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Saint David's... A Community of disciples passing on God's love to all.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTER POSITION CREATED

Congrats St. David's! The vestry has included funding in the 2011 budget for a part-time Children's minister. This important milestone in the life of the parish was achieved through the generous response of parishioners in the pledge campaign and through a challenge grant from the Trustees of the Legacy Fund.

A job description is being developed by the rector and vestry and soon a search will begin to find the person who will help us strengthen our ministry to children and their families.

St. David's has long been known as a place where children can thrive. Our Day School is renowned in the community. Walk to Easter is unique among Holy Week offerings in the Brandywine Valley - allowing our youngest ones to consider the saving work of Jesus through age-appropriate activities. The students in Children's Chapel and Middler's Group enjoy the dedicated ministry of teachers and assistants who provide vital opportunities for growth in knowledge and grace even as they grow in stature and in years.

Saint David's can now continue the good work that has been so faithfully tended through the years by bringing into our midst one who will help us focus our efforts to raise children of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God! 

HELP WANTED

Grant Writer. St. David's Church seeks a volunteer to assist in applying for grants. The successful candidate will be willing to complete forms and write brief descriptions. Previous grant writing experience is not a must but would be helpful. Hours are flexible. Benefits are heavenly. To apply contact the Rector, The Rev. Brad Hinton 302-475-4688 or brad.stdavids@verizon.net



ADOPT-A-FOSTER CHILD WRAP-UP

Thank you for your support of the Adopt A Foster Child Christmas project. Once again the generosity of the people of St. David's provided a multitude of gifts for 30 foster children and a mother and her son. After the Outreach Committee sorted gifts and shopped for unclaimed items, the wrapper got to work. We were so pleased that parish members and a Day School parent joined us as we wrapped and bagged up the gifts to prepare them for delivery. It took many hands to accomplish this and we had a great time in fellowship and in knowing

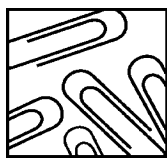
we were a bringing the love of Christmas to the foster kids. A big thank you goes out to all who participated in this project.



~Outreach Committee

CHURCH CHOIR PARTY THANK YOU

Thanks go out to Fern and Alex Bunting for hosting this year's Christmas party. On December 12, 2010, members of the Choir of St. David's gathered at the Bunting home for great food, hot and cold running drinks, fellowship, and joyous carol singing!



**FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE**

The Rector will be away on vacation from December 25 through January 1.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

WE WELCOME...

...the Merriman's!

Schedules can be a challenge when you're an obstetrician. If your husband is a physician too, scheduling can be more complicated, since both of you can be on call on the same night. If you also have two young daughters, life gets even busier. Now,... imagine you're an obstetrician, and married to a gastroenterologist, and have two young daughters – and are currently six months pregnant with identical twin boys! Welcome to life with the Merriman Family!


Jen and Nate Merriman met in medical school at the University of North Carolina. Both did their residency and fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Jen, now at Christiana Hospital, teaches high risk obstetrics and maternal fetal medicine to residents from Christiana and fellows from Jefferson Hospital. Nate, the gastroenterologist in this family, is in private practice in Newark.

The Merriman Family, including Kaitlin (5 years) and Brooke (4 years), first came to St. David's about two years ago, after looking at a variety of churches in the



Wilmington area. They wanted a church with a good children's program. "A family friendly environment," is what they say they found at St. David's, "open, welcoming, and personable." They describe Fr. Brad's sermons as "ones we learn from, relatable – not lectures."

If you haven't officially met the Merriman's yet, you may have seen Jen and her daughters in the recent Christmas Pageant. Jen served as the first ever St. David's Angel who was pregnant with twins – how wonderful!

P.S. - In case you were worried, Jen's mom will be arriving here from Colorado before the twins come in March to serve as Nanny for their first year. We look forward to welcoming her and the new twins! 

BAKE SOME COOKIES, BREW SOME COFFEE, MAKE SOME FRIENDS

The Hospitality Hour sign-up for the New Year is now prominently displayed on the bulletin board. There is one problem...it is basically void of names. Please consider hosting Hospitality Hour. If you are new to the Parish, ask a long-time member to lend aid. In the process, you'll make a new friend.



Words of Wisdom

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-Martin of Georgia

STEWARDSHIP AS BREAKING A LAW

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

~Luke 12:34

Newton’s laws of motion may too often govern our own behavior. That may explain, for example, why one of the fastest growing sectors in the service economy is self-storage. Excess household items, once laid away at rest, tend to remain at rest. Inertia takes over, and we keep what we have rather than give it up. With the holidays behind us and a new year lying ahead, it is a good time to rethink whether “the law of inertia” may govern how we handle our own resources. Will our giving – in terms of time, talent, or money – also obey the law of inertia.



~The Stewardship Committee

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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.

Elizabeth Ann Seton

was the founder of Sisters of Charity, the first

community of sisters native to the United States. She was also a wife, a widow, a single mother, an educator, a social activist and a spiritual leader.

Elizabeth Ann was born in New York in 1774. She endured a turbulent childhood and suffered severe bouts of depression. She survived by immersing herself in poetry, piano lessons, and devoted participation in the Episcopal Church. In 1795 she married William Seton in a ceremony presided over by the Bishop of New York.

Three years later, her father-in-law died, leaving them with the responsibility for a large family and a struggling family business. In 1801 the business failed and the Setons lost everything. Her husband showed the symptoms of tuberculosis and in 1803, they set sail for Italy in the hopes that the warm climate would cure his disease. The Italian authorities

feared Yellow Fever and quarantined them in a cold, stone hospital for the dying. William soon died and left Elizabeth Ann a young widow with five children and few resources. While in Italy, she discovered Roman Catholicism. Returning to New York, she encountered bitter opposition to her new religious leanings.

With five children to support, she felt alone and estranged. She turned to Roman Catholic clergy for support and in 1805 she joined the Roman Catholic Church. In 1806, she met Father Louis Dubourg, S.S. who wanted to start a congregation of women religious, patterned after the French Daughters of Charity. In 1809 she took vows and became "Mother Seton" to a small community of seven women dedicated to teaching. The sisters were given land in rural Maryland and in 1810 they opened St. Joseph's Free School to educate needy girls. The Sisters intertwined social ministry, education and religious formation in all their varied works.

Elizabeth Ann Seton remained the Mother of the Sisters of Charity until her death on January 4, 1821.

~Excerpted from
Holy Women Holy Men



WALK TO EASTER

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

There will be an organizational and planning meeting for Walk to Easter on Saturday morning, January 15 at 10 am in the Memorial Room.

Walk to Easter is a fun, educational program held each Good Friday (April 22 this year!) from 9 am—noon for children ages 3-8 and their parents.

If you are interested in learning how you can get involved in the early planning stages, please come. For several years, Dee Dee Cook has been co-coordinator

of this event. As the rhythms of her and her family’s life change, she needs to phase-out her involvement with the event. So, we need to pass on her experiences and make a smooth transition for future years. If you have any questions about this fun yet deeply-moving child-oriented program, contact Pat Van-Catledge (playerqueen@aol.com) or Dee Dee Cook (deana.cook@verizon.net).

Mark your calendars now.
Feel free to bring caffeine!



YOUTH GROUP LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE

On January 9 and 23 the YG will meet to hang out and spend some

time learning about **Spiritual Gifts**. We all have something special to offer. What are your gifts? Hmm...?

February 13 will be **Movie Night** at Saint David's Cineplex! What movie? Who

knows!...but we’re willing to discuss it.

A **SKI TRIP** is being planned for February, but I believe we haven't settled on a date (either Saturday, Feb. 5 or 19). Discuss!

March 13 and 27 (tentative): We will be learning about **Prayer**, how it works, and how that can change our lives.

Work Camp is an ongoing topic.

“Education is not the filling of pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
~William Butler Yeats



DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR
—JANUARY 2011

Happy New Year!

On the Calendar:

January

- 3 School Resumes**
Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 4 CPR Class, room 4, 6pm**
- 6,7 Registration for 2011-2012**
- 6 First Aid Class, room 4, 6pm**
- 10 PTPA Meeting, 9:15**
Staff Grab n Go Breakfast
- 17 Martin Luther King Day,**
Preschool Closed, EC Open
- 18 Board Meeting, 7pm**
- 20,21 Prospective Parent Tours, 9:30**
- 20 Board Meeting, 7pm**
- 23 Open House, 1-3pm**



Happy Birthday to
Shari McAllister, Doris
Catalano, Lisa Chambless &
Sandra Towne!

Enrichment Programs
this month:
Scott Vogel, Animal Advocate
and Segal Puppets



Community Open House

Stop by on Sunday afternoon, January 23rd between 1 and 3 for a glimpse of what goes on here Monday through Friday. Many of our staff will be here to meet you, talk to you about their developmentally appropriate, engaging and dynamic program. This is a chance to meet folks you have only heard about! Prospective parents and children will be here as well.

No reservations needed - see you then!!!

Janet Leishman, Early Childhood Administrator



Adult Faith Formation

THE BIBLE -

WHICH VERSION DO I CHOOSE?!

This is one in a series of articles written by the rector and sponsored by the Adult Formation Team.

Are all Bibles the same? Does the version really matter?

Okay, so you want to read the Bible. But which version is right for you? If you've gone online or visited a bookstore or the library you may notice that there are quite a number of choices. I know someone who commented that all the different translations look like something out of alphabet soup: the KJV, NKJV, NIV, NRSV, REB, NLT, TEV, CEV, and the BTE. And those only cover a small percentage of what's out there! If you look deep enough you will discover that translation committees typically strive for dynamic or formal equivalence. You might also come across the debates about the use of gender inclusive language or controversy surrounding the Apocrypha. Besides translation you also face the question of whether to invest in a study

edition (which costs more than a regular edition but has detailed notes on each page, introductions to each book, maps, a glossary and other information). There's a lot to consider. If you'd like some suggestions to cut through some of this, then read on!

Try one of these...

Below are some sound choices that give scholarship its due without sacrificing readability. Go ahead and splurge on a study edition, if one is available. \$30-\$40 ought to cover the cost and you'll learn a lot along the way.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

This is what is read in worship at Saint David's on Sunday mornings during worship. There are a couple of good study editions out there. The **Harper-Collins** and **Oxford** offer some good options but **The New Interpreter's Study Bible** edited by Walter Harrison is my favorite. The scholarly insights are eye-opening.

Today's New International Version

(TNIV) is also a fine choice and is one of the most recent translations available. Its immediate predecessor, **The New International Version (NIV)** is still worthy of your consideration - and you might find one discounted now that the **TNIV** has been published and considering that the NIV is going through its own update.

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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.

Website Suggestion from the Faith Formation Committee by Mike Brandenburg

On the internet I accessed explorefaith.org. The subtitle for this site is Spiritual guidance for anyone seeking a path to God. Its sidebar contains such titles as Ex-

ploring Faith, Faces of Faith, Living Spiritually, Prayer and Meditation and others. At this site, I clicked on Life Issues, then on the subtitle Anxious Times. I found a short sermon excerpt on placing our anxiety on God especially in our difficult social times. Try it for a supporting and challenging resource.



NEWCOMER FORUM IN JANUARY

On Sunday, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, Father Brad Hinton will lead a forum for Newcomers to St. David's. This will be a time to learn about the congregation and our faith as Episcopalians. This class will also be a time of preparation for those planning to join St. David's Parish or to be confirmed during Bishop Wright's visit in February. This forum will meet in the Memorial Room at 9 am.

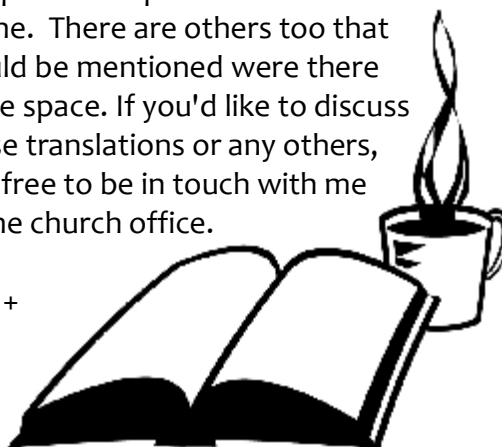
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The NIV is the most read version of the Bible in the world - yes even more than the King James Version (*whose beautiful language still makes it a good read, if you can understand it and if you are willing to overlook some scholarly errors*).

The Revised English Bible (REB) is a particularly readable translation and one I enjoy more for casual reading than for study. The study edition is a bit puny compared to others but is sufficient if you want the basics. Unfortunately the

REB is difficult to find in bookstores but inexpensive copies can be found online. There are others too that would be mentioned were there more space. If you'd like to discuss these translations or any others, feel free to be in touch with me at the church office.

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...IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Jack Gebhart	Steven Greer Jr.	Kirsten Stoner	Margot
Jane Gibson	Joe Bonvetti	Richard Osman, Sr.	Jeanne MacCorkle
Larry Pike	Ed Smentkowski	Sue Wildermuth	Mary Manerchia
Evelyn White	Sam Bell	Lucy Betz	
Stewart Taub	Nicholas Macedo	Linda Keim	DECEASED
Karin Fang	Karen Bayless	Noreen Butcher	Ed Wells
Grace Ellen Clark	Helen Bleakeney	Josh Reynolds	Nancy Hennessy
The Clark Family	Tom Juranich	Betty Porter	
John Van-	Myron Hastings	Sammi	
Catledge	Chase Greer	Uli Lorimer	
Steve White	Nico Clothier	Josh Reynolds	
Nicholas Brady	Keith Powell	Petracelli Family	



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.

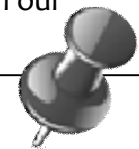
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Julie Shehan
- 2 Henry Dowdy
- 15 Andrea Kane
- 16 Cynthia Joye
- 18 Glenda Ruggiero
- 20 Nancy Hebner
- 22 Christine Frick
- 25 Holly Osman
Laurie Schall
- 26 Nathan Hoernemann
- 29 Martha Verderame

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 James and Elizabeth
Von Dreele

RECENT VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS



- Approved a \$312,000 parish budget for 2011 which included A line-item for a part-time minister for children (see front cover).
- Approved a water ingress omnibus to cover repairs to roofs over the small kitchen and library, pointing and capping of chimneys, and addressing the water drainage issues in the courtyard playground.
- Received the good news that the library has been restored from recent flooding.
- Heard updates from the Records Retention Task Force on progress made in transferring records to digital media.

THERE'S SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO! SPRING "SNEAK PEEK" CALENDAR		
January	9	Newcomer's Forum Begins (lasts four weeks) 9 am in Memorial Room
	9	Teen Confirmation Class 11:45—1 pm/Memorial Room. Classes run through February
February	25-26	Diocesan Convention at the Dover Sheraton
	27	Bishop Wright's Annual Visitation w/ Confirma- tion and Reception of New Members
March	9	Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 7 pm
	15	Tuesday Nights in Lent (3/15-4/12)
April	9	Youth Group Car Wash
	???	Annual Parish Meeting — Date to be an- nounced
	17	Holy Week—No Committee Meetings
	17	Palm/Passion Sunday (8 & 10:15 am services)
	21	Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
	22	Walk to Easter—9 am
	22	Good Friday Service 7 pm
	23	The Great Vigil of Easter 8 pm with Reception to follow
	24	Easter Day (8 & 10:15 am services) with Easter Egg Hunt to follow
May	29	Rogation Sunday
June	12	The Day of Pentecost
	19	Trinity Sunday



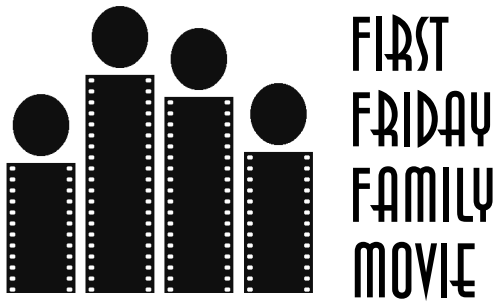
WORDS WE USE
feasts
are days of particular celebration. The Principle Feasts of this church are: Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity, All Saints Christmas and The Epiphany. All Sundays of the year are considered feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Friday, January 7th
6:00 pm at Saint David's
January's Movie:
The Polar Express
Sign-up on the Bulletin Board
\$5/family pizza & drinks

