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A COMMUNITY FOR THE WORLD

BY REV. FRANK ALLEN

“But seek first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things (of life) will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33



A new year of mission and ministry and life is upon us at St. David’s Church. This is a year that promises all of us opportunities to grow in our life with God and one another. It’s a new start for living into our mission to know God in Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to others. It is a year of paying attention to living the Christian life as individuals and as a church community – the life that is really life.

This year, we will be focusing on our mission and ministry through a lens of *A Community for the World*. It is a theme that we hope will help us all grow in our faith and life with God as we come to a deeper understanding of who God is; who we are as God’s community; and how we can extend our Christian community in a world that is looking for the love, grace and fellowship that we are coming to know at St. David’s.

We are a community committed to knowing God in Jesus Christ and making Christ known to others. That means that each of us and all of us as a community need to take the physical time with God and to participate in some ministry or activity. We have education and worship offerings on Sunday and through the week, including a new worship service for young families that will take place on Friday evenings twice a month. Please commit yourself to regular time with God and to offering your gifts to make a difference for our community and for the life of the world.

Grace and Peace.

Frank

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The Rev. Amanda Eiman | Associate Rector
The Rev. Kenneth McCaslin | Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Alexander McCurdy, III | Associate Rector
The Rev. Edward Shiley | Associate Rector
The Rev. William Wood, III | Associate Rector
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Emily Zimbrick-Rogers | Assistant Rector

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VESTRY NOTES

With the kick-off Sunday picnic, St. David's Church's program year was launched with great excitement and renewed energy for its' mission. From Sunday school teachers and youth group participants to our Fair volunteers and outreach workers, people were engaged. At the picnic people were able to serve God by living into a Christian life through fellowship and rediscover how special St. David's is within the Episcopal church.

St. David's has been truly blessed on so many different levels: clergy, staff, parishioners, property and financial resources. Recognizing this blessing as a parish, we can serve the diverse needs of our parish and international community. Whether we are celebrating the baptism of a new child into the parish, praying for someone during recovery, singing in the choir, volunteering at the Fair, traveling to Cuba to install clean water systems, or participating on a Commission or committee, we are all living into the mission of St. David's Episcopal Church. "We are a church on a mission to know God in Jesus Christ and make Christ known to others."

All this work comes with strong support, stewardship and planning. With the new year, the Vestry, through its Commissions and committees, is fostering these opportunities so we can support the mission work and the needs of the people we serve. Working through the strategic plan, each Commission and committee is developing new opportunities, maintaining robust and vibrant programs and encouraging new members to participate. Within the Discipleship Commission, a strong focus has been to support the Center of Spiritual Growth programming and to promote the Alpha series and small group discussions. The Family Ministry Commission is developing programs to encourage families to participate together in fun Christian education, while the Outreach Commission prepared the Fair and established funding priorities within our local and international communities. The Worship Commission planned for special services for young families as well the Advent season. The Fellowship Commission is expanding programs such as Wine & Dine, Social Singles, and Newcomer Dinners.



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VESTRY NOTES



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With over 40 acres of property and five structures, one can only image maintenance the Property Commission is responsible for addressing. It must report on painting, heating and cooling systems, sewer, lighting and graveyard improvements. With the heavy microbursts of rain this summer, St. David's experienced various types of water damage that were problematic in both the Chapel as well as Day School; thanks to our financial resources we have been able to correct and repair all the damage.

As we entered our second full year of operating the Day School, the Finance Commission, the school's board, and its staff had weighty conversations to develop a reasonable and sound budget. Together, the group has developed a better understanding of the needs and expectations for the future.

For all this great work to happen, there is much planning and coordination between the St. David's staff and the Commissions. When I first accepted my role as the Accounting Warden, I entered with the belief that St. David's will always do mission work, but needed to decide how much mission work to feasibly complete. The Vestry humbly asks you to deeply consider your stewardship pledge so it can support all this great work for God. It asks that you attend services or volunteer for a program or event to deepen your faith through fellowship in our community.

While attending the 8:00 am, 9:15 am and 5:00 pm services over for the past few weeks, I was excited to greet so many new attendees and families who have found St. David's. We are truly blessed with God's gifts and many have found a spiritual home within St. David's. Thank you for supporting the members of the Vestry as we continue to chart the course for our parish and the community we serve. Please join us as we go forth to live the life God has asked us to follow.

- Tim Phelps, Rector's Warden



To view more information on our Vestry, visit our website below:

www.stdavidchurch.org/church-leadership

And click the 'Meet Our Vestry' tab.

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” Matthew 1:21

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

EXCITING HOLIDAY EVENTS AT ST. DAVID’S

The holidays are always a fun and exciting time for the parishioners of St. David’s. There are many wonderful things to do for adults and children alike, such as:

Family Events

Advent Wreath Making & St. Nicholas Festival

Sunday, December 1st | 10:30am | St. David’s Hall
Make your own Advent Wreath while hearing the Christmas Story by St. Nicholas himself!

Christmas Cookie Baking Contest

Sunday, December 8th | 10:30am | St. David’s Hall
Submit your own award winning bite sized cookies to our annual contest! Winner receives a \$50.00 gift card. The Rev. Amanda Eiman will also be honored.

Lessons & Carols and Reception

Sunday, December 8th | 5:00pm | Chapel
Families are welcome to join us as we sing along to all of the Christmas classics! Hot chocolate and cookie reception to follow as the Rev. Amanda Eiman is honored.

St. David’s Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15th | 11:15am & 3:00pm
Monday, December 16th | 7:00pm
The St. David’s Annual Christmas Pageant is a beloved tradition that has been performed for decades, featuring adults & children from the church, as well as live animals!

Worship & Music Events

Starlight Service of Remembering

Tuesday, December 3rd | 7:00pm | Chapel
Join us for a service that remembers those who have died.

Handel’s Messiah, Part I Concert

Sunday, December 22nd | 3:00pm | Chapel
Join us for this beautiful concert featuring St. David’s own professional soloists, Kim Robson, Kathy Wagner and Jess Yothers, along with our 35-voice adult choir.

Longest Night Service

Saturday, December 21st | 7:00pm | Church
This candlelight service offers a retreat from the festive events to pray gently in community.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th
3:00pm & 6:00pm | Church & Chapel
8:00pm | Church
11:00pm | Chapel

Christmas Day Services

Wednesday, December 25th
8:00am & 10:00am | Church



DON’T FORGET TO GRAB AN ADVENT CALENDAR!

Don’t forget to grab one of St. David’s Advent Calendars which includes readings and prayers to use with an Advent wreath. They will be available to take home in the Narthex and at the Reception desk. A weekly Advent Devotional email will also be sent to individuals and families beginning in December.



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Help give back to those who are less fortunate this holiday season. Get your family involved, and please consider donating to any of these causes:



GIFT CARDS

Help us purchase gift cards for our partners in ministry in the Greater Philadelphia area. Take a red envelope off of the Gift Card tree in the Narthex, and please return it to the reception desk by **Saturday, December 28th.**



GIFTS OF LOVE

Purchase gifts for families at St. Barnabas Homeless Shelter. Take an angel off of the tree in the Narthex and purchase the listed gift. Please return unwrapped by **Sunday, December 15th.**



WORLD GIFTS

Help us support children in Cuba, Uganda and Guatemala by making a donation to World Gifts in someone's name. Visit the tree in the reception area to find ways to give to our international partners.



MITTEN TREE

Donate new or handmade mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to children and adults at St. Gabriel's. Please leave your items on the tree in the Narthex by **Tuesday, December 31st.**



DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR THANKSGIVING BLESSING BAGS!

Our annual Thanksgiving drive has begun! If you haven't already, please return your full, Abundant Blessings bag to the bin in the Narthex by Sunday, November 17th. They will be delivered to those in need early this week, so please be timely! Questions? Contact mbiondi@stdavidschurch.org.

“As iron shapes iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Let’s start with what it is not; or at least not wholly. Stewardship is not just about money, and not just an October “thing.” Our conception of stewardship is far too narrow. We cynically think of it as the euphemistic, “churchy” term for the annual plea for money. Rightly understood, stewardship is so much more. It is actually a quite capacious word. The dictionary definition of stewardship is “the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.” That is a wide mandate.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing.”

Proverbs 3:9-10

Thus, we are stewards of God’s creation, and therefore it is wrong to despoil it and virtuous to conserve it. As citizens of the United States, we are stewards of our democracy, and it is a civic virtue to safeguard it. As Christians we are not just beneficiaries of our faith; we are also stewards of it. The Christian faith is clearly worth “caring for and preserving.” Yes, our faith is a gift from God, but it is typically received by us through the mediating institutions of family and church. As stewards of the faith, we are called to care for and preserve the church so it can continue its job of transmitting the faith to those that follow.

In our corner of the world, that means caring for and preserving Saint David’s and its mission to help us know Christ and make Christ known to others. As Frank says weekly, we do that in a lot of different ways. Did you know that Saint David’s has over 100 different program ministries? Those ministries are supported by our clergy, staff, your countless volunteer hours, your amazing talents, and, yes, money. The sole job of the Stewardship Commission, working in conjunction with the Finance Commission, is to provide the infrastructure that enables these ministries.

The goal of the Stewardship Commission this year is to make stewardship mean more to you than an October ask for money. Throughout the year we will do our best to highlight how your gifts of time, talent and treasure create these ministries. Our hope is that we demonstrate the enduring value that you, the people of Saint David’s, create through your stewardship of this church. Saint David’s is something worth caring for and preserving, and, because it is, we are all responsible for preserving and protecting it.



PLEDGING IS EASY!

Don’t forget to fill out your pledge card! Your card should have arrived at your home. If you’d like another, call our office at 610-688-7947. You can also pledge online by visiting: www.stdavidschurch.org/giving.

ARCHIVES CORNER

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST OF ST. DAVID'S, WRITTEN BY THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

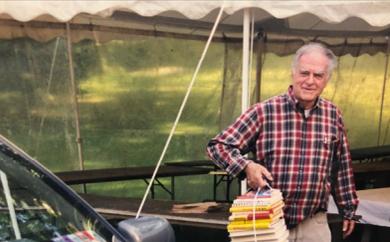
ST. DAVID'S COUNTRY FAIR & AUCTION



Charly Brown, Bonnie Schmidt, Pat Bell, among others at the Flea Market, 2002



Rudy Moore, Rev. Carolyn Tuttle, Paul Murray and Lee Seybert (rear), 2002



Dick Miller loading books into the Book Tent, 2002



Craig and Jill Tenboeck, 2002



Pat Binnion, 2002

As usual, this past summer a great deal of energy went into preparations for the 168th St. David's Country Fair and Auction held on October 5th, 2019. Back in 1851 the first Fair emphasized "looking after the chancel needlework" (the women) and "repairing and thoroughly repainting the church interior" (the men). Today we celebrate one of America's oldest, continuous country fairs by offering grants to 22 outreach organizations with proceeds from the food court, auction, books, the Flea Market, etc.

Traditionally, the congregation has reached out to the broader community on Fair Day. In an advertisement of 1852 it states that, "persons coming by railroad will find the 'Eagle' the nearest depot to the church. A stage will run from the depot to the Fair." Today, volunteers in the Flea Market are accustomed to dealing with people from out of state.

As the Fair has always been held "Rain or Shine," volunteers tend to reminisce about the weather. There was the year that a man was using the port-a-potty and the potty blew over. There was the year of an upcoming hurricane when Polly Newbold and her husband left their gala event in the city, went home for tarps and covered all the Flea Market items in the Horse Sheds. There have been hot Fair Days when bees have been a problem and wintry days when people really needed coats because of snow. Fred Wampler, our auctioneer, has learned over the years that the perfect Fair Day "dawns beautiful and bright and, then, has torrential rain at 11:00."

Over the years, because times change, the Fair has had its own ups and downs. Several years ago the Vestry voted to have the earnings all go to Outreach and that did, truly, help motivate the workforce. More women had begun to work full time and the large number of volunteers needed could be a challenge. At one point, the auction suffered and, as Charly Brown explains, Pat Bell and Pat Pillion saved the day by reupholstering, refinishing and caning furniture.

The book tent has also struggled as these days fewer people read books. Also, books can be heavy so it takes a hardy group to man the tent. Eleanor Erskine is one of the loyal volunteers who has been faithful to the cause. She points out that it is because of the parishioners that they often receive good books of value. After having been relegated to a smaller tent for a while, the group has bounced back and is making a quite creditable contribution.

- Marianne Cook

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

168TH ST. DAVID’S CHURCH FAIR AND LIVE COUNTRY AUCTION

St. David’s Annual Church Fair and Live Country Auction is one of the country’s longest standing fairs and directly supports nearly 30 Delaware Valley and Philadelphia organizations as well as our international partners in Cuba, Guatemala and Uganda.

This year, attendance was wonderful, drawing more than 5,000 people from St. David’s neighboring communities. Fairgoers enjoyed its charming attractions, family fun and wonderful shopping.



Greetings from the Balloon Booth! We have a winner from the 2019 Fair’s Balloon Derby, Anna Cassidy! And a big thank you to Handel’s Ice Cream for donating the prize.

Missy Kathol, Fair Chair | Elizabeth Lowy, Co-Chair

“By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Discipleship Commission provides programs, classes, and small groups to connect our worship of God with deep learning about God and our world and how to bring our faith into the Community for the World. Programs are offered through Sunday morning educational classes, weekly Bible studies, evening book groups, small group programs, and large events.

The month of September featured our Rector, the Rev. Frank Allen, providing an overview of our theme, The Community for the World, in the Sunday morning Adult Forum. October featured a Parenting Workshop with Sue DeCaro, as well as two Community of Jesus classes taught by Rev. Bill Wood and Emily Zimbrick-Rogers. November and December will provide opportunities to explore this theme in various other ways.



Sunday morning adult education is offered in two settings at 10:30-11:15 am:

- **Lectionary Bible study** led by Dr. Craig Laird in the Quiet Room. Join for a small group in-depth study and discussion on the passages of the day. No preparation necessary and you do not have to commit for the whole year.
- **Adult Forum**, a large group class in the Harrison Room with the following schedule:

November

November will have a special Creation Care focus as we reflect on Thanksgiving and the bountiful gifts of God's earth, bringing theological and biblical reflections to bear on ecological topics such as sustainable energy, the role of individuals, institutions, non-profits, and local, national, and international governmental entities.

Creation as Our Community, Part III

Sunday, November 24th
Taught by Karl Schoettle

December

December brings us to Advent which will reflect on the community that is brought together in anticipation of our Lord's coming among us.

Center for Spiritual Growth Open House

Sunday, December 1st at 8:30am & 10:30am
Come to learn about the Center and pick up a free Advent Devotional

St. Nicholas Festival & Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 1st at 10:30am

Cookie Contest and Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8th
Cookie Contest: 10:30am | Lessons: 5:00pm

St. David's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15th at 11:15am & 3:00pm
Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm
No Adult Education December 22nd-January 5th

DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE



The St. David's Center for Spiritual Growth seeks to offer Spirit-filled opportunities to all who desire a deeper encounter with God in Jesus Christ.

The Center supports individual and group spiritual direction with trained spiritual directors, educational series throughout the year, retreats, as well as Yoga with Spirit classes, Centering Prayer groups, opportunities to walk the St. David's Labyrinth, and Exercise in Faith. One particular new offering is the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, a group class led by Amy Dolan.

Other Adult Discipleship and Spiritual Life opportunities include:

Multiple Weekly Bible Studies

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:30am in the Undercroft

Led by the Rev. Frank Allen

Wednesday Brown-Bag Lunch Bible Study

Wednesdays, 12:00pm in the Conference Room

Led by the Rev. Elizabeth Colton

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:00am in the Center for Spiritual Growth

*Led by Emily Zimbrick-Rogers. *Childcare Available!*

Men's Bible Study

Fridays, 6:45am in the Harrison Room

Led by Tom Petro

Multiple Discipleship Book & Small Groups

Bible, Business and a Brew

3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm in the Undercroft

Led by the Rev. Frank Allen and Tom Petro

'Jesus' Book Discussion

3rd Tuesdays, 7:00pm in the Center for Spiritual Growth

Led by Gillian Waldron

Taking Care of God's Creation

2nd Wednesdays, 7:00pm in the Center for Spiritual Growth

Led by Dr. Craig Laird

'White Fragility' Book Discussion

3rd Thursdays, 7:00pm in the Conference Room

Led by Anita Friday

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship includes gatherings for all age demographics, life stages and genders. We have fellowship groups for older singles, for 20s and 30s, for men, for women, for young mothers, for newcomers. We have opportunities to serve in the community, or share life with one another in homes or at the church, over a cup of coffee or a good meal, or on a trail.

Breaking Bread Together: Small Group Suppers

February 9th & April 6th at 6:00pm in Various Homes

Make new friends or reconnect with old ones in these intimate small group dinner settings, around a shared table. Individuals, a few friends, or couples can sign up together. You can volunteer to be a host or just attend. Sign up with Rachel Kill at Rachel.kill@hotmail.com or Heather Chivinski at heatherchivinski@gmail.com.

Walk & Talk

3rd Saturdays, 9:30am

Meet new friends or rekindle old ones in a guided walk at local parks and hiking trails. Contact Kate Farrow for meet-up locations: kate.farrow001@gmail.com.

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1

WORSHIP & MUSIC

THE CHORAL EVENSONG

On Sunday, November 3rd, at 5 p.m. the St. David’s Adult Choir offered Choral Evensong for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (or All Souls’ Day), especially dedicated those who have served in St. David’s music ministry over the years. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is an extension of All Saints’ Day. While All Saints’ is to remember all the saints, All Soul’s distinguishes between renowned saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends.

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call
me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done
great things for me—
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear
him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with
his arm;
he has scattered those who are
proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from
their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good
things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his
descendants forever,
just as he promised our
ancestors.”

What is Choral Evensong? Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong offers thanks and praise to God for the past day and the evening. The choir sings traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. In the candlelit quiet of a darkening sanctuary, it is a precious opportunity for peaceful meditation and beautiful music.

Where did Evensong come from: Evensong is derived from centuries-old monastic worship in the Catholic and Anglican church where the faithful pray the daily “canonical hours,” or “offices,” every three hours round the clock. During these short “offices,” psalms, canticles and prayers are sung and scripture is read. Elements of both the early and late evening offices, Vespers and Compline, make up today’s Anglican Evensong service.

What are some of the musical elements of Choral Evensong: One of the canticles always sung at Evensong is the Magnificat. Borrowed from the office of Vespers, the text is from Luke 1:46-55 (“Song of Mary,”) an exuberant song of praise sung during Mary’s visit to her elder cousin, Elizabeth. The title Magnificat is the first word of the Latin version of this text. Likewise the Compline canticle, Nunc dimittis, or “Song of Simeon,” is taken from Luke 2: 29-33, when the elder Simeon, upon first seeing the infant Savior, says that he can now “depart in peace.” Again the title is taken from the first words in Latin. Composers throughout the ages from as early as the 16th century have written beautiful choral music using the texts of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. This rich body of liturgical music greatly enhances the beauty of this service.

Handel’s Messiah, Part I: An Advent & Christmas Concert

Handel’s Messiah, Part I (Advent and Christmas portions) will be presented in concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3 p.m. in the St. David’s Chapel. St. David’s own professional soloists, Kim Robson, Kathy Wagner and Jess Yothers, along with our 35-voice adult choir will perform with a Chamber Orchestra. Clair Rozier will be conducting with Elaine Sonnenberg at the harpsichord and organ. A reception will follow in St. David’s Hall.

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY EDUCATION AT ST. DAVID’S



The Family Ministries Program is off to a great start this year. Our Pre-kindergarten – 1st Graders are learning important Bible stories through Godly Play and we are happy to welcome our new Youth Aides, who help take care of the kids and guide them to classes. The WoRM (2nd-5th Graders) learned about David & Goliath. In Theatre, they watched an educational movie while enjoying a snack, and in Cooking, the kids made Rock candy, and in Art, they painted a smooth river rock mandala style. Currently, the newest rotation includes a study of Abraham and Sarah. In the 6th & 7th grade classes, the kids are enjoying their new curriculum titled T.B.D. in which they watch a video presentation, converse and journal. The three units in this curriculum are Mission, Prayer and Sin.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN ST. DAVID’S FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Primary Education
(Pre-K—Kindergarten)
9:00-11:00am

Elementary Education
(Grades 2-5)
10:30-11:15am

Middle School Education
(Grades 6-7)
10:30-11:15am

High School Education
(Grades 9-12)
10:30-11:15am

ST. DAVID’S YOUTH

The youth’s new confirmation curriculum began this year for the 8th graders, called Confirm Not Conform. It started off with an overnight retreat at St. David’s, and has continued into the classroom where we are exploring beliefs and learning about what it means to live a life of faith. It’s looking to be a really fun year with this confirmation class of 2020!

Youth group is in full swing for the middle and high schoolers. The groups have been focusing on learning what it means to be a community for the world. The youth groups have done this by discussing the importance of creation care and attending the Global Climate Strike, as well as inviting Romans and Lydia to speak about St. David’s ministry in Uganda and doing a service project for Project Ensonga. The annual middle school vs. high school Trunk or Treat competition has been completed, and the high schoolers were spooked at the annual Eastern State Penitentiary trip! Next, the youth are looking forward to multiple Christmas outings and events.

For more information on our Family & Youth Ministries, visit our website at www.stdavidchurch.org/family-youth-ministry.

