



*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.*

October 2023

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SUNDAY AT DMPC



Worship each Sunday is
 broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM
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NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING...

At its September 11th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- Elder Garver-Daniels led a devotional on community and developing the practice of Stop-Look-Listen.
 - * Clerk's Report: Minutes from August 14th were approved. News from the Presbytery of West Virginia (PWV) was shared: Notes of prayers from churches in the presbytery. The Landscape Assessment Survey sent out "to gather information to consider our purpose and the ways in which we organize to be faithful to that purpose". Communion Training for Ruling Elders is scheduled for Oct. 15th on Zoom; register by Oct. 2nd. The Youth Fall Retreat at Bluestone is Nov. 12 – 15. Small Church Conference is Sat., Oct. 7th at Elk Hills Presbyterian Church in Charleston. Synod Sunday is Sept. 17th.
 - * Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, to begin work on the 2024 budget. All committee chairpersons are requested to submit proposed 2024 budgets. Voted to accept a proposal from Hart Office Solutions to lease a new copy/print/scan system, resulting in an annual savings of \$956.04.
 - * Property Committee has reached out to a local attorney and our insurance carrier for guidance to proceed with the flooding recovery process.
 - * Approved Worship Committee recommendations for pulpit supply in October as follows: Oct. 1, Rev. Kevin Starcher; Oct. 8, Robert Hermanson; Oct. 15, Lisa Wood; Oct. 22, Rev. David Bower and Oct. 29, D&E professor of Religion & Philosophy, Dr. Brantley Craig. Approved a request from Holy Trinity to invite WV-WMD Synod's Bishop Matthew Riegel to preach on November 12th, requiring a mutual agreement between the two Synods.
 - * Witness Service hosted a Mobile Food Pantry truck on September 2nd and will host a Common Ground event this Saturday, the 16th; then another Mobile Food Pantry on October 14th.
 - * Fellowship Committee: Rally Day went well. Committee is hosting a coffee fellowship after Women's Sunday Worship on October 15th. Committees interested in hosting a coffee should let them know.
 - Stewardship Committee has met and outlined Minute for Mission speakers for each week of the campaign, October first through Dedication Sunday, November 5th. Articles will go out in October and November Monthly Manna Newsletters. Committee will host coffee fellowship after worship on Dedication Sunday. Letters will go out before October 20th.
 - * Moderator Dave Lee expounded on the importance of completing the Holy Cow! Consulting "Landscape Assessment Survey" promptly as this will provide vital information to move forward in the "Season of Discernment" of the Presbytery. It is also vital for members and supporters of each church to respond for geographic relevance and importance.
 - *The next meeting of Session is scheduled for October 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Lee will moderate.
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STEWARDSHIP...

The Stewardship Committee has selected the theme for the 2023 Campaign based on Luke 13:18-21, the Parable of the mustard seed and the yeast. Big and small gifts are appreciated and can be used to further God's work. There is hardly a more beautiful way to speak about the hidden promise of even the smallest gift than the image of the mustard seed, so small yet holding so much possibility. Or as Luke mentions, for bakers, the yeast grows into warm bread to sustain us.

We are given so many gifts from God, and we are called to give back. Perhaps we feel our gifts are small, but we hold the promise of God's power at work among us and through our gifts. We gratefully share our gifts so that God can use them to grow just like the mustard seed becomes a large tree and yeast grows to make bread to provide sustenance for all of us to grow.

As with the parable of the mustard seed and the yeast, from seemingly insignificant gifts, the kingdom of God grows, at times invisibly and almost imperceptibly, until it reaches all nations with its transforming power.

We will begin our campaign on Sunday, October 1st. We are honored to have back in the pulpit the Rev. Kevin Starcher, who will deliver the stewardship message. Be sure not to miss this service, in person, on Facebook, or the radio.

We will also have a series of speakers starting on that first Sunday.

October 1	Larry Wing	Current Status of Resources
October 8	Jean Snedegar	No Gift Great or Small
October 15	Julia Elbon	Programs of the Church
October 22	Gary Moden	The Meaning of Stewardship
October 29	Lynn Proudfoot	How can we grow our mustard seed.

We hope to see you in church.

The Stewardship Committee: Gary Moden, Julia Elbon, Lynn Proudfoot, Jean Snedegar,
Larry Wing

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

On September 2, the Mountain Food Bank sent one of their Mobile Food Pantry trucks to Elkins. The truck brings frozen and non-perishable items for families in need. The truck set up behind DMPC and families drove down Church Lane to receive their box of food items. On this visit, we served 156 households with a total of 465 individuals.

Our next truck will be here on October 14. Please contact Phil Becker for more information.





HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER ...

Jane Hazer attended the WV-WMD WELCA convention held at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center on August 27-29. We will only meet every other year due to lack of participation.

Three members from Holy Trinity helped with the food truck on September 2. Volunteers are needed for the next food truck which will be on October 14.

Greg Schumacher requested \$250 from Thrivent to be used to purchase food for DMPC's blessing box.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE: The air conditioning has been replaced and the upstairs bathroom has been repaired. It was necessary to repair the flooring around the toilet and new linoleum was laid. A big thank you to Greg Schumacher for helping the handyman do the repairs.

We wish to thank Brenda and Chip Ramsey for keeping the church clean and Logan and Ric Campbell for keeping the lawn looking so nice.

The first half of our congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on October 22. We will vote on the 2024 budget and elect two council members.

Lutheran Campus Ministry in Morgantown is looking for donations to help them replace their roof at a cost of \$27,000. We hope to have a fund raiser in the future.

Bishop Matthew Riegel will be at Holy Trinity on November 12.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO: Vonda Spanitz (6), Gil Estridge (10), and Chip Ramsey (21)!

Fall Bread and Broth

Begins Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Your CE Committee is finalizing plans for a Fall Bread and Broth from 6:00-7:30 pm.

We will continue for 4-5 weeks each Wednesday night as we explore CREATION!

We are looking forward to a visit from Steve Tuell as our keynote speaker for one evening.

Many thanks to the members of the CE committee for their faithful work;

Bob and Brenda Hermanson, Nate Garver-Daniels, Bob McCutcheon, Monica Varchetto, Hillary Shryock and Holly Elbon.



- 1 Tracy Fath
- 4 Jeff Caplinger
- 5 Bryan White
- 6 Ginny Byer
- 6 Gayle Moore
- 8 James Legg
- 12 Hans Hermanson
- 13 Kim Anger
- 20 Sue Chenoweth
- 23 Mandi Wilson
- 25 Kennedy Schooley
- 27 Phillip Reilly



- October 7 Ed & Linda Rudy
- October 15 Donnie & Sonja Corbin

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Oct. 1 **Stewardship Sunday**
- Oct. 5 Closed for Festival
- Oct. 6 Closed for Festival
- Oct. 9 **Columbus Day**
 - 6:30pm Session
- Oct. 12 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel
 - 1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel
- Oct. 14 8:30am Mobil Food Pantry
- Oct. 15 **Women's Sunday**
- Oct. 26 1:30pm Property/Dunham Room

Tuesdays & Thursdays @4:30pm Piano Lessons

Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts



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		CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair October 12 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
		CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair October 12 @10:00am in the White Chapel

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