

# Glad Tidings!



## Saint David's Parish

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



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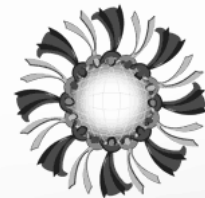
### GENERAL CONVENTION ARRIVES

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church (TEC) that meets every three years. The Convention is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. The work at Convention is carried out by deputies and bishops representing each diocese. During its triennial meeting deputies and bishops consider a wide range of important matters facing the Church. The convention will meet in Anaheim, California in July, 2009.

The 76th General Convention this July will be asked in various ways to continue the Episcopal Church's mission of living out the baptismal covenant vow to "strive for justice and peace."

Already-filed resolutions, most contained in the triennial reports of the church's commissions, committees, agencies and boards, address social justice issues and echo the baptismal promise to "respect the dignity of every human being."

Our own Father Brad Hinton was chosen as a deputy to this coming convention in Anaheim (a great honor). In fact, the Diocese of Delaware will be charting the daily events at the National Convention with blog entries by Fr. Brad which will be available on the Diocese website.



General Convention '09

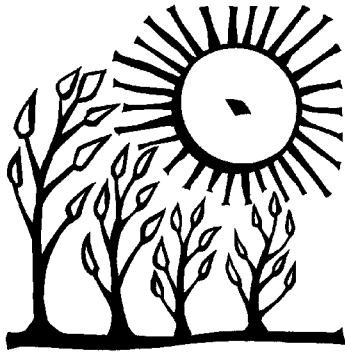
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## SUMMER'S 'ORDINARY TIME'



The slower pace of summer offers a break from the scheduled, hurried and frenetic. The end of regular school season clears the way

for vacations and extended family gatherings. "Summer Hours" go into effect for many businesses - which nearly always means closing earlier. Meanwhile, visions of barbeques and beach trips fill our imaginations. Parish life reflects this seasonal change as the choir takes a much deserved hiatus and our readings and intercessions take on a lapidary quality. Meanwhile, Sunday school and adult education programs settle in for a long seasonal nap. Even the newsletter combines for one issue in June and July.

This is also a time of year when the litur-

gical calendar shifts from the hustle and bustle of Lent, Holy Week and Easter (tide) to the "Season after Pentecost." Curiously this period is often referred to as 'ordinary time' - which scholars are quick to point out does not mean routine or usual. Ordinary derives from the same root as our word ordinal, and in this sense means "the counted weeks." That's unfortunate.

I rather like the idea of having a season named for the routine and usual. After all, God is most often encountered in the middle of the ordinary stuff of life. More compelling still is that a season named for that which is commonplace could remind us that there are folks for whom this season offers no reprieve or break from the dreadfully tedious experience of living with hunger, fear injustice or oppression. Their ordinary time is all too routine. With this understanding, ordinary time may be the most important season of all.

*Brad +*

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## SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE CHAPEL DEDICATION

The Seaman's Church Institute in Philadelphia (under the leadership of our very own Father Jim Von Dreele!) is dedicating their new chapel on Thursday, June 18th at 6 pm with a reception to follow. All are invited to this historic event. RSVP to Kim Stanley in the church office by Wednesday, June 10th.

More information about the SCI (including the address) is available at: <http://www.sciphiladelphia.org/>



# Independence Day

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

The City of Wilmington is hosting a great afternoon and evening of fun and excitement for the whole family. Afternoon activities for all ages will take place in Tubman Garrett Park...including an ice skating rink in July!!! The evening's entertainment will feature an orchestral concert of traditional American favorites, ending with a finale of Tchaikovsky's famous 1812 Overture. The concert will be followed by fireworks. So, bring your lawn chairs and blankets for what will be a great time for all.



For full details and a detailed breakdown of the days schedule, as well as directions, check out the website: [www.ci.wilmington.de.us/July4th/index.htm](http://www.ci.wilmington.de.us/July4th/index.htm)

As we celebrate... with flags and festivities, the 4th of July, let us also turn our thoughts and hearts to God in thanksgiving for this nation.

A Prayer for the Nation from the Book of Common Prayer:

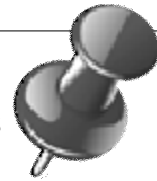
*Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

The Rector will be away from the parish during most of the month of July.  
The Rev. Tammy Wooliver will be on-call for pastoral emergencies.  
Her office number is 302/428-4990 and her home number is 302/777-5280.

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL

- ◆ The Vestry is happy to announce the new copier system is in place. This allows for scanning and electronic storage of important documents.
- ◆ Total attendance at Easter services increased this year: 307 (up from 287 in 2008).
- ◆ The Building and Grounds Committee is still gathering information needed for the large projects such as roof repairs and window replacement and will present recommendations to the Vestry in the coming months.
- ◆ The Vestry will start an appeal for an increase in food donations to local food banks to meet rising demand.



## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY

- ◆ The Vestry will be welcoming its new members in the month of June: Jane Harvey, Dee Dee Cook, and Marcia Wight.
- ◆ The average attendance for the past two months has increased over the same period last year—mirroring our growth in new households.
- ◆ The preliminary budget letter has been sent to all groups within the parish asking them to begin planning for 2010 requests. Requests will be due in August.
- ◆ The new copier system will allow for important records to be kept electronically, in addition to or instead of 'hard copy' form. A policy and procedure on record retention and disposal is needed to guide this process.

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The Saint David's Office and  
the Diocesan Office will be  
closed on Friday, July 3rd.

## ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL—JUNE/JULY 2009

Our 53<sup>rd</sup> year of Day School ended on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Most of the eighty four-year-olds will attend kindergarten in the fall – some in public schools, some in private schools, some to religious kindergartens. A few will go on to pre-K programs. Of the fifty three-year-olds, most will begin September in one of our four-year-old classes. We said good-bye to a few who will attend a pre-K class in a private or parochial school.

We said thank you and good luck to several staff members. Nancy Windett-Smith retired after 30+ years of service to our school. Nancy was celebrated at a luncheon on the last day of school. We greeted past directors Phyllis Conner and Beth Beck at our luncheon, as well as former staff Janet Walton and Barbara Monahan.

Two other teachers are going to be working at home for a few years – Heather Iacono and Stacy Schwake will be welcoming future St. David's children when they have their babies in July and October respectively. We'll see their families back in 2012 and 2013!!! Thank you to our Vestry Representative



Mike Brandenburg, and to Janet Walton and Kim Stanley, who complete their terms of service on our Day School Board.

We are getting into our summer routine – our fourth year of camp began on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be visits by docents from the Delaware Nature Society, a puppet show by Pam Nelson, pony rides and of course our traditional Fourth of July parade and family BBQ!

There are still spaces available for late July and August camp. There is also space remaining for school-agers for MAD SCIENCE (June 22 – June 26). Call the office or email for more information.

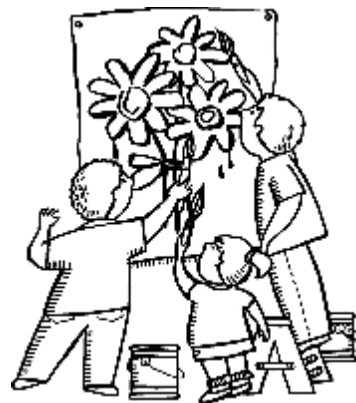
Early Childhood  
Administrator

## THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

For months of planning, teaching, praying, doing, driving, running, buying, listening...we thank you.

For your sacrifice of time and talent to help our young people grow "into the stature of Christ" ...we thank you.

For patience to do what many can't or won't...we thank you.





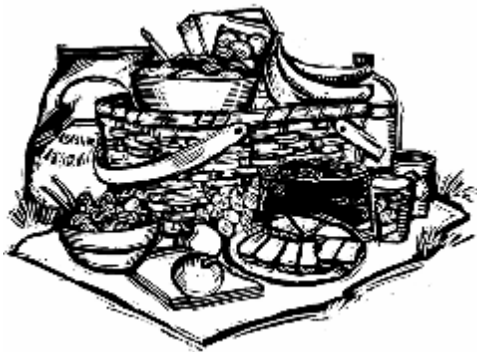
## Words of Wisdom

"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."

—Galileo Galilei

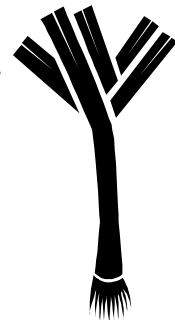
## ST. DAVID'S CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars now for this fun event for the whole family. The date is Saturday, June 20th at Grace Episcopal Church on Concord Pike (You know, the one with the red lighted sign...). They have been so gracious to allow St. David's to use their abundant outdoor space for the picnic. Thanks to the Rev. Anna Waid for her generosity.



## LEEK & DAFFODILS INDUCTEE

Congratulations to Wray Britton, our newest inductee to The Sacred Order of Leeks and Daffodils. Many thanks to Wray for his years of dedication and true love for Saint David's Parish. The SOL&D is an honorary order whose sole purpose is to honor and recognize those who exemplify service and dedication to Saint David's.



Here is an interesting tidbit from the Church's musical heritage. These instructions were first printed back in 1761, but they still hold much wisdom for us today:

### DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING

- I. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
- III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
- IV. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
- V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unity your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- VI. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing God more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.



from John Wesley's *Select Hymns*, 1761

## ELECTRONIC GIVING—EASY TO DO, NO MEMORY INVOLVED

The Stewardship Committee of St. David's invites you to consider electronic giving. Electronic Giving will enable every household or individual to give their church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT). There is no cost to you for this giving option. You won't need to write weekly or monthly checks as the amount will be withdrawn from your checking account. It is fast, easy and safe. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office and we will send you the appropriate paperwork.

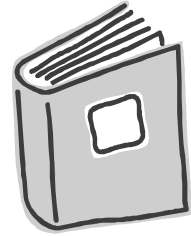


## NEW STEWARDSHIP PUBLICATION

The Stewardship Committee is looking forward to the premiere issue of *Rite Living* - a publication covering topics related to personal finance, ecology, personal health, relationships and spirituality. *Rite Living* is meant to help us be better stewards of the greatest gift we have ever received, life itself. Look for it in your email inbox.

## BOOK DRIVE THANKS

The Liam James Kane Book Drive was a great success in its 4th year!



On Monday night the Outreach committee organized the books and applied the handmade stickers to each book inside and out. (stickers made by family in CA!) Al Dupont Children's Hospital in Wilmington and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia received a total of 354 books!

Thank you all who donated books. They will bring joy to so many sick kids!

St. David's Outreach Committee,  
Friends and family of the Kane family,  
Andrea, Kevin and Alberta Kane...  
...and Angel Liam too!!

## THANKS TO THE CHOIR!

Many thanks to the Choir of St. David's Parish. This group has given freely of their time, faithfully giving glory to God with their ministry of music. We thank them for their dedication and leadership in worship.

Choir will resume in the Fall just after the kids have returned to school! Please consider joining us!



# 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!** (June 22-26)

Registration forms are available in the school office

302.475.3747

[st\\_davids\\_day\\_school@verizon.net](mailto:st_davids_day_school@verizon.net)

## STEWARDSHIP OF THE SUMMER

A New Summertime Activity: Inscaping Summer: a time to recharge our batteries, change the routines, be with family and friends. A time for shorts and sandals, not overcoats and boots. Indeed, summer can be a wonderful time to get away from it all. Summer is also a good time for us not only to escape, but to inscape – an opportunity to reflect anew and refresh our relationship with God, with Christ, and with our parish. A central part of such an inscape could be to examine our attitude toward giving – of time, talent, and treasure – and act:

How can I contribute more meaningfully to the work at St. David's?

Which skills and resources can I now tap to support the work of our parish? What can I do – starting today – to be a more effective steward of God's grace?

May your "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" be filled with clarity and renewed purpose.

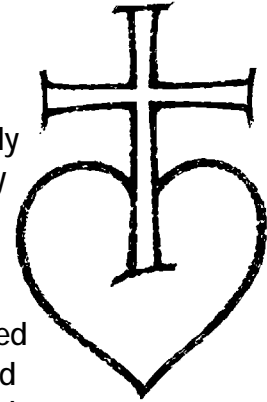
— The Stewardship Committee

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### ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Fred Diehl        | Steve White       | Michael Bayless          |
| Pat Van-Catledge  | Nicholas Brady    | Helen Bleakeney          |
| Evelyn White      | Marie Marshall    | Sam Bell Family          |
| Jackie Weaver     | Shirley Hubbard   | Nicholas Macedo Family   |
| Nancy Yoder       | Steven Greer Jr.  | Aaron Leedberg Family    |
| Keith Robinson    | Pat Dowdy         | William Dougherty        |
| William Murphy    | Joe Bonvetti      | Andrea Zoladkiewicz      |
| Marie Anderson    | Jack Casey        | David Hatfield           |
| Dick Wittmeyer    | Carolyn Schiavoni | Steven Romeo deceased    |
| Grace Ellen Clark | Charles C. Ashton | David Koch deceased      |
| Barbara McVay     | Susan Jones       | Elliott Lyons deceased   |
| John Van-Catledge | Ed Smentkowski    | Carol Thomas deceased    |
|                   | Bill Bayless      | Libby Wittmeyer deceased |



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.

### EMMANUEL DINING ROOM COOKS NEED INGREDIENTS

We have cooks, we have the kitchen, we have the date (the 26th of each month)...all they need are the ingredients. Help feed the hungry in our community by buying these specific ingredients. We need LARGE CANS/BOXES/JARS OF:

- |                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Green Beans     | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Evaporated Milk | Cream of Chicken Soup  |
| Canned Chicken  | Elbow Macaroni         |
| Bread Crumbs    | Apple Sauce            |
| Cookies         |                        |



Please buy and bring these items and put them in the Emmanuel Dining Room Ingredient Hamper located in the hallway by the Food Shelf.

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Ricky Osman  
 3 Steve Leishman  
 4 Neil Himelein  
 5 Elise MacEwen  
 6 Dean Allred  
 7 Sarah Mullan  
 8 Janet Walton  
 12 Jack Casey  
 13 Will Rhodunda  
 16 Janet Leishman  
 18 Patrick Schweiger-  
 Schultheis  
 20 Pauletta Clemens  
 21 Sue Taber  
 22 Evelyn White  
 23 Irene Thomas  
 24 Lynn Royal

26 Bill Geimeier  
 Rod Harvey  
 27 Sandy Frazer  
 28 Jane Harvey  
 29 Gen Van-Catledge  
 Fred Wehle  
 30 Julie Carryer  
 Joan Von Feldt



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Chris & Mary Ann Conine  
 Linda & Owen Bradford  
 3 Kim & Barbara DeHaven  
 4 Jim & Janie Jersild  
 5 Blake Bichlmeir & Joan Von Feldt  
 6 Bill & Helen Geimeier  
 Bruce & Linda Owens  
 12 Jim & Gale Jones  
 14 Neil & Sue Himelein  
 18 Art & Jennifer Carbone  
 21 Dave & Laura Vallee  
 22 Bob & Sandy Frazer  
 25 Fred & Liz Wehle  
 26 Hank & Pat Dowdy  
 27 Jeff & Dee Dee Cook  
 28 Tim & Amy Marchioni  
 29 Betsy & Pete Mullan

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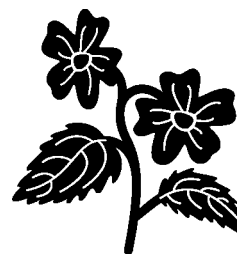
## JULY BIRTHDAYS

12 Nancy Hennessy  
 13 Courtenay Hoernemann  
 Mary Rhodunda  
 14 Mary Gahagan  
 Rod Turner  
 15 Mike Hargis  
 Travis Turner  
 18 Wray Britton  
 19 Betsy Mullan  
 Bill Rhodunda, Sr.  
 Jim Walton

20 Alexander Sansone  
 21 Annalisa Hargis  
 25 David Wilson  
 26 Karen Sansone  
 27 Jim Jersild  
 29 Caroline Carbone  
 Marie Stringfellow  
 30 Deana Cook  
 31 Vivianne Meffen

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

4 Dennis & Lynn Royal  
 14 Chris & John Yovino  
 22 Craig & Diane Camarote




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## NETS FOR LIFE THANKS

On Sunday, May 3 the Rite 13 and The Middlers class held the Bingo/Pizza Event in support of The Nets for Life program. From the sales that day and from your donations, we were able to raise \$500 for the cause. So St. David's was able to give 40 insecticide-treated nets to African families. Thank you for your support! -Linda Owens

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## RECYCLING NEWS



The News about our recycling dumpster is spreading throughout the neighborhood! People from our parish, as well as many heathen, are spreading the Recycle Gospel and filling our dumpster with that which needs to be reclaimed. Thanks to all who help with this effort. Just one reminder as we do our part to help the planet...

Please Rinse ALL bottles and cans for Recycling BEFORE placing it in the recycling bins inside the building. If recycling isn't RINSED it SMELLS BAD. The outside bin is for paper only. Many thanks.

-The Recyclers