



*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.*

**January 2024**

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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)

*HAPPY  
NEW YEAR*

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

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

- \* Elder Becker presented a devotional prayer, *"Keeping Christmas"*, written by educator, diplomat and Presbyterian clergyman Henry van Dyke Jr.
  - \* PWV Committee on Ministry members James Wilson and Rebecca Alvaro led an Exit Interview as the last step in our pastoral relationship with Rev Dr. Peter Vial, Honorably Retired.
  - \* Approved Minutes from the Stated Meeting of Session held on November 13, 2023 and the Congregational Meeting held on December 3, 2023 to elect Mina Cupp, Debra Everhart and David Messinger to the Session Class of 2026; elect David Hyer to fill the one-year unexpired term of Elder Corbin and Brenda Kirkpatrick to fill the two-year unexpired term of Julia Cassells. PWV Newsletter articles were shared.
  - \* Held a secret-ballot vote accepting the Capital Gifts Committee recommendation to approve Property Committee's request of a \$20,000 transfer from the Property I Fund toward the 2024 budget. Held a secret-ballot vote accepting the CGF committee recommendation to approve Worship Committee's requests of a \$3,000 transfer from the Myles Fund and \$6,000 from the Music/Organ Fund toward the budget.
  - \* Nominating/Leadership Development and Personnel Committees Chairperson Elder Corbin thanked Session for receiving the slate of elders and taking it to the congregation for a vote. He further thanked everyone for working well together and supporting his committees' work over the years.
  - \* Voted to accept the 2024 deficit budget as presented by the Finance Committee. Current financial reports were presented, approved and are available for review by request.
  - \* Property Committee reported the work of assembling basement photographs and invoices relative to damage/repair work continues for submission to the insurance company.
  - \* Approved a Witness and Service request to allow Elder McCutcheon to sell items from Kenya. Tyrand Ministries is preparing Christmas Baskets for us to distribute to those in need.
  - \* The Presbyterian Women have chosen Alexa Greenlief to receive the Duddy Bertolini Scholarship.
  - \* The next meeting of Session is scheduled for January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.; Rev. Lee will moderate.
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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES...



L: December 3  
Lynne Harper and  
her son Grant



R: December 10  
Sara Gerot and  
her son Hayzen

December 17  
Hillary Shryock and her son Richard



December 24  
Brenda Hermanson and her son Hans



December 24 Christmas Eve Service  
Monica Varchetto and her daughter Katie



## PW FALL AND WINTER HIGHLIGHTS...

Outgoing Moderator of PW, Sue Chenoweth, presents Sonja Corbin with the PW Tote, as new Moderator of the Presbyterian Women for 2023-24.



On December 7, 2023, at our PW Coordinating Meeting, Dana Marzolf, Spiritual Enrichment chairperson, installs Brenda Kirkpatrick as new Treasurer of our PW.



Our Presbyterian Women's Annual Mission Project, the Mitten Tree, is filled with gloves, socks, scarves, blankets, and hats for those in our community during the winter season. Members and friends of Davis Memorial graciously donated many items to fill our tree. Holly Reilly, Mission chairperson, and Mina Cupp sorted the items and delivered them to the Homeless Shelter, Children's Advocacy and the Center Against Violence (CAV) (formally Women's Aid in Crisis.)

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## CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR...



Under the direction of DMPC Choir Co-Director Olivia Perske (standing in the back), the children met several Sundays to practice ringing their bells. On December 17, they performed during our worship service. Members of the Bell Choir are: Elliot Harper, Hayzen Gerot, Grant Harper, Liam McElroy, Everett Garver-Daniels, Estrid Garver-Daniels, and Samantha White

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

On Sunday morning, we invite the children to come up and share the things they learned in Sunday School that day.

It's always a special treat when they put on a play with Nate Garver-Daniels taking on the lead role!



## MIDLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DONATION...

Midland Elementary's Student Council collected food and personal hygiene items for their 12 Days of Giving Food & Necessities Drive throughout the month of December as one of their community service projects for this school year.



Midland Elementary School donated several boxes of food and personal hygiene items to our Food Pantry during the Christmas Holidays.



Marsha Gardner accepts a box of food from Mira Ratnakar, a Student Council Member at Midland Elementary School

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## ELDERS INSTALLED...



DMPC Clerk, Lynn Proudfoot (seated), looked on as Rev. Gary McGrew installed our new Ruling Elders. L to R: David Hyer, Brenda Kirkpatrick, David Messinger, Debra Everhart, Rev. Gary McGrew  
No present is Mina Cupp

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 David Hyre
- 2 Lynn Proudfoot
- 6 Margaret Stalnaker
- 9 Julia Cassells
- 13 Hollis Vance
- 15 Levi Fath
- 19 Marlene Kyle
- 19 Benjamin Proudfoot
- 21 Barbara Tedford
- 22 Jayson Hamrick
- 23 Arnold Kyle
- 24 Wyatt Chenoweth
- 28 Tom Regan
- 30 Isaac Anger
- 30 Marsha Gardner

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1 Logan Campbell
- 5 Steve Schumacher
- 16 Nancy Schumacher
- 25 Patty Calain

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Jan. 1</b>  | <b>New Year's Day</b>             | <b>Office closed</b>         |
| Jan. 2         | 1:30pm                            | Membership Committee         |
| Jan. 4         | 10:00am                           | PW Coordinating Committee    |
| Jan. 8         | 6:30pm                            | Session                      |
| Jan. 11        | 10:00am                           | Circle 2 in the White Chapel |
|                | 1:30pm                            | Circle 1 in the White Chapel |
| <b>Jan. 15</b> | <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> | <b>Office closed</b>         |
| Jan. 16        | 1:30pm                            | Meals-On-Wheels              |
| Jan. 25        | 1:30pm                            | Property Committee           |

Tuesdays & Thursdays @4:30pm Piano Lessons

Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts

## CANDY CANES!!!!





**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
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		<b>CIRCLE MEETINGS</b>	
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows	<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b>
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner office@dmpc.org		<b>January 11 @1:30pm in the White Chapel</b>
Clerk of Session	Lynn Proudfoot clerk@dmpc.org	<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Linda Rudy, Chair</b>
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing		<b>January 11 @10:00am in the White Chapel</b>
Treasurer	Sherri Marsteller		
After School Program	Monica Varchetto		
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels		
Custodian	Bob Stottlemeyer		
Church office	304-636-2788		

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