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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
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NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER SESSION MEETING...

At its October 9th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- * Elder Moden led a devotional about responsible stewardship of the gifts we receive, based on *A View Most Glorious*, by Regina Scott.
- * Clerk's Report: Approved Minutes from the Stated Meeting of Session held on September 11th and the modified report from a Called Meeting on September 28th.
The October 2, 2023 death of Elder Welton Wood Rosenberger was recorded. Clerk reported on an email vote for the use of our Sanctuary for Wood's funeral service, led by Elder McCutcheon.
Articles from the PWV Newsletter Issue #246 were shared. The PC(USA) Ministry and Engagement letter was shared. Prayers from other churches were shared.
- * Capital Gifts Funds Committee Chairperson Marstiller presented two recommendations to approve requests from the Witness/Service Committee. The first request is for \$40,100.00 from the Missionary Fund for expenses in support of a four-month trip by Elder McCutcheon to Kenya in 2024. Recommendation approved by voice vote. The second request is to help fund travel to Guatemala in March 2024, for Terri Pennington, a local Respiratory Therapist, to assist with surgeries. The request is for \$1,200.00. Recommendation approved by voice vote.
- * Elder Corbin, Chairperson of the Nominating/Leadership Development and Personnel Committees, tendered his resignation from committee chairmanship and from Session, effective December 31. The resignation was accepted, with deepest regret and appreciation for Donnie's dedicated service to this congregation, on a voice vote.
- * Finance Committee met on October 3rd, beginning work on the 2024 budget.
The committee will resume budget planning on Friday, October 27th.
Financial reports are available for review by request.
- * Property Committee reported positively on the hiring of Bob Stottlemeyer. Chairperson Varchetto and the church secretary have been assembling basement photographs and invoices relative to damage/repair work to submit to the insurance company. A smoking fluorescent light ballast in the Chi-Rho Room led to consideration to replace all the very old fluorescent fixtures on the first floor since many have gone bad.
- * Elder Becker, Witness/Service Chairperson, reminded us of the Mobile Food Pantry scheduled for Saturday, October 14th, and encouraged anyone interested in helping to report at 9:30.
- * Christian Education Committee Chairperson Elder Chenoweth announced Olivia Perske's offer to lead our children and youth in a choir for the Christmas program of song and bells on December 17th.

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A six-week Fall Bread & Broth study will begin on Wednesday, October 11th, and rotate each week around DMPC, Holy Trinity and First United Methodist Churches. The study topic is Creation, following William P. Brown's book of the same name. Special guest, Dr. Steven Tuell, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will speak on October 25th, at FUMC.

- * Stewardship Committee has Minute-For-Mission speakers scheduled for each Sunday until Dedication Day on November 5th.
- * Moderator Dave Lee updated Session on the "Season of Discernment" by the Presbytery of West Virginia. The first wave of data is in from the survey of approximately 500 responses. Break-out table talks are scheduled for the PWV Small Church Conference on October 14th and other roundtable sessions are scheduled for October 10th; October 29th in Maxwellton and November 5th in Flemington. Additional Zoom conversations are in planning.
- * A revision of the Standard Operating Procedures is underway. For a copy or to offer ideas, please contact Lynn Proudfoot, Clerk.
- * The next meeting of Session is scheduled for November 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Lee will moderate.

QUEEN SILVIA ATTENDS DMPC...

Anna Marie Ruf (right) was chosen to be Queen Silvia for the 85th Mountain State Forest Festival for 2023.

Anna is also a 2023 graduate of Davis & Elkins College, with a degree in Secondary Math Education and is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the Honor's Program.

Maid of Honor Fath is the daughter of Rick and Tracy Fath of Elkins. She is the granddaughter of Holt and Sue Chenoweth of Elkins, Tom and Connie Fletcher of Pinehurst, North Carolina and Michel and Marinette Fath of Lausanne, Switzerland. She has two brothers, Hunter and Levi Fath.

Maid of Honor Shoemaker is the daughter of Chad and Christie Shoemaker of Elkins. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Corley and the late Curtis Corley and the late Bud and Elsie Shoemaker, all of Elkins. She has one sister, Sara Shoemaker.



Sophia Ann Shoemaker, Rev. Kevin Starcher, Miriam Christienne Fath, and Anna Marie Ruf

Stewardship...

On October 1st, Larry Wing was scheduled to give the first of 5 stewardship messages. Due to unforeseen circumstances Larry was not able to give that presentation. We are including his important message for you to read in this Monthly Manna.

Current Status of Resources

As a representative of the Stewardship Committee, I have been asked to speak to you about our 2023 campaign. Over the past few weeks you have heard presentations from other committee members. You received a packet of stewardship info around the middle of October. In the packet were your Giving Card and Time & Talent Card. Please give these your careful consideration and bring them with you on Dedication Sunday, November 5.

Our committee has picked the parable of the mustard seed as the focal point scripture of the campaign. I invite you to read the passage in Luke 3: 18-21. We think it is a good passage to reflect on our stewardship, generosity and gratitude.

I have been asked to talk briefly about the current status of our resources. Frequently we get so focused on money that we forget that People are maybe our most important resource. We are about holding our own, although we have 8 members now in a nursing home, so this does diminish our active membership a lot. When you prepare your pledge for 2024, please be diligent about signing up for activities you are willing to be a part of.

We are really blessed with a sizable Capital Gifts endowment. But did you know that only one of the funds can be used to pay our core costs like staff salaries, utilities, insurance, etc. That one is the Angel Fund. And it has been a major factor over at least the last decade. In recent years about \$60,000 each year has been needed to support our income deficit. The Angel Fund now has just a little over \$180,000 in it. At today's budget deficit level this will last only another 3 years. We never know when we might be an estate beneficiary, but we may be nearing the end of the Angel Fund blessing.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM...

Members of ASP won the following Youth Poetry Awards from National Garden Club Convention Youth Poetry Contest:

Quinn Broschart ,1st grade - Second Place

Name of the poem: "Sweet Bee" (left)

Corrina Burkhardt 2nd grade - Honorable Mention

Name of the poem: "Sunny Honey" (right)

Linda Shomo, Emma Scott Garden Club President (center) presented the awards



ELKINS COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER...

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church provided funding for a visit from the Mountaineer Food Bank Truck on a rainy Saturday morning October 14th. Cars with family members lined the alleyway behind the church to receive their free boxes of food filled with hams, bread, cereal, fruit, can goods, milk and desserts. Close to 200 boxes of food were loaded into cars and trucks by a host of volunteers from Elkins.

This is the second visit the Mountaineer Food Bank Truck made to Elkins through the support of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mountaineer Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and the largest emergency food provider in the state of West Virginia.

Thanks to the following volunteers, our efforts to help end hunger in our community was a great success. Thank you to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkins Family Worship Center, First United Methodist Church, Tygart Valley United Way, Davis & Elkins College students and members of the Sig Ep Fraternity.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...

Church council members voted to donate \$100 to the Department of Resources to help pay for cutting up deer meat for the needy.

We wish to thank Greg and Steve Schumacher for helping to unload the food truck in October.

Twelve members attended the first half of our congregational meeting on October 22. We passed a general budget of \$45,000 for 2024. The 2024 budget for property is \$20,500. Chip Ramsey and Chuck Spanitz were elected as our new council members for a three year term. Our thanks to Greg Schumacher and Brenda Ramsey for their six years served on council.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CHIP AND BRENDA RAMSEY ON NOVEMBER 10.

D&E SUNDAY...

OCTOBER 29, 2023

We once again welcomed members of the Davis & Elkins College community to our church.



Tina Vial, our liturgist, is the Coordinator of Foundation and Church Relations at Davis & Elkins College



DR. BRANTLEY CRAIG is Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Davis & Elkins College and Co-director of the Morrison-Novakovic Center for Faith and Public Policy.



Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir under the direction of Liz Marshall MacVean and accompanied by Donna Baroudi-Huffman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Elliot White
- 7 Tina Vial
- 9 Monica Guye Varchetto
- 13 Robert Hermanson
- 14 Grace Sundelin
- 17 Brenda Miller
- 18 Miriam Fath
- 24 Frankie Riemenschneider
- 25 Rose Nelson
- 26 Patty Jo Hamilton
- 26 Brenda Kirkpatrick
- 28 Caleb Harper



- Nov. 22 Hollis & Adrienne Vance
- Nov. 24 Pat & Monica Varchetto

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Nov. 02 10:00am PW Coord. Team/White Chapel
- Nov. 05 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**
- Nov. 09 10:00am Circle 2 in White Chapel
1:30pm Circle 1 in White Chapel
- Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY**
- Nov. 13 6:30pm Session in White Chapel
- Nov. 21 1:30pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham
- Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING DAY**
CHURCH CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY

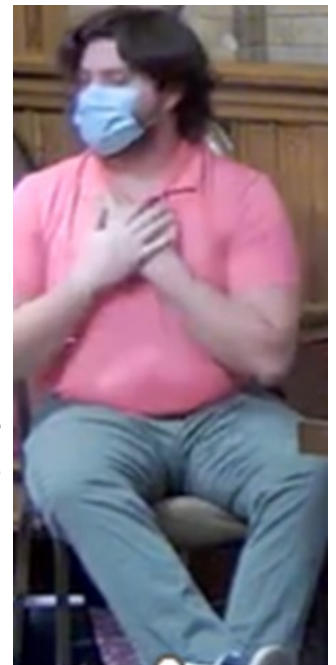
Tuesdays & Thursdays @4:30pm Piano Lessons

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

B. J HOFFMAN...

October 22nd was B.J. Hoffman's last Sunday with us. He has been a faithful member of the choir for 4 years. After graduating from Wesleyan, B.J. became the music teacher for Academy Elementary School in Upshur County.

He faithfully traveled to Elkins each Sunday to serve as a bass in the choir. We wish him well as he broadens his skills in his new role as worship leader for Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Buckhannon. We'll still get to see him when he plays bass in "the band" in church.





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		CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair November 16 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
		CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair November 09 @10:00am in the White Chapel

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