



*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.*

**August 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)

Dear Church Family,

Another month down and several more to go in my contract with you! I enjoyed the last couple of weeks. I needed the rest. I was able to continue unpacking boxes from the storage unit in Richmond and enjoy time with friends at the annual conference of the Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada.

"Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?" These words from Isaiah still speak to us thousands of years after they were spoken. What is the new thing?

As you fill out your surveys AND participate in small group discussions during the Fall, we will look at our congregations' past, present, and hopes! While we may feel as if there is more uncertainty than stability during this transition, I can tell you this: God is right there with us! The Spirit has blazed the trails and it's our responsibility to gratefully respond.

What do you see our two congregations looking like in the future? Expand our digital presence? Determine what is breaking God's heart in the community? Stepping up evangelism? Determine ways to strengthen the relationship between our two congregations beyond simply sharing a pastor? I don't have the answer, but the possibilities are endless. Your job is to pray and listen to the Spirit's leading.

If this congregation is to move forward into the middle of the 21st century (remember that we are closer to 2050 than 1990), some things must go. The past is gone and is not coming back. And for that I am thankful because the past really isn't all it's cracked up to be. The future story that God put in place before the foundations of the world were laid is way more interesting and exciting!

"Look! I'm doing a new thing...don't you recognize it?"

Christ's Peace

Pastor T. Wes Moore

## NOTES FROM THE JULY 2024 SESSION MEETING...

At its July 8th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- \* Heard Elder Tessa Garver-Daniels offer prayer and a devotional considering the importance of managing personal fear in stressful times with help from scripture.
  - \* Approved Minutes from the stated meeting on June 10, 2024, and the called meeting on June 17th. Approved minutes are on the hallway bulletin board or available by request from the clerk.
  - \* Received a letter from PC(USA) Office of Ministry Engagement and Support thanking us for our submission of \$128.33 in Mission Support and \$25.50 for Cents-Ability.
  - \* Received a letter of appreciation for our partnership with D&E College from President Chris Wood, specific to providing Manse 2 to their new Benfield-Vick Chaplain, Tanner Capps, and his family.
  - \* Capital Gifts Funds – Approved by second secret-ballot vote, committee recommendation to transfer \$30,063.30 from the Earle Fund to restore the Memory Garden and \$6,000.00 from the Magee Fund for a Mobile Food Pantry event.
  - \* Treasurer Marstiller thanked Elder Mina Cupp for witnessing the weekly count this month; Elder Dave Messinger volunteered for August; Elder Garver-Daniels for September and Elder Everhart for October.
  - \* Received a report from Transition Team Co-Chairperson Sherri Marstiller. The cost of the contract with Holy Cow! Consulting is \$1,030.00; the July 28 survey launch was announced during worship on June 30; the team encourages questions, conversations and participation in our Mission Study!
  - \* Finance - Accepted financial reports; reports are available from the treasurer upon request. We haven't needed a transfer from the Angel Fund yet this year. Committees were requested to plan their 2025 budgets and submit drafts at the August meeting. A video inventory of personal property within the church is planned before our insurance policy renewal in September. Per presbytery guidelines, a tracking of randomly selected designated gifts will take place once the semi-annual statements of giving are prepared.
  - \* Property – Guidelines for moving furniture and/or fixtures for events have been developed. Concrete has been poured in The Memory Garden and we're awaiting a bid for stonework there and for the Manse 1 garage. Repairs and a bathroom upgrade/expansion are underway in Manse 2.
  - \* Worship – To date, Worship expenses are \$10,930.22. Communion servers in July were Nate Garver-Daniels, Monica Varchetto, Julia Elbon and Mina Cupp. Thank you! The committee also thanks those who help with worship by serving as liturgists!
  - \* Witness and Service – Planning for a Mobile Food Pantry truck is underway.
  - \* Christian Education – Rally Day is set for September 8, 2024.
  - \* Membership – Homebound and members in assisted living will receive directories soon.
  - \* Fellowship – A hotdog party is in planning, possibly for Rally Day.
  - \* We need an elder to serve as a Ruling Elder Commissioner at the August 17 meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia in Huntington.
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Planning Our Future Together!  
**We need your voice!**

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church (DMPC) and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (HTLC) have entered into a time of discernment during which your Transition Team is gathering information to guide our decisions for our future. Recently, you have heard and read about one aspect of this process: The Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. It will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at our churches and the possibilities, willingness, capacity, and energy for moving our ministry into the future. Results will also be a key resource for the future Pastor Nominating Committee in their search for a new pastor.

In a few days you will receive, via e-mail, a web link to complete the CAT survey. This survey is your opportunity to share your experiences and priorities for our congregation. Topics include Personal Views and Beliefs, Priority of Goals, Participation in Church Life, Household Data, Thoughts about Transition, Pastor's Critical Ability, along with a few supplemental questions. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

**Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions *in one sitting*. The survey consists of 104 multiple choice questions and will take approximately 30 to 60 minutes to complete. The survey will be available online for three weeks. Be assured that all survey responses are strictly *anonymous* even to your Transition Team. All answers will be sent directly to Holy Cow! Consulting to compile and create a summary of the results to then be presented back to us.**

**Computer labs and paper copies will be available upon request to a Transition Team member no later than Sunday, August 4.** Your team consists of Sherri Marsteller, Lynn Proudfoot, Sue Chenoweth, and Phil Kyle, representing DMPC, and Steve Schumacher, representing HTLC. Please see one of them or Pastor Moore with any questions or concerns you may have.

**We are excited to take this journey together! We hope you are too!**

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## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024



Pastor T. Wes Moore welcomes members of the Confirmation Class into church membership: Estrid Garver-Daniels, Hayzen Gerot, Samantha White, Grant Harper and Wyatt Chenoweth. Sarah Gerot (left in top picture) is a new member by letter of transfer. A reception was held after Worship by our Fellowship Committee for the new members.



## CONGRATULATIONS to our GRADUATES

**RICHARD SHRYOCK**, son of Rich and Hillary Shryock, attained a degree in Psychology from WVU in May 2024. He has been accepted into the Masters Program of Counseling for the fall of 2024 at WVU.

**RACHEL SHRYOCK**, (Richard's sister) was a 2024 graduate of Elkins High School. She received The Greg Hott Student Athlete Award at EHS and the Kestrel Scholarship from Fairmont State University. Rachel has signed to swim for the Fairmont Falcons this fall.

## HEY DMPC FAMILY!!! And HTLC family!!!,

“I would like to introduce myself, my name is Martin or just “Marty” for short. I’m Holy Trinity’s church mouse, I have agreed to take over the job of getting HTLC NEWS to our DMPC FAMILY every month. Nancy Schumacher has had this job and has done a TERRIFIC job for many many years but wishes to retire, a big THANK YOU! I will do my best to share any information, past, present, future, good, bad, happy or sad that HTLC is doing and experiencing. Being a mouse I can see and hear things that others might not, so I will REPORT everything I see and hear!! “I know this is old news, but did not get in the July newsletter and wanted to share.”



### JUNE NEWS from Jane Hazer

Pastor T. Wes and Jane Hazer attended the 2024 WV-WMD Synod, ELCA

Assembly on Saturday, June 1, 2024. The assembly met outside on a beautiful sunny day at Mon County 4H Center, Milan Park in Morgantown WV. Bishop Matthew Riegel presided over all the business of the day (electing board and committee members for the upcoming years and resolutions). Deacon Mary Sanders (who spoke recently at DMPC and HTLC and leads Community Lutheran Partners) told us the CLP had received a grant of \$200,000.00 from Lutheran Disaster Relief to help rebuild private washed-out bridges in Southern WV after the spring flooding. In the afternoon, Bishop Riegel introduced eight different ways in which the Lutheran churches are working together to keep the Lutheran faith within the communities.

In addition to working with other Lutheran churches, the Lutheran church is also participating with other denominations of common faith. We broke into eight different scenarios to discuss the pros and cons of each type. It was very interesting and enlightening to hear how God is opening our minds to different ways of supporting each other by sharing God’s Love.

On July 14 at our Sunday Morning Worship Services, Rev. Ben Erzkus was our DMPC and HTLC speaker. Ben and his wife, Courtney, are co-pastors of WVU Campus Ministry. They welcome all students of WVU so if you know someone who may need some faith guidance at WVU encourage them to find WVU Campus Ministry on the downtown campus. Church council met on June 9th, still looking for someone or company to make us a new cross for our church, the old cross was taken down when a leak in the bell tower was repaired and discovered the cross was beyond repair and could not be put back .

Council also voted to move the Sharing of the Peace to the end of our service. Thank you to all our council members, Nancy, Patty, President Chuck, financial secretary Jane, secretary Steve and treasurer Chip for all your hours of service. THANK YOU!!!

\*We are small in number but everyone contributes in some way to the GLORY OF GOD!

\*Thank you to Steve Schumacher, member of the transition team for Holy Trinity, for keeping us informed on the meetings and progress in choosing a pastor for DMPC and HTLC.

\*Thank you Pastor T. Wes for so many wonderful sermons and your fantastic singing voice that makes our service so beautiful and meaningful.

\*Thank you Greg and Nancy for preparing the bulletins and choosing the beautiful hymns that we sing each Sunday. “Greg I see you stepping up on the pew to change the hymn numbers. Please be careful!!”

\*Thank you Ruth and Grace for your time and talents playing the organ for us.

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\*I saw Chip putting a new light on the organ so Ruth and Grace can see the music better.

“Thanks Chip.” The lamp was purchased from General fund.

\*Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen that help prepare and clean up after communion.

\*Thank you Chip for changing our Sanctuary candles, keeping our fire alarms in working condition, minor repairs, ordering supplies, heat and air conditioning.

Thanks for helping Brenda when she cleans!

\*Special thanks to any of our members that volunteer to help or attend functions outside our church.

\*Thank you Jane for the beautiful flowers you planted on each side of our bulletin board outside.

\*Thank you Chuck and Greg for trimming the shrubs on the sides of the church.

\*Thank you to all our members that come faithfully, we have home bound members and out of town members that are greatly appreciated and missed.

Nancy prepared a Father’s Day cookie and coffee treat after church for all the fathers, members and guests. I, “Marty”, would personally like to thank everyone who dropped crumbs on the carpet while enjoying the delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies and Snickerdoodle cookies, I had them for a snack after everyone left the church. YUMMY!!!!

Also on June 16th, we had some guests! Pat Calain’s son Kenny and his three children Leslie, Alex, and Tori (Patty’s grandchildren) attended. They were on their way to Camp Luther. Camp Luther is located at Camp Caesar in Cowen, WV. Camp Luther is a unique setting that fosters the development of young people for service to Christ and His Church. Camp Luther is a place where spiritual, emotional, and physical growth have no limits. Encounter God through cabin devotions, music, crafts, recreation, and relationships with each other. Members of the camp staff are all volunteers. The Kids returned on Sunday 23rd and Patty said they had a GREAT TIME!

Sunday, June 23rd, Steve informed us about CAT (Congregation Assessment Tool). CAT is an 86-question Assessment that generates a report called Vital signs. Everyone will be receiving information from Steve and watch for CAT information on your Email or by USPS. Congregation approved to accept the 80-20 split with DMPC of approximately \$300.00 to cover cost of CAT. This is part of the process in choosing our new Pastor for DMPC and HTLC.

HTLC and DMPC had two guest speakers for the month of July.

July 7, we had a Great message from our guest speaker Dr. Brantley Craig.

July 14 we had CHILDREN!!!!!!!!!!!! Wonderful little CHILDREN!!

I, “MARTY”, was taking a nap behind the pillow on the couch in the setting room off of our narthex and SUDDENLY I hear CHILDREN!! Charley and Alice, they were the children of our guest speakers, Rev. Ben, and Rev. Courtney Erzkus, co-chaplains of the WVU Lutheran Campus Ministry. It was so WONDERFUL to hear and see children laughing and running with joy in our church. I, and all the congregation, enjoyed all three of our guest speakers for July.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

- Aug. 06 1:30pm Membership in Dunham Room
- Aug. 12 6:30pm Session
- Aug. 27 1:30pm Property in Dunham room

**RALLY DAY IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2024.  
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE BULLETIN.**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Chuck Leary
- 9 Betty Legg
- 14 Margie Gault
- 16 Melodee Price
- 17 Tessa Garver-Daniels
- 19 Erik Nefflen
- 20 Darroll Talbott
- 26 Addison Schooley
- 27 Debra Springer

**HTLC BIRTHDAYS**

- 23 Linda Hinter
- 23 Brenda Ramsey
- 27 Jane Hazer



- August 02 Richard & Gayle Moore
- August 16 Phil & Marlene Kyle
- August 26 Kerr & Susie Kump
- August 26 Tim & Melodee Price

**HTLC**

- August 09 Chuck & Vonda Spanitz

**FELLOWSHIP TIME WITH DMPC & HTLC**

Thank you to our Fellowship Committee for the lovely coffees provided after worship for Mother's and Father's Day. A great time to gather with our church folks, both Lutheran and Presbyterian, to talk and visit!





**DAVIS MEMORIAL**  
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Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows		
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner office@dmpc.org	<b>CIRCLE 1</b>	<b>Mina Cupp, Chair</b> <b>No regular meeting</b>
Clerk of Session	Lynn Proudfoot clerk@dmpc.org	<b>CIRCLE 2</b>	<b>Linda Rudy, Chair</b> <b>No regular meeting</b>
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing		
Treasurer	Sherri Marsteller		
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