



# St. David's Episcopal Church

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Dear People of St. David's,

I pray that you and yours are well and want to share some exciting information with you as I head off for a mini-Sabbatical beginning next Sunday afternoon

### **St. David's Episcopal Day School**

For the past two years, the Vestry and a group of parishioners have been praying and considering how to best live into our mission to know God in Jesus Christ and make Christ known to others as it relates to the Knewstub Building. We worked with the current Nursery School to see if we could merge, but those efforts failed to bear fruit. We understand that they are making progress in finding their own location.

This past spring the Vestry appointed a blue ribbon task force of educators and parishioners to consider starting an Episcopal pre-school in the building. They met; toured and studied other Episcopal schools; and talked with representatives of the National Association of Episcopal Schools to determine if this was the direction God was calling us.

We are persuaded that starting an Episcopal Day School in the building is the right choice moving forward.

At the regularly scheduled Vestry meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016, the Vestry of St. David's voted to establish St. David's Episcopal Day School in the fall of 2017. We will be working over the summer to fashion the details and will be taking applications this fall for our school to open in September 2017. One note of importance, our school will offer a significant number of scholarships for children in our area who would not be able to afford such a fine start to their education. This is very exciting and I give thanks for all the good work that has led us to such a good place. Please keep the task force in your prayers as they iron out further details.

### **Strategic Planning**

Over the past three years a group of Vestry and lay leaders have been meeting with me to listen for God's vision for St. David's going forward. We presented some of the findings and a vision at the Annual Meeting in May, but we need your involvement. In September, we will be sending out a sophisticated survey. I want to encourage you to take the survey when it arrives so that God may speak through all of us as we make plans and live into the next phase of God's vision for this church on a mission.

### **Summer Reading**

Many of you are taking the 90 Day Bible Challenge of reading through the entire Bible this summer and I applaud you. I know that this will feed your soul in some new and dynamic ways. Reading the Bible is my favorite way to learn to hear God's tone of voice and deepen God's call on my life and yours.

In preparation for the coming year's theme, Living Like Jesus, the Vestry and clergy are reading a book by the popular Christian author, Max Lucado, entitled Just Like Jesus. It's a wonderful book and you may find it just the kind of summer, spiritual reading that will feed your soul and prepare you for the coming year. Please join the Vestry and clergy and read along.

I will hold you in my prayers as I am away and ask that you hold me in your prayers as well. May God continue to bless us with His presence and grace and goodness until we are together again.

Grace and Peace.

The Rev. W. Frank Allen  
Rector

