



*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

Happy New Year!

Dear Church Families,

The new year brings a number of things this year. As I write this the week after Christmas, we of course are celebrating the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ who makes all things new! Celebrate the new life we have been promised in Christ! May this year be filled with the realization that the old is past and gone, God brings all things new!

2023 brings a year of transitions, particularly in the role of the pastor. We will work hard and joyfully on all that we are called to do together until July 1st when I retire. I hope and pray that you are seeing this as one of the new things that God is doing in our midst; an opportunity for new growth and a new chapter in your life as congregations. The goodbyes and farewells will come soon enough but until then we will work and pray toward a renewed sense of ministry and the future God has in store for us as congregations.

What will be your part in all that 2023 brings to us in serving our Lord? Will you serve on a committee? Maybe you will be asked to serve on the Pastor Search Committee! Will you join the prayer group and pray for the church family and its ministry? Maybe there is a ministry you have wanted to start! The new things that God will do in our midst start with a stirring in our hearts along with a sense of excitement and call. Share your ideas and join hands with others in seeing your ideas come to fruition with God's help.

Tina and I wish to thank you all for your prayers and support while we were down with Covid over Christmas. We hated to miss our last Christmas with you but alas, we don't time these things, do we? All is well and we are getting stronger every day. Thanks again for your support and love.

May you be blessed in this new year and may Christ support you in your call to serve him.

In Christ,

Peter

SESSION NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER SESSION MEETING...

At its December 12th meeting the Session attended to the following items:

- *a second vote to grant a request from the Finance Committee to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Angel Fund to the general deficit budget
 - *Holt Chenoweth and Phil Kyle were elected to serve on the Capital Gifts Committee
 - *On a first vote, the Session approved \$7,100 for travel expenses and project gifts for Robert McCutcheon's upcoming trip to Kenya. This is in addition to funds that were approved last year and not used to date.
 - *Cliff Marstiller reported on the sale of Exxon-Mobil stock from the Angel Fund, GE stock from the Property 2 Fund and all stock holdings from the diversified Barrick Fund
 - *The proposed 2023 budget was presented and approved.
 - *Approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee that in the event the Vials find new housing and move out of the manse prior to Peter's retirement that a housing allowance of \$1,500 a month be paid to Peter Vial.
 - *Gary Moden reported for the Stewardship Committee that the pledges for 2023 are up over the level of pledging in 2022.
 - *Peter requested vacation leave for the dates December 29 – 31. The request was approved.
 - *The next stated meeting of Session will be January 15, 2023, at 2:00pm when Executive Presbyter Ed Thompson and George Lilley, chairperson of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry will be our guests. Rev. Thompson will be our guest preacher that day.
- As always, Session meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.
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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. We will start sign-up for the time slots on Sunday, January 1 and aim to finish by March 1.

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.

NATIVITY DISPLAYS...

The Presbyterian Women setup two Nativity displays for this Christmas.

In the White Chapel on the Communion Table left from the Old White Church is a crèche of ceramic figures handmade and gifted to us by the late Wilma Johnson, who learned ceramics crafting from Sonja Corbin's mother, the late Madalyn Hedrick. Mrs. Hedrick taught classes three or four nights a week to about thirty ladies who were a tight-knit group of friends who rarely missed a class and made the most of their time together with fun, food, and fellowship!



In front of the Reading Lectern is the Communion Table original to this “new” Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, dedicated for service at this location in September 1895. On it is an Italian ceramic crèche purchased by Mina Cupp's Mother-in-law, the late Gwendolyn Cupp, mother of Harry “Bud” Cupp. Bought by her while she was visiting Italy, Mrs. Cupp arranged for the overseas shipping of the pieces home to West Virginia. Sadly, one of the figurines arrived in pieces and she then had to undertake the arduous task of communicating and arranging for a replacement to be sent – again – overseas and around a language barrier, from Italy to West Virginia.



Poinsettias 2022

In Honor of:
Melody Meadows
& DMPC Choir

by:
Sue Chenoweth

In Memory of:
Dorothy &
William Wrangen

by:
Debra Everhart

Military Veterans Charles Stivers

Donations to the PW Scholarship Fund:

In Honor of:
Roberta Dye Donnie & Sonja Corbin
Ruth Hinkle

Alison (daughter)
& husband Dave
Brendon (son) Diana Kerr

Our Children Phil & Marlene Kyle

Bernie Bennett Cliff & Sherri Marsteller

Michele Rutter Dana Marzolf
(daughter)
Bill & Angela McWhirter
Barry & Jean Miller
(brother & sister-in-law)

Donation: Virginia & Julia Cassells

In Memory of:
Ellie Lesser Walt Lesser

Shirley Marzolf Dana Marazolf
(Mother-in-law)
Dana Miller (Mother)

Pat Bennett Cliff & Sherri Marsteller
Wanda Marsteller
Howard Marsteller
Rachel Forinash

Joan Armbruster Gary & Mary Moden

Mathilda Swanson Allan & Judy Swanson
(Allan's Mother)
Catherine Dauber
(Judy's Mother)

Richard H. Talbott Jo Ann Talbott & family

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

Circle 2 enjoyed a December Brunch at the home of Judy Guye after studying the Lesson on The Sabbath.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...

Diana Kerr reads "This is the Star", a Christmas story written by Joyce Dunbar. As she read, members of the DMPC Youth acted out the story using the Wee People as props.



Pictured from left: Diana Kerr, Grant Harper (shepherd) Samantha White (Mary),
Everette Garver-Daniels (the child), Elliot Harper (Joseph), and Holly Harper (the Wise Man)

Pictured below: Grant Harper (shepherd) and Ian McElroy (sheep)
Everette Garver-Daniels was also the Angel who brought the Good News



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER

We wish to thank all those for making this Christmas season so meaningful. We thank Brenda Ramsey for the beautiful decorations throughout the church and to Ric and Logan Campbell, Jane Hazer and Brenda and Chip Ramsey for decorating the Christmas tree.

We will prepare and serve the food for “Common Grounds” along with members of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church on January 14. If you would like to help, please contact Jane Hazer.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO; Jan. 4 – Logan Campbell
5 – Steve Schumacher
16 – Nancy Schumacher
25 – Patty Calain

PRAYER FOR 2023

May your health improve.

May your finances multiply.

May your worries disappear.

May your pain be less.

May your plans work.

May you live long.

May 2023 bring healings, blessings, and miracles!

CHILDREN’S BELL CHOIR...

The Children’s Bell Choir performed during our service on December 18.

Bell Choir members:

Samantha White, Ian McElroy, Everett Garver-Daniels, Elliot Harper, Grant Harper, Estrid Garver-Daniels, Holly Harper





Birthdays

- 2 David Hyre
- 2 Lynn Proudfoot
- 6 Margaret Stalnaker
- 9 Julia Cassells
- 13 Hollis Vance
- 15 Levi Fath
- 19 Marlene Kyle
- 19 Benjamin Proudfoot
- 21 Barbara Tedford
- 22 Jayson Hamrick
- 23 Arnold Kyle
- 24 Wyatt Chenoweth
- 24 Roberta Dye
- 28 Tom Regan
- 30 Isaac Anger
- 30 Marsha Gardner

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

- Jan. 2 Church closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 4 4:30pm Prayer Group
- Jan. 5 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
- Jan. 9 6:30pm Session
- Jan. 12 10:00am Circle 2 in the White Chapel
- 1:30pm Circle 1 in the White Chapel
- Jan. 14 9:00am Common Ground @
Woodford United Methodist Church
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day** church closed
- Jan. 17 1:30pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham
- Jan. 18 4:30pm
- Jan. 26 1:30pm Property Comm./Dunham

Boy Scouts every Monday @6:30pm
Girl Scouts every Tuesday @6:00pm

Common Ground... January 14, 2023

DMPC & HTLC will be hosting the first luncheon of the new year. If you would like to help or contribute Something, please contact the office:304-636-2788.



Phil Kyle and Allan Swanson put together the Kitchen Cart for the PW, so we can start to have Coffees in the White Chapel.



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		CIRCLE MEETINGS	
Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial	CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows		Jan. 12 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
Assistant Organist	Mark Armentrout	CIRCLE 2	Judy Guye Swanson, Chair
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner		Jan. 12 @10:00am in the White Chapel
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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