

Glad Tidings!

St. David's Parish

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



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CRAFT FAIR FIRE-UP!

MANY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Craft Fair time is just around the corner! Mark your calendars now for St. David's annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9:00-3:00. For those of you who are new, this is our largest fund raiser of the year and involves the whole congregation. We will have 30-40 booth spaces for crafters with handmade goods to sell as well as Attic Treasures, (like a huge garage sale), Luncheon, Silent Auction, Buck-A-Bottle Game, Used Book Sale, Quilt Raffle, Bake Table, Pocket Lady, Child Care for the little ones and other activities. New this year will be a 50/50 raffle, Children's Craft Making Area, and a Wellness Room complete with a masseuse, medical screenings, healthy skin care products and soy candles. If the weather is nice, we may even have

an outdoor area for some of our activities.

MANY NEW AND RETURNING CRAFTERS

Our crafter registration has been phenomenal this year with lots of our old crafters returning and lots of new faces. Committee chairpersons are in place and are organizing their areas for another great year of working and having fun together, sharing who we are with the community, and fundraising for outreach and St. David's ministries.



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USED BOOKS SALE

Please start gathering those books you want to donate to the used-book portion of Attic Treasures at St. David's Craft Fair. Please deliver them only to the drop-off point for books in the Narthex (*to the left of the main doors going in to the Sanctuary*) on Sunday, October 26th or after...not before. They will be sorted and priced by people organizing the table. Please bring books well in advance. It takes time to price/sort them.

Please do not donate:

Encyclopedias

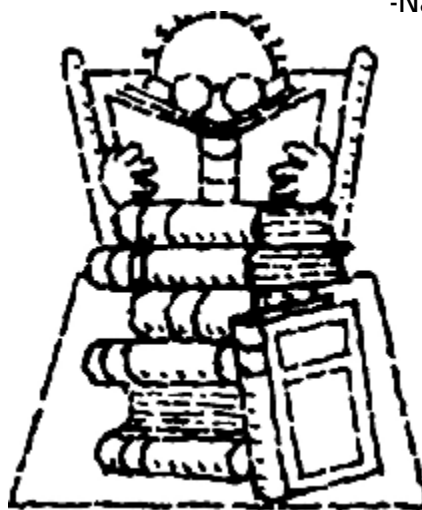
Underlined or highlighted books

Textbooks older than 5 years

Books in poor condition

Any remaining books are taken to the AAUW (Association of American University Women) bookroom to be sorted and priced for the annual scholarship book sale at Concord Mall in March.

-Nancy Walsh



From the Rector



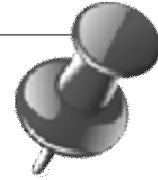
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday -- observed this year on the 2nd 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. At the 10:15 worship service, we plan to baptize at least one new member of the Church. We also plan to ask God's blessings on a family from the Day School who seek to acknowledge the movement of the Spirit in their lives. Special music, singing and incense will help us to marvel at the local and universal expressions of faithfulness to God's bidding.

Fr. Brad ✚

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER



- ✓ The Vestry approved the 2008/2009 Day School Budget.
- ✓ The Memorial Garden will be undergoing some changes, specifically to the tree line.
- ✓ On September 21, 2008, the Day School will be celebrating 53 years of commitment to education. The loose offering from that day will be donated to the Day School Scholarship Fund.
- ✓ The loose offering for September 28, 2008 will designated for Outreach.
- ✓ ADDENDUM to August bullets: The Gift Fund will now be named the Legacy Fund.

Food Shelf



Please remember those who struggle to put food on the table. Please give generously. This is an easy, concrete way to model generosity for your children. Non-perishable foods may be brought forward and placed in the large baskets found on either side of the altar before or during worship. We are all blessed; be a blessing.

Thank you.

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The Church Office will be open on Columbus Day (October 13)

ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL—OCTOBER 2008

Thanks for your support of all we do for the children – our future.

I hope that you were able to enjoy our "photo album" that was playing at the recent Ministry Fair. Our school day is full of lots of fun things to do, as you saw – block-building, cupcake-eating, sharing a book with a good friend, worshipping God! If you'd like to see things in person, take one of our tours – there is one on Friday, October 24 and one on Wednesday, November 5 – both at 9:15 in the morning. Then you will really understand what we do here!

Thank you for your generous gift to our Day School Scholarship Fund on September 21. Your collective gifts of \$ 503.00 is greatly appreciated – which is helping more families in greater degree this year than in recent memory.

You can continue to help our Day School in other ways. There is a collection box for BoxTops near the school office. There are collection "bins" for Campbell's labels near the doors at the classroom hallway. For the BoxTops we submit we receive cash, for the labels we receive points redeemable for equipment. You can use GOOD-SEARCH.com as your search engine – and we will receive a penny for every "hit."

And, October is the month of our pizza, cookie dough and cake sale, so, see any


school board member, parent or staff member to purchase these tasty treats. Our school will receive 40% of all items sold. Delivery will be on Tuesday, November 11th.

Lastly, please contact your US Senator to support Senate Bill 1738 – The PROTECT Our Children Act. This act will fund law enforcement agencies as they work to investigate child exploitation and use high-tech means to track down internet predators.

Enjoy the days of fall this month and may your Halloween treat bag be filled with all the yummy goodies you like!!

Janet D. Leishman,
Early Childhood
Administrator





The Choir meets to rehearse, pray, laugh and carry-on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Words of Wisdom

"If the only prayer you said in your entire life was "thank you," that would suffice."

Meister Eckhardt



Campbell.

"Hello, Al's Office Supply? While I admire your gumption, I'm afraid these offering envelopes are too big."

IN NEXT MONTH'S EDITION OF GLAD TIDINGS!

PLEDGE CARD IN-GATHERING
November 2nd

2008 Craft Fair
Saturday, November 8, 9:00 to 3:00.
Mark your calendars.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY
November 23rd

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 30th



**Remember the
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Saturday, October 4th
6:00—8:00 p.m.

Be there.
Bring a big spoon.

ADULT EDUCATION

This fall has some exciting opportunities to help you grow in your faith and explore the rich history of the church and how we function in it. One class beginning on October 12th is Living with Money led by Michael Brandenburg. More information about this class is found on the next page. There is also a Tuesday morning class that meets at 9:30 led by Tom Yohe. Check it out!

LIVING WITH MONEY

"Everyone has a 'Money Life,' whether we acknowledge it or not. Almost nobody talks about it. From our earlier years and throughout life our attitude towards money influences who we are and what we become. How do we understand the role, power, and impact of money in our lives? What does the bible say about money?"

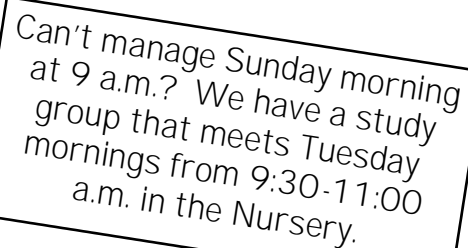
-The Rev. Kirk Allan Kubicek

Our Adult Education Committee is sponsoring three presentations on Sunday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. to explore these questions. Each session will begin with a video presentation of approx. 20 minutes, followed by responses to the video and a reflection on a Biblical passage. Did we mention there would be refreshments?!

The dates and discussion topics are:

- October 12—What is money?
What is its role in our culture?
- October 19—How much is enough?
What does the Bible say about this?
- October 26—Balancing life's ledger.
What does God require of us?

Please join us to explore these topics as we prepare to offer our commitment pledges for God's work in our parish.



Can't manage Sunday morning at 9 a.m.? We have a study group that meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God.

The Tuesday morning faith development group meets every Tuesday while in session, from 9:30-11:00. The group will start on September 23rd and run for approximately 12 weeks. Our session this time will involve a DVD series 12 week series *Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God*. This is the newest production from the people who produced the series *Living the Questions* and *Saving Jesus*.

Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This 12-session DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

Welcome the Sobczyk Family

Ask and ye shall receive.....
The Sobczyk family, Ted, Michelle, Sydney and Mackenzie, found St. David's in 2002 when Sydney, the older of the two girls started attending our Day School. (Actually, that's not quite true – their first official exposure was a bit further back when Ted's brother, Dean, attended the Day School). Following in the family footsteps, Mackenzie was enrolled in the school in 2006 and constantly asked "When can we go to my church"? Michelle realized that Mackenzie meant the church that was part of the day school, and promised to check it out. Michelle had always loved attending Children's Chapel, but when Father Brad started last year she was so impressed at how well he interacted with the children, she wanted to hear how he talked to adults. The family started attending Sunday morning worship. Michelle, originally from Hazleton, PA, works full time for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She loves to spend time hanging out with her family, watching movies, playing games and tickle fights. Ted loves to work around the house and is a self-confessed yard fanatic. Originally from DE he has worked at Potts Welding for 20 years.



The couple met through a mutual friend while Michelle attended Temple University and after their marriage in 1995 came to live in DE. Sydney is in 3rd grade at Pope John Paul II (formerly St. Helena's) and enjoys ice skating and soccer. Mackenzie started Kindergarten just this year at the same school. She loves to swim at their pool at Green Acres swim club, pretend to play school and is looking forward to the day when she herself can be a teacher here at St. David's.

SPEAKING OF ALL SAINTS

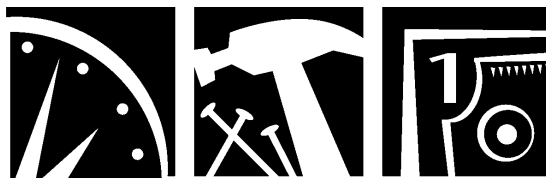
The calendar of saints is a term often used to describe the commemorations of individuals whose lives are considered exemplary. Every Book of Common Prayer has this calendar beginning on page 20 and contains such recognizable names as Peter, Paul, Mathias, Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The list also includes other names of folks you may remember from days in school: Francis of Assisi, King Kamehameha (Hawaii) and Nicholas of Myra (aka St. Nick). But you might be surprised to see some other names too: John and Charles Wesley, Mary and Martha of Bethany, William Wilberforce – about which the movie “Amazing Grace” was made; and Thomas Gallaudet (of Gallaudet University for the Deaf in Washington DC).

Maybe more interesting and telling is that the calendar is not static. Since the Prayer Book was published in 1979, The Episcopal Church has added more names – some of which may make you want to pick up a copy of Lesser Feasts and Fasts (which details their lives). Some of the more recent additions include: Florence Li Tim-Oi – the first woman ordained to the priesthood in 1944; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Harriet Tubman (conductor of the underground railroad); and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (who was part of a conspiracy to take Hitler’s life)! The calendar represents a broad section of history and causes and it reminds us that there are numerous ways to be faithful to God’s call in every generation.

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

During the four Sundays of October, we will be hearing from Joan Von Feldt, Jim Jersild, and Fr. Brad Hinton about what Stewardship means and why it is so important to the life of this congregation.

Early in October, each member of the congregation will receive a Pledge Card in the mail to be returned on or by November 2nd. All are called upon to think and pray about what they have been given...and what they can give.



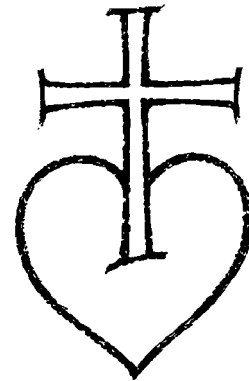
TIME

TALENT

TREASURE

ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Pat Dowdy	The family of Patrick Noel	Shirley Hubbard
Anna Gerres	John Brett	Steven Greer Jr.
Evelyn & Frank Gentkowski	Grace Ellen Clark	Virginia Dailly
Scott Hempenius	Barbara McVay	Bob Bark
Irma Malone	John Van-Catledge	
Robin Butler	Steve White	
Murphy & Frederick families	Carol Thomas	
Richard Murphy (deceased)	Nicholas Brady	
Lyman Darling (deceased)	Amy DeSantis (indefinitely)	
Robert Mathes	Helen Walston	
Tom Kiley	Marie Marshall	



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.



PIG ROAST A DELICIOUS SUCCESS!

Many thanks to the Ways and Means Committee who made the Pig Roast on Saturday, September 27th possible. Bruce Owens, chair, was the guiding force behind making this event possible. Many thanks also to Jeff Cook for acquiring the pig and providing all the rest of the food for this non-kosher food fest. A great time was had by all.

The Pig was just as good as the Pig would have wanted had it but known how good it could be after its own demise! *Requiem aeternam, Porcus.*



A wonderful team of gentlemen worked Saturday, September 13th at St. David's. They dug a ditch from the porte cochere to the street and installed a pipe to help with drainage. Many thanks!

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| Bob Rhodunda | Steve Leishman |
| Mike Louie | Kevin Louie |
| Bruce Owens | Aaron Wilson |
| Pete Yovino | |

FALL PARISH WORK DAY

Thanks to all who generously gave of their time at the Parish Work Day on September 27th. Many projects got crossed off the list. Thanks also to Bob Rhodunda who organized the projects (He had thought up good AND bad weather projects—just in case!). Taking care of our building and grounds is yet another way to show we value the work and ministry of St. David's.

THANKS also go out to Mary Rhodunda and Jeff Bennett who showed up days early for Work Day. Mary scrubbed, steamed and wiped the kitchenette into submission while Shari and Jeff scrubbed the Library Room carpet (new home for Children's Chapel) until it was clean and fresh!

PARISH BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER		PARISH ANNIVERSARIES
1 Taylor Hargis	15 Christopher Conine	3 Mike & Peggy Louie
5 Janie Jersild Linda Owens	18 Alli Kane Daniel Myers	6 JC & Chandra Allred
8 Jeff Bennett Pat Van-Catledge	22 Edward Burdick	12 George & Mary Schanamann
9 Bill Rhodunda, Jr.	28 Blake Bichlmeir	13 Joan & William Murphy
10 Aileen Records	29 Peggy Louie	
11 Dave Phillips Jordan Phillips	31 Jane Bordzol	
14 Elizabeth Porter		

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One of the simplest steps you can take to help protect the planet is to buy products that are produced in your own community. Local products reduce the amount of energy that would otherwise be used to transport them long distances. Many of the foods in your typical grocery store have traveled more than 1,000 miles to get there.



- ✓ Buy fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets and roadside stands, especially during the fall harvest.
- ✓ Pick your own fruits and vegetables at open farms and orchards.
- ✓ Frequent crafts fairs, "mom-and-pop" shops, and support local artisans.
- ✓ The USDA has a website (www.ams.usda.gov) with listings of farmers markets across the U.S. And Local Harvest (www.localharvest.org) has info on farmers markets, buying clubs, and restaurants.