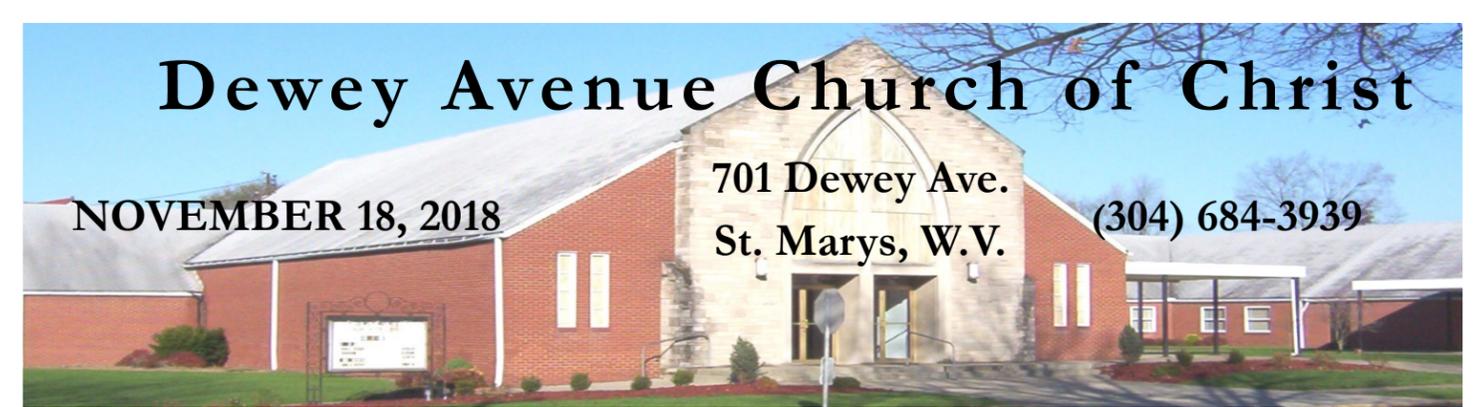


***** If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141, email at terrinazelrod@hotmail.com or drop off in box by office door.

The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.

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Returning Thanks

by David A. Sargent

Many years ago two boys were working their way through Stanford University. Their funds got desperately low, and the idea came to them to engage Paderewski, the great Polish pianist, for a piano recital. They would use the funds to help pay their board and tuition. The great pianist's manager asked for a guarantee of \$2,000. The guarantee was a lot of money in those days, but the boys agreed and proceeded to promote the concert. They worked hard, only to find that they had grossed only \$1,600.

After the concert the two boys told the great artist the bad news. They gave him the entire \$1,600, along with a promissory note for \$400, explaining that they would earn the amount at the earliest possible moment and send the money to him. It looked like the end of their college careers.

"No, boys," replied Paderewski, "that won't do." Then, tearing the note in two, he returned the money to them as well. "Now," he told them, "take out of this \$1,600 all of your expenses, and keep for each of you 10 percent of the balance for your work. Let me have the rest."

The years rolled by -- World War I came and went. Paderewski, now Premier of Poland, was striving to feed thousands of starving people in his native land. There was only one man in the world who could help him - he was in charge of the U.S. Food and Relief Bureau. He quickly agreed to help and soon thousands of tons of food were sent to Poland.

After the starving people were fed, Paderewski journeyed to Paris to thank the man for the relief he had sent...

"That's all right, Mr. Paderewski," was his reply. "Besides, you don't remember it, but you helped me once when I was a student at college, and I was also in trouble." The man's name? Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President of the United States of America." *

Paderewski, with great generosity and kindness, was able to help a couple of struggling college students. Years later, one of those college students was able to say "Thank you" by assisting Paderewski and his people in a great time of need. It is a wonderful thing to be able to return thanks for a noble action done on behalf of another.

Friend, something has been done for YOU! You didn't ask for it, but you desperately needed it. It happened long before you were born, but you may still benefit greatly by the action of a loving, generous Person. (continued inside)

Upcoming Events

The church-eat-church that was scheduled for today has been cancelled.

Birthday, Anniversary Social:
Next Sunday after evening services.

Yankee Swap/ Cookie Exchange: Saturday, December 1st @ 2:00. Wrapped gifts no more than \$12. Those participating in the cookie exchange should bring 2 dozen. No peanut/ nut cookies. Sign up sheet is in the back for those planning to attend. **The Senior/ Shut-in Baskets** will be arranged following the gift exchange. 20 baskets will be made. Sign up sheet is in the back if you wish to donate. Items need to be given to the Perkins by December 1st.

See the back bulletin board for upcoming gospel meetings and other area events.

Returning Thanks...

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Because of OUR grievous condition due to our sin, the kind and loving Heavenly Father gave us His Son to die on the cross for our sins (Romans 5:8). Because of this great Sacrifice, we may have forgiveness from our sins (Ephesians 1:7) and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

How can we return thanks for this indescribable Gift and receive those blessings? By our humble submission to His will: believing and trusting Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then we can continue to show our gratitude by seeking to live obediently to His will for the rest of our lives (John 14:15).

Friend, a great thing has been done for you: Jesus died for you so that you might live. Won't YOU "return thanks" by giving your life to Him?

* Bits & Pieces, August 22, 1991,
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Prayer list

*Colleen Kiester has a cracked vertebrae and is in Camden Clark having tests run with other potential issues. The family asks for no visitors as this time.

*Kathy Lancaster improving each day.

*Lorraine Dutton, Evelyn Hall, Colleen Kiester, Ruth Eddy, Paul Grubbs are battling some continued health issues.

*The Burns and Keith family who have recently lost loved ones.

John Miller, Dick Neely, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Paul Grubbs, David Stevens, Betty Bills, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Ruth Eddy, Jennifer Shultz, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Loraine Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden

**"Continue steadfastly with prayer,
being watchful in it with thanksgiving."**

Colossians 4:2

Church Sign:

November- Hal Powell
December-Melvin Truax

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

November 18th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher
Song Leader: Clint Perkins
Ushers: Buzz Williams, Tom Becker
Communion: Melvin Truax, Connor Lancaster, Jesse Barnhart, Rodney Ramsey, Karson Elrod, Elmer Burns
Reading and Prayer: Clay Perkins
Closing Prayer: John Rockhold
Hall Monitors: Buzz Williams, Tom Becker

Evening Worship:

Communion: Brian Mercer
Prayer: Dave Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Clint Perkins
Prayer: Dan Kessinger
Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

November 25th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Ushers: Joe Elrod, Richard Davis
Communion: Dave Parks, Thomas Kessinger, Caleb Parsley, Bill Dutton, Ethan Davis, Jason Cuzzen
Reading and Prayer: Hal Powell
Closing Prayer: Cameron Lancaster
Hall Monitors: Joe Elrod, Richard Davis

Evening Worship:

Communion: Brian Mercer
Prayer: Dave Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks
Prayer: Clay Perkins
Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax



Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407
(noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

