

# Glad Tidings!

## St. David's Parish

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



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### CLOTHED WITH POWER

"I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

The great fifty days of Easter culminate on the Feast of Pentecost -- observed on Sunday, May 31st. Because this is often celebrated as the 'birthday of the Christian church' we sometimes risk displacing the enormity of God's action on that day, some 2,000 years ago. Pentecost was already a significant feast in the Jewish tradition -- set aside as an agricultural festival. God took that well-known event and infused it with power and new meaning. Specifically, God sent the Holy Spirit to enliven the fledgling church and to aid

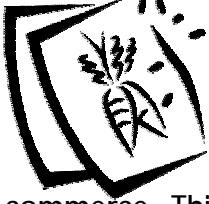
them in their witness to the new life made available through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit was God's 'first gift to those who believed' (to quote the BCP) and boy, what a gift! The Spirit had been known in a limited and sporadic way among certain individuals in Israel's past. At Pentecost it was 'poured out' onto the entire Christian assembly. This had the effect of giving each believer the power to act in God's name. As inheritors of this gift, we have been clothed with power! As God continues to bless and tend this congregation, we find that the Spirit is calling us to greater levels of service and witness. Come Holy Spirit!



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## ROGATION SUNDAY – WHAT IS IT?



On May 17th St. David's will observe Rogation Sunday – a day set aside to ask God's blessings upon creation and commerce. This is an ancient practice dating to the 5th century and finding renewed emphasis in recent years. We will pray for God's beautiful creation and our stewardship of the same. We will also seek God's guidance in our several occupations.

You are encouraged to bring small items used in connection with the upkeep of your lawns, flower beds, and gardens (e.g., gardening gloves, seeds, hand-held

implements). An alternate is to bring some small item that symbolizes your occupation – maybe something that you use on a regular basis for your work (like a coffee mug or so-called 'smart phone').

We will pray for God's blessings upon these items and the efforts they represent. We will also have the younger parishioners plant flowers on the church property. Our hope is that this day will help us to revive our delight in God's creation and to help us celebrate the gift of life.

Be on the lookout for a pamphlet detailing the history and symbolism of this great tradition.

## BLUE ROCKS GAME

A block of seats has been reserved for Christ Church and St. David's on Saturday, May 30th. The game starts at 6:05 PM. The price for the reserved seat is \$9, and our group will be sitting together for a great game. There will also be a fireworks show after the game. Forms will be available from Marcia Wight here at St. David's. Reserve your place for a night of fun and fellowship by sending a check made payable to Rufus Miller to 1607 N. Rodney Street, Wilmington, DE 19806 by Sunday, May 3rd OR you may give your completed form and check directly to Marcia Wight.



## NEWS FROM A DISTANT FRIEND

We have heard from one of St. David's long-time parishioners and friend, Martha Brennesholtz. She always looks forward to newsletters and cards from friends near and far. If you would like to

drop her a line her address is:

Martha Brennesholtz  
70 Sunnyside Avenue  
Pleasantville, NY 10570

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The trustees of the Legacy Fund (formerly known as the Gift Fund) felt that a name can have a lot of meaning. This was the catalyst behind the decision to recommend to the vestry that the name be changed.

Traditionally, parishioners and their friends and family have contributed to this fund primarily as a memorial to remember a special loved one who has passed. We do want this wonderful remembrance tradition to continue. In addition, we want individuals to understand that they can contribute to the Legacy Fund to honor loved ones or causes important to them anytime throughout their lives. We hope folks will consider contributing to the Legacy Fund at anytime to create a "Legacy" for themselves, their child, their parents, their particular passion or cause, and, of course to memorialize a loved who has passed on to be with our Lord.

Peace,  
Trustees of the Legacy Fund

## ALL GENERATIONS SUNDAY WITH PIZZA AND BINGO!

Sunday, May 3rd will be a big day at St. David's! First we will celebrate All Generations Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. service with youth of all ages participating in the service. The Rite 13 kids are completing their two-year program this spring, so they will give a presentation to the congregation of what they have experienced during this journey.

All proceeds will benefit Nets for Life, a program which supplies mosquito netting to families in Africa for the prevention of malaria.



After church that day, the Rite 13 youth and the Middlers Sunday School class will sponsor another fun-filled

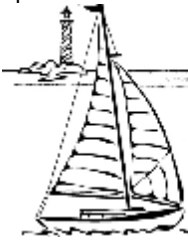
### Bingo & Pizza

Event. Come join us! Pizza, drinks and bingo cards will all sell for \$1/ea.

Start saving your dollar bills now! Prizes will be given out to bingo game winners.

Episcopal Relief and Development is co-sponsoring this program, and it fulfills the Episcopal Church's call to support MDGs (Millenium Development Goals).

If you cannot attend the Bingo & Pizza event, you can also contribute a donation to the children's effort. Linda Owens (302.529.1141) or Pat Van Catledge (302.475.2775) will gladly accept donations on behalf of these groups.



## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer is knocking at our door and that means changes to the rhythms of our lives. Along with more grilling and laughter of children in the neighborhood, there are changes at St. David's. So, take note of which things change and which things DON'T. Our Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, May 24.



NO Sunday School  
NO Children's Chapel

SAME service times  
(Still two services)

SAME Breakfast Crew  
(following 8 am service)

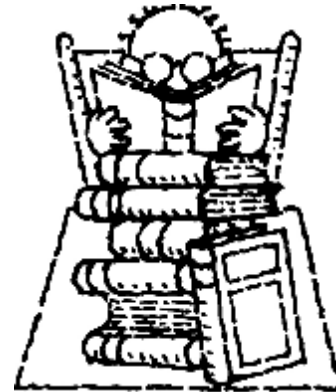
SAME Hospitality Hour  
(although it will be held in the Memorial Room because of our love of air conditioning)



## 4TH ANNUAL LIAM JAMES KANE BOOK DRIVE

We, the Kane Family, in combination with the St. David's Church Outreach Committee will once again honor Liam's memory by gathering as many NEW books as possible for sick children to enjoy! We will deliver all the collected books to children in need at nearby A.I. Dupont Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

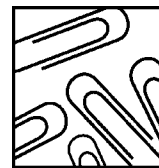
**DUE DATES:** Sunday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 10th. Please place all donations in the large bins marked for this purpose located in the hallway.



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FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

The Church Office  
will be closed on  
Memorial Day  
(Monday, May 25th).

## ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL

### What's on the May calendar?

- 4 Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 7 Chapel, 9:05 am
- 12 P.T.P.A. Meeting, 9:05 am
- 13 Chapel, 9:05 am
- 13 End of Year Picnic,  
Talley Day Park, 5 – 8 pm
- 14 Raindate for Picnic
- 18 Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 20,21 School Spirit Days!
- 20 Final M-WF Chapel
- 21 Final T-Th Chapel
- 22 End of School for Children
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 Final School Staff Day
- 27 Camp Preparation Day
- 28 Camp 2009 Opens!!!

Our 53rd year has been busy, busy, busy. We welcomed some new baby brothers and sisters, sang a lot, laughed a lot, played a lot and even learned a lot!

Thanks to all of you who helped make the year a good one – our P.T.P.A., purchasers of candles, pizzas and silent auction items, and clippers of BoxTops and soup labels.

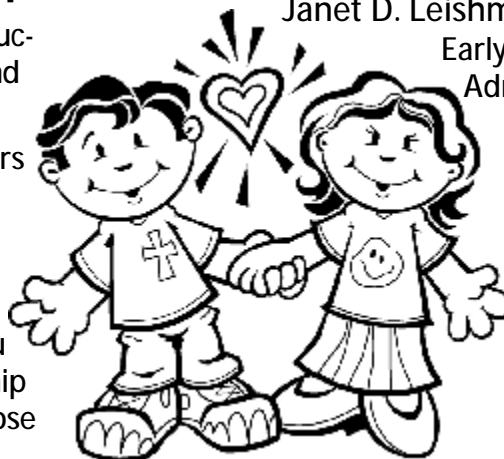
A note of thanks to our Board members this year – Mike Brandenburg, Janet Walton, Della Schweiger, Dorothy Marengo and Susie Phillips! Janet Walton also chaired the Long Range Planning Committee! For those of you who made donations to our Scholarship Fund this year – many thanks from those families we helped!

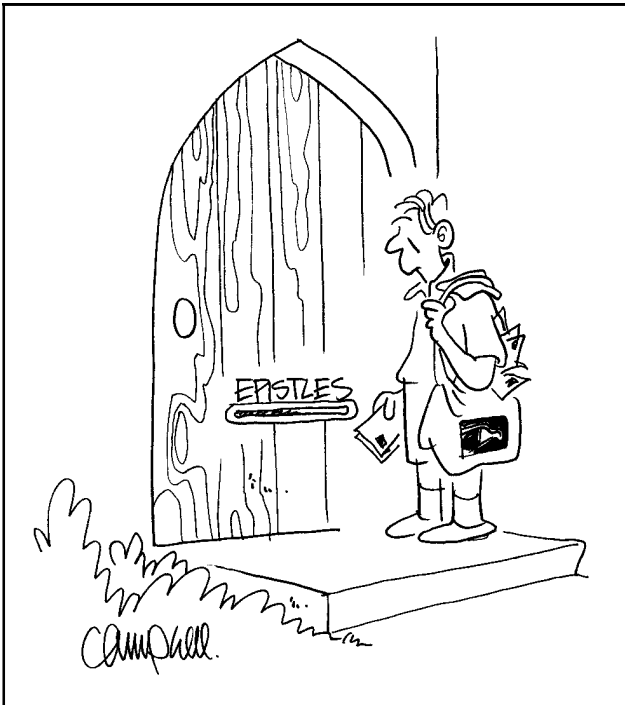
Our appreciation goes to Mike Short and Mike Brandenburg for their help in assembling some of our new equipment; and to the crew who worked on our playground on work day – you know who you are!

My thanks to a great staff for a great year – I appreciate your personal and professional support, especially as we pursued two Delaware Stars! And last but not least, to Fr. Brad for his chapels, his leadership of the Board and his support in our shared ministry to the children, parents, families and staff of our school and parish!

If you are looking for a way to connect with our future, the children who will be the leaders of our world in a few years, let me know. We can use your talents in a myriad of ways and you'll come away fulfilled and satisfied. And there may even be a snack!

Janet D. Leishman, M.Ed.  
Early Childhood  
Administrator





## Words of Wisdom

"When I stand before  
God at the end of my life,  
I would hope that I would  
not have a single bit of  
talent left and could say,  
'I used everything you  
gave me.'"

—Erma Bombeck

# Summer Day Camp 2009

Great for preschoolers!

Themed Weeks - including arts & crafts, cooking, nature & science fun!

- I Fruit of the Spirit Chapel Series
- I Water Activities
- I Cool t-shirt included in registration fee
- I Snacks Provided

Full Day or Half Day

Pick the schedule that meets your family's needs!

Call, email or write for more Information or Registration Forms

Back this year – **Mad Scientist Week!**

St. David's Day School

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## WE WELCOME...

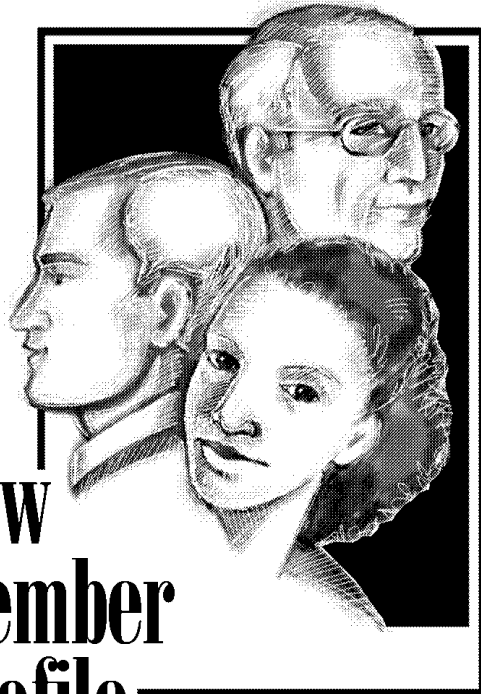
...ALYSON AND PRIMUS POPPITI!

Newcomers, Alyson and Primus Poppiti, came to St. David's by way of Trinity. They knew Father Brad and decided to follow him when he came here. While at Trinity, Alyson was a member of the choir. Besides knowing Brad before coming here, they are also friends of Bob and Debbie Rhodunda. The people and the atmosphere of St. David's is similar to Alyson's church where she grew up, which was St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Alban's, West Virginia. They particularly like Brad's dynamic sermons because they are so easy to relate to and they love the friendliness that St. David's offers.

Originally from the Wilmington area, Primus works in IT at QVC. Primus has been involved in the Boy Scouts for over thirty years and is currently a scout master for Troup 285 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Wilmington.

Alyson hails from Winfield, West Virginia but she does have family here in West Chester. Alyson is a corporate paralegal at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP. She loves tennis, is a captain and player on two USTA league teams and is also the Programs Director for the Delaware Paralegal Association.

## New Member Profile



Together Primus and Alyson have a big, yellow cat named "Dale".

Both Primus and Alyson are runners and run many marathons and half marathons together. Most recently they ran with the US Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, the Disneyworld Half Marathon and the Caesar Rodney Half Marathon. They also enjoy politics and downhill skiing.

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### BAKERS NEEDED FOR RECEPTIONS

Don't like to cook but do like to bake? Then we need you! St. David's holds receptions for various occasions from time to time. We are in need of more bakers for this ministry of comfort and caring. Please contact Nancy Walsh (610.361.2090; [walshd6@comcast.net](mailto:walshd6@comcast.net)) if you are willing to help.

## NEW MINISTRY AT ST. DAVID'S

A Prayer Shawl Ministry has been started here at St. David's.

### What is a Prayer Shawl Ministry?

Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted and given to people to comfort them during times of medical and emotional distress.

### How does the this Ministry work?

Members of this group gather together to pray during the creation of these shawls. The shawls are then blessed during a service at church where the whole congregation can offer prayers.

### Who receives these shawls?

Members of St. David's congregation who are on our Pastoral Care list can receive them, as well as members of our community outside St. David's at the rector's discretion. Our first three shawls went out to two members of St. David's and one to someone in the community outside St. David's.

### Does it have to be a shawl?

No, we plan on making afghans and lap robes and scarves as well.

### But I'm a quilter...

That's all right! You can make lap quilts for this ministry. We have an invitation to visit a church in Claymont for their once-a-month meeting where they gather to make lap quilts. Please let me know if you are interested, and I will arrange for us to go and see how this works.

### When does this group meet?

We plan to meet on the 2nd Sunday in the month in the Memorial Room at 9 a.m. Bring whatever you are working on or come and share patterns and prayers.

### But I work on weekends?

Chris Yovino and Sandy Frazer have offered their homes for evening meetings. Chris has offered to teach beginning knitting. Please contact Chris Yovino (302.478.0685) if you are interested.

### What kind of yarn should I use?

Please remember that all items must be washable and made in a soft yarn. Homespun is recommended.

### Where do I find patterns?

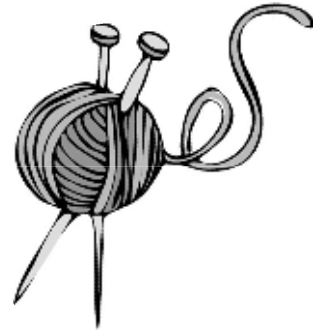
Chris Yovino and I have books with patterns, which we will copy for you. However, you can use any shawl or afghan pattern. Colors should be warm and comforting. We have knitters and crocheters who are willing to teach those who want to learn.

### What do I pray as I knit?

You can offer your own prayers for someone who is in need of comforting. On the following page is one prayer written by Tish Hoar ©2004.



Dear Lord, please bless these needles of mine  
 That I may make a shawl of strength, faith,  
 health and love. Give this shawl the ability to comfort,  
 the ability to heal, the ability to give strength  
 where it is needed and of your will it to be.  
 May the recipient be able to know that you are with  
 them and that they are not alone.  
 That they are cared for and loved and prayed for.  
 That your loving arms are around them,  
 to protect them for whatever reason they should need,  
 whenever they put this shawl on.  
 Lord, thank-you for the blessings that this shawl is given. Amen




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What if I can't knit, but would like to be part of this ministry?

We would appreciate monetary contributions. Please see Nancy Walsh or Joan Murphy at the hospitality hour. Tax receipts will be provided for monetary and non-monetary contributions.

Is this ministry gender-specific? Absolutely not. Photographs on the Prayer Shawl Ministry website show men holding the shawls they have made. Be brave, be creative.

And finally, recent research indicates that knitting delays memory loss. By helping other, you can help yourself.

Come join us!

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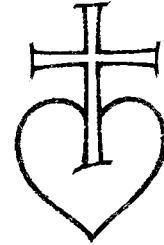
## PASTORAL CARE MEALS

The St. David's Pastoral Care Team offers meals to members of our church family during times of need. If you are going into the hospital, or have just had a baby, our team would be happy to provide some meals for you according to your situation. Please let us know how we can help you. You can contact the office or Nancy Walsh.

To help this ministry blossom and grow, volunteers willing to prepare these meals are needed. One doesn't need to be a member of the Pastoral Care Team to provide meals. Meals can be anything from salads to fully-cooked meals to take-out. Please contact Nancy Walsh (610.361.2090; [walshd6@comcast.net](mailto:walshd6@comcast.net)) if you feel called to be part of this ministry of caring.

## ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Grace Ellen Clark	Nicholas Brady	Carolyn Schiavoni	Nicholas Macedo Family
Steve Romeo	Marie Marshall	Charles C. Ashton	Aaron Leedberg Family
Shirley Hubbard	Shirley Hubbard	Andrea Zoladkiewicz	Deceased—Bern Price & Gladys Hughes
Helen Bleakeney	Steven Greer Jr.	John Smoyer	
Susan Jones	Michael Bayless	Ed Smentkowski	
David Koch	Bill Bayless	Sam Bell Family	
Barbara McVay	Pat Dowdy	John Van-Catledge	
Steve White	Joe Bonvetti	William Dougherty	
Carol Thomas	Jack Casey		



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.

### PARISH BIRTHDAYS

1 Colin Turner	18 Bob Frazer
3 Dorothy Marengo	21 Barbara McGinnis
7 Phyllis Conner Sue Weimer	23 Jennifer Carbone Maureen Donnelly
8 Jeff Cook	24 Jamie Gwinn Ella Hadley
9 Colton Hadley Jim Jones	26 Chris Ashton
13 Trevor Doyle	27 Linda Bradford
16 Tommy Joye Aaron Wilson	30 Jane Britton

### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

3 Tim & Sandra Humphreys
6 Jonathan & Samantha Elliott
18 Bob & Debbie Rhodunda
19 Bill & Mary Rhodunda
24 John & Maureen Donnelly
26 Tom & Jeanne Marie Yohe
29 Steve & Janet Leishman



**VBS** Registration is now open for Grace Church's Vacation Bible School "Camp EDGE—Experience and Discover God Everywhere". The VBS runs from Monday—Friday, Aug. 3—7 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You may register online at <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/GraceCampEdge/ce/>. Questions? Call the church office: 302-478-9533.



## WORK DAY THANK YOU

On March 28th and April 4th, St. David's hosted work days to help do some Spring Cleaning and get some small tasks and projects done for the betterment of our life together.

The following parishioners gave their time and talent on those days:

Rod, Doreen, Travis and Colin Turner  
Mike, Peggy & Kevin Louie  
Bill & Mary Rhodunda  
Bob, Debbie, Bobby, Sara,  
and Abigail Rhodunda

Bruce & Linda Owens	Marcia Wight
Bob Stringfellow	Ted Sobczyk
Bill Rhodunda, Jr.	Jean Colbert
Jim & Janie Jersild	Brad Hinton
Eric Baddick	Ed Grygo
Bob Goodday	Pete Yovino

## WALK TO EASTER THANK YOU

"Let the little children come to me,  
and do not stop them; for theirs is  
the Kingdom of Heaven."

– Matthew 19:14

Over 90 children participated in this year's "Walk to Easter" where they came to know the most important story of our

Christian faith-- the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. These children were blessed because of the generosity of the many volunteers who came forward to help. Thank you to everyone who participated this year.



-Deanna (Dee-Dee) Cook

## STEWARDSHIP AS SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." All our blessings flow from God's grace. In response, we extend that grace beyond ourselves to one another in fellowship and support. We broaden our horizons by participating with others. This is the core of stewardship – to grow within and to reach out. Reach out to share. Let your gifts and blessings flow.

— The Stewardship Committee

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**BUY DURABLES:** Buy products that will last and take care of them.

**Teach Thrift:** Teach your children the value of being thrifty (the wise economy in the management of money and other resources; frugality).

**FRUGAL PRINTING:** Use both sides of each piece of paper -- for note taking or printing



documents from your computer (at home or work). Create note pads by stapling together once-used paper.

**KITCHEN REUSEABLES:** Instead of buying these items new, save and reuse all: paper bags, rubber bands, twist-ties, boxes, and packaging material. Reuse your plastic bags with a handy bag dryer.

**LIBRARY:** Pick up books from your local library or used book store. The library is also often a great place for finding magazines, CDs, books-on-tape, and videos.