



*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.*

September 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

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION AT DMPC
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Join us this Sunday as we begin our Fall Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults.

Children and youth will meet at 10:00am upstairs in the Sunday School classrooms.

Dr. Lacy adult class meets at 9:45am in the Dunham Conference room.

Breakfast & Bibles will meet 9:15am at Common Door 125 3rd St. next to Tip Top.

"AND THE BAND PLAYS ON!"

Music Director, Melody Meadows will add to the celebration as band members Joel Franks, Seth Maynard, B.J. Hoffman, and our choir with soloist, Ben Long, lead the music in worship.



After the service, stop in the White Chapel for pizza, drinks and cake thanks to our Fellowship Committee!



NOTES FROM THE AUGUST SESSION MEETING...

At its August 14th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- * Elder Varchetto led a devotional on the biblical concepts of belief and trust.
 - * Clerk's Report: A thank-you note from Literacy Volunteers of Randolph Co. for a donation. At a called PWV Meeting on July 31st, the recommendation by the Transitional General Presbyter Search Committee to elect Ruling Elder Maureen Horning Wright, as Transitional General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery was accepted unanimously.
 - * Capital Gifts Chairman Cliff Marstiller conducted the second, secret-ballot vote to transfer \$85,000.00 from the Angel Fund to the operating budget as an accounting correction for the spending of a bequest and grant funds that should have been deposited into other accounts. A request from the Witness/Service Committee to use \$6,000.00 from the Magee Fund to pay for a Mobile Food Pantry truck was approved by second, secret-ballot vote. The committee has taken action to transfer the remaining Angel Fund balance, approximately \$180,000.00, into a money market fund to earn greater interest.
 - * HTLC members are awaiting delivery of a replacement part for their air conditioning unit and are without A/C right now.
 - * Nominating/Leadership Development will begin recruiting new Session members in October.
 - * Personnel is seeking to hire a new custodian at \$10.00/hr for approximately 20 hrs/week.
 - * Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, to begin work on the 2024 budget. All committee chairpersons are requested to submit proposed 2024 budgets at the next Session meeting on September 11th.
 - * Property Committee has managed the clearing of our drain lines and will continue negotiating next steps to damage repair and cost-sharing with other parties. Replacement of the Sycamore Street entrance and security system is planned but not scheduled.
 - * After School Program will begin the school year upstairs.
 - * Worship Committee reported positive feedback for the guest preachers we've had. They are recruiting ushers to collect offerings during worship and will return "Sharing the Peace of Christ" to the service as well. Expect changes to the Order of Worship!
 - * Witness Service will have a Mobile Food Pantry truck on September 2nd, host a Common Ground event on September 16th and then another Mobile Food Pantry on October 14th.
 - * Membership Committee reported the new directory draft has been sent to Color Craft for proofing. There are 52 books coming for members who bought portraits and several more for purchase.
 - * Fellowship Committee is making plans for Rally Day on September 10th. Committees interested in hosting a coffee on the first Sunday of any month should let them know.
 - * Stewardship Committee has met and will meet again on August 23rd to plan details of the Giving Campaign for 2024, running from October 1st until Dedication Sunday on November 5th.
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* Moderator Dave Lee described the broad nationwide search for a Transitional General Presbyter and shared some distinguishing qualities of our Transitional General Presbyter-Elect Wright. He further introduced plans to conduct a “Season of Discernment” by the Presbytery of West Virginia to inventory priorities of our churches and appropriate roles between churches, the presbytery and the greater church.

*The next meeting of Session is scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Lee will moderate.

DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BIRTHDAY-SEPTEMBER 29, 1895

In 1789 Presbyterianism came to the Tygart Valley when Rev. Aretas Loomis came from New England to preach the Gospel on the ‘western’ frontier. Shortly after his arrival the Tygart’s Valley Presbyterian Church was organized (1820) when Daniel McLean, Jonathan Hutton and Andrew Crawford met in Crawford’s home in Huttonsville. This was the first Presbyterian Church organized in Randolph County. More and more Presbyterians moved into the area and in 1858, the first formal Presbyterian Congregation was established in the Elkins area (then known as “Leading Creek”) by Lexington Presbytery, and people worshipped in a restored building known as the “White Church”. Built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Job E. Wees in 1853, the church was set on a beautiful lawn overshadowed by ancient trees... ‘a place of beauty and rest...’ Rev. Enoch Thomas, Stated Supply for this valley, preached the first sermon. This church stood at the intersection of the Beverly/Fairmont and Buffalo-Leading Creek Turnpike - now Randolph and Third Street across from the current location of the Federal Building. This church served the community until 1894 when Senator Henry Gassaway Davis broke ground for a ‘handsome’ church as a memorial to Mrs. Caleb Davis, his mother. A service was held at this groundbreaking on June 11, led by Rev. C.S. Lingamfelter, pastor of the White Church. The final service at the Old White Church was held September 22, by Rev. Lingamfelter who spoke on the history of the Presbyterians in the Tygart Valley. Upon leaving, members of the congregation took the bell that hung in the steeple for their new church as well as the pulpit and communion table. Senator Davis did not attend the dedication of the new church. Instead he sat in the privacy of Graceland, his mansion on the hill above the church and the town and noted in his Journal that, “Today, September 29, Rev. Dr. Hoge of Richmond, Va., dedicated the new Church & Sunday School at Elkins donated by my brother Thomas and myself to the Presbyterians in memory of our parents – especially Mother.”

The church was deeded to the Trustees for the congregation. There were about 175 members at the time. The adjoining lot next to the church on the south side was purchased in 1904 for \$400 for the purposes of hitching members’ horses. It is now the site of the manse.

(information compiled by Dr. T.R. Ross and Dana Marzolf)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS!

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Join us as we begin our Sunday school classes for children at 10:00am upstairs in the Sunday school room as we begin the study of Daniel.

There will be a celebration after Worship in the White Chapel with a pizza party for all.

Welcome back Monica!! Monica Varchetto will continue her second year as Director of Children and Youth Ministries at DMPC. The CE committee is blessed to have Monica bring imagination, energy and love to our children and youth programs.

Confirmation classes will begin this fall. Tessa Garver-Daniels will lead this group of youth through the process of church membership with the book, BIG GOD BIG QUESTIONS. Anyone interested in joining this class please contact Sue Chenoweth.

Stop in and see what Brenda Hermanson is doing in our Dunham Room with the library books and additional shelves. The room has a new look with a fresh coat of paint (thanks to United Way and Meals on Wheels volunteers) and lots of books! Check it out!!

The committee approved the amount of \$200.00 for books for the Navajo community of Chinle, Arizona for their bookmobile.

FALL BREAD AND BROTH!! YES!!!!

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

Your CE Committee is finalizing plans for a Fall Bread and Broth beginning Wednesday, October 11 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. More details on this event next month.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

The Presbyterian Women welcomed Sonja Corbin as their Moderator for the coming year at a PW Gathering on June 8, 2023. Rev. Peter Vial installed new and returning officers at a service in the sanctuary of the church.

Officers present were Moderator, Sonja Corbin
Co-Vice Moderators, Linda Rudy and Sue Chenoweth
Secretary, Susan Pell
Treasurer, Julia Cassells

Chairpersons of Standing committees who agreed to a second term were recognized. They were:

Nominating/Leadership/Scholarship, Judy Guye Swanson
Spiritual Enrichment, Dana Marzolf
Mission & Social Issues, Holly Reilly
Bereavement, Susie Kump
Courtesy, Marlene Kyle
Decorations, Sonja Corbin.

Susan Pell presented Julia Cassells with the Honorary Life Membership Award. This honor is given to a woman for her faithful service to the PW and to her church. Julia has served as Treasurer of the PW for many years. She is an Elder, a current member of session and serves as Fellowship Chairman.



Peter Vial, Marlene Kyle, Judy Guye, Susan Chenoweth, Susie Kump, Dana Marzolf, Susan Pell, Holly Reilly, Sonja Corbin, and Julia Cassells

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER ...

Members of Holy Trinity have many “thank yous” to the members of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church over the last few months. We were invited to attend Pastor Peter Vial’s retirement reception on June 24. It was a beautiful tribute to Pastor. The following day, we had a farewell brunch where we presented Pastor with a gift card and a check. Former member of Holy Trinity, Nancy Goerlich, made a beautiful queen size quilt for the cold winter months.

On July 13, the ladies of the church were invited to attend a presentation by Kimberly McArthur Krishna about the life of women in India. Jane Hazer was able to attend and reported that it was very interesting.

The annual picnic for DMPC was held after their church service on July 16. Even though we had a heavy rain just as it was to start, we waited the rain out and enjoyed a tasty lunch with great fellowship.

Church council met on July 16 with the following transactions. New fire alarms were installed by Chip Ramsey. A new air conditioner is needed for the social hall with the maximum cost of \$7,750.08. Logan Campbell was awarded a \$250 scholarship.

The Mountaineer Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry will be at DMPC on September 2nd and October 14th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GREG SCHUMACHER ON SEPTEMBER 5.

UNITED WAY FOR KIDS HYGIENE DRIVE

Tygart Valley United Way collected personal items for youth in Randolph County so that they could start the school year off with everything they need to face their day with dignity.

There was a big yellow trash can in the White Chapel for a few weeks for collecting donated items. The items were picked up by United Way and distributed to schools in Randolph and other counties that have children in need.

Angela Daniels of United Way stands beside our “overflowing” big yellow can!





- 1 Phil Kyle
- 7 Bodie Shockley
- 8 Don Corbin
- 9 Estrid Garver-Daniels
- 10 Richard Moore
- 11 Elizabeth Kump Conlan
- 11 James Lambert
- 12 Brendan Kerr
- 15 Cyrus Kump
- 16 Nicholas Harper
- 16 Ralphene Maynard
- 18 Elisa White
- 19 Bernice Becker
- 25 Anna Harper
- 26 Joyce Allen
- 29 DMPC (1895)



- Sept. 01 Larry & Keitha Wing
- Sept. 01 Ryan & Natalia Schooley
- Sept. 21 Dan & Lynne Harper

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Sept. 01 Office Closed**
- Sept. 02 Mobile Food Truck
- Sept. 04 Labor Day Office Closed**
- Sept. 07 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
- Sept. 11 6:30pm Session
- Sept. 14 10:00am Circle 2 in White Chapel
1:30pm Circle 1 in White Chapel
- Sept. 16 Common Ground at Woodford Church
- Sept. 19 1:30pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham Rm.
- Sept. 21 TBA PW Fall Gathering
- Sept. 28 1:30pm Property Comm/Dunham Rm.

**SEPT. 29 HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Mondays @6:30 Boy Scouts
Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts

Mobile Food Truck Sept. 2, 2023
Witness Service has been working with Mountaineer Food Bank to bring their Mobile Food Truck with much needed food for the people in the Elkins area.

We will host a truck in Church Lane behind DMPC. Volunteers need to arrive at 9:00am to help set up and be ready to go at 10:00am.

Please contact Phil Becker from more information.

Common Ground... Sept. 16, 2023
DMPC & HTLC will be hosting this at Woodford United Methodist Church on First St. If you would like to help or contribute something, please contact Phil Becker.



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Director of Music Dr. Melody Meadows Church Secretary Marsha Gardner Clerk of Session Lynn Proudfoot Financial Secretary Dr. Larry Wing Treasurer Sherri Marsteller After School Program Monica Varchetto Kids Club Nate Garver-Daniels Church office 304-636-2788		CIRCLE MEETINGS CIRCLE 1 Mina Cupp, Chair September 7 @1:30pm in the White Chapel CIRCLE 2 Linda Rudy, Chair September 7 @10:00am in the White Chapel
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