



*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.*

**February 2023**

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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)

**Installation of Elders**



Julia Cassells, Phil Becker and Monica Varchetto are installed as Elders for the class of 2025 by Rev. Peter Vial during worship on January 8, 2023.

## **“A CHURCH IN TRANSITION” WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE**

On Sunday, January 15, 2023, the Rev. Ed Thompson, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of West Virginia, and George Lilley, Chairman of the PWV Committee on Ministry led a discussion on options and support available for a pastoral search.

Afterward, Session voted for the Nominating Committee to include representatives of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and present a slate of five names for a “Interim Pastoral Nominating Committee” to seek a nominee for Interim Pastor for subsequent Session approval. In addition to filling the pulpit, the Interim Minister moderates Session and provides pastoral care. After Session approval on February 15<sup>th</sup>, search efforts can commence immediately for the Interim Minister. Session also assigned Worship Committee to schedule pulpit supply for three months beginning July 2nd and continuing until an Interim Minister is found.

The regular Installed Pastor search begins after Peter Vial’s retirement with a PCUSA “Ministry Information Form” and the preparation of a recruiting package including the availability of the manse and an offer of housing equity. “Church Leadership Connection” is an online recruiting site for links and videos to showcase our larger area and local communities as well as congregations with which we are in partnership. Our General Presbyter emphasized the importance of sensitively and intentionally conducting a Mission Study/Self Reflection to get a feel for our needs in a minister.

The PWV Committee on Ministry will review submitted documents and prospects who are selected for interviews. Presbytery approval is not required although the General Presbyter will conduct an Executive Background Check with the Presbytery Executive of the candidate’s current presbytery of membership.

Lynn Proudfoot, Clerk of Session



Rev. Ed Thompson outlined the steps necessary for us to take during our transition period. Members of Session and several church members were present for the discussion.

Pictured left to right:  
Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial  
Rev. Ed Thompson  
George Lilley

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## BREAD & BROTH LENTEN BIBLE STUDY... BEGINS MARCH 1 @6PM

Our Lenten Bible study will be held this year at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Our first study will be **Wednesday, March 1** at **6:00pm** and we will meet the next four Wednesdays. The meal of soup, bread or crackers, dessert and drink will be from 6-6:30pm with the Bible study to follow from 6:30-7:30.

The theme of this year's **Bread & Broth** is death. Appropriate for Lent for sure. The lessons are also primarily based on hymns or songs, most of which will be familiar to you. Each week, we will be discussing an article from **Christianity Today**. These articles are part of a series the magazine published last year. Copies of each article along with lyrics from the songs referenced will be supplied to any and all who want to participate.

Many thanks to our cooks who volunteered to prepare the meal each week:

March 1 – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March 8 – Nate Garver- Daniels, CE committee

March 15 – Circle #1

March 22 – Circle #2

March 29 – Circle #3



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## MITTEN TREE...

The PW "Mitten Tree" project had its best year ever, with nearly 400 items to be distributed among 5 agencies in Elkins. Big shopping bags full of winter items were taken to: **CASA, the Homeless Shelter, WAIC, Youth Health and \$150 in cash given to Tyrand Ministries.**

### Mittens and Scarves and Hats ---OH MY!!



The PW thank our church family for your generous support for this ministry!!



## **STEWARDSHIP 2022 UPDATE...**

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign was based on God providing manna for the Israelites as they traveled through the wilderness. We asked you to respond to the many challenges that faced our church as we traveled through the challenging times of the last 2 to 3 years. We thank you for providing your time and talent to the church and your financial support for our church to accomplish the many missions of DPMC in 2023.

As of this date we have received 49 pledges for \$150,000. The average church pledge increased 19% from last year. We are blessed to have Davis Memorial Presbyterian as part of our lives, and you have shown your commitment to the mission of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

Faithfully Yours in Christ – The Stewardship Committee

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## **NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY...**

DMPC will be putting together a new membership directory in 2023. Portraits are scheduled to be taken on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Good news! Those time slots are already filled so we are adding another afternoon of photo sittings. It will be on Sunday, April 16 from 1pm to 5pm.

As in the past, those who participate will each get one 8 X 10 portrait at no cost. Additional pictures in varying sizes can also be ordered.

The company that will be doing the directory, *Color Craft Studios*, requires that a minimum of 75 sittings, which may be individuals, couples or families, be scheduled before they will proceed with the directory. However, those who are not members of the church and will not be in the new directory may also sign up for a sitting. Therefore, you are welcome to invite a friend or relative to sign up.

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## **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY...**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

DMPC Youth will be collecting cans of soup and monetary donations for our Blessing Box, which is one of our continuing efforts to assist those who are hungry in our local community.

Fun Fact: did you know that each can of Campbell’s Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup contains about 32 feet of noodles?



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Hunger Program for the Blessing Box.

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## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...**

The following business was discussed at the January 22 council meeting:

The furnace in the sanctuary was repaired. The tree stumps were cut down lower by the neighbor across the street, and Ric and Logan got rid of the excess.

Only 35 people braved the cold for the "Common Grounds" lunch in January. Our next time to serve is May 6.

Ash Wednesday service will be held at Holy Trinity on February 27. Members of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church will join us. The "Bread and Broth" dinner and Bible study will be held each Wednesday during Lent beginning at 6:00 p.m. here at Holy Trinity. We will provide the first meal.

The last half of our congregational meeting will be held after church on March 19 when we will review the annual report.

A letter from Helping Hands was received asking for donations. They have been open for 36 years but will have to close their doors if enough donations are not received soon. We will send a check for \$300.

Charles Spanitz and Wayne Hinter will be asked to audit the books.

The same officers will again serve this year:

President – Greg Schumacher, Vice-President – Ric Campbell, Secretary – Steve Schumacher. Jane Hazer will again serve as Financial Secretary and Chip Ramsey will serve as treasurer.

The DM Presbyterian Church has once again invited us to share in their church directory. Pictures will be taken Saturday April 15 (all slots on this date are filled) and Sunday April 16 from 1pm to 5pm. Please sign up for a time to have your picture taken by calling the Presbyterian Church @304-636-2788





### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kerr Kump
- 2 Susan Pell
- 3 Garrett Chenoweth
- 3 Margy Nelson
- 4 Phil Becker
- 4 Kenneth Maynard
- 5 Larry Wing
- 5 Elizabeth Proudfoot
- 11 Melody Meadows
- 13 Nathan Garver-Daniels
- 14 Rob Legg
- 17 Patty Crissman
- 18 Rick Campbell
- 20 Samantha White
- 21 Carol Schuler
- 21 A. Joseph Godwin
- 21 Adrienne Vance
- 24 Pat Gilchrist
- 28 Jessie Somers

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Feb. 1 4:30pm Prayer Group  
at Jean Snedegar's
- Feb. 2 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
- Feb. 7 1:30pm Membership/Dunham Rm.
- Feb. 9 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel  
1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel  
5:30pm Capital Gifts/Dunham Rm.
- Feb. 12 Super Bowl**  
Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
- Feb. 13 6:30pm Session
- Feb. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY**  
2:00pm Toasty Tuesday/D&E College
- Feb. 15 4:30pm Prayer Group  
at Jean Snedgar's
- Feb. 20 PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- Feb. 22 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Feb. 23 1:30pm Property/Dunham Rm.
  
- Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tuesdays @6:00pm Girl Scouts

### Toasty Tuesday... February 14, 2023

During the winter months, area churches take turns providing hot drinks and homemade goodies to D&E students on Tuesday afternoons. This long standing tradition was interrupted by the COVID 19 pandemic, but it is back this year.

The DMPC Presbyterian Women will be hosting the first event for this year on February 14 at 2:00pm at the Madden Center Rotunda.

If you are not a circle member but would like to help with this, please contact Sue Chenowith for more information.



**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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		<b>CIRCLE MEETINGS</b>	
Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial	<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b>
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows		<b>Feb. 9 @11:30pm in the Fellowship Hall</b>
Assistant Organist	Mark Armentrout	<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Linda Rudy, Chair</b>
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner		<b>Feb. 9 @10:00am in the Fellowship Hall</b>
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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