



The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church

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**Sunday Morning
Services:**

8:00 am

Eucharist I

10:00 am

Eucharist II

**Wed. Morning
Service:**

**9:15 Holy Eucharist
and Healing**

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

**Associate: The Rev.
Richard Cromwell**

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

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

**Rector Emeritus:
Rev. Canon
Laurence Fish**

**Lee Troup, Office
Assistant**

Dear Friends,

This year has been one of growth and change, large and small at St. David's. The community has welcomed a new organist, Dr. Camilla Jarnot and a new rector, and said goodbye to a deacon, Bob Thomas. We now have an active and regular Choir, a Men's Group, a Christian Formation Committee, a Women's Lunch group and have hosted our first Women's Retreat. Our youth group, J2A, is thriving and so is our Church School.

We have had some new fundraisers and kept some old ones. We are preparing to begin a major partnership with a parish community in New Orleans, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We have incorporated some new music and maintained our old favorites. We have changed the look of our sanctuary, in a way that incorporates our beautiful stained glass windows. Thanks to our Eagle Scout and vestry member, Brian Laustsen, we have a beautiful new patio in the works. We are alive, we are thriving, we are growing!

Are you exhausted yet? I hope not. Things are very exciting here at St. David's these days. Our new Office Assistant, Lee Troup, has been heard to remark how impressed she is by the enthusiasm of the members of St. David's and how happy they all seem to be here and part of our church.

In order to support this energy and help it to grow and not burn out, the vestry voted to create a paid staff position of a part-time Priest Associate here at St. David's. On January 1, the Reverend Linda Carlson-Scholer will begin work on a quarter time basis. Mother Linda will be tasked with, among other things, planning programs to facilitate the faith journey of our people. Learning to be disciples of Christ is hard work and one of the reasons you are here, in this church, perhaps the most important reason, is to be supported on your faith journey. We are all at different places on our Christian path and we can all learn more in terms of deepening our faith and our knowledge of Christ and his Church.

I am grateful to the vestry for sharing in my vision of shared ministry for the up building of our people. It is my hope and prayer that together, Mother Linda and I will plan programs and events that will help us all become mature Christians. I look forward to working with her

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<h2>Thank you to:</h2>	<h2>Welcome Sunday</h2>
<p>...all who helped Brian Laustsen with his Eagle Scout project over the past few weeks. Brian has done a great job of planning and managing this project and he is to be congratulated on a job well done.</p> <p>...Russell Beaulieu, Lincoln Crosley and Lee Powers for sprucing up the “library” in preparation for this year’s church school classes.</p> <p>...Angela Levy and her committee for a great Caribbean Night celebration!</p> <p>...all the J2A young people and their adult volunteers who came to wash cars.</p> <p>...all those who responded so generously to Fr. Tom Chesterman’s presentation from Food for the Poor.</p> <p>...Barb Beaulieu, Angela Holman, Gioia York and Patti Thomsson for their work on our photo directory and all those who came and had their photo taken.</p> <p>...all those who baked and manned the table at the Cranbury Day event.</p> <p>...Debi Ribardo for her editorial skills on our parish Tablet.</p>	<p>On Sunday, October 1, we will be having “Welcome Sunday” at St. David’s. If you are new to our church, or have been here for a while but haven’t been ready to become a member, this is your chance to make it official. Just be here on that Sunday at one of the services and you will be invited to join in the festivities!</p> <p>Thank you to the Evangelism Committee for their work welcoming our new members.</p>
<h2>Congratulations to:</h2> <p>Kimberly and Michael Duck on the occasion of Zachary’s baptism.</p> <p>Skip and Carol Reeder who are the new grandparents of Samantha and Alexandra DeRose, born to Amy and Carmen DeRose on August 28.</p> <p>Our resident artist, Corinne Peters will be having a one woman art show entitled “Garden Portraits” at the Art Gallery of the Plainsboro Public Library from October 1 through the 31st. On Sunday, October 15th there will be a reception and Artist’s Chat. According to the artist, “the show features peonies, lilies, roses, and the lowly marigold, expressing human personalities and themes of death and faith.” Please stop by and see Corinne’s beautiful works of art!</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Volunteers and Sponsors Needed</h2> <p>On Sunday, October 29 there are two important opportunities to raise funds for worthy projects. The CROP walk to help stop hunger and the Susan Komen Race for the Cure will both take place on that day! Bill Kluxen will coordinate the St. David’s team for the CROP walk and Carol Rodgers, the Race for the Cure. If you can’t walk, please consider sponsoring one of your fellow parishioners on their walk.</p> <p>Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Dear Friends,</i> (con’t from page 1)</p> <p>and our Christian Formation Committee to create a well-rounded, inter-generational program of classes, retreats and programs that will support our people and families in their walk of faith. Mother Linda will begin her ministry with us with an Advent program in December. Please welcome her when you see her!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">God’s blessing, Karin+</p>

Recovery for St. Paul's

In March of this past year, the vestry approved our participation in the Episcopal Partner Parish Program. This program partners parishes with churches in the process of recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. After navigating the red tape and waiting for several months, we have finally been assigned a partner: St. Paul's Church, which is located in the Lakeview section of New Orleans.

This amazing church has had quite a history. Established in 1836 by the Rev. John Wheat, the church has overcome the challenges of a civil war, several moves, a major fire, an expropriation of their property by the city, and Hurricane Betsy. Now it faces the daunting task of rebuilding the church and school after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. While they have made incredible progress with the help of dozens of parishes, it is our turn to join hands with this strong and inspiring congregation that not only lost their church, but their homes and businesses as well.

St. Paul's has come a long way over the past year, but has a long way yet to go. Not only are they still in the process of rebuilding their school and church facilities, they are also trying to expand their outreach to hurricane victims in the Ninth Ward.

During the coming weeks and months, we will be forming committees and holding fundraisers to benefit St. Paul's. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should see Carol Rodgers or myself. For more information about St. Paul's, I encourage you to log onto their website: www.stpaulschurchno.org.

We are currently discussing with St. Paul's ways in which we may be of help to them. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Whitney Pullen

Workshop Offered

Do you sometimes wonder just what people mean when they talk about their "gifts" or "spiritual gifts"? We are called to ministry through our Baptismal Covenant and each of us has a significant contribution to make in our local church and the world. However, you can make the most significant contribution to the church when your ministry is gift-based. How can you find out where exactly *your* gifts lie? By attending the workshop at Trinity Church, Asbury Park offered by our diocesan Ministry Institute!

Using the Network curriculum, the presenters will guide you to discover and match your passion for ministry with your gifts. The program is scheduled for October 19, November 2 and 16, 2006 and the fee is \$95. Please call the office to find out more or to register.

St. Francis' Day Celebrated

On Sunday, October 15, at 12:30 pm we will have the "**Blessing of the Pets**" at St. David's Church in honor of St. Francis' Day. Please bring your favorite furry, feathery or "scaly" friends and we will bless them that day. Dogs should be on leashes, cats caged or on leashes, etc.



I look forward to meeting your special friends on the front lawn!



Snippets

The deadline for registering for the November 9-12 Cursillo Weekend is fast approaching. The office has the forms necessary and you may speak to either Brother John Baptist, Ms. Angela Levy or Ms. Gwen Lockhart for more information.

Our diocese is embarking on a listening process towards the development of a vision for the Diocese of New Jersey. Each parish or mission has been asked to send a delegation of four or five lay leaders to one of many meetings throughout the diocese in order to participate in this process. If you are interested in participating, please speak to the rector. The meeting nearest to St. David's will take place at St. James, Yardville on Monday, October 23 at 6 pm., although there are many other dates and places available.

On Sunday, October 22 at 4 pm, there will be a service at Trinity Cathedral in honor of the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. St. David's is proud to have been the sponsor for two women candidates for ordination, the Rev. Betty L. Berlenbach, and the Rev. Karin R. Mitchell. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.

Say hello again...

Please welcome our friend Doris Rosa, who will be returning to St. David's for a visit on October 29!

New Staff Member

We have a new Office Assistant at St. David's. Perhaps you have already called the church and heard a new voice on the other end of the phone. **Lee Troup** began work here at St. David's on September 18 and has been working hard to learn the ins and outs of St. David's. Please give a call and welcome Lee to our church! The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 10 am until 3 pm.

J2A News

October

Lord's Pantry Items: Canned Goods

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

Thanks!



Men's Group

Our next men's breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 9:00am-10:00 am at the Clairemont Diner on Route 130 in East Windsor (across from Superfresh).

Please think of and feel free to propose some agenda.

Lincoln Crosley

ADD Camilla's music info here

Brother John and Bob Rodgers info here

	J2A News