



*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 Group
www.dmpc.org

Dear Church families of DMPC and HTLC,

When we say “Good Bye” we sometimes forget that in the oldest versions of our English language it means “God be with you”! So as I say good-bye this month I truly mean, God be with you! May all you do be inspired by and directed back toward the God we worship through Christ. Move forward in the name of and to the glory of God! And I promise to do the same.

Some have asked what it will be like to have a retiring minister of the church remaining in the community. Well, first of all, we will always be friends and fellow community members. The only difference will be that, by Presbytery protocol and policy, I will not be available for any pastoral duties at either church such as preaching, sacraments, pastoral care, worship or other involvements that would stand in the way of your moving on into your future relationships with other pastors such as an interim pastor or an otherwise installed pastor. Although Tina is a member of DMPC for now, she also will be stepping back from any presence in the congregation’s life. This ending of the pastoral relationship needs to be clear and sure. We will still know you and greet you in Kroger’s or at Walmart, and we will always be friends and neighbors, I just won’t be your pastor anymore. It sounds final and perhaps a bit harsh, but there are good reasons for it, and we both pray that we will be able to move into these new relationships with grace and love.

June 25th will be my last Sunday in the pulpit and in worship, and June 30th will be my last day in the office. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your pastor, and we both will always count it to have been one of God’s greatest gifts to us to have had such an honor. You are both generous and loving congregations, full of mission mindedness and love for the Lord. What more could a pastor ask for! We will continue to pray for God’s Holy Spirit to be leading you into a fruitful future of growth and exciting ministry from this day forward.

With love and sincere thanks,
 Peter

NOTES FROM THE MAY SESSION MEETING...

At its May 8th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- *Tessa Garver-Daniels presented a devotional on community and caring for it.
 - *Elected Elder Proudfoot to serve as Ruling Elder Commissioner to the WV Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian, Clarksburg, on May 20th.
 - *Treasurer Marsteller is purging very old records from her files. She is training Elder Rudy during May to count and report weekly giving; Elder Varchetto has volunteered for training in June.
 - *Accepted financial reports as presented by the Finance Committee; the committee will meet on July 5, 2023, at 2:00 pm.
 - *Property reported Don Shriver's Video Drain Service will repair a drain under our Memorial Garden soon. The out-of-order bathroom upstairs has been repaired by Graham Simon Plumbing.
 - *Witness Service reports May 20th for the next Common Ground. A Food Truck is scheduled soon. Elder McCutcheon has returned from his missionary trips to Kenya and the Southwestern U.S. and will share his experiences with the congregation as schedules permit.
 - *Membership Committee reported portrait sittings went very well and Color Craft Studios will provide a book for us.
 - *Fellowship reports the Baptisms of Debra Everhart's grandchildren will be held on May 14th, with a celebratory coffee in The White Chapel afterward.
 - *Voted to schedule a Congregational Meeting following Worship on Sunday, June 4, 2023, to "Recommend to the Presbytery of WV the dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between DMPC and Peter Vial effective July 1, 2023". Also approved General Presbyter Ed Thompson to preach that day and moderate the meeting for us. Dr. Vial will preach at HTLC that day.
 - *A Called Meeting of Session will be held on Sunday, June 11th, at 10:00 a.m., to receive new members during Worship on that day.
 - *Elder Chenoweth met with leaders from the First United Methodist Church, Elkins, and discussed partnering opportunities between the two congregations. A committee will further explore possibilities.
 - *The next meeting of Session is scheduled for June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and David Lee will join as a visitor.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



Miriam Fath is a graduate of **Elkins High School**. Miriam is the daughter of Rick & Tracy Fath and the granddaughter of Holt and Sue Chenoweth; Connie and the late Tom Fletcher; and Mike and Marinette Fath. She was a Varsity Cheerleader for 4 years at EHS; member of the Tiger Tennis team for three years and the National Honor Society. She attended Girls State last summer at Davis & Elkins College and is in the top 10% of the 2023 graduating class. Miriam plans to attend West Virginia University Honors College in the fall majoring in Political Science.



Paige Corbin is a 2023 graduate of **Virginia Tech**, in Blacksburg, VA with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Throughout her college years she was a member of the Virginia Tech marching band, "The Virginians." Paige is the daughter of Scott and Tonya Corbin and has one brother, Ethan. She is the granddaughter of Donnie and Sonja Corbin, and Clare and Linda Watson. Paige was a recipient of the Presbyterian Women's Scholarship. She will be employed this summer by QRC Technologies in Fredericksburg, VA.



Emma McDougal graduated from **Davis & Elkins College** with the Class of 2023. She graduated with a degree in English and was named on the Dean's list for the Spring semester. Emma was a member of the D&E choir during her four years at college. She is the daughter of Seth and Candance Maynard and the late Ian McDougal. She is the granddaughter of the late Jerry and Fay Maynard and the sister of Chloe, Jack and Myles. Emma has accepted a teaching position at a Montessori school in Delaware this fall. Emma was a recipient of a Presbyterian Women's scholarship.



Elliot White was a member of the 2023 graduation class of **Davis & Elkins College** with a BA in Criminology and was named to the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Elliot was a member of the Senator basketball team during his freshmen year. Elliot is currently fulfilling an AmeriCorps position through Elkins Parks and Recreation and the Phil Gainer Center. He was employed for three years by the Elkins Parks & Recreation with the ENGAGE Elkins Middle School after school program and the summer City Park program. He is the son of Bryan and Kim White and brother of Samantha and Jacob. His grandparents are Holt and Sue Chenoweth and Dick and Sherri White. Elliot received the Presbyterian Women's Scholarship. Elliot is looking toward a career with the FBI.

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Women send blessings and best wishes to all our graduates. We ask that God strengthen them to live a life of love, hope and faith in all their future endeavors.

DMPC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM...

The DMPC After School Program had another eventful year. Even though we were still on the 2nd floor, we had a wonderful year! Beginning in August of 2022, the ASP took many walking trips to downtown Elkins.



We had various early outs where we were able to do different crafts including cracking open 'dinosaur eggs' and indoor activities like bingo.

On early outs, the students enjoyed walking to The Old Brick for a Fun Science event. One of these included making glow-in-the-dark bubbles

Our annual entry in the Downtown Elkins Scarecrow contest this year were the characters Shrek and Donkey from the movie of the same name. All the kids submitted names and then voted on their favorites. Much painting and stuffing later, our entries were placed by the ASP banner outside.



Halloween Parties, Easter Egg hunts, trips to the Delmonte for ice cream, painting butterflies for the Downtown Elkins Spring Event, visiting Fancy Paws to see their "shop cats", and the Annual poetry contest, rounded out the school year.

Hopefully the 23-24 school year will see the ASP returning to the Fellowship Hall and many more events, both new and old, will be realized.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

William "Liam" Bruce McElroy & Marie Martha Cale were baptized by Rev. Dr. Peter Vial at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church on May 14, 2023. Liam and Marie are first cousins and grandchildren of Debra Everhart. Liam's Dad, Ian and Marie's Mom, Carly were both active as children in our Sunday school program many years ago. After the worship service a wonderful coffee was served by members of the Fellowship Committee, Julia and Virginia Cassells and Ginny Byer. The Christian Education committee provided a cake, much to the delight of the children!



COMMON GROUND

Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran and Davis Memorial came together to serve lunch for 60 people at the Woodford United Methodist Church on Saturday May 20, 2023. This ministry "Common Ground" offers a free lunch every Saturday from 11:00am -12:30 for our Elkins community. Churches in our area prepare and serve the lunches each week.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER ...

Congratulations to Read Schumacher, son of Steve and Amy Schumacher, as he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Also, Alison, daughter of Bart and Amy Schumacher, graduated from West Liberty College with a Masters in Dental Hygiene. Her sister, Erin, also graduated from West Liberty with a Degree in Nursing. Greg and Nancy Schumacher are the proud grandparents.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Logan Campbell for receiving a \$1,000 scholarship to D&E from the Knights of Pythias.

Members of Holy Trinity would like to congratulate Pastor Peter Vial on his retirement in June. Pastor has been with us since October 1, 2014 when our shared ministry with Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church began. It has been a blessing to have Pastor with us and we hope to continue our shared ministry with DMPC. HAPPY RETIREMENT PETER!! Our joint application with DMPC has been submitted to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for an interim Pastor. We will be seeking an interim Pastor until a permanent Pastor is found.

Happy June Birthday to: Pastor Peter Vial on June 23 and Arlene Williams on June 29

Happy June Anniversary to: Gil and Joyce Estridge on June 1

Ric and Denise Campbell on June 10

Greg and Nancy Schumacher on June 15

ASP STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS ...

Emma Scott Garden Club is pleased to announce the winners in the West Virginia Garden Club Youth Poetry Contest. Students at the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church After School program submitted poems using the theme "Seeds, Trees and Bees, Oh My - Celebrating Diversity in Nature".

Pictured are 1st row l-r Brandon Funk, Fourth Grade, Quinn Broschart, First grade and Corrina Burkart, Second Grade. Back row, Linda Shomo, President ESGC and Monica Varchetto, ESGC member and Director of the After School program. In addition to WVGC award, Broschart and Burkart also won South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry Contest.

The Emma Scott Garden Club won the Garden Therapy Horticulture Award from South Atlantic Region. These awards were presented at the West Virginia Garden Club Convention in Charleston.





June Birthdays

- 3 Richard Shryock
- 6 Holt Chenoweth
- 6 Lori Chenoweth
- 9 John Talbott
- 10 Diana Kerr
- 10 Tom Schuler
- 14 Katie Varchetto
- 14 Keitha Wing
- 16 Mandi Ross
- 19 Robert McCutcheon
- 21 Hunter Fath
- 22 Sue Pifer
- 23 Rev. Peter Vial
- 25 Grant Harper
- 26 Sarah Talbott Wamsley
- 28 Alan Byer
- 30 Mary Moden



Happy Anniversary

- 07th Garrett & Lori Chenoweth
- 16th Jason & Angie Kyle Watkins
- 23rd Bob & Neva Georgeson
- 23rd Ryan & Tate Summerfield

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- June 1 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/White Chapel
- 1:30pm Property Comm/Dunham Rm
- June 5 6:30pm New Member Orientation/Dunham
- June 8 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel
- 1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel
- June 12 6:30pm Session/White Chapel
- JUNE 14 FLAG DAY**
- JUNE 18 FATHER'S DAY**
- JUNE 20 WEST VIRGINIA DAY**
- June 22 1:30pm Property Comm/Dunham Rm

PRAYER GROUP

The DMPC Prayer Group is taking a summer hiatus and will begin again in the fall. But prayer for the church, our community and the world will continue. If you have prayer requests -- for yourself, loved ones or any concerns --please let the church office know.

Flag Day, also called National Flag Day, in the United States, a day honoring the national flag, is observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag. (Britannica)

Father's Day

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U.S. history. Grace Golden Clayton, the daughter of a dedicated minister, proposed a service to honor all fathers, especially those who had died. (Old Farmer's Almanac)

West Virginia Day is a state holiday in the US state of West Virginia. Celebrated annually on June 20, the day celebrates the state's 1863 admission to the Union as a result of the secession of several northwestern counties of Virginia during the American Civil War. (Wikipedia)



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		CIRCLE MEETINGS	
Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial	CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows		June 8 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner	CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair
Clerk of Session	Lynn Proudfoot		June 8 @10:00am in the White Chapel
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing		
Treasurer	Sherri Marstiller		
After School Program	Monica Varchetto		
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels		
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