



*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.*

**July & August 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)

**PICNIC IN THE PARK!  
SUNDAY JULY 16**

It is time for a church picnic!  
Come to the Church Lane Pavilion in the park  
after church on Sunday, July 16th.  
Bring a dish of your favorite veggie,  
salad, or dessert to share.  
We will provide fried chicken, drinks, plates,  
cups utensils and napkins.  
If you would like a soft comfy chair, bring your  
folding chair with you.  
Let's make July 16<sup>th</sup> a casual dress Sunday.  
Come to church ready for a picnic.



## **NOTES FROM THE JUNE SESSION MEETING...**

At it's June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- \*Elder McCutcheon led devotions based on Matthew 14:22, focusing on language impact.
  - \* WV Presbytery Committee on Ministry has appointed David Lee, M. Div., to serve as our Moderator during transition. He was introduced and welcomed as an observing guest.
  - \*Elder Proudfoot attended the WV Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian, Clarksburg, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, where Dr. Vial was bestowed the status of Honorably Retired. The upcoming retirement of General Presbyter Ed Thompson was celebrated.
  - \*HTLC has a brunch planned immediately following their worship on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. We are invited.
  - \*Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Session accepted Capital Gifts recommendation to approve committee's request to transfer \$30,000 from the Angel Fund to meet 2023 Budget spending. A super majority is required for the second vote on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*Property Committee is expecting Don Shriver's Video Drain Service to repair a drain under our Memorial Garden soon. The Dunham Conference Room and Meals-on-Wheels office will be painted on June 21<sup>st</sup>, for the Tygart Valley United Way Day of Action.
  - \*Witness Service hosted May 20<sup>th</sup> Common Ground. Mountaineer Food Bank has made a delivery and a Mobile Food Pantry truck is under discussion.
  - \*Membership Committee reported editing is underway for the directory and HTLC will be on the cover.
  - \*Fellowship has been hosting coffees and will invite other committees to host as well. Planning a picnic for July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*Elders Chenoweth and Varchetto were attending the opening evening of the joint Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church. A joint Youth Ministry meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*Dr. Vial explained protocol for interaction between an Honorably Retired Pastor and their former congregation.
  - \*Elder McCutcheon displayed Kazuri beads, made by locals in Nairobi, in the area where author Karin Blitzen lived. They are available for sale, with funds going back to the missionary project.
  - \*The next meeting of Session is scheduled for August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.; Rev. Lee will moderate.
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## Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial—his years with DMPC...



Rev. Dr. Peter Vial installation on September 20, 2009  
Arden Swecker, Sarah Talbott, Rev. Kris Haig- Morgantown,  
elder John Bolt, Rev .Mary Jane Knapp – Ripley, Rev Vial,  
Gay Mothershed- WV Presbytery Executive Presbyter,  
James Rowe- Moderator, WV Presbytery



Peter in charge of the dishwasher  
(oh what is learned in seminary!)



Newly elected elders: Judy Guye Swanson, Sonja Corbin, Beverly Adriaanse, Garrett Chenoweth, Brenda Hermanson, Margi Nelson, Rev. Vial

Right:  
Rev. Peter helping  
acolytes practice  
walking down the  
center aisle and  
lighting the candles  
on the communion  
table



**Looking Forward.** We celebrated Founders Day with special guest Dr. Pierre Radja, Vice Chancellor of the University of Lumbumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo. Here, D&E Provost and Dean of Faculty Dr. Victor Thacker, President Smith, Dr. Radja, the Rev. Dr. Peter Vial, pastor of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Professor of Education Dr. Steve Creasey before the ceremonies. Dr. Radja was awarded the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.



Peter and Tina, D&E's Coordinator of Foundation and Church Relations, at the Davis and Elkins College Welcoming Picnic in the Augusta Dance pavilion.



Pat Schumann, Tina and Peter Vial presbytery of WV commissioners to the General Assembly



Rev. Peter Vial preparing to serve the Sacrament of Communion at DMPC – he is wearing the carved wooden WV Presbytery moderator's cross – he was installed as moderator at the 12/3/15 presbytery meeting



Ash Wednesday Joint service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Christmas Eve: Rev. Peter and Tina Vial light the Advent wreath on Christmas Eve



May 1 Scottish Heritage Day at First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia



Barry 'Chip' Ramsey displays a lovely quilt made for Peter & Tina by Nancy Goerlich of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



Liam McElroy giving Rev. Peter the God's Eye to watch over him in the next chapter in his life: 'Vacation Forever!'



To Peter,  
Thank you.  
From the DMPC Presbyterian Women  
June 2023



Lynn Proudfoot presenting Peter with his gifts from the Session



Robert Hermanson speaking about Peter's time with DMPC



West Virginia Presbytery General Presbyter Ed Thompson



Greg Schumacher speaking on behalf of the folks at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Rev. Dave Bowers, Peter, WV Presbytery General Presbyter Ed Thompson, Rev. Rich Cardot



Peter listening to piper Matthew Taylor



## July Birthdays

- 1 Tate Summerfield
- 2 Ed Rudy
- 2 Jeff Loudin
- 5 Tim Price
- 7 Dana Marzolf
- 7 David Nelson
- 7 Holly Reilly
- 8 Dan Harper
- 10 Sandra Godwin
- 12 David Reed
- 14 Deb Hamrick
- 15 Lynne Harper
- 20 Chloe Maynard
- 22 Cindy Talbott
- 24 Patrick Reilly
- 25 Helen Stalnaker
- 25 Jacob White
- 28 Alison Kerr
- 28 Rachel Shryock
- 30 Julia G. Brumfield



## HTLC

- 14 Denise Campbell

## Happy Anniversary

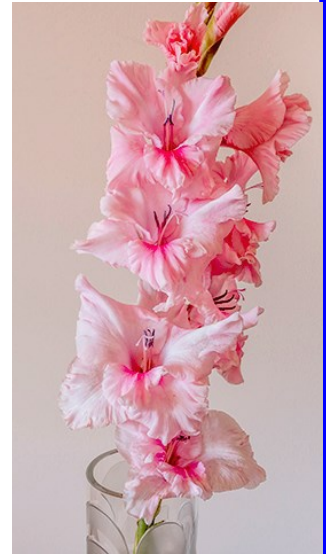
- July 17 Dave & Margy Nelson  
July 26 Steven & Debbie Cook



## AUGUST

### BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Chuck Leary
- 9 Betty Legg
- 14 Margie Gault
- 16 Melodee Price
- 17 Tessa Garver-Daniels
- 17 Richard Evans
- 17 Wood Rosenberger
- 19 Erik Nefflen
- 20 Darroll Talbott
- 26 Addison Schooley
- 27 Debra Leary



### HTLC BIRTHDAYS

- 23 Brenda Ramsey
- 27 Jane Hazer



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 02 Richard & Gayle Moore  
August 16 Phil & Marlene Kyle  
August 26 Kerr & Susie Kump  
August 26 Tim & Melodee Price



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		<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b> <b>July 13 @10:00am in the White Chapel</b> <b>Aug. 10 @1:30pm in the White Chapel</b>
		<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Linda Rudy, Chair</b> <b>July 13 @10:00am in the White Chapel</b> <b>Aug. 10 @10:00am in the White Chapel</b>

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