

# Glad Tidings!



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

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## **3RD ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION**

Saturday, February 19, 2011

7 to 10 pm in the Great Hall

\$10/person in advance

\$15/person at the door

Come for great food, featuring Massimo's Chicken with White Wine & Mushrooms and Eggplant Rollatini, plus crudités, desserts, and a wide variety of beverages!

And stay for great music and dancing featuring Accent Entertainment!

### Items to be auctioned include:

- Wine tasting for 20-25 people at Deerfield CC
- Gift certificates to: Marini's Produce
- Gift certificates to: Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza
- Passes to: Please Touch Museum
- Passes to: Longwood Gardens
- Tickets to: Grand Opera House
- Ghiardelli chocolate
- A "Plasma Car" from The Learning Express
- Weekend getaway at a house in the Poconos!
- Phillies tickets
- Lots of food and beverage baskets!
- Certificates for Walter's Steakhouse
- Silpada Jewelry
- Swim lessons at Swim School Inc

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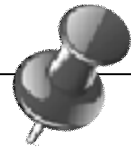
*Silent Auction continued...*

There will also be a variety items to be raffled off:

- Personalized items made by the Day School classes
- A coveted parking spot for the 2011 – 2012 school year!
- Vouchers for Parents' Day Out
- Vouchers for ComputerTots
- Vouchers for Boomer Bucks
- and much, much more!

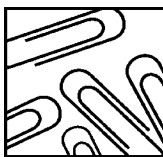
Tickets will be available for purchase between services and at Hospitality Hour on February 6th and 13th. Raffle tickets will be sold on Sunday, February 13th at Hospitality Hour and during the week immediately preceding the Silent Auction (February 14 – 18) during school hours in the Great Hall.

Mark your calendars, buy your tickets, and plan for an evening of fun!!



### VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Gave approval for an art display in the lobby during the season of Lent. The artwork will come from a local convent of Roman Catholic nuns.
- Set aside April 10th as the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. There will be one 9 am worship service that day followed by the meeting and a potluck brunch.
- Heard an update from the nominating committee on potential candidates for the next vestry election (to be held in April at the Annual Meeting).
- Gave thanks to God that leaders have stepped forward for Ushers (Bruce Owens) , Counters (Christine Frick) and Hospitality (Billie Meisel).



**FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE**

The Church Office will be closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 21st.

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## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

WE WELCOME...

...Jeff Charlton!


If this winter has been a challenge, imagining what it's like in Minnesota might help put "too cold" in perspective. This is an easy task for Jeff Charlton, who's come to Delaware from Hastings, Minnesota. He has not yet felt the need for a winter coat in (comparatively balmy) Delaware.

The recent merger between Wells Fargo and Wachovia brought Jeff to Delaware. His focus has been on transitioning the Trust Department. As someone who "enjoys numbers and accounting," Jeff has also operated his own tax business for the past eight years.

When it's time to relax, Jeff's joy often comes through music. Over the years, he has played the piano, sousaphone, tuba and guitar, and enjoys singing. Currently he's having fun learning to play a full size (five foot) Irish harp. Jeff and his partner, Michael, share the love of music. In their home in Minneapolis, there is both



a harpsichord and an eighteen rank pipe organ! The music in their home must be glorious!

When Jeff came to Delaware, he began worshipping at the church closest to his new home. But friends of his from Christ Church, Dover encouraged him to visit St. David's. And so he did. Sometimes Jeff worships at the earlier service and sometimes at the later one. He says that the result is, "people at both services think I'm new." The sense of "community and warm hospitality" at both services keeps him coming back. We are all grateful for the encouragement of Jeff's friends from Christ Church! 



Remember, offering envelopes are only needed if you are giving a cash gift. Clearly print your name on an envelope so we will be able to record your cash offering. Checks already have name/address printed on them. Therefore an envelope isn't needed to identify the giver. Checks can be placed directly into the offering plate or mailed it to the office. We will still use envelopes for special offerings such as Christmas flowers and the Bishop's Mission Fund.



## Words of Wisdom

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour if we will only tune in."

—George Washington  
CARVER



## BISHOP'S ANNUAL VISITATION FEBRUARY 27TH

The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, the Bishop of Delaware, will make his annual visitation to the parish on Sunday, February 27th at the 10:15 service to preach and to celebrate the Eucharist. The Book of Common Prayer makes clear that every adult member is to make a "mature public affirmation of their faith" in the presence of a bishop. For many of us this took place at our confirmation. Others among us have become Episcopalians by transferring our membership from another denomination. For those of us in that situation this ceremony represents a chance to affirm in symbol what is already a reality. Namely, that you are an active member of this portion of Christ's church. If anyone desires to be 'received' into the Episcopal Church or if you want more information, please get in touch with Fr. Brad.



Please remember in prayer those preparing for Confirmation and Reception into this Parish and the Episcopal Church during Bishop Wright's visitation.



## 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.*

### **The Dorchester Chaplains** February 3rd

On January 23, 1943, the Dorchester, a converted cruise ship, set sail with a troop convoy from New York City for Greenland with 902 persons on board. Among them were four U.S. Army chaplains, Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed), and Lt. John P. Washington (RC).

George Fox had served as a medical corps assistant in World War I, where he was decorated for heroism. Alexander Goode joined the National Guard while he was studying for the rabbinate. Clark Poling's father told him that chaplains had a high mortality rate. He prayed for strength, courage and understanding, then joined the Army Chaplains Corps. John Washington was a gang leader in Newark, New Jersey, when he was called to the priesthood.

On February 3, one day from their destination, a German U-Boat fired torpedoes, striking the boiler room of the Dorchester. Even though everyone was sleeping with their life jackets, many of the soldiers left them behind as they clambered topside to seek escape and safety. Unfortunately, only two of the fourteen lifeboats were successfully lowered into the water, making it necessary for most men to dive into the nineteen degree water.

The four chaplains moved among the men, assisting, calming, and passing out life jackets from the ship's store to those forced to jump into the freezing ocean. Having given up their own life vests to save the lives of the soldiers, the chaplains remained on the aft deck, arms linked in prayer until the ship sank, claiming their lives. Two hundred thirty men were rescued from the icy waters by other ships in the convoy. Many survived because of the selflessness and heroism of the four chaplains.

Chaplains Fox, Goode, Poling, and Washington responded to a high calling from God to represent his love among men of war. On the day they died, they personified the words of Jesus found in John 15:13

*"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."*

~Excerpted from  
**Holy Women Holy Men**

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## WORDS WE USE

### **Bishop, Diocesan**

The ordained person who is the chief pastor of a diocese and who has administrative responsibility for the same. The diocesan bishop visits each parish in the diocese on a regular basis to preach, baptize, confirm and celebrate the Eucharist.



## DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The diocese gathers once a year to conduct business and enjoy fellowship. Dr. Brian D. McLaren will be the keynote speaker and preacher at the Diocese of Delaware’s annual convention on Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover, Delaware. McLaren is the author of several books. Since 2006 he has traveled around the world speaking and teaching about a fresh understanding of Christianity referred to by some as the Emergent Church.

## Why a February Convention?

The annual Diocesan Convention passed the following resolution in March, 2010: “BE IT RESOLVED that the 225th Diocesan Convention urges the Bishop and the Diocesan Council to refrain from scheduling the Annual Diocesan Convention during the season of Lent except in time of extreme and profound urgency.”

The 2011 Delegates from Saint David’s are: Sue Tabor, Ed Grygo, Lynda Bradford (alternate), and Fr. Brad Hinton. Please remember all delegates and the convention in your prayers as they meet to do the business of the church.

- Be on the lookout in your email in-boxes for a special edition of Rite Living. This publication focuses on the needs and specific challenges families with children encounter. One news worthy tidbit about Rite Living: You might have notices several articles from this ‘in house’ publication reprinted in The Communion—the newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. Congratulations!



## DINING FOR DOLLARS

Tired of cooking? Late night at work?  
or just want a fun night out with friends?

St. David’s is doing DINING FOR DOLLARS again this year at Timothy’s on the Waterfront. During the month of February, anytime you dine at Timothy’s on the Waterfront, Timothy’s will donate 20% of your bill to St. David’s. This offer is good for any day of the week, lunch, or dinner! Pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex to give to your server at Timothy’s.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHILDREN & YOUTH CHILDREN & YOUTH CHILDREN & YOUTH CHILDREN & YOUTH

## DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

—FEBRUARY 2011

Happy Valentine's Day!

### On the Calendar:

- 1 CPR Class, 6pm
- 2 Chapel, 9:05
- 3 First Aid Class, 6pm
- 7-9 Child Find Screening
- 10 Chapel, 9:05
- 13 Silent Auction Raffle Tickets Sale  
during Sunday Hospitality Hour!
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Chapel, 9:05
- 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silent Auction,  
7-10pm\*\***
- 21 President's Day - Preschool Closed  
Pajama Day for Extended Care!
- 22 School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Chapel, 9:05




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February is our school-wide reading month - watch as we get on board the "READING TRAIN."  
**Reading - a life-long skill,  
a life-long love!**

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Enrichment Programs this month:  
"Animals in Winter," presented by  
Delaware Nature  
Society educators!

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### Registration News

Registration continues for the 2011 - 2012 school year, with just a limited number of spaces remaining for four year olds. Our summer camp information will be available in early March!

Janet Leishman,  
*Early Childhood Administrator*



## Adult Faith Formation

### THE BIBLE - Where to Start?

Simply put, the Bible may not be best read by starting on page one and working your way through to the end. That's not to say you couldn't do that. In fact, most Bible reading programs suggest just that – open your Bible to Genesis, chapter one and read so many chapters each day until you reach the end.

There are plusses to this approach: you can find a preselected program that will tell you how much to read each day. You will get to know the books of the Bible in their canonical order. You'll also gain a rich experience of the Hebrew Scriptures. If this approach has interest to you, go online or download an app to see these 'the Bible in a year' outlines.

But there are other ways of reading scripture that may ease you into the process. In this approach you begin with materials that are more familiar before moving to the histories, law and prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. In short you start with Jesus and Christianity and then find out what came before.

Start with one of the four gospels. These are short biographies of Jesus' life, death

and resurrection. They detail his ministry and provide the religious rationale for the claim that he is both Messiah and Son of God.

From there you might read the Acts of the Apostles. This is a history of the early years of the Christian church with insights into the controversies and challenges faced by these neophytes. From there you could read one or two of Paul's letters to various congregations. These will help you to see the practical and theological struggles of the earliest Christian communities.

By delving into the New Testament/ Greek Scriptures first, you'll have an idea of the trajectory that one branch of Judaism will eventually take. After a few of Paul's letters, you could then go back to Genesis and enjoy the stories of Israel's patriarchs and read through the rest of the Pentateuch (the first five books) and on to the histories that follow.

No matter which approach you take, I suggest blocking out the same amount of time each day to devote to this process. I'd suggest half an hour as a starting point. That will give you time to enjoy what you are reading rather than rushing through and not even remembering what happened.

The Bible is full of twists and surprises. I hope you will enjoy your journey.

BAH+

## Recommended Reading

The Adult Faith Formation Team is asking folks to share with the entire community those books, publications, and web sites that are worthy of our attention as people of faith.



### **The Screwtape Letters**

By C. S. Lewis

A book suggestion from Steven Weatherman

My attention is held by stories, narrative. I love songs that tell a story.

The same goes for this book.

The Screwtape Letters is a one-sided view of the correspondence between a senior tempter and a junior tempter about how best to

tear one particular human from the loving hands of God. It is not a book *about* God, but rather a story in which God is a main player, a character whose all-knowing influence is constantly felt.

This book is highly compelling... urging me on to the end. I liked looking into this un-earthly view into earthly things. I also appreciated the spiritual truths it delivers in an oblique way.

This book is for teens and older.



## **BOOK GROUP FORMING**

### **Do We Worship the Same God? Comparing the Bible and the Quran**

by George Dardness

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### **Christians and Islam**

A discussion guide from the editors of Sojourners magazine

**Time:** 9:00-10:30 am

**Day:** Tuesdays, starting January 25 through the End of March

**Where:** Nursery Room or Memorial Room

A small group will be starting a new book on January 25th, meeting from 9:00-10:30 AM. We will be meeting Tuesday mornings for about 9-10 weeks or so to read, discuss and reflect on these resources and ideas contained in it. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Reading skills required.

All are welcome to join us for all or part of these sessions. If you'd like to attend, please purchase the book available at bookstores or Amazon, etc. Questions can be addressed to Tom Yohe at 302-477-1030 or at tlyohe@gmail.com

## ...IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Grace Ellen Clark	Noreen Butcher	Sam Bell	Candice Kling
Steve White	Richard Osman, Sr.	Nicholas Macedo	DECEASED
John Van-Catledge	Jane Gibson	Clark Family	Larry Pike
Nicholas Brady	Sue Wildermuth	Dick Wittmeyer	Tony Sarcich
Steven Greer Jr.	Josh Reynolds	Karen Bayless	
Myron Hastings	Pete Royal	Helen Bleakeney	
Nico Clothier	Rhoda Biedeman	Tom Juranich	
Keith Powell	Barbara Sutton	Bill Sheing	
Olivia Kirby Thomas	Sarah White	Kevin Conte	
Chase Greer	Joe Bonvetti	Kenn Gardner	
Jack Gebhart	Ed Smentkowski	Shawn Fisher	
Kirsten Stoner	Stewart Taub	Alexis Knight	
Lucy Betz	Karin Fang	Dick Mickles	



Please call the Church Office to put someone on the Prayer List or to remove a name from the list. Each person on the list remains there for one month unless the office is notified that an additional month is desired. The name is read during Intercessory Prayers in worship the first week of the listing. We remember these people in our prayers and in our hearts.

### BIRTHDAYS

2 George Schannamann	25 Johnathan Ford
4 Peter Meisel	26 Walter Robbins
6 Kevin Kane	28 Marcia Wight
7 Timothy Marchioni	
8 Ed Grygo	
12 Betty Anderson	
Gavin Doyle	
17 Kitsey Shehan	
18 Nancy Andersen	
Halina Hoernemann	
Abigail Rhodunda	
19 Evan Baddick	
21 Mary Lee MacKelcan	
23 Steven Weatherman	
24 Vicki Cargill	

### ANNIVERSARIES

17 Wray & Jane Britton
19 Jane & Len Bordzol
20 Mike and Cecelia Brandenburg



### ZIP CODE CHANGE

If you live in Boothwyn, Garnet Valley, or Booth's Corner, let the church office know if your ZIP code has changed. Please contact Betsy Gray, St. David's Parish Administrator during office hours (M-Th 10 am—2:30 pm) at 302-475-4688.

## WHY I TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL

When I was first approached to write this article, I had to stop and think for a minute, “Why do I still teach Sunday School?” You see, it has been so many years now of teaching at St. David’s, all different ages of kids over the years. That teaching has just become part of my life. But once I put some thought into it, I came up with the following reasons why:

**STUDY** – I’ve always felt a big part of being a Christian was study – reading about our faith, exploring, questioning, and actively learning more. When you teach a Sunday School class you will have that study element in your life, because you need to be prepared for the kids’ class. Not only do the kids learn – but you learn (or relearn again!) right along with them.

**MINISTRY** - I raised two sons at St. David’s and they were blessed through the years with caring adults who led their

Sunday School classes, Rite 13 and J2A groups. I saw first-hand how much the adults’ involvement meant to my boys, and I want to do my part for the youth at St. David’s now. One of my personal ministries has been Christian Ed for youth.

**PERSPECTIVE** – Ever start to feel like you are losing touch? The last few years I have taught teens, and no matter how tired I am on Sunday morning, spending time with the kids energizes me. I love hearing them express their viewpoints on topics and then delving into deeper discussions. I find I look at current topics through their eyes. It keeps my perspective on life fresh, up to date, and most importantly, open to new ideas.

Please consider working with the youth education programs at St. David’s. I am confident that you will find it as rewarding as I have.

~Linda Owens

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## STEWARDSHIP AMONG THE FAMILY

*“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith.” (Gal 6:10)*

Our grandparents taught us that we can choose our friends but not our family. When we accept the members of our family as kin, however, we find we have obligations, unwritten, but no less binding. So it is with the family of faith, and indeed with the wider circles of our community. Recognizing our common kinship is the first step in giving.

### ~The Stewardship Committee

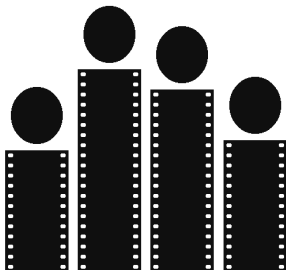
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FIRST  
FRIDAY  
FAMILY  
MOVIE

Friday, February 4th  
6:00 pm at Saint David's  
February's Movie:

Disney · PIXAR  
**MONSTERS, INC.**

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board  
\$5/family      pizza & drinks

**YOU WON'T BELIEVE  
YOUR EYE**

