



*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.*

**May 2024**

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**SUNDAY AT DMPC**



Worship each Sunday is  
broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM  
and live-streamed on  
our Facebook Page,  
<https://www.facebook.com/dmpcElkins>  
[www.dmpc.org](http://www.dmpc.org)

Dear Church Family,

As we move forward into my year contract with you, it is my responsibility to lead the congregations of Holy Trinity and Davis Memorial in a Mission Study. What a Mission Study does is evaluate our past and present, as well as looks toward the future. It asks hard questions of each other and forces us to look at the mirror and admit the truth. Some of the truth is pleasant and some will be hard. Regardless, it is a time when we must be honest with ourselves so that the eventual candidates who will interview to be the next Called and Installed Minister for our two congregations will have an accurate picture of what to expect early on.

At the April Stated Session Meeting, it was voted that a Transitional Team would be formed. What does the Transitional Team do?

1. The team prays and reads scripture together.
2. To coordinate all activities within our congregations as they exist in Presbytery of WV and the ELCA Synod of WMD and WV and in the greater Elkins Community, our state, country, and world.

3. To serve as an advisory role to the Session of DMPC and Church Council of HTLC. While the Transitional Team alone cannot nor should not make decisions on its own, they can make recommendations to either body or both bodies as we continue the journey to an eventual calling of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

4. The ultimate goal of the Transitional Team is to lead the congregations of HTLC and DMPC through a Mission Study so the PNC will not have to carry that heavy load from the beginning of its existence. The eventual PNC can focus on submitting the proper documents in order to begin the Call Process for the next minister.

The Transitional Team is not the Pastor Nominating Committee. It does, however, prepare the way for the PNC. Besides listening to the movement of the Holy Spirit through prayer and scripture, the most important and final task of the Transitional Team is the Mission Study.

The Mission Study takes up a lot of time and energy. Having the Transitional Team focus on this task will save the eventual PNC energy so they can ultimately focus on who the LORD has chosen to eventually lead our two congregations.

The people who have been approved by the Session to serve on the Transitional Team:

- Lynn Proudfoot, Clerk of Session
- Sherri Marstiller, Treasurer
- Sue Chenoweth, Christian Education/Presbyterian Women
- Steven Schumacher, HTLC Representative
- Phil Kyle, Properties

My friends, this is an exciting time! Please keep the Transitional Team and me in your prayers. We have much work to do, but we know the LORD is doing a new thing!

Christ's Peace,

Pastor T. Wes Moore

## NOTES FROM THE APRIL SESSION MEETING...

At its April 15th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- \*Elder Mina Cupp lifted up prayers for members of our church family and the larger community, then Rev. Moore led The Lord's Prayer to open the meeting.
  - \*Approved Minutes from the March 11, 2024, stated meeting, and the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on April 14th. Approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or available upon request from the clerk.
  - \*Treasurer - Treasurer Marstiller thanked Elder Debra Everhart and Elder Lynn Proudfoot for counting and preparing the weekly report on April 7th. Elder Linda Rudy volunteered to assist during May.
  - \* Finance - Accepted financial reports; reports are available from the treasurer upon request.
  - \*Property -
    1. Perfection Plus is in the process of sanitizing the basement level.
    2. A construction proposal, not to exceed \$20,000.00, submitted by Hermit Hill Construction was discussed and accepted.
    3. We have been assigned an attorney within the Miley Legal Group, PLLC, who has begun the formal process to seek an acceptable settlement or move forward with a court case.
    4. The Manse 2 garage is down which exposed necessary block work on Manse 1 garage.
    5. A contract from Siemens Energy to combine the software and hardware functions of our HVAC system was accepted and will be paid from the grant money managed through the After School Program.
    6. Our upgraded hardwire internet connection has been installed.
  - \*Worship – Plans for Pentecost Sunday on May 19th are underway.
  - \*Witness and Service – There were 78 people served during the Common Ground meal on May 11th.
  - \*Christian Education – Thanks were extended to Elder Monica Varchetto for holding the Easter Egg Hunt for our Youth and to Olivia Perske for the youth choir performance on Easter Sunday. Our Confirmands will join the church on Pentecost Sunday. The class has enjoyed guest speaker Elder Bob McCutcheon.

A joint VBS is planned with the First United Methodist Church June 10-14.  
Committee is a way to memorialize longtime librarian, Elder Brenda Hermanson.
  - \*Membership –The pictorial directories are here. Copies will go out to members who are in assisted living.
  - \*Fellowship – Coffee fellowships are loosely planned for the second Sundays of each month.
  - \*The next Session Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.; moderated by Rev. T. Wes Moore, IV.
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- 1 Nancy Booth
- 2 Julia Elbon
- 2 Everett Garver-Daniels
- 4 Scott Corbin
- 4 Phyllis Jackson
- 7 Cliff Marstiller
- 12 Harold Elbon
- 14 Jean Snedegar
- 16 Vidia Ross
- 16 Ryan Schooley
- 19 Sue Rusetti
- 22 Neva Georgeson
- 24 Natalia Ross-Schooley
- 25 Susie Kump
- 25 Carter Loudin
- 30 Ann Wakeford

## HTLC

- 15 Charles Spanitz
- 16 Joyce Estridge
- 17 Ric Campbell

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- May 12 Cliff & Sherri Marstiller
- May 31 Rev. Peter & Tina Vial

## HTLC

- 2 Arlene and Steve Williams

## Dates to Remember...

- May 2 10:00am PW Coordinating /White Chapel
- May 7 1:30pm Membership/Dunham Room
- May 9 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel
- 1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel

## MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY

- May 13 6:30pm Session
- May 17 3:00pm Piano recital rehearsal
- May 19 1:00pm Piano recital

## MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY (church closed)

- May 28 1:30pm Property/Dunham Room

Tuesdays & Thursdays @4:30pm Piano Lessons

Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tuesdays @6:00pm Girl Scouts

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER

DMPC and Holy Trinity volunteers served 80 meals at the "Common Grounds" on April 13. They will again serve meals on May 11. If you would like to help, please see Jane Hazer. We thank all who participated in this worthwhile endeavor.

The West Virginia/Western Maryland Synod meeting will be held on June 1 at Mylan Park in Morgantown. We need one male and one female representative for Holy Trinity. This is a one day event. If you would like to go, please see one of the council members soon.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 12!

A MOTHER IS ALWAYS A MOTHER. SHE NEVER STOPS WORRYING ABOUT HER CHILDREN, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE ALL GROWNUP AND HAVE CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN.



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## CIRCLE MEETINGS

<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b> <b>May 19 @1:30pm in the White Chapel</b>
<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Judy Guye Swanson, Chair</b> <b>May 19 @10:00am in the White Chapel</b>

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