

Glad Tidings!



Saint David's ...a community of disciples passing on God's love to all.

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TEN YEARS SINCE 9-11

Ten years have passed since terrorists hijacked jetliners with the intent to maim, kill and destroy. As the date approaches there will be an increasing number of memorials and tributes. On the weekend of the anniversary, St. David's is teaming up with Good Shepherd Lutheran to commemorate the events in several ways:

- ◆ **On Saturday Morning**— (09-10-2011) we will sponsor a forum here at St. David's, where participants will be invited to reflect on the events of September 11th with a particular focus on the religious aspects of the terrorist's actions. Through specially created video presentations and directed small group discussions, participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and insights. Space may be limited – so please sign up early!
- ◆ **On Sunday Morning**— (09-11-2011) both congregations will worship at their usual times and locations. St. David's worship services will include special prayers for those who lost their lives and for their families, for the ongoing role and risk of first responders (police, fire and paramedics), and for military personnel in harm's way.
- ◆ **On Sunday Afternoon**— (09-11-2011) St. David's and Good Shepherd will worship together in a service of Healing and Hope at Good Shepherd. The choirs of both congregations will combine their talents in offering beautiful music – including a hand bell arrangement written especially for this event.

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Please mark your calendars now for these important opportunities. Specific times for the Saturday morning event and the Sunday afternoon worship service will be established in the coming days. Information updates will be included in Sunday Bulletins, Wednesday's e-mail and September's Glad Tidings. May these commemorative events be a blessing as we pause to remember.

Brad +

We are blessed to have parishioners from Good Shepherd join us for our event on Saturday, and for the opportunity for us to join them for

WHY I AM A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

When I go out on a Sunday morning as a Eucharistic Visitor, sent by the priest and the congregation, to take the Sacrament to a member of St David's who is sick or unable to attend regular services, I am going in a special way. I am not going just as a friend, though I am a friend. I am not just making a Pastoral Care visit to say "How are you? I am bringing greetings from St David's," though that is true. I am bringing the bread and wine we have shared at the Altar - the special sign of God's presence with us. I am reaffirming that the person I am visiting is a part of St David's family - and of God's family in

worship on Sunday afternoon. The Episcopal Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share a special relationship of "full communion." This close relationship



brings hope for deeper unity among Christians. Being in full communion means that all sacramental

rites are fully interchangeable between churches. Of particular note is that Episcopalian priests and Lutheran pastors are able to serve in each denomination without needing to be ordained again!

the world - who join in a special way in worshipping Him. To strengthen this feeling of community, I usually try to take someone else from the congregation with me.

During the short service, I share Brad's sermon. After the service we exchange news of our lives and of what is happening in the Parish family. When I leave, I

realize each time what a privilege it is to be able to serve in this way.

~Jean Colbert





STUFF A BACKPACK WITH TLC

August 7 to September 11, 2011

Beginning August 7 and ending September 11, 2011 the Outreach Committee will be collecting sturdy backpacks and their stuffings for our Stuff A Backpack with TLC project. New Castle County Foster Care will give these backpacks to foster children who have been removed from their home, often with nothing but what was worn to school. We plan to have the backpacks stuffed and ready for distribution in early September.

If you can help with this project please bring your purchases to church and place them in the bins located in the narthex. This project was a great success last year.

Here are a few excerpts from the thank you note we received--"The kids actually loved the TLC bags. Very different from what they are normally filled with. My coworker took some of the bags to the teen girl shelter and they were very excited to go through them and receive some of the personal items. It would be a wonderful idea and greatly appreciated if you all did this again next year."



Won't you please consider donating a **backpack** and/or some of the following items:

Crayons	Comb/Brush	Socks
Sketchpads	Water Bottle	Disposable Razors
Pens & Pencils	Washcloth	Shaving Cream
Notepads	Tissues	Stuffed Animals
Deodorant	Lotion	Tampons
Toothpaste	Shower Gel	Nightlight
Toothbrush	Lip balm	Snacks

From a recent letter to the Outreach Committee from ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CENTER:

"as of the end of April, our fuel expenses were literally within a few dollars of the budget for the year with still two months to go. . . Within a few days, the check from St. David's arrived. What a blessing!"

You can read the full text of the letter on the Outreach Bulletin Board Across from the Nursery.



Words of Wisdom

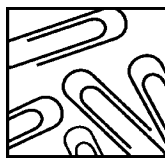
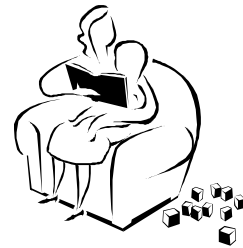
“Our sanctification does not depend as much on changing our activities as it does on doing them for God rather than for ourselves.”

—Brother Lawrence

LEFT BEHIND

A mother was reading Bible stories to her young son. “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city,” she said, “but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.”

The boy asked, “What happened to the flea?”



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The parish administrator will be away from the office from August 17th until August 28th and will return to the office on the 29th.

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BUILD-A-SHED COMPLETED

The Build-a-Shed Campaign is over. A hole was dug, crushed stone was delivered and leveled, and the shed has arrived! A great big thank you to all who contributed by supporting the car wash, dropping coins (and dollars) in the jars, and by making special monetary contributions.

Special thanks to members of the St. David's family - Ted Sobczyk; Janet Leishman; Bob Rhodunda; Bobby Rhodunda; Harrison MacEwen; Rob, Koty and Cooper McAllister (from the Day School) for all their help along the way.

The tricycles and other equipment will soon be moved to the new, roomier shed. The old shed will continue to be used for storage.

Thank you for supporting my Eagle project!

Kevin Louie



Glad Tidings! Questionnaire

Return in offering plate
or to the parish office.

Which regular feature holds the greatest interest for you?

Which regular feature holds the least amount of interest for you?

To which regular feature do you most look forward?

Which article during the last year most caught your interest?

What aspect of ministry at St. David's would you like to see highlighted?

RECENT VESTRY BUSINESS



- ◆ The vestry elected officers for the 2011-2012 session: Ed Grygo, *Senior Warden*; Nancy Walsh, *Junior Warden*; Andrea Apsley, *Secretary*; Mike Short, *Treasurer*.
- ◆ Liaisons to various committees were appointed.
- ◆ The vestry continued its consideration of the replacement of the HVAC system that services the worship area. Replacing it would significantly diminish the repeating repair costs of keeping the old unit operating and would reduce energy consumption and associated bills. A related issue is whether to go ahead and replace another smaller HVAC unit on the roof at the same time. This other unit is nearing the end of its expected- 'service life'. Replacing it now would add approximately \$6,000 to the project but it would save at least \$2,500 off the future rental of a crane that is needed to install units on the roof. In other words, we would only have to rent the crane once if we go ahead and replace both units now. Moving ahead with this plan is not "a given" as there is the inevitable issue of funding. Vestry cash reserves are not able to cover these projects. Steve Leishman volunteered to discuss finance/loan information with a representative of the diocesan advance and development funds. Meanwhile, the rector will engage in discussions with the Trustees of the Legacy Fund to consider other options.
- ◆ The treasurer noted that pledges are mostly up-to-date and that the cash flow crunch of previous months (caused in part by higher than normal snow removal costs) has mostly abated.
- ◆ A fire evacuation plan is being developed by Eric Baddick and will be finalized in the coming weeks. When finished, this plan will allow all parishioners to meet in a preselected site on church property should the fire alarms sound during worship.



SUMMER CAMP 2011 & DAY SCHOOL NEWS

There are only five weeks to go until Labor Day and the 56th school year begins. WOW!

It has been very busy here. Our 4th of July celebration included a parade with appearances by George Washington and the Statue of Liberty, music of Sousa and fresh corn on the cob and watermelon – thanks to our friends at Marini Produce.

During the week of July 11th, thirty campers enjoyed participating in a science enrichment experience provided by Science Explorers. Our young campers took an expedition to the Australian Outback while the school-aged campers went deep-sea diving! A great time for all!

Our camp will end on Friday, August 19th and we will begin preparing in earnest for the 2011-2012 school year. At press time, there were just a few openings available. The school office will be closed on August 29, 30 and 31, so that maintenance work can be completed.



Thank you to Kevin Louie and his crew of volunteers for their hard work in the storage shed project.

And thanks to our team of volunteers who have been hard at work painting and brightening up the classrooms!

Happy August Birthday to Natalie Williams and Loretta Kosanovich!



PTPA NEWS

The Parent, Teacher, Parishioner, Association (PTPA), co-chaired by Kim Anthony and Liz Hadley has been working all summer. The first event is a Back to School picnic on Tuesday, August 23rd (5 pm at Talley Day Park).

Also, mark your calendars for the annual Ice Cream Social, Saturday, September 24th in the Great Hall!

WE WELCOME... ...THE FRIEBERGS!

We know how weather can impact plans for a barbeque, or a trip to the beach, or an outdoor wedding that has to be scheduled a year in advance.

What if you were planning for the agriculture industry or the energy industry and had to know a year(s) in advance what the impact of weather would be? What if you were planning for a national retailer and needed to know how snow would impact your stores in Buffalo, or Washington, DC? Or a heat wave in Texas compared to one in Vermont? Then, you'd be VERY glad to know this new St. David's family, David and Sandra Frieberg and their sons, Arbor (2 years) and Henrik (9 months)!

David (Marketing) and Sandra (Human Resources) work with meteorologists and statisticians at Planalytics to support these planning needs.

When Sandra and David were married, Father Brad was the officiant. This was shortly before he became the rector of St. David's. So, when they were seeking a church home, they decided to try St. David's. They say, "St. David's is something different." "It starts with the architecture," says David, "...the people surround each other – not like a traditional church." "We really like the passing of the peace here; it reflects the friendliness of the community."



Next time you talk with David, you might want to bring up the subject of golf or blues music or one of Ken Follett's latest books. OR... you might ask about his smoked brisket, homemade hors d'oeuvres, and his great recipes for sauces!

Then you might ask Sandra about her recipe for fresh peach cake. She loves to shop at local markets for fresh fruits and vegetables and then find new ways to serve them. Sandra likes to try new things – new places, foods and beers!

Of course, when you decide to chat with Arbor, it might be better to mention Bailey, the family cat. Little Henrik isn't quite ready for conversation yet, but his happy laugh will be more than enough to capture your attention. And don't worry about his cushioned blue helmet that's decorated with colorful fishes. It's corrective and only temporary – and it doesn't slow him down or effect his happy disposition.

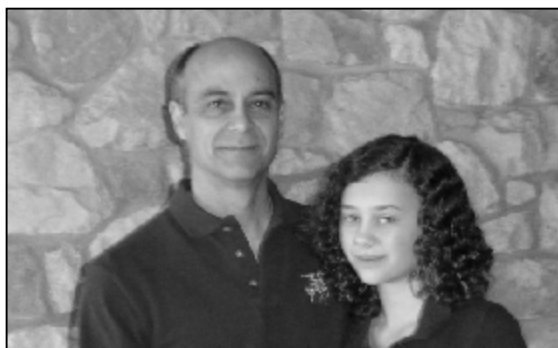
We are very grateful that this new family has found "something different" at St. David's. Welcome!

WE WELCOME... ...PETER STRANSKY!

Newcomer Peter Stransky had been regularly attending mass at a local Catholic church, but over time he felt the parish was becoming stricter, more “stiff”. He felt it was time to begin looking around for a “smaller, more personal venue.” He recalled that his children had attended St. David’s Day School many years ago and that they had received a quality education. That prompted him to give St. David’s Church a try. When he stopped in one Sunday about a year ago, he found just what he was looking for. He says St. David’s is “welcoming, personable and fun,” and that he feels “comfortable and not pressured.”

Peter, who has spent most of his life in Wilmington, and Jann, who originally hails from Seaford, have been married for 19 years. They have two children, Pete, who is 17, and Sylvia, who is 15. According to their dad, both are doing “quite well” in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Mt. Pleasant High School. During the summer, the family enjoys vacationing together at the beach.

In his professional life, Peter is an Information Technology manager for JP Morgan Chase. He started with the bank when it was First USA. When asked what he did to avoid getting caught up in the



bank’s multiple mergers, he laughed and said, “I hide and stay out of the way.” Providing a laidback counterbalance to his high tech “day job,” Peter relaxes by working with wood and on vehicles from a pre-Internet era. He says he’d be a carpenter if he could have his dream job. Currently he is renovating an antique wooden boat, a 17 foot runabout which he acquired about five years ago. Although he hasn’t put it in the water yet this year, he says it’s sitting on a trailer ready to go. Peter also enjoys working on vintage motors and his wife’s red ’67 Beetle.

We hope Peter will continue to feel comfortable at St. David’s. Welcome aboard!

Newcomer Articles are a great way to discover people with common interests and similar life experiences. Reading these articles could lead you to find a new friend or parent at your stage of life to share your experiences. We have so many new members, we’ve been including more interviews to ‘catch up!’

WE WELCOME... ...THE WHEELERS!

Can someone be new to St. David's AND a fourth generation member at the same time? Indeed, Grady (2 yrs. old) and his sister, Anna (3 mths. old) are both!

In a "Welcome" article last month, we learned about Jean Wheeler (daughter of longtime member Betty Porter) who came to St. David's about two years ago.

This year, Jay Wheeler (Jean's son) and his wife Lindsay decided they "wanted their kids to be raised with a church experience." They visited about half a dozen churches during their search process, looking for one to meet the needs of their family – and offer a worship service that seemed to fit both of their religious traditions: Catholic and Protestant.

They found both at St. David's. They also were touched by the kindness of the congregation and appreciated sermons that seemed to relate to their daily life. They continue to come to a church they feel has a "positive approach" and seems to be "open-minded and non-judgmental." They had "a great time" at the new member dinner, and have decided the people here are "fantastic."

Jay (who grew up nearby in Fairfax) and Lindsay (who grew up in South Carolina) met when they were working in Washington, D.C. with the Washington Capitals Hockey Team. They later moved to Philadelphia to work with the 76ers.



Now in Wilmington, Jay works as a financial advisor and Lindsay in marketing.

The Wheeler's enjoy being outdoors, going to the pool or the beach, taking walks together and traveling when possible. Jay also likes running and cycling, and Lindsay enjoys reading. Both say they are very family oriented. Lindsay says that Jay is "very social, really enjoys people and likes to stay busy." He's also "an awesome vegetable gardener" and "a great Dad." He and Grady water and pick the produce together. (Grady is especially fond of the "picking part").

Jay says, "I focus on the forest and Lindsay sees the trees." "She loves to laugh," he says, and "meets any challenge with a positive 'we'll-figure-it-out-attitude'." He describes her as "a caring, dedicated mother" who is "flexible and perfect."

How wonderful that St. David's, long loved by Betty Porter, is now also able to welcome her daughter, Jean, her grandson Jay and his wife Lindsay, and her great grandchildren, Grady and Anna!

WE WELCOME...

...ROB WELLS!

Ever since he first visited St. David's, Rob Wells has been impressed with the people. "I feel there's something special going on here. Every Sunday I feel my spirits are lifted, and it gets me ready to face the upcoming week. ..like how a glass of orange juice gets me ready for the day."

Rob has a friendly, outgoing personality, and easily strikes up a conversation. He considers himself to be a "well-rounded man" and can talk about a wide variety of subjects. Since joining St. David's a little over a year ago, he has taken a great interest in spirituality, and has accumulated a number of books on the subject, many of them from the church library.

In his professional life, Rob is a graphic production specialist, which means that he produces graphics for exhibits and trade shows. A client relies on Rob to take a concept and realize it. He creates computer-generated graphics and ships them to the client. "I make it happen," he says. Recently he and a partner started a new business when his former company was sold.

When Rob isn't busy with work or household chores, he likes to keep his hands busy building small scale flying models and painting watercolors, both family traditions. The models are built from stick and tissue and powered by rubber band. "After about 40 years I am finally

getting some decent flights" Rob laughs. He tries to keep his paintings simple to look at for the viewer. "I



don't paint as much as I should but when I do, I want viewers to feel like painting too," Rob says, "Anybody can do it if they really want to."

Rob enjoys fixing things around the house and likes to work on the family cars as well. "I had one of those Dads who could do anything, I watched him in action. He was a good role model in that respect."

Rob and his wife Maggie have been happily married for 28 years. They have two grown sons, Nathan and James, and a high school age daughter, Marina. Marina occasionally accompanies her dad to church when she's not busy with Brandywine High School lacrosse, field hockey, chorale or the Wilmington Drama League. Rob has already become active serving as an usher and helping on work days. He has a keen interest in learning more about the Bible and hopes to help facilitate an adult study group. Fortunately such a group may be forming this fall. Rob looks forward to helping his fellow parishioners and we look forward to working with him. Welcome!

Portico Sidewalk Repair

The sidewalk near the doors under the portico is scheduled for repair on August 1st. The crumbling cement has been covered by rugs to keep parishioners from tripping. This project is part of the ministry of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. They seek to maintain and enhance the parish as a safe and beautiful place for all.

THEOTÓKOS -- WHAT'S IN A NAME?



The church's liturgical calendar sets aside August 15th as the feast day of Jesus' mother. Christians of all stripes joyfully agree that Mary is a model of holiness, obedience and faith. She holds a place of great honor in the Orthodox, Roman, Lutheran and Anglican churches via art, prayer, liturgy and architecture.

Jesus' mother has a number of names, from the simple, "Mary" to the familiar "Blessed Virgin Mary" to the unwieldy "St. Mary, the Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ." Whew!

The well-known "Mother of God" is a shortened and imprecise rendering of the Greek theological term that is used for Mary – Theotókos. To translate the word literally, Theotókos would be "the one who gives birth to God [incarnate]." Some people advocate using the term Theotókos because it helps to clarify what "mother of God" does not – namely that Mary gave birth to God incarnate (Jesus) not to God eternal (Father). Since

Christians understand Jesus as being both fully God and fully human, "Theotókos" affirms the fullness of God's presence in Jesus. So, the term actually says less about Mary and more about her son!

I hope you will pause to remember Mary Theotókos on August 15th as the Church considers well Elizabeth's greeting to Mary "blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42).

Holy Women, Holy Men



This is one in a series of articles highlighting some of the newer commemorations in the Episcopal Church's Calendar of Saints.

William Edward Burghardt DuBois

August 3
Sociologist, 1963

William Edward Burghardt Dubois was born in 1868 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. As a young man he had already developed a deep concern for the advancement of his race, and at 15, he began to advocate for black Americans in his capacity as the local correspondent for the *New York Globe*.

Following the completion of his doctoral degree, Dubois received a fellowship to conduct research in the seventh ward slums of Philadelphia. His work with the urban black population there marked the first scientific approach to sociological study, and for that reason, Dubois is hailed as the father of Social Science.

In 1903, while teaching at Atlanta University, he published his book *The Souls of Black Folks*, in which he outlined his philosophical disagreement with important figures such as Booker T. Washington, who argued that Black people should forego political equality and civil rights and focus instead on industrial evolution.

DuBois believed instead in the higher education of a "talented tenth" whose education would naturally help other African Americans achieve.

In 1906, he sought others to aid him in his efforts toward "organized determination and aggressive action on the part of men who believe in Negro freedom and growth." The result was the so-called "Niagara Movement" (named for the group's first meeting site, which was shifted to Canada when they were prevented from meeting in the U.S.), the objectives of which were to advocate civil justice and oppose discrimination. In 1909, most of the group members merged with white supporters and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed. DuBois advanced his causes, sometimes at odds with the white leadership of the NAACP, in the magazine *Crisis*.

A leading participant in several Pan-African meetings, DuBois renounced his American citizenship and moved to Ghana, where he died in 1963, on the eve of the March on Washington. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote of DuBois, "His singular greatness lay in his quest for truth about his own people. There were very few scholars who concerned themselves with honest study of the black man and he sought to fill the immense void."

~Excerpted from
Holy Women Holy Men

WORDS WE USE

Archbishop of Canterbury

the presiding bishop of the Church of England; often acknowledged as the honorary spiritual head of the entire Anglican communion, of which we are a part.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES: TEAM TEACHERS NEEDED FOR TEENS

St. David's Sunday School has been growing over the last few years. This is an answer to prayer and a blessing. Plans are currently underway for the fall and here's what we have so far...

Children's Chapel — Our youngest group will continue with "Godly Play," a widely used curriculum designed by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman with special appeal for this age. We plan on continuing the recent practice of parents taking turns as teachers.

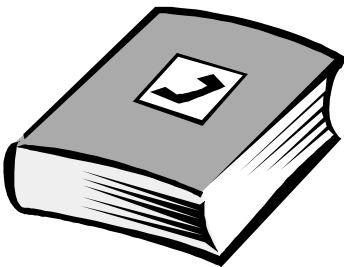
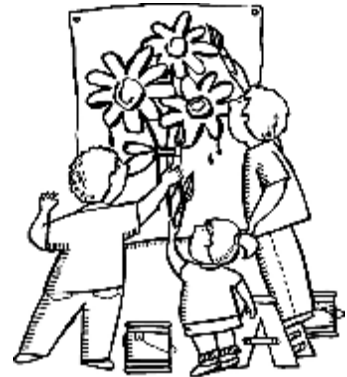
Middlers — This group will continue their work, focusing on Bible stories, prayer, crafts and outreach via a new curriculum "Weaving God's Promises." We have a fantastic foursome that takes turns teaching...

Where we are especially in need of help is with our teenagers. Pat Van Catledge and Linda Owens have both served faithfully for several years. The time has come for them to move on to other ministries in the parish. We are

thankful for their fantastic leadership and support.

This means that we need several folks to take the reins of leadership for our teens. We are blessed to have a great group of teenagers and working with them is a great blessing. As an FYI, we are not necessarily wedded to the curriculum of the past. In fact, this may be a great time to switch to something new. Fr. Brad is willing to discuss this with prospective candidates.

It's wonderful to see our family grow at St. David's! As a parish community, we are blessed by our children and youth and their special gifts. If this is an area where you have ability, or simply the desire, to serve, please give Fr. Brad a call and let him know – but, please call soon. We want everything to be ready for our children, and September is coming – fast!



DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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STEWARDSHIP AS PROVIDING HOPE

*“Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.” (BCP, p. 98)*

In a messianic vision, the prophet Zechariah spoke of “prisoners of hope” (Zechariah 9:12). It’s an arresting phrase, because it simultaneously expresses both bondage and freedom. It conveys personal confidence in an inevitable future that will be so much better than the present. Isn’t this a promise on which good stewardship can quicken delivery? By purposeful giving today, we can help create a better and more worthwhile tomorrow for others.

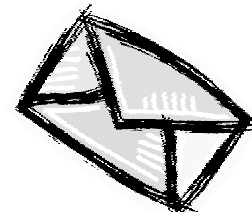


~The Stewardship Committee

*Adapted from Materials, Saint John’s Parish,
Washington D.C.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

If you have recently moved or the US Postal system has recently changed your Zip Code, please let your parish office know ASAP. Saint David’s parish office is open Monday – Thursday from 10 am until 2 pm. Phone number: 302-475-4688
Email: stdavidschurchoffice@verizon.net



KNITTING FOR THE SEAMEN

Each November St. David’s donates Ditty Boxes filled with toiletries and other items to the Seamen’s Center of Wilmington. Included in that box is a **knit hat** or **scarf**. We would like to fill at least 90 Ditty Boxes and that means we need many hats or scarves. A pattern for the hat and scarf is located on the Outreach bulletin board. If you knit, please consider working on the project over the summer. Remember to select appropriate colors for men. Put your finished projects or purchases aside until the collection time is announced. Later in the year a list of items to fill the boxes will be included in our communications. Please remember we are giving these boxes as gifts to brighten the holidays of someone far from home.



~The Outreach Committee



We have a fundamental commitment to make The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware a good place and safe place for everyone to worship, work, and serve. This commitment is built upon the respect we have for the God-given dignity of every human being. It reflects the investment of hope that we place in all who serve the Church.

— SAFE CHURCH TRAINING —

Safe Church Training is mandatory for:

1. All clergy
2. Full or part-time church staff
3. Volunteers who provide individual pastoral care
4. Eucharistic Visitors
5. Youth & child supervisor

If you fit into one of these categories and have never taken the Safe Church course or it has been longer than 5 years since you last took the course, you need to take the class. Please contact Betsy Gray, St. David's Parish Administrator to be registered. These classes tend to fill up fast, so make plans now. St. David's will cover the cost of the training.

There are two locations in our general vicinity offering Safe Church training this Fall:

Brandywine Hundred –

October 18th & 19th, 6:00pm – 9:00pm,

Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred Both evenings required

Trainers: Kim Capwell, Beth Beck REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 6th

Wilmington -

October 22nd, 8:30am – 3:15pm,

Trinity Church, Wilmington (continental breakfast & lunch provided)

Trainers: Dustin Trowbridge, Bob Brandt REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 13th



SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE
OF PHILADELPHIA & SOUTH JERSEY

Check out the new Seamen's Church Institute Website <http://www.sciphiladelphia.org/>

CONSIDER EfM

The EfM group which meets at Grace Church recently celebrated the end of another study season together, and the graduation of one of its members.

Education for Ministry, affectionately known as EfM, is a program of theological education-at-a-distance from the School of Theology at the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program which covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. The seminar group is the nucleus of the program. Each group meets weekly and consists of a minimum of six and a maximum of eleven participants.

Grace Episcopal Church will be starting its 9th year of EfM in September 2011, and you to join the group. These spiritual pilgrims meet on Monday evenings from 7

to 9:30 pm. Two breaks are taken during the year: one during the summer months and another between Thanksgiving and New Years. There is a cost associated with the courses, but funding help can be found if needed.

If you are interested in learning more about the Bible and your Christian heritage, and want to be part of a meaningful group that studies together, reflects theologically, and shares fellowship and laughter, please give us a call for more information. Grace Church: 302-478-9533 and Brenda Trageser, Co-Mentor: 610-361-9537.



BISHOP'S MISSION FUND

Donations are now being accepted for the Bishop's Mission Fund, an appeal dedicated to a particularly worthy mission project. The project this year will be the Diocese of Haiti after the devastating earthquake in February 2010, to assist the rebuilding of the Cathedral in Port-au-Prince and the adjacent school run by the Sisters of St. Margaret. A few of the historic murals from the ruined cathedral were spared, and several can be repaired, but the majority were completely ruined. All of the Diocesan offices were destroyed, and funds are needed to help the Diocese get back on its feet. Please make checks out to St. David's Church, with "Bishop's Mission Fund" noted on the memo line. Checks may also be mailed to the parish office. Please be generous in supporting this important effort.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matt 25:40

...IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Grace Ellen Clark	Helen Bleakeney	Declan Roberts	Merritt Tilley
Steve White	Tom Juranich	Millard Wells	Walt & Frances
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Steven Greer Jr.	Keith Powell	Debra Welch	Deceased:
Joe Bonvetti	Olivia Kirby Thomas	Anita Whiffen	Rob Brandon
Ed Smentkowski	Mike Brandenburg	Gavin Jefferson	Mary Ann Young
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Sam Bell	John Van-Catledge	Chuck Armbruster	John Capriani
Nicholas Macedo	Chase Greer	Larry Shaffer	Ron Buck
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Dick Wittmeyer	Jane Gibson	Raymond	
Karen Bayless	Josh Reynolds	Gene Hope	



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1	Emily DiMichele	17	Andrew Schelling
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4	Todd Hoernemann	22	Alexander Bunting
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		26	Katherine Levendis
8	Ashley Schelling	27	Barbara DeHaven
10	Charles Schneider	29	Judy Byrne
11	Kyle Wilson		Megan Goeller
12	Ian Turley	30	Nancy Beissel
13	Grace Kelley		
15	Robert Cassidy		
	Joyce Kent		
		5	Michael & Patricia Short
		10	William & Kelly Rhodunda
		16	Mike & Annalisa Hargis
		21	Doug & Ellie Lawrence



NEW WORDS, TIMELESS MEANING

That which is familiar is deeply comforting, reassuring, stable. However, when our words become rote and our thoughts no longer attend the words we say, we have a problem. Consider the Lord's Prayer: So often we utter this prayer in times of trial or need, but also Sunday after Sunday in worship. It would be so easy for these words, over time and repetition to be drained of their vibrant meaning. To counter that, we offer you another translation and adaptation of the prayer our Lord taught us to pray. Read and meditate on these words and hear anew God's promise of God's provision to us in our daily lives.

The following rendering of The Lord's Prayer is from
A New Zealand Prayer Book
(Harper Collins, 1997), pg 181.

The LORD'S Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker,
Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes
through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of
the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEFITS OF NATURE

As a boy, John Muir memorized the entire New Testament. As an adult, he became one of America's outstanding naturalists. Muir recognized the magic and mystery of God's forests, mountains, streams, waterfalls and animals. He founded the conservation group known as the Sierra Club. Muir died in 1914, but his books are still

widely read. "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul," Muir wrote.

This summer, take time to visit a national park, a state park or another wilderness area. The great outdoors is a perfect place to connect with God, as well as to build lasting family memories.

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Don't
Forget
Your
Pledge
This Summer

The work of the parish goes on during the summer months, as well as planning and preparations for the next program year.

Remember St. David's when you head to the mountains or down to the beach.