



*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.*

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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

Behold, I am doing a new thing

In our 130th year as a church – God is doing a new thing among us – leading us through a period of transition to a new chapter in the life of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. During this time of change, sometimes it feels like a wilderness. Yet we have hope in our hearts. We have been through a time of discernment, looking at our past and looking to the future – And what does God promise us?

Isaiah 43:19 spells it out:

Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

For more than a century God has richly blessed DMPC with people who love the Lord, and are generous with their time, their talents and their money. We are profoundly grateful for His hand on our church – past and present. And as we embark on this next step in our journey, He’s asking us once again to be sacrificial in giving of ourselves, our service and our money. He promises to make a new way forward for us – overflowing rivers. Spiritual abundance. So we are asking you, our church family, to prayerfully consider what part God wants you to play in this next phase of our church’s life, when we will hire a new installed pastor to lead us into an exciting new future. We ask that you be as generous as you can be – cheerfully! Some may not be able to. God loves us all.

On Christ the King Sunday, November 24th, we invite you to place your completed pledge cards in the offering plate as an act of worship, gratitude and response to God’s generosity to you. You may also return it by mail or to the church office by Monday, November 25th. Throughout the year, you may give by using pledge envelopes or by giving online – go to the DMPC website and click “Online Giving” at the top of the page. It’s simple and easy to give this way and more of our members are choosing to do it.

With hope and gratitude in our hearts.
 Your Finance Committee

NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2024 SESSION MEETING...

At its October 13th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- *Heard Elder Debra Everhart offer a devotional from Ecclesiastes 3:11, regarding God's timing for everything and our inability to trust and surrender to it. Elder Everhart then offered a prayer.
 - *Approved Minutes from the Stated Meeting on September 9, 2024, and the Called Meeting held on October 13, 2024. Amended Minutes from the Called Meeting held on September 23, 2024, were also approved. 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 \$9.25 for Cents-Ability. Received prayers from First Presbyterian, South Charleston; Second Presbyterian, Huntington; Glenville Presbyterian, Point Pleasant Presbyterian and Belington Presbyterian churches.
 - *Received a report from Transition Team Co-Chairperson Sherri Marstiller on good information rendered from our town hall meetings. The team is having conversations with community leaders in education, business, government and others.
Retreat plans are evolving, with an event planned on Sunday afternoon, November 17, presenting our Mission Study Report that will then be reviewed by the PWV Committee on Ministry, and passed on to our PNC.
 - *Treasurer Sherri Marstiller thanked Debra Everhart for witnessing the weekly report process this month. Linda Rudy volunteered to cover the 20th for her and will also do it in November. Elder Everhart volunteered for December.
 - *Rev. Moore reported training sessions for incoming Ruling Elders Sara Gerot, Robert Hermanson, David Hyer and Youth Elder Samantha White are underway and will tentatively end on November 17.
 - *Finance – Approved a 3% raise in Bob Stottlemeyer's hourly raise as a one-year employment anniversary increase.
Accepted financial reports that are available from the treasurer upon request.
 - *Property – The basement level floor preparation has begun for the vinyl plank flooring; a replacement sink is on order and the replacement countertops are here.
A thorough final cleaning is planned.
A Siemens estimate to replace failed temperature sensors upstairs will be considered by the committee, then referred to session for approval at a called meeting.
Miley Legal Group has a hearing scheduled for February 13-14, 2025, in our action against Church Mutual, URETEK and the City of Elkins.
 - *Worship – To date, worship expenses are \$16,182.71, within budget.
Communion servers in October were Tessa Garver-Daniels, Debra Everhart, David Hyer and Cliff Marstiller. Thank you!
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The committee also thanks Pastor Moore, Phil Becker and Lynn Proudfoot for serving as liturgists!

- *Witness and Service – We will host Common Ground on November 9: volunteers need to report at 10:30. Another organization served on our date of September 28. Chairman Becker shared some of our food stores and clothing – including coats - to the North Carolina flood relief collection at the Baptist Church.
- *Christian Education – The Autumn session of Bread & Broth has begun.
- *Membership Committee is identifying homebound members to receive directories.
- *Fellowship – In between events; looking forward to the next thing.
- * Nominating/Leadership/Personnel – Recruiting Pastor Nominating Committee members.
- *The next meeting of the West Virginia Presbytery is Thursday, November 21; we need to elect a Ruling Elder Commissioner.
- *Considered changing when regular meetings are held during the winter months. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, at 3:00.

Children's Church



The Christian Education committee is trying something new!! After a prayerful look at our Sunday School program, the committee thinks that more children can be involved in lessons and Bible study at a new time on Sunday mornings. For years we have welcomed children and youth to Sunday school at 9:45am. Today families are busier and busier, we have noticed that children can attend worship at 11:00am while finding it difficult to attend Sunday school at 9:45.

Thus, Children's Church!

Children, age Pre-school through 5th grade will be invited to attend our Children's Church after the scripture is read in worship. We will offer a child friendly worship experience upstairs in our Sunday school room. Lessons will explore the scripture and other elements of worship including: baptism, installation of church officers, communion or special offerings along with Bible stories, skits, and puppet plays. Our team of teachers are on board with this new time and are looking forward to touching the lives of more children.

The CE committee realizes the importance of worship for the children, and hope to bring a better understanding of each element to our young members.

We welcome Grant Harper and Benjamin Capps to our Acolyte team. All the children are doing an exceptional job bringing God's light into our worship service each Sunday! Thank you to Phil Becker and all the children for this vital addition to our worship service!

Mission Study Progress Transition Team Update

It has been a few weeks since we have communicated with our congregations. But rest assured we haven't taken a break. We are diligently working to compile the information gleaned from the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) survey, the town hall group discussions held at the two churches, and the one-on-one interviews conducted with community leaders. As this has taken a bit longer than expected, we found it necessary to reschedule the date for our results presentation to the church congregations so.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The new date will be Sunday, November 17, at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. There will be refreshments served immediately after our worship service with the presentation to follow. All are invited to join us.

As we prepare for the presentation, we are also putting the finishing touches on the full Mission Study Report. Once completed, the report will be sent to our Session for approval and then on to the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery for final approval. Once approved, the Transition Team will disband, the Pastor Nominating Committee will be selected and approved, and the report will be used for reference during the pastor search process.

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



DMPC Welcomes the Capps Family

The Capps family came to Elkins this summer and are our neighbors residing in Manse 2. Tanner and his wife, Hannah have three children, Ruthie, Benjamin and Amos. Tanner is the Benfield-Vick Chaplain at D&E College and part-time chaplain at Davis Health System. The family have been regular worship attenders and the children are active in Sunday school, children's choir, helping to fill our Blessing Box and serving on our Acolyte team.

We are delighted to have them as part of our church family!

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of DMPC shared their gifts during our worship service Sunday, October 13th. Women took part in the service serving as liturgists, greeters, ushers and our choir. Our special speaker was Rev. Sherri Schafer, Director of Evangelical Mission of West Virginia and Western Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. During the service 7 college students were presented with a \$500.00 scholarship from our PW Scholarship Fund. Those receiving scholarships were: Lindsey Bell, Quinn Corbin, Miriam Fath, Holly Harper, Peyton Kirkpatrick, Mitchell Price, and Rachel Shryock. Our PW “potter” Susan Pell, presented Rev. Sherri with 3 of her special pieces as a thank you!



Rev. Sherri is delighted with her 3 pottery bowls made by Susan Pell.



Sue Chenoweth presents scholarships to Holly Harper and Lindsey Bell. Monica Varchetto accepted for students unable to attend the ceremony.



Scholarship recipient, Lindsey Bell, with her mother, Adrienne, and grandparents, Marsha and Barry Gardner.

FALL BREAD & BROTH

Our seven-week Bread & Broth study “THE REFORMATION AND THE BIBLE” continues each Wednesday evening at DMPC from 6:00-7:30pm until November 20th.

A light meal is served in the White Chapel at 6:00 followed by the study at 6:30.

The remaining sessions are as follows:

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

November 06: 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

Many thanks to Bob McCutcheon and all of our presenters for this educational and enlightening study. We appreciate those from Holy Trinity and Davis Memorial who have volunteered to provide refreshments and meals each evening.

All are welcome and study books are available in the White Chapel.

HTLC News Corner...

Greetings from Marty the church mouse!

November, Thanksgiving month, time with family and friends, time to enjoy all the great FOOD, but most of all time to give thanks to our LORD and SAVIOR for all his MANY MANY BLESSINGS!"

Our "Bread and Broth" suppers and meetings began in October and will continue until November 20th. The theme of the meetings is on "Reformation and the Bible."
The supper starts at 6:00, all dinners and meetings are every Wednesday eve at DMPC.

Pastor T. Wes announced his last day with us will be November 24.
"THANK YOU!" Pastor T. Wes for listening, for guidance, for inspiration, for encouragement, for being here and most importantly for being a part of our journey. We will miss you and your beautiful singing voice. GOD BLESS!!

Our council met after church on Sunday October 13.

Highlights of the meeting:

October 27 Reformation Sunday. Dedication of the new outside cross.
Pastor Ben and Courtney Erzkus will be our guest speakers.

November 3 All Saints Day. Special music by D-E students.

November 9 Common grounds DMPC and HTLC hosting.

November 17 Congregational meeting, election of council members,
present the 2025 General and property budgets to the congregation for vote.

Our combined Town Hall Meeting with DMPC will be held at DMPC following their 11:00 church service.

Council approved a \$500.00 donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief, any individual donations are welcome. A \$100.00 donation to Hunters to Feed the Hungry was also approved.

A new door lock was installed to replace the broken lock on the side door of the church.

Basement Authority of WV performed annual inspection. Both systems were found in good working order.

Please pray for all the individuals that have lost loved ones after the devastating hurricanes the past few weeks. Pray for strength and continued support to all the volunteers and workers.

Keep in our prayers Joyce and Gil Estridge, Arlene Williams,
Ruth Whitesel, Bea Taylor, Todd Costello, and Chrissy Starcher.

Be kind and share your Thanksgiving dinner with a neighbor, a friend,
a total stranger, or even...a mouse like me!

That's all for now!

Love from Marty the Church Mouse.





Happy Birthday

- 02 Elliot White
- 07 Tina Vial
- 09 Monica Varchetto
- 13 Robert Hermanson
- 14 Grace Sundelin
- 17 Brenda Miller
- 18 Miriam Fath
- 20 Bob Gilchrist
- 26 Patty Jo Hamilton
- 26 Brenda Kirkpatrick



- Nov. 22 Hollis & Adrienne Vance
- Nov. 24 Pat & Monica Varchetto

HTLC

- Nov. 10 Chip and Brenda Ramsey

DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| Nov. 03 | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS | |
| Nov. 05 | ELECTION DAY | |
| Nov. 06 | 6:00pm | Bread & Broth at DMPC |
| Nov. 07 | 10:00am | PW Coordinating Team |
| Nov. 11 | Veterans Day | |
| Nov. 12 | 1:30pm | Membership/Dunham Room |
| Nov. 13 | 6:00pm | Bread & Broth |
| Nov. 14 | 10:00am | Circle 2/White Chapel |
| | 1:30pm | Circle 1/White Chapel |
| Nov. 19 | 1:30pm | Meals on Wheels/Dunham |
| Nov. 20 | 6:00pm | Bread & Broth at DMPC |
| Nov. 26 | 1:30pm | Property/Dunham Room |
| Nov. 28 | THANKSGIVING DAY | CHURCH CLOSED |
| Nov. 29 | HOLIDAY | CHURCH CLOSED |



Monica, Elliot & Lynne Harper. Lynne was his Boy Scout Leader from 4th grade to present. Congratulations Mom!!!



Monica Varchetto accepts a set of book/toy shelves made by Elliot Harper. The shelf was a project to benefit a community organization other than Boy Scouts which serves as an opportunity to test an Eagle Scout Applicant's planning and leadership skills. Upon successful completion of the project, Elliot will secure the endorsement of his troop leadership, the beneficiary organization, and local Council representation.

After a review of the application, a Board of Review must take place. The Board is selected by the local Council and is unknown to Elliot until review day. When the Board of Review declares a Scout worthy of the rank of Eagle, a ceremony will be scheduled to present the rank.

GOOD LUCK ELLIOT!!

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CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chair Nov. 14 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
CIRCLE 2	Linda Rudy, Chair Nov. 14 @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.

