



*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.*

**December 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)

*Merry Christmas*



**The Christmas Eve Service  
at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church  
begins at 7:00 p.m.  
and will be livestreamed via Facebook.**

## NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING...

At its November 13th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- \* Elder Chenoweth led a devotional from the collection *Rooted in Love*. She had selected, "You Go, God", about keeping alert for signs of God in our world; then offered prayer.
  - \* Clerk's Report: Approved Minutes from October 9, 2023. Recorded the death of Elder Thomas Richard "T. R." Ross. PWV Newsletter articles and prayers from other churches were shared.
  - \* Treasurer enlisted Elder Rudy's help with weekly counting reports for November, Elder Corbin for December and Elder Garver-Daniels for January.
  - \* Accepted two Capital Gifts Funds Committee recommendations on behalf of Witness and Service: 1) a request of \$40,100.00 from the Missionary Fund for a four-month trip by Elder McCutcheon to Kenya in 2024. 2) a \$1,200 request from the Missionary Fund for Terri Pennington, a local respiratory therapist, to travel to Guatemala to assist with surgeries in March 2024.
  - \* Accepted a CGF Committee recommendation to approve a Property Committee request of \$20,000 from the Property I Fund to balance the expected 2024 budget.
  - \* Accepted a CGF Committee recommendation to approve Worship Committee requests of \$3,000 from the Myles Fund and \$6,000 from the Music/Organ Fund for the 2024 budget.
  - \* Approved the CGF Committee's slate of new members for three-year terms, beginning January 2024: Rachel Varner, David Messinger and Sherri Marstillier.
  - \* The Interim Pastoral Nominating Committee presented a report that work is continuing to find a pastor.
  - \* Nominating/Leadership Development Committee presented a 2024 slate of elders to be elected. Filling the one-year unexpired term of Elder Corbin, David Hyer; filling the two-year unexpired term of Julia Cassells, Brenda Kirkpatrick; beginning three-year terms: Mina Cupp, Debra Everheart and David Messinger. Session approved the slate and a Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting was set for December 3, 2023.
  - \* Finance Committee continues work on the 2024 budget. Current financial reports were presented, approved and are available for review by request.
  - \* Approved committee recommendation to accept a landscaping contract proffered by Bob Stottlemeyer.
  - \* Property Committee reported work continues on assembling basement photographs and invoices for submission to the insurance company. The basement has stayed dry. Exterior handrails have been painted, but several need replacing.
  - \* Approved a Witness and Service request from Davis Stuart for a Special Thanksgiving Offering in support of their Spiritual Life Program.
  - \* Christian Ed will distribute Advent calendars to children and youth; a Christmas Program is planned for December 17th. A Confirmation class will begin after Christmas.
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- \* Stewardship Committee is receiving pledge cards and mailing reminder letters to members who have not pledged as of November 20th.
  - \* Moderator Dave Lee updated Session on the “Season of Discernment” by the Presbytery of West Virginia. Break-out table talks have been held and more data analysis will resume in January. Concepts for us to consider are to determine what we already do well; what we enjoy doing and ultimately, who needs us or who needs what we do, or can, offer?
  - \*The resignation of Julia Cassells was accepted with regret, prayers and appreciation for her many contributions to our church family and its activities.
  - \*The current revision of the Standard Operating Procedures was approved. To review a copy, please contact Lynn Proudfoot, Clerk.
  - \* The next meeting of Session is scheduled for December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Lee will moderate.
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### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S FALL GATHERING...**

A light luncheon was served followed by a brief meeting.

Dana Marzolf gave an introduction to our 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study:

‘Sacred Encounters – The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke- Acts’.



Keitha Wing and Linda Rudy remembering the members we lost during the past year:

Virginia Landrum

Margaret ‘Peg’ Rector

Ruth Hinkle

“Honorary PW” Mark Armentrout

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### **CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: HOLY NIGHT...**

Elkins Cinema 8 will be showing this special film for six nights only starting December 12, with nightly showings at 6:30pm and 9:20pm. Wednesday and Friday will have matinee showings at 3:30pm. Saturday and Sunday will have matinees at 12:30pm and 3:30pm. You may check their website for more information: [www.elkinscinema8.com](http://www.elkinscinema8.com).

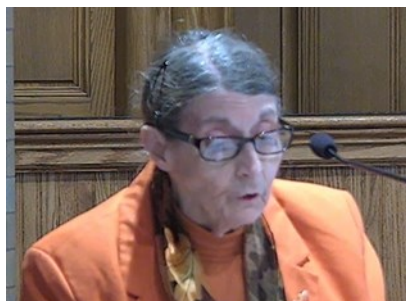
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# Presbyterian Women's Sunday...

'Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday'  
Lisa Wood– First Lady of Davis & Elkins College  
sermon: 'Favorecida'



Acolyte – Samantha White  
Call to Worship-Holly Reilly



Susan Pell:  
Call to Confession/  
Prayer of Confession



Estrid Garver Daniels  
Assurance of Forgiveness



Brenda Hermanson  
Scripture Reading



Childrens Time- Nate Garver-Daniels 'Queen Vashti'



Women's Choir:  
Olivia Perske, Estrid Garver-Daniels,  
B'Launa Westmoreland, Gloria Mullenex

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP...**

Education is so important today and one of the missions of the DMPC Presbyterian Women is to provide scholarships to deserving students. The Minta Hopkins Ogilvie Scholarship was established in the late 1960s in memory of George Ogilvie's wife Minta. Over the last 50 years, scholarships have been given to over 70 students.

According to the Bylaws of DMPC PW, a scholarship of \$500 is to be given annually to a High School graduate enrolled in a College or Vocational program. The Presbyterian Women's budget funds one scholarship, but we are happy to announce that we are able to give 7 scholarships because of the donations given by our congregation to the PW Scholarship Fund during the year. We thank all of you who have given gifts this year.

Lindsey Bell is a freshman at Davis & Elkins College majoring in Elementary Education. She is the granddaughter of Barry & Marsha Gardner.

Quinn Corbin is a sophomore attending Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, with plans to get a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Quinn is the granddaughter of Donnie and Sonja Corbin.

Miriam Fath is a freshman at West Virginia University majoring in Political Science. She is the daughter of Rick & Tracy Fath and the granddaughter of Holt & Sue Chenoweth.

Holly Harper is a sophomore at WVU and is majoring in Forensic Biology. You have seen Holly here at Church for many years helping with our activities at DMPC. Holly is the daughter of Dan and Lynne Harper.

Peyton Kirkpatrick is at Fairmont State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He is the son of Eric and Karey Kirkpatrick and grandson of the late John Kirkpatrick and Brenda Kirkpatrick.

Mitchell Price is a Junior at Waynesburg University in PA and is majoring in Finance. Mitch is also on the Men's Basketball program. He is the son of Melodee and Tim Price, and grandson of the late Grady Guye and Judy Guye.

Richard Shryock is a Senior at WVU obtaining a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology. He is the son of Richard and Hillary Shryock.

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## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER..**

We wish to thank Brenda Ramsey for all of the beautiful flower arrangements that she has provided throughout the church for each Sunday.

The Women of the ELCA are hosting a fund raiser to benefit the WVU Lutheran Campus Ministry on December 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Items available are: a Country Store, baked goods, homemade soups and hot dogs (eat in or take out). Hope to see you there!

Because Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year, Church Council voted to have our evening service of Readings and Hymns at our 9:00 am morning service. There will be no evening service at Holy Trinity, but we encourage you to join the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church for their 7:00 pm service. Have a blessed Christmas season!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RUTH WHITESEL ON DECEMBER 24!

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### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...**

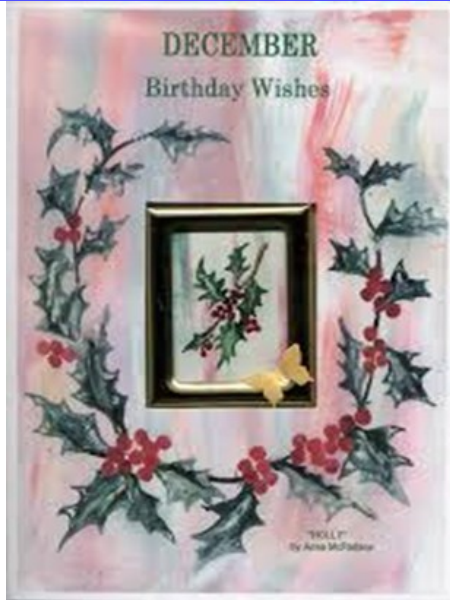
The Presbyterian Women welcomed Sonja Corbin as their Moderator earlier this year. Rev. Peter Vial installed new and returning officers at a service in the church sanctuary. Officers present were: Moderator, Sonja Corbin; Co-Vice Moderators, Linda Rudy and Sue Chenoweth; Secretary, Susan Pell; Treasurer, Julia Cassells. Chairpersons of Standing committees who agreed to a second term were recognized: Nominating/Leadership/Scholarship, Judy Guye Swanson; Spiritual Enrichment, Dana Marzolf; Mission & Social Issues, Holly Reilly; Bereavement, Susie Kump; Courtesy, Marlene Kyle; and 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.



L to R:  
Rev. Peter Vial  
Marlene Kyle  
Judy Guye  
Sue Chenoweth  
Susie Kump  
Dana Marzolf  
Susan Pell  
Holly Reilly  
Sonja Corbin  
Julia Cassells

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Elliot Harper
- 1 Julia Ann Varner
- 4 Naomi Cassells
- 5 Robin Mams
- 9 Mary Emily Anger
- 12 Steven Corbin
- 15 Deborah Cook
- 15 Walt Lesser
- 19 Virginia Cassells
- 23 Mitchell Price
- 23 Jacob Riddle
- 24 Mark Talbott
- 26 Chrisantha Hermanson
- 26 Kaia Miller
- 26 Quincy Miller
- 27 Bronwyn Bear
- 30 Richard Legg

*Happy Anniversary*

December 23 Gary & Mary Moden

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Dec. 5 1:30pm Membership/Dunham Room
- Dec. 7 10:00am PW Coordinating/White Chapel
- Dec. 11 6:30pm Session
- Dec. 14 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel  
Circle 1/White Chapel
- Dec. 21 6:30pm Piano Recital/Sanctuary
- DEC. 22 CHURCH CLOSED**
- DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH CLOSED**
- DEC. 29 CHURCH CLOSED**
- JAN. 1, 2024 NEW YEAR'S DAY CHURCH CLOSED**

Tuesdays & Thursdays @4:30pm Piano Lessons

Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts

## Kim Graham...



Women's Sunday featured Kim Graham, cellist with the West Virginia Symphony.

In addition to accompanying the women of the choir during the offertory anthem, Kim also performed Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel* as the prelude for our worship service.

The work is a deeply meditative piece that is influenced by the Eastern Orthodox tradition.



**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows	<p><b>CIRCLE MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>CIRCLE 1</b>     <b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b>  <b>December 14 @1:30pm in the White Chapel</b></p> <p><b>CIRCLE 2</b>     <b>Linda Rudy, Chair</b>  <b>December 14 @10:00am in the White Chapel</b></p>
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner office@dmpc.org	
Clerk of Session	Lynn Proudfoot clerk@dmpc.org	
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing	
Treasurer	Sherri Marstiller	
After School Program	Monica Varchetto	
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels	
Custodian	Bob Stottlemeyer	
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