

Glad Tidings!



Saint David's Parish

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



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WE NEED TO BE READY

Eighteen. There were 18 in Children's Chapel this past Sunday. Eighteen smiling faces. Eighteen kids aged 3 to 7 eagerly waiting for the lesson of the day. Eighteen!

I marvel at this number. Wonder why? It was only a couple of years ago when Children's Chapel was at a low. I often wondered why I took the time to prepare lessons. Some Sundays it was only my kids. My faith in St. David's Christian education for our youngest parishioners began to wane. It was Pat Van-Catledge who came to my faith rescue. You see, when I expressed my slight despair to Pat one day she said "We need to be ready for when they come." I remember smiling at Pat, not exactly sure I was on board with her thinking. But, her words ring true today. Eighteen... and we are ready!!

These 3-7 year olds are like sponges and absorb the songs, stories and prayers introduced during our time together. They think it's fun, but as adults, we know Children's Chapel is an important step in creating a Christian foundation. The Godly Play curriculum engages the kids with child-friendly bible stories of the New and Old Testaments. You would be amazed at what they recall, the questions asked, and observations made.

By the time they leave Children's Chapel, their foundation is ready to accept another faith layer in the Middlers Group.



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The Children's Chapel program itself is vital for St. David's in its effort to attract families with young children to come, stay and grow here. Children see the fun part and want to come back again while parents get the opportunity to participate in the first half of the church service on their own.

It's great to see new families at St. David's. You can feel the excitement in Children's Chapel and I am glad to be part of such an important ministry for the parish. Thanks, Pat, for your words of wisdom and your ability to see the greatness of St. David's future.

~Debbie Rhodunda

YOUTH SKI TRIP

The First Youth Event of 2010 is coming soon. A trip is scheduled on Saturday, February 6th, to go to Blue Mountain with the Youth Group at Trinity Episcopal Parish.

- This trip is for beginners and experts!
- The fees cover ski rentals and tubing.
- Skiing is not required to be part of this trip.
- The cost per teen is \$25. Wow, that's low! (*St. David's is graciously subsidizing the balance of the fees*).
- Bring your own substantial lunch. Having fun is hard work!
- The fees cover ski rentals and tubing.
- We are car-pooling; it will be a full-day trip.
- Meet at St. David's @ 7:30 am. Pick-up by parents at 7:00 pm.
- If you are interested in a lesson, you will need to pay an additional \$10.
- If you have your own skis, feel free to bring them in Jeff's truck.

For planning purposes, we need a headcount as soon as possible. Please contact Chandra Allred (610-361-2773) to get your name on the list and to get the permission forms necessary.

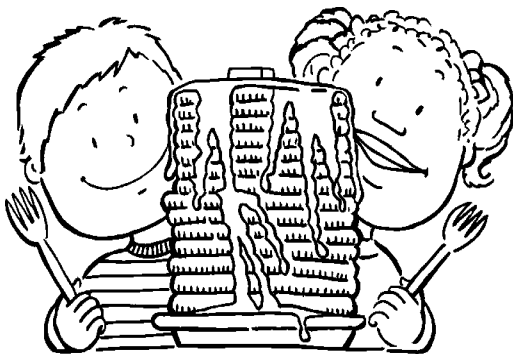
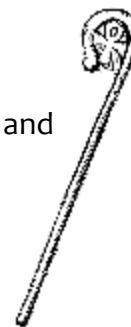


SUMMER YOUTH WORK CAMP

As a heads-up, we are close to selecting a location for the summer work camp. It looks as though it will be the week of June 20th. Details will follow shortly. Thank you to Bill Sieber who shared his experiences in attending work camps. It is inspiring to see a college student that is willing to share his time with us. Many thanks to you, Bill. More news to come soon!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL VISITATION FEBRUARY 7TH

The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, the Bishop of Delaware, will make his annual visitation to the parish on Sunday, February 7th at the 10:15 service to preach and to celebrate the Eucharist. Bishop Wright will be officially receiving new members into the Episcopal church and confirming several of our youth. Members should make all efforts to be present at this important event in the life of the Church. **Celebration to follow in the Parish Hall.**



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 16 from 5-7 pm, the Parish Hall of St. David's will once again be filled with the delicious smell of pancakes and sausage.

All members of the Parish and Day School are warmly invited to a lovely evening of fun, fellowship, and food! Kirby Holloway sausage, pancakes, applesauce, butter, syrup and beverages are part of the deal. Come one, come all. Chil-

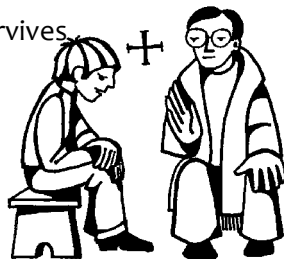
dren's entertainment has been arranged and will begin at 5:30 pm.

It is a long-standing tradition at St. David's, that the men of the parish help cook and serve this meal. Any men who would like to join the throngs of faithful men who have served throughout history, please contact Jeff Bennett at 302-563-7295 or email: hondasalesmanager@udpark.com. Take up your spatulas and flip!

WHAT IS A SHROVE?

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions.

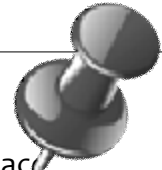
(Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).



Historically, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do?

Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes. And lots of 'em!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY

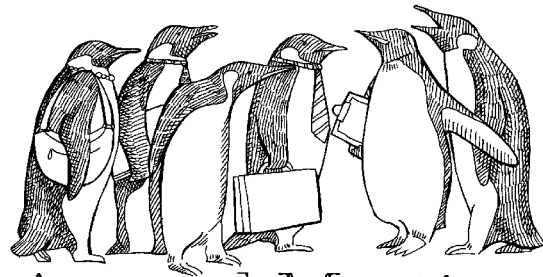


- Gratefully approved the gift of a new sound system for the worship space offered by an anonymous donor.
- Approved procedures for e-voting between vestry meetings.
- Appointed the nominating committee for vestry class of 2013.
- Rejoiced in the news that Sunday worship attendance has increased by 19% from last year and 39% from three years ago.

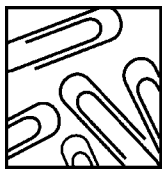
ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of St. David's Parish, Brandywine Hundred, Wilmington is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2010. The Annual Meeting will be preceded by ONE WORSHIP SERVICE to begin at 9:30 am. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting. Look for sign-up sheets and more information about the potluck in the near future. All members of St. David's are

strongly encouraged to attend this business meeting and celebration of our life together here at St. David's Parish.



Annual Meeting



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed on Presidents' Day (February 15th).

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ST. DAVID’S DAY SCHOOL—FEBRUARY 2010

News from Your Day School . . .

On the February Calendar

- 1 Staff Meeting, 6:30
- 3 Chapel, 9:05
- 10 Prospective Parent Tour, 9:30
- 11 Chapel, 9:05
- 14 **Happy Valentine’s Day**
- 15 Presidents’ Day Holiday –
Preschool Closed,
Extended Care Open
- 16 PTPA Meeting, 9:05
School Board Meeting, 7:00
- 17 **Ash Wednesday Chapel, 9:05**
- 20 Parents’ Night Out, 7:00
- 25 Chapel, 9:05, School Spirit Day



Our PTPA reminds you to mark your calendars and come out for our second annual Parents’ Night Out (with its great silent auction)! That date is Saturday, February 20th, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the parish hall/gym.

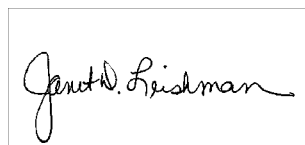
READERS STILL WANTED! Thank you to Nancy Anderson who read to our extended care children in January!

Do you have some time to volunteer in the late afternoons? Our three and four year olds would love to have someone come in and read to them. Studies show that being read to strengthens those pre-reading skills in young children –

and helps them as they go into kindergarten and their academic career. We’ll provide the books – all you bring is you (anytime after 3 pm). **Interested?** Give me a call. You’ll be glad you did.

In March, we will sponsor our annual Yankee Candle Sale®. This year, 100% of the proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund! So look for the order forms in the narthex, in the parish hall during hospitality or in the school office or ask any Board Member.

Have a Happy Valentine’s Day!



Early Childhood Administrator

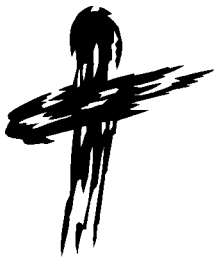




Words of Wisdom

“Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, it’s what you are expected to give— which is everything.”

-Vittorio Alfieri



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 17th, our faith community will come together to mark the beginning of Lent. We will do this in song and scripture, and by the imposition of ashes, which symbolize our common frailty as humans.

This is a quiet, moving service.
All are invited to attend. 7:00 pm.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Lenten Devotional Materials will be available on Sunday, February 7th in the Narthex. Check out the selection and decide which devotional booklet “speaks to you” . Many people find these resources an excellent way to focus their thoughts and prayers during this time of reflection in preparation for our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection.



LENT

“The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of



pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. In the name of the Church, therefore, you are invited to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”

*~Adapted from the
Book of Common Prayer,
Pages 264-265*

LOOKING FOR GRACE IN AMERICAN SHORT STORIES

Tuesday Nights in Lent
February 23rd; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd
in the Memorial Room



James Baldwin, Flannery O’Conner, Peggy Payne, David Sedaris and John Updike represent a broad spectrum of the American experience and their writings reflect their diversity. We will read and discuss one short story from each author – sharing our individual impressions as we search for the religious and divine Spirit that lives between the lines.

6:00 Simple Supper
6:30 Class
7:30 Worship

Materials will be made available before the start of class free of charge. Please sign up for supper on bulletin board so we will know how much food to prepare. You may come for any or all portions of each night.

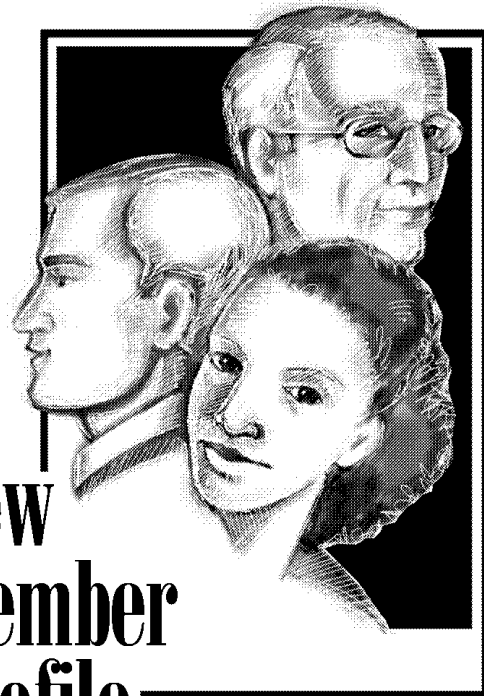
WE WELCOME ...

APRIL STARKEY!

Around Easter time last year, April Starkey was looking for a 'different' kind of church. A child she used to baby-sit attended a Day School that was part of an Episcopal Church. That child's parents suggested she try St. David's. April had no experience with Episcopal churches, but she decided to check it out.

April has a grown son and daughter and two grandsons that live in Clayton, DE and a stepdaughter in PA. She can't worship every Sunday because she works every other weekend. Her husband comes to church occasionally and she's still learning about 'Episcopal stuff'. But, St. David's is important to April. She was attracted by its "homey style and Bible teaching." She says, "Warm, friendly people reach out to Newcomers here," and make her feel that she "fits in."

Caring for people is important to April. She loves her work as Activities Assistant at a nursing home, doing arts and crafts with 36 dementia patients. She also worked at a Day Care for 4 years and with the Special Olympics for 15 years. She has helped with VBS and church repairs at an Indian Reservation in Minnesota. April enjoys working with people of all ages. Her work with children has included a year-round program called Awana, which provides a weekly hour of arts and crafts, Bible study and games, with badges earned (similar to scout programs).



New Member Profile

April describes herself as an outdoors person who enjoys camping, fishing and photography – and being outside with Leroy, the family black lab mix. In her 'spare time,' April also runs her own cleaning business.

This year hasn't been easy year for April. There were a couple of deaths in her family and she's been helping her father-in-law in his fight with cancer. But she's happy to be part of St. David's now, and worships whenever she can. Next time you see her, you might give her a word of encouragement or a hug. Caretakers need to be cared for – and April has discovered that St. David's is a good place for that.



Major Feasts Of the Church Year

Saint Matthias

February 24th

In the nine days of waiting between Jesus' Ascension and the Day of Pentecost, the disciples remained together in prayer.

During this time, Peter reminded them that the defection and death of Judas had left the fellowship of the Twelve with a

vacancy. The Acts of the Apostles records Peter's proposal that "one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning

from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22). Two men were nominated; Joseph called Barsabbas who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. After prayer, the disciples cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias, who was then enrolled with the eleven.

Nothing further is told of Matthias after his selection. According to tradition he was an exemplary Apostle, but we know nothing more. Matthias seems an appropriate example to Christians of one whose faithful companionship with Jesus qualifies him to be a suitable witness to the resurrection, and whose service is unheralded and unsung.

~Excerpted from **Lesser Feasts and Fasts**

WORDS WE USE

a•po•sto•lic suc•ces•sion

The belief that the church today directly connects with the church of Jesus' apostles and is thus part of the "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church." This idea is most clearly seen in the requirement that bishops be ordained by bishops in a chain back to the church's earliest days.



LINE DANCING THANK YOU

Hey , what was that ruckus coming from the Parish Hall a couple of weeks ago? One might have thought it was Jazzerise, but it definitely had a Country twang. Yes, a group of St. Davidites got together to try out Country Line Dancing in the Parish Hall! About 30 parishioners, as well as several brave and patient leaders from "Country Kickers" had things jumping. Many learned how to shuffle, twirl, and some other fancy footwork.

There were some great dancers in the bunch! (As the night went on, it also became clear how many were not as coordinated. "Ow! My foot!") No matter if you caught on quick, or always seemed to end up facing the wrong direction, one thing was consistent - everyone had a great time!! A big 'thank you' to the Ways and Means group for organizing this activity. Unfortunately, pictures of this event can be found on the St. David's website.

ST. DAVID’S PRAYER LIST — We lift these people up in prayer.

Jarret	Shirley Hubbard	Tom Juranich
Natalie Stevens	Steven Greer Jr.	Myron Hastings
John Brett	Pat Dowdy	Nico Clothier
Chase Anthony Greer	Joe Bonvetti	Stewart Taub
Martha Collins	Ed Smentkowski	Carolyn Luttrell
Bob Trissel	Sam Bell	Sierra Jones
Tyler Klaus	Jack Casey	Liz Porter
William Dougherty	Nicholas Macedo	Jack Hyde
Kathy Levendis	Aaron Leedberg	
Grace Ellen Clark	Michael Bayless	
John Van-Catledge	Karen Bayless	
Steve White	Helen Bleakeney	
Nicholas Brady	Peggy Louie	



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

2 George Schanamann	19 Evan Baddick
3 Gale Jones	21 Mary Lee MacKelcan
4 Peter Meisel	23 Steven Weatherman
6 Kevin Kane	24 Vicki Cargill
7 Tim Marchioni	Susie Phillips
12 Betty Anderson	26 Walt Robbins
14 Gavin Doyle	28 Marcia Wight
15 Pat Dowdy	
Nancy Holland	
17 Kitsey Shehan	17 Wray & Jane Britton
18 Hali Hoernemann	19 Jane Bordzol
Abigail Rhodunda	20 Mike & Ce Brandenburg



THE 2ND ANNUAL PARENTS NIGHT OUT & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, February 20th in the Parish Hall / 7:00-10:00 pm

Book your babysitter, bring your friends and come for an evening of food, fun, and lots of items to bid on.

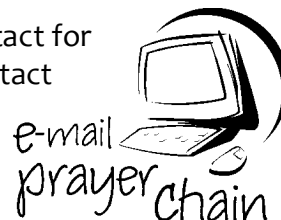
Food, beer, wine and alternative beverages will be provided as part of the event.

Auction items include tickets to a UD football game, Phillies tickets, Regal Cinema Movie Passes, Nigella Lawson Chef basket and 4 different Desperate Housewives baskets! Raffle tickets will also be available for some priceless classroom items made by our children, one month's tuition for school and much more.

\$10 per person. Tickets will be available from members of the PTPA at Sunday services February 7th and 14th and at the door.

ST. DAVID'S PRAYER CHAIN

There exists, here at St. David's, a Prayer Chain that one may contact for immediate prayer for any dire or emergency situation. Please contact Sandy Frazer at 302-475-9311 or email: sandyjf@aol.com. She will immediately send the message out to the members of the prayer chain via e-mail. (Isn't technology wonderful!) If you desire to be part of this ministry (one who prays), please speak to Sandy.



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE COMMON GOOD

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
(1 Cor. 12:7)

St. Paul's message to the Corinthians is always timely. It bids us recall that through the Holy Spirit we can be stewards of our gifts to further God's purposes for His people in many ways. The 2010 Parish budget for example, enriches our common (parish) life and enhances our outreach and commitment

to the larger community.

Faithful stewardship is also manifested by our individual ministries, wherever they take place, as we use our resources to help others for the common good. Authentic stewardship is a broad challenge to specific action. To what actions is the Spirit calling you?

-Adapted from St. John's, Washington D.C.

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This Valentine's Day, show your love for the earth. ♥



Here are a few suggestions for February activities.

♥ Consider making new cards from scrap paper or by attaching new backs to the fronts of old cards -- this can be a craft project for family and friends that help everyone reduce paper waste while saving money. ♥ Consider sending electronic valentines. ♥ Bake cookies or other goodies for your valentine and package them in reusable and/or recyclable containers as gifts. Home-made goodies show how much you care and help you avoid packaging waste. ♥ Consider also buying long-lasting silk flowers, potted plants, or live bushes, shrubs or trees that can be planted in the spring. ♥