



*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.*

July 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)

*Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke the loaves into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.  
 -Mark 6:41 (CEB)*

Dear Church Family,

In Mark 6, Jesus and the disciples are with a crowd of people. About 5,000 people, to be exact. Jesus has been teaching and the people are paying attention. But, it gets late and the disciples tell Jesus to send the crowds away so that they may fend for themselves in the nearby villages and towns and find food.

Jesus is having none of that!

The disciples find some loaves of bread and two pieces of fish and Jesus gives God thanks for the gifts brought and suddenly, there is more than enough to eat for the crowd!

The Spirit of Abundance, as Jesus demonstrated, comes from God. The spirit of scarcity is a figment of our imagination. Yet, we as a culture live into the spirit of scarcity. There's never enough, it seems! But, the spirit of scarcity is a lie. Yet, it's a powerful lie and people believe it and act on it.

Yes, I know that our two congregations are facing unwanted changes, but those are the cards we've been dealt. It's how we face these opportunities in mid-2024 and beyond which will demonstrate if we are indeed modeling our Savior in the story of the feeding of the 5,000 or believing the lie of scarcity.

As your temporary shepherd, it's my duty to help you sift through changes and respond accordingly. As members of Christ's Body, it is your responsibility to understand that even in the seemingly meager amounts of bread and fish we may have, God still uses and multiplies our resources to bless the thousands.

Now, I'm not advocating for laissez faire use of our resources. We have to use our resources of time, money, talents, and property wisely. I am, however, pointing out that our two churches have a lot to offer the community and the eventual next pastor. It is our responsibility to continue to pray together and as individuals to follow the Spirit's leading in all this, give God thanks for our two faith communities, and feed the multitude in our community who are in desperate need of God's love made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. Instead of sending folks out to other places as the disciples wanted to do, we joyfully and gratefully feed them with the resources we have because all that we have comes from our good and loving God.

Prayerfully,

Pastor T. Wes Moore

## NOTES FROM THE JUNE SESSION MEETINGS...

At its June 02 meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- \*Approved a recommendation from the Capital Gifts Funds Committee to sell 435 shares of Citizens Financial Corp. stock, titled to the Trustees of DMPC.
- \*Approved an estimate not to exceed \$1,125.00 for an upgrade to the upstairs bathroom in Manse 2.

At its June 10th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- \*Heard Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV, offer a devotional focused on Ordered Ministries, then prayer.
  - \*Approved Minutes from the May 13, 2024, stated meeting and the Called Meetings on May 19th and June 2nd. Approved minutes are on the hallway bulletin board or available by request from the clerk.
  - \*Planned a Called Meeting for Monday, June 17th for the purpose of voting on a Transition Team recommendation to contract with a consulting firm to assist us with our Mission Study. Approved vacation for Rev. Moore from October 24, 2024 – October 31, 2024.
  - \*Capital Gifts Funds – Approved committee recommendation to transfer \$30,063.30 from the Earle Fund to restore the Memory Garden and \$6,000.00 from the McGee Fund for a Mobile Food Pantry event.
  - \*Treasurer Marstiller thanked Elder Brenda Kirkpatrick for witnessing the weekly count this month; Elder Mina Cupp volunteered for July.
  - \*Finance - Accepted financial reports; reports are available from the treasurer upon request. The next committee meeting is at 10:00 on July 3, 2024.
  - \*Property – Laying the fellowship kitchen floor is delayed due to the uneven surface underneath.
  - \*Worship – July Communion is moved to the second Sunday, the 14th. To date, Worship expenses are \$7,261.78. The committee thanks those who help with worship by serving as liturgists!
  - \*Witness and Service – Posey Perry Grant funds have been spent within the mandated timeline.
  - \*Christian Education – Approved Hayes Shelton to teach the Dr. Lacy Bible Study Class. Rally Day is set for September 8, 2024.
  - \*Fellowship – A pizza party was planned for Father's Day.
  - \*Approved Rev. Moore's request for Rev. David Lee to moderate the next Session Meeting on July 8, 2024, at 6:30.
- \* At the Called Meeting held on June 17th, approved the Transition Team recommendation to contract with Holy Cow! Consulting for a Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) and interpretation to begin our Mission Study process. The contract price range is \$1,100.00 - \$1,500.00, and will be shared with HTLC 80% - 20%; our share coming from the contingency fund.

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Membership Committee will not meet in July.

Presbyterian Women will not have a Coordinating Team meeting in July.

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## July Birthdays

- 1 Tate Summerfield
- 2 Ed Rudy
- 2 Jeff Loudin
- 5 Tim Price
- 7 Dana Marzolf
- 7 David Nelson
- 7 Holly Reilly
- 8 Dan Harper
- 12 David Reed
- 14 Deb Hamrick
- 15 Lynne Harper
- 22 Cindy Talbott
- 24 Patrick Reilly
- 25 Helen Stalnaker
- 25 Jacob White
- 28 Alison Kerr
- 28 Rachel Shryock
- 30 Julia G. Brumfield

## HTLC

- 14 Denise Campbell

## Happy Anniversary

- July 17 Dave & Margy Nelson
- July 26 Steven & Debbie Cook

## Dates to Remember...

- July 3 10:00am Finance Committee
- July 4 & 5 **4TH OF JULY CHURCH CLOSED**
- July 5 thru 11 Pastor T. Wes Moore on vacation
- July 14 thru 19 Pastor T. Wes Moore at Con. Ed. Session
- July 8 6:30pm
- July 16 1:30pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham Rm
- July 23 1:30pm Property Committee

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After School Program students participated in the Emma Scott Garden Club Youth Poetry Contest and once again, the students received many honors. Those receiving awards were: Quinn Broschart won in her age category at the West Virginia Garden Club (WVGC) state convention and at the South Atlantic Region (SAR) Convention for her poem "The Beach Tree". Brandon Funk, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, WVGC award for his poem "Beautiful Grass. Addison Harris, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, WVGC and SAR for her poem "Nature" Zenna Jones, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, WVGC and SAR for his poem "Emerald Whisper".



Pictured left to right Zenna Jones and Quinn Broschart



Emma Scott Garden Club Vice President Summer Swanson, Addison Harris, ESGC President Linda Shomo, Brandon Funk, DMPC After School Director Monica Varchetto



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### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**CIRCLE 1**    **Mina Cupp, Chair**  
**No regular meeting**

**CIRCLE 2**    **Judy Guye Swanson, Chair**  
**No regular meeting**

**CIRCLE 1 & CIRCLE 2 WILL MEET AT  
SMOKE ON THE WATER  
ON JULY 11TH AT 11:30AM TO HAVE LUNCH**

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