

Glad Tidings!



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

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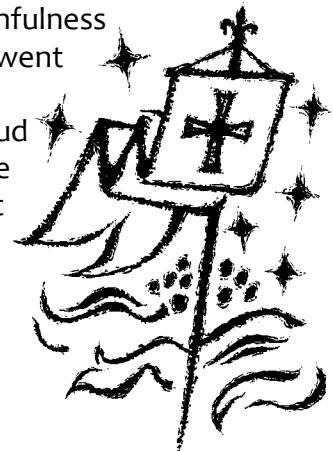
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday -- observed this year on the 6th of November -- commemorates the lives of all God's people, past, present and yet to come. This year's festival will focus our attention on the faithfulness of the people of this parish as we renew our covenant with God as well as gather-in and bless the pledge offerings for the coming year. Every household should have received a letter enclosing a pledge card and asking for a prayerful decision on how you can best support our church and its many programs. If you haven't received it, or you have misplaced it, please contact the parish office and we will be glad to send you another one.

At the 10:15 worship service, we plan to baptize four new members of the Church. Special music, prayers, and readings from the Bible will help us to marvel at the local and universal expressions of faithfulness to God's bidding. We give thanks for the legacy of faith and faithfulness left to us by all those who went before us. We are, indeed, surrounded by a 'great cloud of witnesses' who continue join us around the banquet table of the Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Brad+



T-MINUS TWO WEEKS & COUNTING

Make plans now for the St. David's Craft Fair on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.



Crafters are registered and ready to sell a wide variety of handmade goods. You will see familiar faces and items as well as many new ones. Let's make sure

these people feel welcome and show our great hospitality!

To all who have signed-up and those others who would like to join us - A huge thank you!! You do not have to be signed-up to show up! Everyone's help is vital to the success of this event! Many hands make light work and you'll have a chance to make new friends. Check out what needs to happen on Friday and Saturday.

Friday (the Eve of Craft Fair):

If you have signed up to work on Friday evening, groups begin to gather between 5:00 and 6:00 or as you are able to get to the church after work. Many things will begin happening at the same time: Kitchen prep people will begin their brewing, Attic Treasures and Book people will continue sorting and pricing. Workers will move and store furniture to prepare crafter spaces in classrooms. Workers will take down the parish hall classroom and pre-

pare crafter spaces there. Bake Sale personnel will set-up their areas. Luncheon people will prepare the impromptu dining area for Saturday's hungry shoppers.

If you know your location and job, you may go there directly. If you don't know what to do, come to the parish hall, and we'll find a place for you. The crafters will arrive at 7:30 for set-up. Feel free to bring a cooler or beverages for yourself or to share! (We ARE Episcopalian, after all.) We will also order pizza to be delivered around 6:00 pm for craft fair volunteers.

Saturday (Day of Craft Fair):

The church building will be open at 7:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be available for crafters and workers alike. Those working on Saturday should arrive for the AM or PM job you have signed-up for and go directly to your work location. Others will be there to assist you. The Wellness Room (*in Nursery*) will be open early for those working in that area.

It is also helpful to have a couple people check with crafters during the course of the day to see if they need a bathroom break or want to get some lunch. If you would like to help with this aspect of hospitality, contact Lynn Royal.

Once all are in their places with bright shining faces, the Craft Fair runs itself. However, others are needed at 3:00 pm to help clean-up and stow tables & chairs. People who own trucks or vans are needed to take Attic Treasures leftovers to Goodwill at 3:00 pm. Clean-up is usually quick and easy when many help.

BETTY CROCKER—HELP!

Cookies and Brownies and Pies, OH MY! We're down the last minute - the annual St. David's Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 13 and we are requesting your contribution of a favorite confection! The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. There is also a folder located next to the sign-up sheet that includes some instructions and helpful requests that you can take with you.

And if you'd like to join us at the Bake Table on the day of the event, a volunteer sign-up sheet is also posted in the Narthex. Please join us - it's a fun place to work!

Reminder: Please deliver your goodies to the parish hall kitchen on Friday, November 12 during the day or early evening so they can be priced. You may place them on the counter in the Parish Hall kitchen

but please mark them "FOR BAKE SALE TABLE". This will help us keep bake sale items separate from the lunch desserts. If you need to deliver your items on Saturday morning, please have them there no later than 8am. We want to be able to price them and get them ready for sale as soon as possible.

We can't thank you enough for donating your time and sweets. We truly appreciate your contribution! Happy Baking!

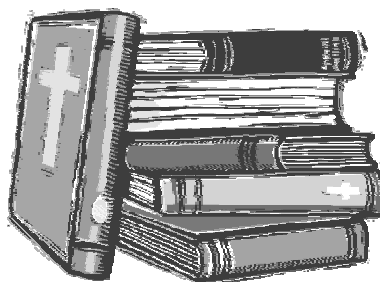


~Jolene Baddick,
Bake Table
Chairperson

ATTIC TREASURES & USED BOOKS

It's that time of year again. Please donate your gently-used books (non-fiction, fiction, children's) to our Craft Fair Attic Treasures. Please DO NOT bring any textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or marked/highlighted books. Used Books will be in the church library (next to the Memorial Room). Please put all books in their bags or boxes under the tables. That makes it easier for set-up as we sort them according to category. Thank you. Attic Treasures are simply garage sale

items that no longer have a use or place in our homes. We ask people to sort their own Attic Treasures. This saves a huge amount of time for our pricers. You may bring in treasures and books beginning Sunday, November 6th.



~Nancy Walsh
Attic Treasures,
Used Books

NEWCOMER FORUM AND ADULT CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION CLASSES

Begin at 9 am on Sunday morning, November 20th in the Memorial Room

This is something for your “must do” list if you are new to the parish. It’s the perfect time to get to know the rector, other parish leaders and other newcomers while enjoying a cup of coffee and a bagel or donut. It is also a time to learn more about the history, mission and ministries of the congregation.

This forum will also serve as the first segment of classes for those who want to be welcomed into the Episcopal church

when the Bishop of Delaware visits in February 2012. The forum will continue in January for those who want to be confirmed or received. Nursery care will be provided for these forums!

Contact the Rev. Brad Hinton to sign-up:
brad.stdavids@verizon.net
or 302/475-4688.



JAMES BIBLE STUDY CULMINATING POTLUCK

The James Bible study was a success! Three different met for this study: Two on Sunday morning in classrooms 3 and 4, and one on Thursday night which met in the Nursery.

In thanks for all the hard work people have put into organizing, leading, and participating in the ‘James’ Bible study, the B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) is announcing a potluck dinner for all participants. All who took part will review the highlights and summarize our findings and feelings.

B.A.S.I.C. Culminating Potluck
Sunday, November 13 at 7:00 pm
in The Great Hall

Please, bring whatever you'd like... a main dish, a side, a salad... enough for four people. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main foyer. Please sign-up so preparations can be made for this culminating event in the life of our parish.



**Brothers and Sisters
in Christ**

WIDENING THE CIRCLE OF CARE

As a congregation we all play a part in promoting a community of compassion and caring. Sometimes a person or persons need a little more than words of encouragement or a hug from a friend. The Pastoral Care Team is here for you. We help and support Brad in his Pastoral Care duties which are many.

A few things that Pastoral Care does:

- ◆ Meals for those who request this help after surgery, during illness or during bereavement.
- ◆ Visits to nursing homes/homebound or hospital visits.
- ◆ Flowers to those unable to attend church at Christmas and Easter.
- ◆ E-mail prayer chain is a group of people who offer up prayers on a regular basis for those in need.

We want to widen the circle of care here at Saint David's. This is a community formed in love: God's love for us & and our love for one another. There are so many ways to serve. Perhaps your talents lie in cooking, rather than home visitation or vice versa... you can pick and choose! Keeping in mind everyone's busy lives, the team is creating a rotating schedule of people who offer their time and talent, so that no one feels encumbered by being on the schedule for too long.

We encourage new people to attend this meeting to hear about Pastoral Care at Saint David's and to offer their ideas... and then reach out in love. This is a ministry that gives back to the giver.

Pastoral Care Meeting
November 5, 2011 - 9:30 am
Memorial Room

PRAYER SHAWLS & LAP ROBES

Saint David's has a supply of prayer shawls and lap robes. If you know of anyone who is going through a medical or spiritual challenge who you think would benefit from one of these, please let me know. That person does not have to be a member of our congregation.

If you would like to knit a shawl or lap robe, please contact Nancy Walsh. Some donated yarn is available for your project. The Pastoral Care Team wraps the items and include a prayer for the recipient. Your gift of skill, time, and love would be greatly appreciated.

Infant/Child Afghans

We also have baby afghans for our youngest members of the congregation in need of a sign and symbol of God's abiding love. If you know someone would like one, please contact Nancy Walsh at 610-361-2090 OR email her at walshd6@comcast.net

If you are going to have a baby soon and would like one, please let me know.

~Nancy Walsh
Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Pastoral Care

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CELEBRATING OUR SHARED MINISTRY

Let the Whole World See and Know is the theme for this year's Episcopal Schools Celebration. Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori writes that our Episcopal schools are vital to the Church's "mission to encourage and nurture the hearts and minds of young people and their families." We have been doing that for 56 years – here is how we have done it.

There have been over 8,000 birthday blessings by bishops, rectors, associate rectors and chaplains! Those children have come from all parts of New Castle County, from parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and Maryland as well. In the past "few" years, many staff members have started out as parents of enrolled children and then become part of the volunteer and then paid staff. Many families educate all of their children here.

Many children have lost their first tooth here (especially when there was a kindergarten class), learned to pedal a tricycle or finger-paint or sing "Jesus Love Me." Families celebrated the births of new siblings with us and cried with us over the death of a loved one. We grew closer and stronger as a family in those hard times!

Reaching out to our community is an integral part of our shared ministry. Children delight in bringing "Shoes to Share" or pen-

nies to "Light the Night" at the Ronald McDonald House! The annual food drive, clothing drives and "Adopt-A-Foster Child" drive are part of who we are. Our Scholarship Fund was created in 1998 with an "anonymous" \$ 20,000 endowment and has since provided over \$75,000 in tuition assistance to children who may not have been able to receive the benefits of our program.

Our staff is the best in the state – exceeding the qualifications of their positions as set by the state! They are dedicated and they see their role as partners with the parents in being advocates for the best possible early education environment for the children. St. David's Day School had the first developmental movement (GYM) program for preschoolers in the state!!!

The staff is able to do their jobs because of the support of a dedicated Board of Directors. The current President of the Board is Della Schweiger, Kim Chase is the Vice President and other current members are Brad Hinton, Kris Marvel, Jane Noble-Harvey and the PTPA Co-Presidents, Kim Anthony and Liz Hadley.

Thanks be to God for those people of St. David's Church who had a vision for a preschool 56 years ago and thanks be to God for the people of St. David's who continue to support that mission.

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Day School Sunday is November 13th



DAY SCHOOL NEWS - NOVEMBER 2011

On the Calendar:

- 3 Chapel, 9:05; PTPA Meeting 9:40
- 9 Chapel, 9:05
- 11 Extended Care Closes 4:00 pm
- 17, 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences,
Preschool Closed, Extended Care Open
- 23 Chapel, 9:05
- 24, 25 All Programs Closed – **Happy Thanksgiving!**

During the month of November, our children will be sharing with families of the community as they bring non-perishable food items to each chapel during the month. One week will be fruits and vegetables, another will be soups, another will be meats and fish. We will culminate this month of sharing with the traditional story *Stone Soup* at the chapel on the day before Thanksgiving. You are always welcome at our chapels but this is a really fun one to attend.



Happy Birthday
to Erica Parrish
& Bev Igo!

Happy Belated
Birthday to
Meetu Mohnot!

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

Hello from the St. David's PTPA!

Did you know that PTPA stands for Parent Teacher Parish Association? As members of the parish, many of you have had friends, neighbors, family and for many of us, our own children pass through the halls of our school. And we are asking for your help!



Our **4th Annual Silent Auction** will be on Saturday, February 18, 2012. We are seeking new donors and previous donors to add to this already exciting event, and perhaps you or your business has something that we can auction! We are looking for a variety of items – from services and gift certificates, to a stay at a vacation home! And remember, these donations qualify as a tax deductible donation. All proceeds from this auction go back directly to the school to support our children. Donors will be recognized in our auction booklet.

If you have any questions, or if you have an item or a service to donate, please contact Liz Hadley or Kim Anthony at st_davids_day_school@verizon.net or 302-475-3747. Mark your calendars to attend this great, fun-filled event – that's Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 7 pm. You'll be glad you did!

**WE WELCOME...
...THE MARCIA BRINKER!**

Sometimes just following the path of a friend makes the difference. That's what happened when Marcia Brinker was shopping for a new church. She had tried on a variety of styles – Presbyterian, Methodist, Unitarian – but hadn't found one that fit quite right. Then she decided to try the church where her friends Barb DeHaven and Wray and Jane Britton worshiped. At St. David's she found what she was looking for – a church that was welcoming, comfortable, and followed a format similar to the Roman Catholic service she had grown up with.

Marcia is a public health nurse working in tuberculosis control and loves what she does. At the clinic, she works with patients in various stages of the disease, and when there is a reported outbreak, she investigates. Her job might take her to a homeless shelter, a work site, or a college. She says her job is “never boring, it's always interesting.”

Following a friend's path led Marcia down another avenue that she enjoys. Her friend told her about PAWS for People, a pet-assisted therapeutic services program, and Marcia and one of her two Labrador retrievers, Jet, recently started volunteering. She enjoys visiting the Alzheimer's unit at Foulk Manor North, and



finds it especially rewarding that patients respond well to Jet. At one session some of the patients insisted they didn't like dogs but by the end of it they were reaching out to pet him, which pleased Marcia.

Marcia and her husband, Chris, married for 30 years, enjoy boating on the Sassafras River. Chris works long shifts as a docking specialist at the Port of Wilmington. They have three grown sons, two live nearby and one is in college. Marcia also enjoys tennis and knitting, and looks forward to contributing to the efforts of St. David's Prayer Shawl Ministry.



WE WELCOME THE... ... LINDA ADAMS!

How does St. David's congregation keep growing?! Well, here's one way it happens Andrea and Kevin Kane told family members Dan and Julia Morse about the community of worship here. "Come and see." And, just before their son Danny was born, they did come. And soon they became part of St. David's. Then the Morse's began to tell others, "Come and see" – including Dan's mom, Linda Adams, who came in February.

Linda says that she discovered "a very friendly, liberal, flexible congregation." She likes the sermons and calls the choir "wonderful," complimenting the "great mixture of music" and "the choir's willingness to stretch to try new things." Of course, being able to worship with her new grandson is a compelling factor as well!

Linda enjoys the "variety of activities" offered at St. David's – from "the excellent children's program" to the annual Pig Roast. Now an active member of St. David's, Linda has become an important part of our children's program, volunteering to serve this year on the Jr. High Sunday School teaching team.

Originally from Philadelphia, Linda currently works as a paralegal with a law firm in Wilmington. She is also an avid reader who particularly likes mysteries and lawyer novels (a big John Grisham



fan). Linda is a movie fan too, listing *The Help* as a recent movie she really liked. (She enjoyed the book as well). If you don't see Linda at the movies, you may find her at a play. She's a committed supporter of the local theater groups in Wilmington; frequently attending plays at the Wilmington Drama League, the Delaware Theater Company and the local high schools.

We're glad Linda has also become a committed supporter at St. David's. Thank you, Linda, for answering the Morse Family's call to "Come and see!" Thanks to the Morse Family for responding to a similar invitation from Andrea and Kevin, and then passing it on to Linda! And, of course, thanks to Andrea and Kevin for following in the footsteps of Jesus' first disciples, saying, "Come and see."

WE WELCOME THE... ... SCHNEIDERS!

If you're really into sports, you should get to know the Schneider Family! You may run into them at the local YMCA, where Chaz likes to work out in the gym, and Ann may be preparing for her next 5K, and their daughters, Grace (5 yrs.) and Bridget (3 ½ yrs.), may be swimming or simply having fun – just hanging out!

Chaz teaches Marketing and Business at A. I. DuPont. You can also find him working with the Junior Varsity and Freshman football teams, with both the boys' and girls' basketball teams, and helping out at all of their sporting events. Chaz and Ann first met at the Bellevue Corporate Center – playing in the same softball league. Now, Chaz coaches their daughter's softball team.

Ann works in Financial Services at Black Rock. She is also hard at work on a personal goal she recently set for herself – to complete forty-one 5K races in one year (the year before she becomes 41)! Currently, she's "5 down with 36 to go." Go Ann!! And she says that she has discovered some extra benefits in participating in 5K's – "it's a good way to learn about local charities, and to meet the people in your community."

Ann and Chaz enjoy sharing the activities they love with the two daughters they love. In addition to sports, Chaz is now "getting his daughter to collect comic



books." And Grace and Bridget dream of the day when they will be able to go to Disney World. Their dream just might have its roots in the story of their parents' wonderful honeymoon at Disney World, where Ann says they truly "felt like a prince and princess."

Chaz says that his love for Ann first brought him to St. David's. Ann says that she first came in response to the encouragement of Dan and Julia Morse. Chaz says that he keeps coming to St. David's because of his love for Ann; while Ann says, "It's the right place for us as a family; it's a good place with welcoming people." The girls enjoy Children's Chapel, and "we get a lot out of the sermons."

St. David's is blessed with the energy and love that the Schneider Family brings! Welcome to St. David's!

THANKSGIVING



Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth; young men and maidens, old men and children: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted, His glory is above the earth and heaven.

~Psalm 148:9-13

Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

~The Book of Common Prayer

FORTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

On December 18th, Saint David's will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Reverend Canon Jim Von Dreele's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests. Special guests will be in attendance and the vestry is planning an festive hospitality hour after the 10:15 service.

Please make plans to be here that special day as we give praise to God for forty faithful years of service in God's vineyard!

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

~ 1 Peter 2:9



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEWS

It is that time of year. . .

Crisp autumn air, trees leaving behind summer green to change into brilliant fall hues, trips to the pumpkin patch and the apple orchard, sweet apple cider with crunchy ginger snaps, children planning the attire for a night of trick or treating—who shall I be? A superhero, a princess? All of these things make me think of another time when children don costumes and tell the best story ever. Yes, you guessed it – Christmas pageant time!

The words “Christmas Pageant” have the propensity to either delight or disturb. So let’s go with delight. Imagine it’s Christmas Eve, the 5:00 pm service. The sanctuary is greened and festive. The Advent Wreath is fully ablaze. Every seat is filled with family and friends. Excitement fills the air because we are about to relive a pivotal moment in history. That moment when God became human in order to show us just how much God loves us. Mary and Joseph are turned away from the inn. They find shelter in the stable and their baby is born. Angels, shepherds and their sheep, wise men and their gifts all come to visit this baby. We sing songs of praise as we watch this story unfold as told by our children.

Now, don’t you want to be a part of that? All of St. David’s children and youth are invited to be a part. Any adults who would like to provide support; whether it be costumes, crowd control, prayer, or coaching sheep—whatever!

We would love your help.

So now that you are onboard, here are the nitty-gritty details: We are going to do a **very simple narrative** of the Christmas story as Luke tells it in his gospel. There are **no speaking parts** except for narrators. We will be creating a tableau or a picture of what is happening in the story.

Schedule of Rehearsals:

Sunday, November 27th All interested parties, children and adult, will gather after church (*grab a quick snack at hospitality hour*) to review the story and sign up for parts.

Sunday, December 4th After church: Music Rehearsal! Initial run-through without music.
Sunday, December 11th After church: Music Rehearsal! Run-through. Costume assignment.

Sunday, December 18th After church: Full run-through with costumes and music.

Participants in the pageant should make every effort to be at all rehearsals. On Saturday, December 24th, pageant participants should plan to arrive at church by 3:30 pm for costume check and quick run-through.

If you have questions, would like to provide support (*you do not have to be a parent—the best Christmas pageants are intergenerational*), please contact me at khanna@saintannesschool.org or 302-287-0268.

~Kathy Hanna
Sunday School Coordinator



ADOPT A FOSTER CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS 2011

Want to brighten up someone's Christmas? You can do that by buying a gift for our adopted foster children. Check out the posters on the bulletin board in the narthex and by the day school.

- ◆ Pick off a post-it note for the gift you would like to buy.
- ◆ Write your name and phone number on the tag under the post-it.
- ◆ Return your gift labeled with the post-it or other name tag.
- ◆ Place the gift in the collection boxes in the narthex.
- ◆ All gifts must be returned by 12/4.

You may want to include a gift bag or box with the gift but do not wrap the gifts. The Outreach Committee could use your help with this joyful task. Mark your calendars and join us in the Memorial Room at 6 pm on December 6 when we wrap the gifts.

For those of you who would rather not shop, we will gladly accept money to purchase gift certificates for items not chosen from the list. Please make checks out to St. David's Church and write "Foster Kids" in the memo. Place the check in the Adopt a Foster Child envelope located by the sign-up poster. Put the envelope in the collection basket. During the week, donations may be given to the church administrator, Betsy Gray, during office hours (*Monday to Thursday from 10 to 2*).

We also need the following items to help make these children's Christmas a memorable one: general hygiene supplies (*shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, etc.*), school supplies, stocking stuffers, Christmas gift wrap and Scotch tape.

St. David's has a tradition of looking out for those in need. Please be generous as we support our Foster Children from New Castle County.

~The Outreach Committee

ADVENT WREATH MAKING PARTY November 27th at 9 am

In a world filled with immediate gratification, a sense of anticipation is lacking. Everything is now! Now! NOW! Advent is our way of slowing down and reclaiming time... time the world tries to steal, and to look forward to and appreciate the wonderful gift that Christmas is. Having a home Advent Wreath, lighting it as a family, sharing a brief devotional moment, and saying a prayer is a powerful statement about who and whose we are.

At 9 am, households from both the 8 & 10:15 am services are welcome to gather in The Great Hall to make Advent Wreaths for their own homes. Everything you will need to construct your Advent Wreath will be provided. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of materials. Sign-up on the bulletin board so we can have abundant materials on hand for every household who would like to make a wreath.

~Kathy Hanna



TAIZÉ WORSHIP IN ADVENT

Preparation...that's what it takes. Christmas is coming! We plan, we purchase, we bake, we clean, we rush, we shop, we worry, we hurry... we prepare.

For those who are tired of the stress and the mess, we offer another way to prepare for Christmas...the coming of Christ into our hearts anew...

On Wednesday evenings during Advent, join us for a style of meditative worship made popular in Taizé, France. We will sit (in chairs or on kneelers—your choice) and sing meditative songs in a chant fashion and we will pray (both aloud and silently). We will dwell in our candle-filled worship space and make space in our hearts for Christ.

Come...join us...Prepare.



WHAT IS TAIZÉ WORSHIP?

It is meditative worship which is based on silent and spoken prayer, singing songs with a visual focal point (our Icon of the Holy Mother and Child). Subdued lighting & candlelight will help calm and center us.

I. Silence and Prayer

If we take as our guide the oldest prayer book, the biblical Psalms, we note two main forms of prayer. One is a lament and cry for help. The other is thanksgiving and praise to God. On a more hidden level, there is a third kind of prayer, without demands or explicit expression of praise. In Psalm 131 for instance, there is nothing but quietness and confidence: "I have calmed and quieted my soul ... hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore."

II. Meditative Singing

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated

again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

III. Icons in worship

Icons contribute to the beauty of worship. They are like windows open on the realities of the Kingdom of God, making them present in our prayer on earth.

Although icons are images, they are not simply illustrations or decorations. They are symbols of the incarnation, a presence which offers to the eyes the spiritual message that the Word addresses to the ears.

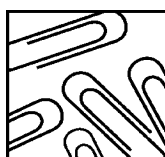


HOW NOT TO WELCOME AT YOUR CHURCH

Words of Wisdom

“Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

—ALBERT SCHWEITZER



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

The Church Office and Day School will be closed Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday)

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In Remembrance and Thanksgiving

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

~Albert Pike

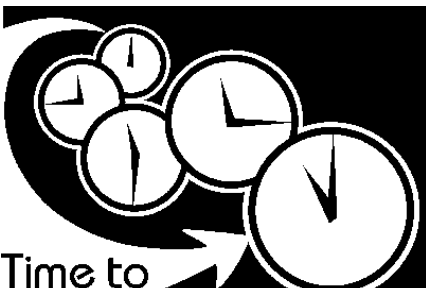
At the heart of All Saints’ Sunday is a celebration of God’s work enabled in all of us who believe. We pause to give thanks for all sorts and conditions of Christians and we marvel at what God has done and is doing through the lives of individuals. Part of this is to remember those who have “gone on to God’s greater glory” and whose presence carries on in the community.

Saint David’s has a strong tradition of generous advocates who have given of their substance to secure the parish’s future through estate planning. Such gifts are an experience of immortality. Benefactors gain a sense of the eternal through the act of sharing while members of the parish are blessed in successive generations!

In recent years the Brennesholtz and Thomas households have been added to the ranks of those who have remembered the church in their wills with considerable gifts. In so doing they have enabled God’s work to continue unabated. Their thoughtfulness and deep generosity are as humbling as they are empowering.

Despite the fact that parish operational costs typically rise faster than annual pledged income we look to the future with hope and with confidence – inspired by the generosity of our friends and fellow believers whose memories we cherish.

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**Time to
turn back your clocks!**

Time Change – Fall Back!

Sunday, November 6th is the day we turn back our clocks. This is an important date in life of the congregation: We will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints AND gathering the Pledges offered by the congregation. Look on the bright side...

...one extra hour of sleep!

Holy Women, Holy Men



Cecilia
Martyr at Rome, c 280

November 22

Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians and poets. She is venerated as a martyr. Many of the details of her life are

unknown and much of what we do know comes from later periods. She is among the women named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

According to fifth century sources, Cecilia was of noble birth and was betrothed to a pagan who bore the name Valerian. Cecilia's witness resulted in the conversion of Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius. Because of their conversion, the brothers were martyred and while Cecilia was burying them, she too was arrested. After several failed attempts to put her to death, she died from injuries sustained by the ordeal. The date of her martyrdom is generally believed to be 230 during the Roman persecution of Christians under Alexander Severus, although some scholars have dated it earlier.

Remembered for the passion with which she sang the praises of God, Cecilia is first depicted in Christian art as a martyr, but since the fourteenth century she is often shown playing the organ, a theme picked up by Raphael in his famous altarpiece for San Giovanni-in-Monte, Bologna, painted around 1516. Her story has inspired centuries of artistic representations in paintings, sculptures, mosaics, and stained glass. Composers such as Handel, Purcell, Howells, and Britten have written choral works and mass settings in her honor. Many music schools, choral societies, and concert series bear her name.

In the ninth century, during the pontificate of Pope Paschal I, the remains of Cecilia were uncovered in the catacombs of Callixtus. On orders from the pope, the sarcophagus containing her remains was transferred to the new basilica in the Trastevere region of Rome. Built on what was believed to be the site of Cecilia's home, a church named in her honor had existed on the site since at least the fifth century, and perhaps as early as the late third century, one of the original churches of the City of Rome.

~Excerpted from
Holy Women Holy Men



WORDS WE USE

saint

strictly speaking, all Christians are God's saints (see Acts 9:13, 32, 41; Romans 1:7; Philippians 4:21, etc.) In popular usage saints are those whom the church has recognized as having exemplary lives of Christian witness.



...IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Grace Ellen Clark	Tom Juranich	John Van-Catledge	Susan Marengo
Steve White	Nico Clothier	Rhoda Biedemann	Morgan Smith
Nicholas Brady	Keith Powell	Declan Roberts	Linda Owens
Steven Greer Jr.	Tom Yohe	Helen Bleakeney	Phyllis Conner
Ed Smentkowski	Sheila Coffin	Richard Anderson	Laura Goeller
Stewart Taub	Bibby Goeller	Olivia Kirby Thomas	Louise France
Karin Fang	Chase Greer	Richard Osman, Sr.	George Greaves
Sam Bell	Jack Gebhart	Anita Whiffen	<i>Deceased:</i>
Nicholas Macedo	Jane Gibson	Merritt & Renee Tilley	Filomena De Palma
Clark Family	Millard Wells	Myron Hastings	Jean Bewick
Dick Wittmeyer	Iris Walsh	Susan Schmittinger	Rosemarie Breier
Karen Bayless	David Walsh	Josh Reynolds	
Curt Bowen	Carol Clark	Vivianne Meffen	

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		ANNIVERSARIES	
6	Josef Hargis	17	Daniel Morse
	Marlee Hargis		Claire Bennett
	Ryan Welsh	18	Sandra Humphreys
8	Barbara Sutton	19	Bobby Rhodunda
10	Nathan Owens	20	Arthur Sieber
13	Brandon Williams		James Von Dreele
14	Matthew Marchioni	21	Scott Doyle
	Jeanne Marie Yohe	23	John MacEwen
15	Pete Mullan		Chris Yovino
16	Nicholas Allred	28	Craig Camarote
	Elaine Osman	30	Cecelia Brandenburg
	Adelina Santianni		Carolyn Luttrell
	Molly Storlazzi		
		3	Rod & Doreen Turner
		4	Ted & Michelle Sobczyk
		16	Jeff & Shari Bennett
		20	Dan & Kathleen Koch
		24	Joyce & William Kent
		25	Eric & Jolene Baddick
		26	Kevin & Andrea Kane
		27	John & Jean McClelland



NEW ALTAR BREAD BAKERS WELCOME

At the 10:15 service, St. David's uses freshly baked whole wheat bread for Holy Communion. Janie Jersild will soon be working on the new altar bread schedule. If you are interested in joining this ministry please email her at jjersild@aol.com by November 15th. We have detailed instructions and an easy recipe to follow.



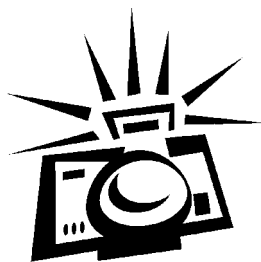
If you have any questions you can talk with Janie or any of the other bread bakers--Jane Burrus, Dee Dee Cook, Ann Fetes Helen Foelker, Courtenay Hoernemann, Joyce Kent, Janet Leishman, Debbie Rhodunda or Chris Yovino.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Be on the lookout for Advent Devotional Materials. This year we will produce a worship booklet for families to use in conjunction with the Advent Wreath (see the article on page 13 for more info on our wreath making party). We will also make available daily prayer/meditation booklets for adults and families with children. These materials will be available in mid-November.

PIG ROAST PHOTOS

Photos from the Pig Roast are now up on our parish website. You can view them by aiming your web browser at www.stdavidsde.org under 'events.' Check 'em out!



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When you are planning to move - locally or out of town.

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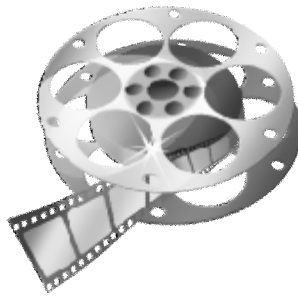
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