

Glad Tidings!



Saint David's Parish

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



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THE CRAFT FAIR IS COMING! TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING...

Mark your calendars now for the St. David's Craft Fair — Saturday, November 14 from 9:00-3:00. Forty crafters are registered and ready to sell their hand-made items. Meanwhile, committees are becoming increasingly active in preparation. We need everyone's help. Many hands will make light work and you'll have a chance to make new friends too.

We have been fortunate to have some people step forward as apprentices for leadership in different areas. Apprentices and their experienced mentors include:

- Silent Auction- Mary Rhodunda
welcomes Courtenay Hoernemann
- Bake Table - Janie Jersild welcomes
Jolene Baddick

- Set up & Take Down - J.C. Allred and Dennis
Royal welcome Eric Baddick
- Buck A Bottle - Mary and Bill Rhodunda
welcome The Middlers Sunday
School Class and Julie Shehan
- Kitchen crew - Jeff Cook welcomes
Jamie Shehan

We truly appreciate these brave volunteers and promise that it will be a fun job. You will be supported if you decide to join them. Apprentices are still desired in the following areas and we hope that we will have more people to step forward to train alongside "experienced professionals" in the areas found on the next page:

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- Crafter registration and Hospitality
- Day of Fair Coordinator
- Attic Treasures and Books
- Activities for children
- Entertainment/
- Announcements
- Publicity
- Parking Crew
- Soup Sales



If one of these areas interests you, please let us know. New ideas and new leadership are welcome!

Contact Lynn Royal at lynnroyal@msn.com if you are able to volunteer for one of these apprenticeships or help in other ways.

TWO GUIDING THOUGHTS WHEN CONSIDERING VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CRAFT FAIR:

If You Sign Up For Something, You Do Not Have To Be in Charge of It!
Any Time You Can Give is Appreciated - You Do Not Have To Stay All Day!

WHERE ARE THE SIGN UP SHEETS??

This year, sign up sheets are inside the folders being passed around in each section of the church during both Sunday services. Thank you to those of you who have added your names. Please check pages in the folder for a list of needs and sign up for one of our many Craft Fair jobs. It will not be difficult. There will be no crying. You will make friends. You will have fun! You will heal your inner child.

A Master List has been assembled from various lists and is posted on the wooden door as you enter the building at the side door. The Master List gives us a clear picture of where we are fully staffed and where needs still exist.

Please, feel free to add your name to that Master List.

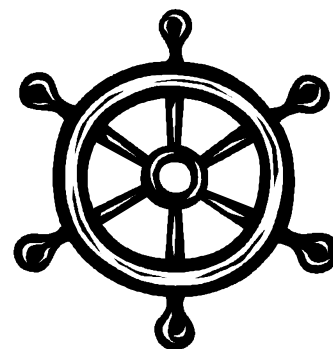
As names are collected for completing different jobs, contact information becomes available to committee chairpersons who may try to reach you. You will have their names and contact information, as well. If you do not specifically hear from a chairperson, please come to the Craft Fair activities at your planned time and find your location (Example: kitchen, narthex and hallway for Attic Treasures work, etc.)



CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The goal of the Christmas at Sea Program is to give a Ditty Box, a shoe box filled with gifts, to every seafarer arriving in the First State during December. Last year the Seamen's Center provided gifts to 1,200 mariners. The Boxes are filled with essentials and things that make the holiday merrier. You can participate by donating some of the wish list items listed below:

Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Comb	Deodorant
Knitted Hat/Scarf	Shampoo
Razors	Chap Stick
Playing Cards	Hand Lotion
Cough Drops	Candy
Pens	Stationery
Sewing Kit	Soap



Please have your hats and scarves in by November 15 so they can be blessed. Then, on November 22, we will gather at 9 am in the Parish Hall to assemble all the Ditty Boxes for delivery to the Seaman's Center.

EVERYONE COUNTS

St. David's is completing our annual pledge campaign. 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.



A church grows only when its members are committed to its growth. That growth can be as much spiritual as it is physical. St. David's assists us in our spiritual journey by helping us to recognize the richness of God's blessings and inspiring us to give back in thanks giving. This is a growth to which we all can aspire. This is a campaign we hope all can support. This is a case where, truly, every one counts.

ALL SAINTS' IMAGE

Once as I enjoyed a lazy summer afternoon in a park I saw a father and daughter spending time together. Their interactions revealed the sheer delight they enjoyed simply being with one another. He pretended to chase her and she took off running, squealing with glee. When she realized he was no longer in pursuit, she turned around and ran back toward him calling out, "Daddy!" At one point as she fell into his open arms he lifted her up and all but threw her into the air. Her tiny feet came to rest on his broad shoulders. She was ecstatic and cried out, "I can see the whole world from here!"

In this simple interaction I saw something behind the idea behind the Communion of Saints – which we celebrate on November 1st. The height and the

delight of our religious lives is possible because we stand on the shoulders of our spiritual elders. Their faithfulness in their generation makes possible our faithfulness in this generation. Because of them, we can see the fullness of God's world. And as amazing as that is, there is something humbling too: our shoulders will one day support of those who come after us. All of us – from first to last --



comprise an unbroken chain of witnesses to God's amazing love stretching across time and up to heaven.

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The Parish Office and
Day School will be closed on
Thanksgiving Day
(Thursday, the 26th)
and the following day
(Friday, the 27th)

ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL—NOVEMBER 2009

There is so much to be thankful for – not just this month, but every month.

On the November Calendar:

- 5 Chapel, 9:05
- 8 DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY
- 11 Chapel, 9:05
- 12,13 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 18 Joe Corbi Orders Delivered
- 18 Chapel, 9:05
- 25 "Stone Soup" Chapel, 9:05
- 26,27 Thanksgiving Vacation –
School Closed

Now Forming – The Waiting List for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Can you believe it? Let your friends and neighbors know that our classes fill up quickly – because we are the BEST preschool program in North Wilmington. Have them call today.

Thank you, on behalf of the Marshall family, for all your thoughts and prayers during Marie's courageous battle against cancer. While this was not her official church home, both our church and Day School communities were loved by her and in turn loved her. We remember her fondly.

It's coming, It's coming ! Day School Sunday on November 8th. All current and former staff and children and families of our Day School are invited to celebrate our ministry. Our PTPA will host the hos-

pitality hour and there will be a power point presentation of some of our Day School events.

BoxTops for Education collection boxes are located in the narthex hallway and on the table near the Day School office. Our goal this year is \$ 500 – so start clipping. Each Box Tops "coupon" is worth 10¢ each when our Day School redeems them! For more information, visit the website, www.btfe.com – and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our Day School with Box Tops.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Jenette D. Reishman

Early Childhood
Administrator



Words of Wisdom

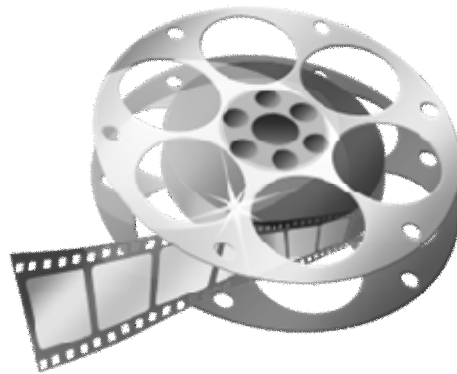
If the only prayer
you said in your
entire life was
“thank you,” that
would suffice.

—Meister Eckhardt



DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY Sunday, November 8th

Come celebrate this vital ministry
and those who shepherd
the littlest lambs
in our community.



YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, November 8th

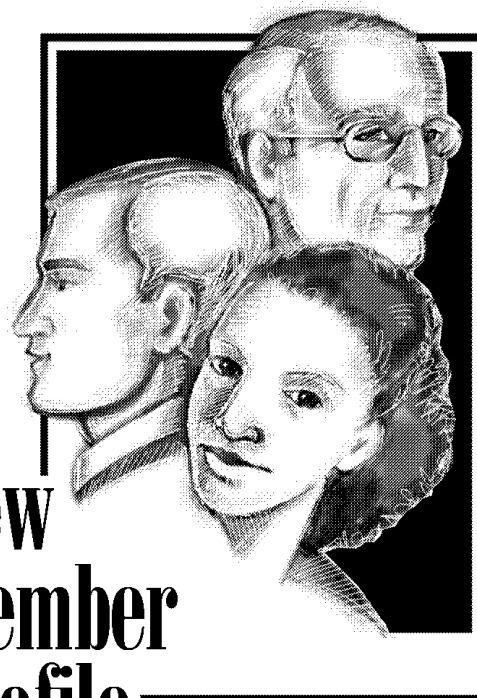
The Youth Group will meet up and proceed to Regal Cinema Brandywine Hundred to view one of Hollywood's latest excesses. Jeff Cook will have more information as the date nears.

We Welcome ...

Erica Diehl!

What's the deal with Erica Diehl? Her last name is pronounced "deal" and is spelled d-i-e-h-l courtesy of her German heritage. Erica has been attending St. David 's for almost a year. She started coming with Chris Frick and Julie Carryer. A native of Wilmington, Erica formerly attended IHM with her mother but found it lacked the sense of community she was looking for. When Erica mentioned to long time friend, Julie, that she wasn't happy with her current church, Julie suggested she try St. David's. From the moment she arrived and was greeted warmly at the door she felt she had found what she was looking for. She feels that she has a second family here.

A graduate of Mt. Pleasant HS, Erica is currently a student at Del Tech studying to be an Occupational Therapist. She is pursuing an Associates degree now with plans to start as an OT Assistant while she works toward her Master's degree. Erica has wanted to work with special needs children and adults for years. She began her journey by working with a student with Cerebral Palsy while still a senior in high school. She loves working with the children and seeing their faces light up. Based on Erica's interests, her school counselor suggested two possibilities: Social Worker or Occupational Therapist.



New Member Profile

She chose the latter option as it seemed to fit exactly what she was looking for.

When not attending school, Erica can be found playing with her dog, Jake, or curled up with a good book. Erica also loves to cook and bake. She views Hospitality hour as an opportunity to hone in on her culinary skills and several people have complimented her on her creations. By her own admission, Erica is a great listener and loves to help her friends.

And at the beginning of each week you'll find Erica at St. David 's. In her own words she "can't think of a better place to come to on a Sunday".

NIGHTWATCH REFLECTION

The St. David's Youth Group ventured to New York City on October 16th to take part in Nightwatch. The overnight event is held at Saint John the Divine on the upper west side of Manhattan. Nightwatch began in 1975 and focuses on the meaning behind the Eucharist and the history of the cathedral.

The youth group members were joined by another youth group from Trinity Church in Towson. The teens spent time learning songs, going on a pilgrimage, participating in an evening meditation and taking part in the midnight service that followed.

The teens were also treated to an amazing demonstration of the cathedral's great organ. After spending the night inside of the church, the youth groups were taken on a tour of this beautiful cathedral and its many chapels while discussing the history of Saint John, the Di-

vine. Many of the Christian traditions were explained during the tour. After a short time in the city seeing the sites, the group headed back to St. David's happy to have experienced Nightwatch.



**PARISH
LIFE
DAY** *for the
BODY
&
SOUL*
♥ *Learning to live a healthy lifestyle*

Learning to live a healthy lifestyle is the theme of this year's Parish Life Day, Saturday, November 21, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Anne's Episcopal School, Middletown, DE. Join us as we join the national effort to improve the health of every American. There will be many morning and afternoon workshops offered, door prizes, exhibitors, and a children's program. For more information, visit the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofdelaware.net

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS:
FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR ADVENT
(Materials will be available in the Narthex starting November 8th)**

For Families w/ younger children—



**DO YOU SEE
WHAT I SEE?**

This seek-and-find booklet includes rhymes, pictures and puzzles that parents can use to help their younger children prepare for Christmas.

For Families with older children—



**WAIT FOR
THE LIGHT**

centers on stories that can be read to or read by children (depending on their ages and abilities). Each daily reading also has family activities and songs to sing (if you can muster that)!

For Individuals who want something a bit more contemplative—



**A GRAND
MIRACLE** finds its inspiration in writings from C.S. Lewis and in each succeeding week of Advent focuses variously on the Incarnation, “God with us”, The Christ-figure of Narnia, and Jesus’ mission to make us his ‘new creation’.

For Individuals (teens and older) -



**LOVE FINDS A
VOICE IN
BETHLEHEM**

– these daily passages and prayers are clearly written and short enough for even the busiest person to gain some spiritual nourishment before rushing out the door or to the next event.

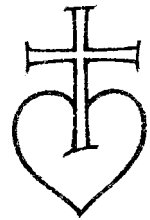
ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Myron Hastings
 Grace Ellen Clark
 John Van-Catledge
 Steve White
 Nicholas Brady
 Shirley Hubbard
 Steven Greer Jr.
 Pat Dowdy
 Joe Bonvetti
 Jack Casey
 Charles C. Ashton
 Ed Smentkowski
 Sam Bell

Nicholas Macedo
 Aaron Leedberg
 Michael Bayless
 Karen Bayless
 Helen Bleakeney
 Peggy Louie
 Bob Frazer
 Tom Juranich
 Bibby Goeller
 Catharine Bell
 Gail Clark
 Michael Bennett
 Thad Weaver
 Linda Politza

Olivia Kirby Thomas
 Keith Powell
 Jack Merrifield
 Cheryl Krieder
 Kevin Joye
 Bill Dougherty
 Kathy DePiero

Deceased –
 Pauline Stanley
 Danae Manion
 Marie Marshall
 Bill Bayless



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

6 Josef Hargis	18 Sandra Humphreys
Marlee Hargis	19 Bobby Rhodunda
Barbara Sutton	20 James Von Dreele
10 Kim Burdick	21 Scott Doyle
Nathan Owens	22 Charlotte Elliott
13 Brandon Williams	23 John MacEwen
14 Matthew Marchioni	Chris Yovino
Jeanne Marie Yohe	28 Craig Camarote
15 Jonathan Elliott	30 Cecilia Brandenburg
Pete Mullan	Carolyn Luttrell
16 Nicholas Allred	
Molly Storlazzi	
17 Claire Bennett	

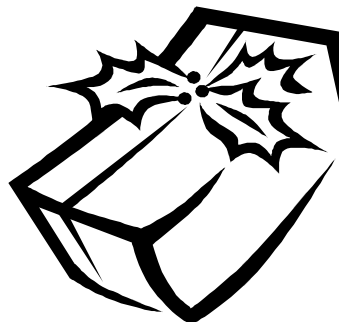
ANNIVERSARIES

3 Rod & Doreen Turner
 4 Rodney & Jane Harvey
 10 Dave & Susie Phillips
 16 Jeff & Shari Bennett
 20 Kathleen & Dan Koch
 24 Joyce & William Kent
 25 Eric & Jolene Baddick
 26 Kevin & Andrea Kane
 27 John & Jean McClelland

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

This year St. David's is adopting 25 foster children for Christmas gift distribution. The gift list for sign-ups will be hung up as the Craft Fair is being put away. So, everyone can pick out the gifts they'd like to purchase beginning on Sunday, November 15. Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. *(We are having an evening to wrap all of the gifts for the children. Look for the details of that event in the weeks to come.)* The Outreach Team will purchase gifts with money that has been donated,

if you'd prefer to give that way. Please write checks to St. David's Church and write "foster kids" in the memo box. Checks should be placed in an envelope marked for Outreach, handed to a member of the Outreach Committee or placed in Amy Myers' Outreach Committee box in the Memorial Room. Thank you for your generosity during this most blessed time of year.



Children's Craft Table



Courtenay Hoerberman will be running a Craft-Making Table for children during this year's Craft Fair. It will be located in the main parish hall. While a few of the parish

youth may be on hand to assist, we are also in need of two or three adults to lend a hand at this table during the day.

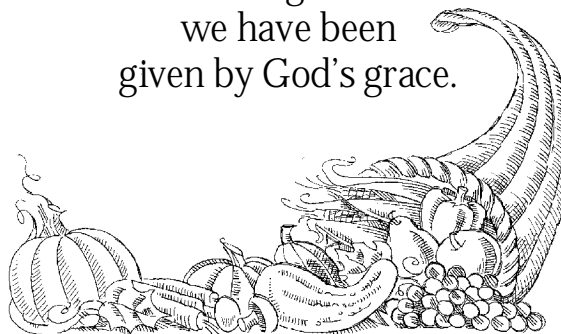
If you can help for part or all of the day, please contact Courtenay at hoernduck@yahoo.com or 302-798-5949.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 25
7:00 pm

Come join your church community as we gather to offer thanks for all the blessings of this life...our families, our friends, and all the spiritual and material gifts that we have been given by God's grace.



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Buying local means buying in season. For most of the country the traditional Thanksgiving meal is a perfect example of a seasonal meal. We have carrots, potatoes, and pumpkins—not spring greens and asparagus—on the traditional Thanksgiving table. In today's age of food transit the pumpkins in your local grocery store might not be local. Here are some tips for celebrating the holiday season while keeping it local.



- ✓ Make applesauce out of apples you pick at a local orchard. Or perhaps bake a traditional pumpkin pie with pumpkins grown in a community pumpkin patch.
- ✓ Visit farmers' markets for squash, onions, potatoes, carrots, and other vegetables that are harvested in the fall.
- ✓ Check with local farms for turkeys raised on pastures instead of feedlots. You may also be able to find pasture raised eggs and dairy products.