



*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.*

October 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

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."—Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)

"Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage."—
from the *Confession of 1967*

Dear Church Family,

This December will mark three years since I began my call in interim ministry. My first congregation as an interim was West End PC in West End, NC. Part-time I lived in the church's manse and on the wall over the bed were painted the verses from Joshua 1:9. Those verses were there through the worst and best moments in my 18 months there as interim. I have continued to keep Joshua 1:9 with me as I continued my ministry as an interim, which eventually led me to you.

It has not been quite eight months since I began as your temporary shepherd, but look at what we've accomplished! Most notably, think about the work we have done together during the Holy Cow Survey AND the Town Halls during the week of September 9-15. But, during the last month, I realized how tired I was becoming. The four hour one-way commute has taken a toll on me. After talking with my wife, mentors, friends, and doctors, and devoting time to prayer and discernment, it is necessary for me to step down.

My final Sunday with you will be November 24, which is Christ the King Sunday. Then, I will use my final vacation time to make my effective end date Saturday, December 6. I do not know where I will be next, but I will take at least December to catch my breath and make sure I am fully rested before I undertake my next call as an interim.

We still have eight weeks together. There is still work to do. Maureen Wright, who is the WV Presbytery's Stated Clerk/Transitional Presbyter, as well as Commission on Ministry Chair George Lilley and COM Liaison Jim Wilson, will be working with DMPC. Bishop Matt Riegel of the WV-WMD Synod of the ELCA will be working with HTLC. Between the work these individuals will do, I am confident someone will be found to take the two congregations through the Holidays and into the New Year. As information is received, I will make sure you are informed as to who will be coming in on a temporary basis.

While there is always more to do (regardless of any church context), much of the interim Mission Study work has been accomplished or is in the final stages. Make no mistake about it, that is huge and you should be proud of the work you have done! I certainly am. The person who comes in after me does not have to worry about it.

Do not be afraid. Be strong and courageous. Receive the gift of life with gratitude and pursue it with courage!

Christ's Peace,

Pastor T. Wes Moore

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2024 SESSION MEETING...

At its September 9th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- * Heard Elder Brenda Kirkpatrick offer a September 2022 devotional from *All God's Creatures*, a Guidepost publication, entitled "Rideable Rocky", which reminds us that we age, but we never lose the divine worth in giving empathy and comfort to others. Elder Kirkpatrick then offered a prayer.
 - * Approved Minutes from the stated meeting on August 12, 2024. 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 \$21.00 for Cents-Ability.
Received prayers from Rock Lake Presbyterian and Fayetteville Presbyterian Churches.
 - * Received a report from Transition Team Co-Chairperson Sherri Marstiller, discussing 72% surveys received from those sent and the five planned town hall meetings – refreshments will be available.
 - * Rev. Moore thanked the Fellowship Committee for hosting the picnic in the park and Dr. Meadows and the choir for the special music. He shared his work schedule: here all this week until Monday, the 16th, then working remotely next week.
 - * Finance - Accepted financial reports; reports are available from the treasurer upon request. Committees were requested to plan and submit their 2025 budgets as soon as possible.
 - * Property – Voted to accept committee recommendation to accept the quote from Sonny's Carpet to lay vinyl plank flooring in the Fellowship Hall.
The restoration is on schedule: replacement countertops are on the way; the dishwasher and cookstove will be re-installed; the lights and ceiling tiles are being replaced now. Shiplap has replaced the carpet on the portrait wall.
Water leaks in Manse 2 were assessed; missing tiles and shingles were discovered on Manse 1 and the garage. Repair estimates are expected soon.
We are on the TLC Tree Service schedule for removal of the remaining tree stumps.
 - * Worship – To date, Worship expenses are \$14,442.71. Communion servers in August were Sue Chenoweth, Jean Snedegar, Lynn Proudfoot, and Monica Varchetto. Thank you! The committee also thanks Hayzen Gerot, Susan Pell, Lynn Proudfoot and Kim White for serving as liturgists! Thank you, Music Directors, choir members and guest musicians for the Rally Day program!
 - * Witness and Service – A Mobile Food Pantry Truck delivered on September 7; members of both churches and students from D&E College and Elkins Mountain School helped. We will host Common Ground on Saturday, September 28.
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- * Christian Education – Sunday School classes will begin next week; the children sang and signed “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy” yesterday and the Acolytes participated in worship. A Bread & Broth study program is in planning for October – November.
- * Fellowship – We welcomed extra guests to our picnic: some of Corni Tolley’s ESL students from Mexico and friends from the homeless community.
- * Nominating/Leadership/Personnel – Voted to hold a Congregational Meeting after worship on October 13th for the purpose of electing nominees Sara Gerot, Robert Hermanson, David Hyer, and youth nominee Samantha White, to session. Pastor Moore will train the candidates, and session will examine them beforehand.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S FALL GATHERING SEPTEMBER 19, 2024



The PW Fall Gathering is an Annual Event for the women of Davis Memorial. After a light lunch at noon, the women were invited into the sanctuary for the program.

Mina Cupp held the memorial service for our PW sisters who passed in 2023-24 and the least coin was collected.

Susan Pell presented an introduction to our 2024-25 Horizons Bible Study.

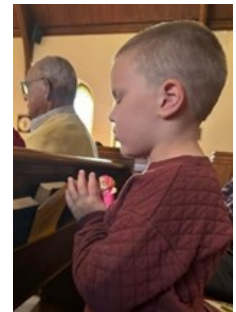
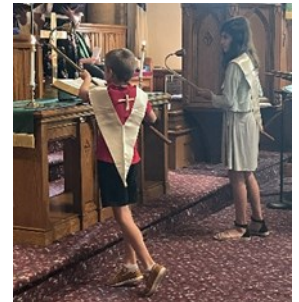
Mary McMahan was the pianist for the gathering.

After the program all enjoyed cake for dessert.



RALLY DAY 2024

Children and youth participated in the Rally Day Celebration during worship. The youth choir, under the direction of Olivia Perske signed the song “I’ve Got That Love of Jesus” during the morning service. Acolytes Everett Garver Daniels and Liam McElroy lit the candles at the beginning of worship. Others on our Acolyte team are Ruthie Capps and Grant Harper. Guest musicians, Seth Maynard and Joel Franks accompanied the choir. Little Everett Wamsley joined us all in prayer! The Picnic after the service in the park was enjoyed by all.



Picnic in the Park



**Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church
LAY ACADEMY
FALL 2024 BREAD & BROTH
THE REFORMATION AND THE BIBLE
Wednesday Evenings, 6:00 (meal), 6:30-7:30 (class)
(Streaming and recorded on Facebook)**



The Reformation of the sixteenth century shaped the landscape of the American church today. Seven Wednesday evening sessions at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, led by former and present faculty of Davis & Elkins College, will explore the legacy of this religious and cultural upheaval--its history, theology, and especially its tradition of Bible translation.

Please join us in person at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church or for the live stream or recording on the DMPC Facebook page. To reserve a spot for the light dinner at 6:00, please call the church office at (304) 636-2788.

October 9: *Renaissance and Reformation: Erasmus: Humanism and Bible Translation*
Professor Emeritus Robert McCutcheon

October 16: *Martin Luther*; Robert McCutcheon

October 23: *John Calvin*; Benfield-Vick Chaplain Dr. Franklin Tanner Capps

October 30: *The Catholic Reformation*; Assistant Professor of History Dr. Bryan Kozik

November 6: *The King James Version of the Bible*; Robert McCutcheon

November 13: *The English Reformation*;
Associate Professor of Religion & Philosophy Dr. C. Brantley Craig

November 20: *The Literary Reformation*; Robert McCutcheon

HTLC News Corner...

“WOW, October already! Leaves are changing, and fall is in the air! GREETINGS, from Marty the mouse, and news from HTLC.”

Congratulations to Pat Calain on her newest Great Granddaughter. Little Rinna Brenwalt was born August 21, at 5:02 pm. She shared pictures with us.



So good to see our out-of-town member Karen Rinell Myers and her family at church, September 1st. She said they will be back soon.

The food truck at DMPC was a success, great volunteers from D&E College, Mountain School and DMPC helped feed many needy families. “I was going to go, but the black and white cat that lays on the back porch of the church would not let me pass. He looked hungry!”

SEPTEMBER NEWS!!!

September 10th we had our Town Meeting. Great dinner and a lively discussion led by Pastor T. Wes. As a church family we discussed events from our past, present difficulties for our churches and hopeful changes for the future.

FOOD everywhere, “I stored enough food for my family to last a couple of weeks!” Our guest Lynn Proudfoot reminded us we are welcome to attend any of the DMPC town meetings before our joint meeting with both churches on Oct. 19.

We need volunteers to help read our lessons on Sunday morning, please help by taking a turn. Contact Nancy Schumacher.

Please remember Joyce Estridge, Arlene Williams, Janet Crites, Ruth Whitesel, Bea Taylor, Chrissy Starcher, Gil Estridge, Jane Hazer, Todd Costello, and anyone you may know in our prayers.

“Until next time, LOVE to all! Marty the Church Mouse!”





Happy Birthday

- 1 Tracy Fath
- 4 Jeff Caplinger
- 5 Bryan White
- 6 Ginny Byer
- 6 Gayle Moore
- 8 James Legg
- 12 Hans Hermanson
- 13 Kim Anger
- 20 Sue Chenoweth
- 23 Mandi Wilson
- 25 Kennedy Schooley
- 27 Phillip Reilly

HTLC

- 6 Vonda Spanitz
- 10 Gil Estridge
- 21 Chip Ramsey



- October 7 Ed & Linda Rudy
- October 12 Robert & Wilma Miller
- October 15 Donnie & Sonja Corbin

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Oct. 01 1:30pm Membership/Dunham Room
- Oct. 03 CHURCH CLOSED
- OCT. 04 CHURCH CLOSED
- Oct. 10 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel
- 1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel
- Oct. 13 Women's Sunday**
- Oct. 14 Columbus Day**
- Oct. 14 6:30pm Session
- Oct. 22 1:30pm Property/Dunham Room
- OCTOBER 31ST HALLOWEEN**



WE HAVE A CROSS IN FRONT OF OUR CHURCH!!!

"I heard people talking in front of the church. I peeked out the front door and saw Chuck Spanitz, our president, and Chip Ramsey along with Will Ash, "Will the Handyman", and his helper Stuart digging a hole for our new cross. A beautiful natural wood 8 ft. cross was erected in between the two windows in front of the church. The plan is to seal the cross with a water seal and let it weather naturally, to remind us of "The Old Rugged Cross." The cost was \$300.00.

Marty the Church Mouse at HTLC



		CIRCLE MEETINGS	
Interim Pastor	Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV t.wes.moore18@gmail.com Cell: 252-916-3106	CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair Oct. 10 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows	CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair Oct. 10 @10:00am in the White Chapel
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner office@dmpc.org		
Clerk to Session	Lynn Proudfoot clerk@dmpc.org		
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing		
Treasurer	Sherri Marstiller treas@dmpc.org		
After School Program	Monica Varchetto		
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels		
Custodian	Bob Stottlemyer		
Church office	304-636-2788		

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