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**Sunday Morning
Service in
Summer:
9:00 am**

**Wednesday
Morning Service:
9:15 Holy Euch.
And Healing**

**Rector: The Rev.
Karin R. Mitchell**

**Associate: The
Rev. Richard
Cromwell**

**Pastoral Care:
Brother John
Baptist, OSF**

**Director of
Music: Dr.
Camilla Jarnot**

**Office Assistant:
Debra Ribardo**

**Rector Emeritus:
Rev. Laurence
Fish**

Dear Friends,

The summer is finally here, with warm (humid!) days and long evenings to enjoy the outdoors. I hope that you all will have the opportunity to enjoy some time away this summer to refresh and renew yourselves.

As I look forward to some time away this month, I have also found myself looking back over the past eight months. This first year as your rector has been one of great joy and discovery as well as a time of adjusting to new people and new ideas and a new environment.

One of the highlights of these past months for me has been the opportunity to visit some of you in your homes. Our office assistant, Debi Ribardo, began with the "A's" and has been calling to make appointments for me to visit with parishioners. I greatly appreciate those of you who have set aside some time for these visits. They have allowed me to get to know you and for you to learn something about me. I value your time and know it is precious and am grateful for the opportunity. I believe in the concept of "ministry in context" and am committed to learning as much about the St. David's community and its members as possible. This will help me to be a more effective leader in everything from preaching to pastoral care.

When I first arrived, one of the questions in my mind was just how well any of us really knew each other. I'm sure there are some of you who have said to yourselves when asked to schedule a visit, "Oh, I know Karin..." or "Karin knows me, it's not necessary for her to come by..." I respectfully beg to differ. We are in the process of forging new relationships; ones that I hope will be based on trust and formed on a deeper level than in the past. I would like to get to know you as your rector and more especially as your pastor, so that if and when I am needed you will feel comfortable calling on me for help.

When your name comes up on Debi's list, or if you have already been called, I hope you will consider making a date to spend some time getting to know each other just a little better in a different way. I look forward to learning about what is important to you as a fellow traveler on this Christian journey. See you in August!

God's blessing,

Karin+

Children's Talks

This summer our Children's Talks will focus on stories from the Bibles the children received at the end of Church School. Each Sunday we will focus on a different story from the Hebrew Scriptures. Please encourage your child to read the Bible chapters listed below in preparation for that Sunday's talk:

- July 9 The Garden of Eden: Genesis 3
 July 16 Noah & The Great Flood: Genesis 6-7
 July 23 Food in the Desert: Exodus 16
 July 30 The Ten Commandments: Exodus 19
 August 6 Rahab & the battle of Jericho: Joshua 1-6
 August 13 A prayer answered (Samuel): Samuel 1-2
 August 20 Psalms
 August 27 Share *your* favorite Bible stories

Thank you to:

Those of you who have graciously agreed to serve on the following committees: Evangelism, Christian Formation, Stewardship & Personnel.

Kathy Herzog for hosting the Altar Guild dinner in June.

Debi Ribardo for creating our new name tag display. Please check it out!

To all those who helped out at our grounds work day on Sunday, June 25:

Maddie and Roland Patterson, Kathy Herzog

Richard and Ciara Morris, Angela Levy

Amy Mansue, Angela Holman

David and Patti Thomsson, John and Kathy Aveni

Charles and Marilyn Fischer, Malcolm McFarland

Shirley Vassal-Davis, Ian and Lesline Bailey

(Please forgive me if I have left your name off the list, your efforts were greatly appreciated none the less!)

Kathy Herzog and her crew for a great end of year picnic!
 Debi Ribardo and the J2A youth for the fun crafts for the children!

Lincoln Crosley and The Rev. Canon Lee Powers for organizing our new men's group.

All those who have supported Brian Laustsen's patio project thus far.

Office Notes

The rector will be on vacation from July 6-August 6. In the event of pastoral care emergency please call The Rev. Linda Carlson-Scholer (609-306-6614) or (after July 16) Brother John Baptist (609-936-0149). The office will be open Monday-Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. but please call first to verify that Debi will be in before you come to the church. You may also direct questions and calls to our Senior Warden, Ms. Angela Levy (609-448-7384).

Brian Laustsen will be beginning his Eagle Scout project this summer. Please plan on giving Brian a hand when he gets his work dates settled.

Perhaps you have noticed that our sanctuary has undergone a few changes over the past few months. We have added a sound system, new choir chairs, Corinne Peter's paintings grace our back walls, we have two new icons above the credence tables and a new bishop's/presider's chair (thanks to The Rev. Canon Lee Powers!)! All these things have added to our worship space.

This fall look for a new hanging behind the altar and a matching pulpit fall that will greatly enhance the beauty of our sanctuary, complement our stained glass windows, focus the eye on the altar area, ease the work of our altar guild and, last but not least, hide the crack in the wall! We are grateful for the generosity of a parishioner who has seen fit to donate the funds for this project.

Please join us!

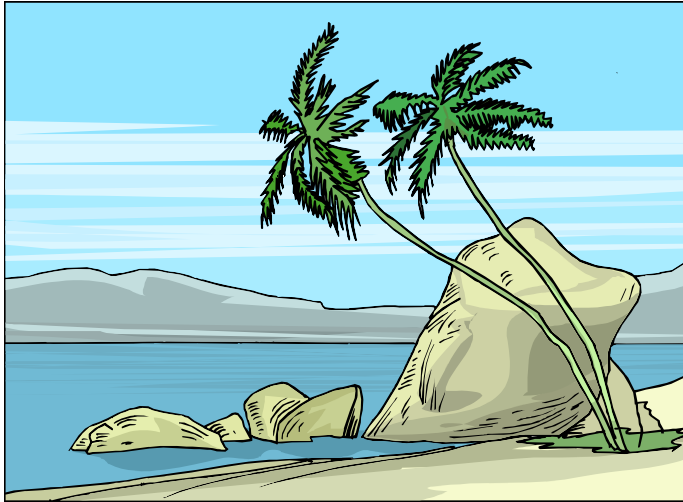
A few women got together with the rector to discuss The Da Vinci Code over lunch last month. We had such a good time we decided to do it more often.



Beginning in September on the second Wednesday of the month, you are invited to join the rector for a brown bag lunch and some good conversation. We will meet at the church at noon and spend the first meeting on September 13 deciding on topics and books we would like to talk about and read. Please call the office to find out more if you are interested. If this date isn't good, let us know, and we will try to accommodate your schedule.

Caribbean Night Planned

It will be a splendid evening for all of us! We are going to have a Caribbean Night here at St. David's Church on September 9th from 6:00 till 12 midnight. Dinner, drinks, and desserts will be served.



There will be a silent auction (shhhh) so you will also be able to bid on many wonderful items. If you are not familiar with what a silent auction consists of, here's what the internet says:

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

*A **silent auction** can refer to: this is a sealed variant often used in charity events, but involving the simultaneous sale of multiple items. Participants submit bids normally on paper, near the item. They may or may not know how many other people are bidding or what their bids are. The highest bidder pays the price they submitted.*

This will be a fun evening for everyone. There will also be dancing!

Tickets will be \$25. for Adults and \$12. for Children. Questions, please contact Angela Levy, 448-7384.

Car Wash at St. David's will be held Sept. 9, 10-4, donations to benefit J2A.



Men's Group

To all the Gentlemen at St. David's:



St. David's Men's group will be holding a morning breakfast meeting at the Slow-down Café, 110 Mercer Street, Hightstown, on Saturday July 15th between 9:00 am and 10:00 am. A meeting room is upstairs and breakfast can be ordered and brought up. Let us all be hopeful that out of this first meeting will come lively discussions and exchanges about some of the projects we can embark on, and out of this may emerge a shared purpose in the parish. Our initial cycle of 3 months I am sure will inspire us to build a renewed tradition of involvement in our parish.

Please mark the date on your calendars !

Lincoln Crosley

A note from your editor:

Included in this combined issue of the July/August newsletter are a letter from Bishop Councill and a letter from the Deputies of the Diocese of New Jersey. Also included is a list of the Millenium Development Goals.

These documents will provide you with information from the Convention in Columbus.

Pour yourself a "cuppa" and enjoy reading!

Congratulations...

To Harry and Marcia Ruhl on the birth of their grandson, Royal James Carroll, IV! Royal James is the son of Janice and Royal James Carroll, III.

To David Ribardo on his graduation from Air Borne School in Fort Bennings, Georgia! Good job, Dave!

Interfaith Hospitality Network Closes

Over the past two years, Mercer County has witnessed significant improvements in resources for homeless families. Over 150 new emergency shelter/transition housing units have opened and public policy now strives to keep families in their homes *before* they become homeless.

This is great news in the fight against homelessness. We have now undergone almost three months without bringing a new family into our program. Social service agencies have confirmed that the positive improvements in family resources make IHN a less attractive option than it was a brief three years ago. We considered other client groups who need emergency shelter, but concluded that the IHN structure was not appropriate.

For these reasons, the Board of Trustees has decided to formally close IHN as of June 30, 2006.

As IHN concludes over eight years of highly successful ministry to homeless families, we give thanks and praise to God for your tireless and faithful work in response to God's love. We now seek to redeploy the INH assets in a way that faithfully honors the commitment you and your faith communities have to serving homeless families.

Board of Trustees: Pam Kelly, Lee Ann Dmochowski, Curt Wilbur, Michelle Lamar, Pat Hines, Tom Swietek, Richard Waldron and Laurie Langbein, Executive Director

Golf Outing

It's time for the annual Golf Outing!! Join us at Gambler Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge, New Jersey on Thursday, July 13 at 10:30 am.

Don't worry, in case of incimate weather, you will be contacted with an alternate date.!

The program begins at 10:30 with registration. Lunch will be served at 11:00, and a Scramble Tournament will be held at 12:30 pm. Yes, non-golfers, you can come just for dinner!!!! (\$35. fee)

The awards and dinner begin at 5:00 pm, with prizes awarded for: closest to the pin, closest to the line, and the longest drive. Many door prizes will be offered. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now! Individuals \$90; Foursomes are \$360. Sponsorship opportunities are also available; please see the flyer located in the church narthex or call Ian Bailey at 609-448-0467 after 7:00 pm. Checks can be made payable to St. David's Church; please include your registration form with your fee.

Funds raised from this event will aid in our ongoing efforts to provide the greater Cranbury and Hightstown/East Windsor area with spiritual support and financial aid for our outreach programs.

Photo Opportunity

Hey, everyone! Save some time during September for the photographer!

We will be having Olin Mills come to St. David's Sept. 27-28 to take photographs of our parish families. Look for a new photo directory shortly after that!



July/August Lord's Pantry Items: Condiments and Cleaning Supplies



Please bring your items to church and place in the baskets in the narthex. Thanks!