



*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.*

September 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

RALLY DAY AT DMPC

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Plan to be with us on this Sunday as we begin our fall Youth Sunday School classes. We will have special music during the worship service by our choir and youth; introduction of our Acolytes; and a **church picnic in the City Park at the small pavilion at 12:30pm.**

Our Fellowship committee has a great picnic planned (pray for sunshine) in the park with chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad and those yummy Cinnamon Rolls! We're asking folks to bring their favorite picnic food to share. Baked beans, Cole slaw, mac and cheese, green beans, fruit salad and desserts will be welcomed. Drinks will be provided.

Join your church family and our partners in ministry from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, as we gather for a Fall Fellowship time in God's creation!



NOTES FROM THE AUGUST 2024 SESSION MEETING...

At its August 12th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- * Heard Elder Monica Varchetto offer a devotional shared from the Perch Church in Glendale, California, “People Plan and God Sits Back and Laughs”, followed by prayer.
 - * Approved Corrected Minutes from the stated meeting on July 8, 2024. Approved minutes are on the hallway bulletin board or available by request from the clerk.
No one responded to the request for a Ruling Elder Commissioner to attend the Presbytery of West Virginia Stated Meeting on Saturday, August 17, in Huntington.
Received a letter from PC(USA) Office of Ministry Engagement and Support thanking us for our submission of \$256.67 in Mission Support, \$119.40 in Pentecost Offering and \$38.81 for Cents-Ability.
Received a letter of appreciation for our \$500 financial support of the D&E Presbyterian Scholars Program.
Received a letter of thanks from Tyrand Cooperative Ministries for our \$1,000 financial support of their 2023 Thanksgiving Basket Ministry.
 - * Welcomed Elder Robert M^CCutcheon, from the Christian Education Committee, who spoke of early plans for a “Reformation and The Bible” Bread & Broth Study, on Wednesdays this fall, and a Lay Academy series on MacBeth, taking place on Monday evenings.
 - * Received a report from Jane Hazer, HTLC representative. They are excited to host the town hall meeting on September 10th, at 5:30 (sic).
 - * Received a report from Transition Team Co-Chairperson Sherri Marstiller, discussing the low number of survey responses and the committee making follow-up phone calls. Team members are also inviting everyone to participate in the town hall meetings planned for September. A retreat to present the Mission Study Report is tentatively planned for October 19.
 - * Rev. Moore invited everyone to the Installation Ceremony of D&E Benfield-Vick Chaplain, Franklin Tanner Capps, Th.D. at Robbins Memorial Chapel, Sunday, Aug. 25, at 4:00pm. He encourages us to wear red for the ceremony.
 - * Approved an invitation to Dumitru Roibu, Executive President of YMCA Moldova, serving as an International Peacemaker to D&E, to preach in both churches on September 15.
 - * 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 and submit their 2025 budgets at the September meeting.
 - * Property – The kitchen restoration is on schedule: cabinets are back in, heatproof wall tiles will go in, then the gas range. Countertops need replacing.
We are seeking quotes for new flooring in the Fellowship Hall and the current contractor replacing drywall, ceiling tiles and lights hopes to start the first week of September.
The stonework and railings are back in the Memory Garden.
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A diseased tree was recently removed from the front lawn of Manse 2. There are water leaks in the roof, gutters and a cast iron stack going through all levels of the house.

- * Worship – To date, Worship expenses are \$13,040.65. Communion servers in July were Sue Chenoweth, Mina Cupp, Linda Rudy and Cliff Marstiller. Thank you!
The committee also thanks Julia Elbon, Phil Becker, Sue Chenoweth and Sherri Marstiller for serving as liturgists!
- * Witness and Service – A Mobile Food Pantry Truck is scheduled for Saturday, September 7; those who plan to help should report to Church Lane at 10:00.
- * Since the Chaplains from the Lutheran Campus Ministry of WVU will be here to preach on October 26, session accepted a committee recommendation to have a special offering in support of that ministry on that day.
- * Christian Education – Rally Day is set for September 8, 2024.
There is D&E Student Orientation on Monday, August 19th, at the Madden Center.
Bob M^CCutcheon will be there.
- * Fellowship – A hotdog party is in planning, possibly for Rally Day.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S **FALL GATHERING**

The Presbyterian Women will gather for their Fall Gathering on
Thursday, September 19, 2024- 12:30 pm
in the White Chapel

*Our 2024-25 Horizon's Bible study books will be distributed

*The Least Coin Offering will be received

*Our Memorial Service will remember our past sisters

All women of the church are invited to join us for this time of fellowship.

Bring a sandwich or salad to share and hear about the great projects and ways our PW are building a caring community in Elkins and the world!

Transition Team and Mission Study Update Planning Our Future Together

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. One of these information gathering tools was the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey which was sent out to everyone in late July. We wish to sincerely thank all those who took the time to complete the survey.

The time frame for survey completion has ended and the results are being reviewed and compiled by the experts at Holy Cow! Consulting. The results will be presented to your Transition Team in early September. This presentation, along with results from our “town hall” discussion groups will be used to create the Mission Study report. Once approved by Session and the Committee on Ministry, this report will be presented to the congregations of both churches at a retreat to be scheduled in October (tentatively October 19).

Team members have been notifying everyone of the dates of the group discussions that will take place the week of September 9th. There are four sessions planned at DMPC and one at HTLC with Pastor T. Wes moderating each one. If you have not been advised of a date and are interested in participating, please notify Sherri Marsteller (treasurer@dmpc.org) or Lynn Proudfoot (clerk@dmpc.org) and we will get you scheduled. Your input is invaluable to the mission study process. We hope you will join us.

Be assured that this Mission Study is an important and required step leading to the appointment of your Pastor Nominating Committee and the search for our new Installed Pastor.

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

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

It is time for our fall visit from the Mountain Food Bank of West Virginia.

We will host a Mobile Food Truck in Church Lane behind DMPC on that Saturday.

Volunteers need to arrive at 10:00am to help set up and be ready to go at 11:00am.

Please contact Phil Becker for more information.

HTLC News Corner...

GREETINGS FROM "MARTY" THE MOUSE

Wow! We have been busy! HTLC and DMPC session contracted with Holy Cow! Consulting firm and our mission study is underway. Postcards were mailed out in July with important information about the survey. CAT survey was delivered in July to all members and supporters of our churches. The survey asked us how we felt, what we wanted and what we need in our church life. The survey was completed on computer or paper and sent in. THANK YOU TO: Sherri, Sue, Phil, Lynn, Steve and Pastor T. Wes for answering questions and concerns we had.



TOWN HALL MEETING!!!

Steve announced in church that HTLC members would be having a TOWN HALL meeting at the church on Tuesday Sept. 10th at 5:30 pm, Pastor T. Wes along with two members from the DMPC team will be joining us. We will discuss and talk about other things that were not on the questionnaire, like hopes for our church, what we need to focus on, and what we would like our next Pastor to provide for us. I also understand we will have a POT LUCK DINNER before our meeting!! YEP, that is all I needed to hear POT LUCK DINNER!!! That means FOOD!!! Bring whatever dish you would like to SHARE, with each other and ME! PLEASE remember people to drop some food on the floor in the social room and kitchen so I can enjoy dinner later on.

Dates to remember!

September 7, DMPC will have a mobile food pantry and all volunteers that can help are greatly appreciated.

October 19th both DMPC and HTLC will meet together and discuss the future of our churches, and final information on our Pastor call.

Church council met on Sunday August 11. I, "Marty", was setting next to Pastor T. Wes. I had a couple of sips from his thermos and he didn't even notice! Anyway, minutes and reports were approved. Reformation Sunday Pastor T. will not be here but Rev. Ben and Rev. Courtney Erzkus will be with us.

Still looking for recommendations on the cross for our church. Thanks to Pastor T. Wes for picking our hymns for Sundays.

We discussed the possibility of having choir members from DMPC to sing with us occasionally. There will be four members at \$30 per person and we have budgeted monies for this.

The ladies group at Holy Trinity donated \$200.00 to WVU Campus Ministry. This money will be added to the fund to purchase a new roof for the Campus Ministry building.

Please keep the following friends and members in your thoughts and prayers.

God knows their wants and needs for healing.

Joyce Estridge, Arlene Williams, Ruth Whitesel, Bea Taylor, Nancy Schumacher and Chrissy Starcher.

One Last thing! Brenda when you clean the church would you PLEASE get rid of the cobweb up by the organ, it is driving me crazy.

Until next time, Love from "Marty" the mouse.

THE NEW DOORS ARE IN!!!

The doors at the Sycamore Street entrance were replaced recently with a newer design that allows easier access through the larger door on the left.

Unfortunately, the keypad had to be unhooked and cannot be reprogrammed for 2 to 3 weeks. During that time you will need to call the office when you get here so we can let you in.





- 1 Phil Kyle
- 7 Bodie Shockley
- 8 Don Corbin
- 9 Estrid Garver-Daniels
- 10 Richard Moore
- 11 Elizabeth Kump Conlan
- 11 James Lambert
- 12 Brendan Kerr
- 15 Cyrus Kump
- 16 Nicholas Harper
- 18 Elisa White
- 19 Bernice Becker
- 25 Anna Harper
- 26 Joyce Allen
- 29 DMPC (1895)

HTLC

- 05 Greg Schumacher



- Sept. 01 Larry & Keitha Wing
- Sept. 01 Ryan & Natalia Schooley
- Sept. 21 Dan & Lynne Harper

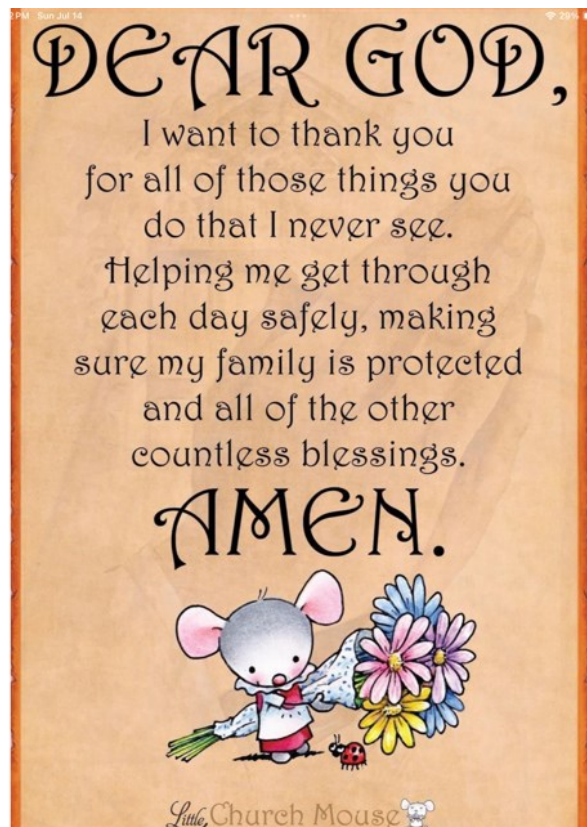
DATES TO REMEMBER...

Sept. 02	Labor Day	church closed
Sept. 03	1:30pm	Membership/Dunham Room
Sept. 05	10:00am	PW Coordinating Team
Sept. 07	Mobile Food Truck	
Sept. 09	6:30pm	Session
Sept. 17	1:30pm	Meals on Wheels/Dunham
Sept. 24	1:30pm	Property Comm/Dunham
Sept. 28	Common Ground	

Common Ground

Sept. 28, 2024

DMPC & HTLC will be hosting this at Woodford United Methodist Church on First St. If you would like to help or contribute *something*, please contact Phil Becker.





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Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing
Treasurer	Sherri Marstiller
After School Program	Monica Varchetto
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels
Custodian	Bob Stottlemeyer
Church office	304-636-2788

CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair Sept. 12 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair Sept. 12 @10:00am in the White Chapel

Join us on [Facebook](#)! Join the *Group* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" to receive current announcements, discuss topics, see our growing photo gallery, and generally stay in touch. Follow our Facebook *Page* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" for live-streaming worship.

