in Ximhungwe, Republic of South Africa. After I saw the school first hand I asked The Dr. Lacy Class to sponsor a child in the Henna Pre-School at Huntington Village in 2010. The donation also went towards building a new classroom. I have kept in touch with this program and now there is a great need to feed the preschool children. Thembi Mdluli, Director, wrote in July this year that she started in March to feed 80 children in preschool classes and now she has secured funding to feed 360 children breakfast and lunch for the remaining semesters. The COVID-19 crisis has posed a considerable risks in fields of education, employment, mental health and disposable income. The Dr. Lacy Class sent \$300.00 this fall to the program. We received the following "Thank You" from Thembi.

22 December 2021

Dear Dr. Lacy Class
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church

I am writing on behalf of Huntington Home Based Care to thank you for the donation of \$300.00 to benefit the children that we support.

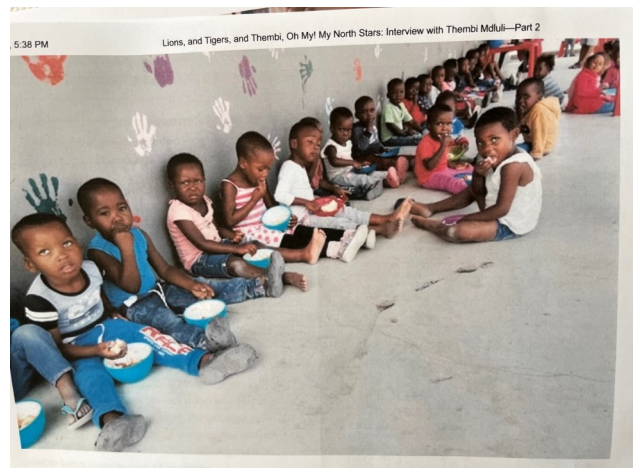
For the past 2 years, everyone around the world has been uncertain as to what the future holds. In my country, focusing more in the rural villages where I live, people lost jobs and businesses shut doors. Due to this, many people go to bed on an empty stomach. The school children returned back to school in February but the alarming question was: "how will they learn on an empty stomach".

Nelson Mandela quote on the power of education: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world...."

As we all know, if the brain is not supplied with sufficient nutrients, then its entire development is affected. The ability to learn is therefore compromised. Your contribution was therefore allocated to feed 80 children with no access to food supply in the school.

Again, thank you for investing your time, effort, love and contributions towards my home, my village and my country. THANK YOU! INKOMU!

Warmest regards
Thembi Mdluli
(Huntington Home Based Care Founder)



DMPC AUTHORS AND LIBRARY CHANGES...

Did you know that Davis Memorial has no less than *five* authors in its midst? Two of them have written books for children. Two others have written one or more novels. The last is a poet. Let's take a look at who these talented people are.

Julia Elbon has written a series of three books for children about a train named Lil' Leroi. These *Switchback Stories* are based on the historic trains that used to run through the Greenbrier River Valley from Durbin to Cass. They follow Lil' Leroi and his friends through their adventures in this unique setting and bring back memories of times gone by.

Jessica Scott can be seen at the organ or piano, singing in the choir, or otherwise participating in the music program of DMPC. Her book is based on her hobby of raising pigs as pets. *Miss Penelope Thundertoes Changes Her Mind* is a story about one of these pets. She says the book was written in collaboration with her nieces and nephews who served as her consultants and who named the characters. Nothing like input from the experts!

Dr. Robert McCutcheon is the author of several novels. *The Starting Block* and *The False Start* are part of the "Flipturn Series." They center on the Livingstone family, primarily three brothers, who are avid swimmers. Rumor has it that these stories are somewhat autobiographical. It is common knowledge that Dr. McCutcheon is himself, an avid swimmer. His latest book, *Suffer the Children*, "follows the divergent faith journeys of three baby boomers raised in the same Presbyterian church through pivotal moments in their lives until they converge at a funeral." This book is a library holding, but can also be purchased through the church office.

Robert W. Hermanson's work, *Berechiah: Under the Shadow of the Almighty* is a work of historical fiction, taking its setting from the Old Testament. It tells the story of two clans: the Zadikites and the Rechabites, and their respective Berechiahs. It explores the question of who the Jews should follow: the palace or the Temple. It is a question that is still pertinent for us today.

Beth Kittle, who now resides at ERCC, is the poet in the group. She has written several books of poems over her long life, but her most famous is *The Sanctioned Fruit*. This volume is part memoir, and includes pictures of Beth and her family. The poetry is moving and you will find yourself returning to it again and again.

There have been some changes in the organization of the church library. Due to the growing collection, all of the fiction and CDs/DVDs have been moved to the Dunham Conference Room. The topical organization is still the same as listed on the legend in the White Chapel. There are also sign-out sheets in the Conference Room located on the shelf under the DVDs.

You can now access the collection by going to <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/DMPC>. There you will find the holdings of the library. As always, please feel free to donate items to the collection and/or to make suggestions for new purchases. Contact Brenda Hermanson via email (or in person): stb345@yahoo.com with any questions, comments for suggestions.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...

Hopefully by the time you get your newsletter, we will have a new roof and new cross on top of the church. The weather has not been cooperating with our contractor at the time of this printing.

Church Women United in Elkins invites you to attend our May Fellowship Day Celebration on Friday, May 6 at St. Brendan Catholic Church on the Beverly five lane. We will decide which agencies we will support in 2022 with the funds we received during the Holy Week luncheons. We will begin with lunch at 12 noon followed by the business meeting. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share.

We wish to congratulate the Revs. Courtney and Ben Erzkus who were installed as the new ministers for the Lutheran Campus Ministry on April 24.

The West Virginia Women of the ELCA will gather on Saturday, May 21 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Morgantown for a "Spring Fling" meeting from 10 am to 2 am. Please see Jane Hazer for a registration form.

The WELCA Synod meeting will still be held at Canaan Valley Resort Lodge on September 10 through 20.

We are looking for a male and female to represent Holy Trinity at the 2022 Synod Assembly meeting which will be held in Morgantown on June 4. This will be a one day meeting with no cost other than your lunch. Please see Greg Schumacher if you are willing to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Charles Spanitz (May 15), Joyce Estridge (16), Ric Campbell (16).
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Arlene and Steve Williams on May 2.

MOVIE NIGHT!

The Christian Education Committee held their First Ever "MOVIE NIGHT" on April 24, 2022. The Fellowship Hall was transformed into a "Home Theatre" as our DMPC family gathered to watch "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" on the big screen!

Everyone gathered for a dinner of pizza, salad, and desserts then stayed to watch the movie. During the movie, popcorn was provided by the new popcorn machine recently purchased for the After School Program.

This was the first in a series of movies to be hosted by the CE Committee. Watch for future movie dates to be announced in the newsletter.





BIRTHDAYS!

MAY

- 1 Nancy Booth
- 2 Julia Elbon
- 2 Everett Garver-Daniels
- 4 Scott Corbin
- 4 Phyllis Jackson
- 7 Cliff Marstiller
- 12 Harold Elbon
- 14 Jean Snedegar
- 16 Vidia Ross
- 16 Ryan Schooley
- 19 Mark Armentrout
- 19 Sue Rusetti
- 22 Neva Georgeson
- 24 Natalia Ross-Schooley
- 25 Susie Kump
- 25 Carter Loudin
- 30 Ann Wakeford



Happy Anniversary

May 12 Cliff & Sherri Marstiller
May 31 Rev. Peter & Tina Vial

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- May 4 10:00am Garden Club/Fellowship
- May 5 10:00am PW Coordinating/Fellowship
- May 6 D&E Baccalaureate
- MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY**
- May 9 6:30pm Session
- 7:00pm Garden Club/Fellowship Hall
- May 12 10:00am Circle 2/Fellowship Hall
- 1:30pm Circle 1/Fellowship Hall
- May 13 3:00pm Recital Practice/Sanctuary
- May 15 1:00pm Piano Recital/Sanctuary
- Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall
- May 17 1:00pm Meals on Wheels/Fellowship
- May 26 1:30pm Property Comm/Fellowship
- MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY** (church closed)

Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays @6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall

BREAKFAST AND BIBLES

May 1st—June 1st Sundays at 9:15
at Elkins Sewing Center, the Book of James
For weekly updates & a link to join by Zoom, visit:
www.breakfastandbibles.weebly.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 20-24, 2022

Save the date! Campers of all ages welcome!
We will meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall.
More details to follow!



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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 May 12 @ 11:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair May 12 @ 10:00am 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.

