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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 past Sunday was "Vision Sunday" at St. David's. Our stewardship team took over the usual sermon time and asked those who were present what their own particular vision was for the future of our church. I was thrilled by the active and vigorous participation of those who were present. If you were not in church on that day, it is not too late to send in the sheet enclosed in my recent letter to you asking for your ideas.

In a short introduction before we began, I referred to the Epistle reading for the day from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. Chapter 3 verse 1 starts out "Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling..." This was a perfect segue into our work together. We truly are partners in our calling to serve Christ and his church. I would like our work here to be hand in hand for the up building of the community, both within and without St. David's. Some of the things mentioned were more hands-on outreach, changes to our sanctuary, adult and family education programs, expanded variety of liturgies, outreach to the Hispanic community, expanded parking, more small groups and more SPACE. Wow! And that is only a small sampling of the ideas mentioned.

How are we going to proceed? Is this a "to do" list for the rector and vestry? Well, my answer is no...it is a peek into how God's Kingdom can be manifest, right here in this community IF we all work together. This means taking the "holy partners" idea seriously and pledging your time, your talent, and your treasure to St. David's. This means the vestry needs to look carefully at discerning which ideas are appropriate and feasible and how they can lead the community to fulfilling some of these goals. It means that I as your rector will work with you and the parish leadership to be sure our goals work for the good of the community and to the glory of God and will do my best to provide the spiritual nourishment and leadership necessary for the journey.

When your pledge card arrives, please consider prayerfully not only your financial contribution to your church, but also how you may best serve St. David's in all the other ways available to you.

God's blessing,

Karin+

Thank you to:

- Kim Duck and Marilyn Fischer who attended the Trenton Convocation meeting at St. James, Yardville on October 28.
- To all who helped plant daffodils on the church property.
- To all who turned out to help Brian Laustsen with his Eagle project.
- To Brian Laustsen and his family for the beautiful patio outside Bp. Croes Hall.
- To all lectors who came out for our training session with M. Semmes-Thorne. You are all doing great!
- To all who came out and were photographed by Olin Mills for our photo directory.
- To our Photo Directory Committee, Barb Beaulieu, Gioia York, Angela Holman and Patti Thommson.
- The Rev. Linda Carlson-Scholer for the Women's Advent Retreat held at St. David's and attended by women from St. James', Grace-St. Paul's and St. Andrew's.
- The Rev. Rick Cromwell for his faithfulness to St. David's.
- Maddy Patterson and her Drama Ministry group for their presentation on Oct. 29.
- Bill Kluxen and all those who participated in the CROP walk.
- Carol Rodgers and all those who participated in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure.

Women's Lunch Group

Our Wednesday Women's Lunch Group has decided to read and discuss the book, Why Bad Things Happen to Good People, by Rabbi H. Kushner. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 12 Noon for a brown bag lunch and discussion. Please join us!

Congratulations to:

- Erik and Laurie Eitel on the birth of their son, Ryan Thomas on October 11. Proud grandmother is Darliss Eitel.
- Kimberly and Michael Duck on the baptism of their son, Zachary.
- Michael and Ciara Morris on the 'Blessing of their Marriage' in Ireland this month.
- Brother John Baptist on the occasion of his Life Profession at the end of September.
- Corinne Collymore-Peters on the opening and successful run of her art show "Garden Portraits" at the Plainsboro Library.

Family Advent Wreaths



On the First Sunday in Advent (December 3rd) we will have a wreath-making party during the coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to make a wreath for your household.



Save the Date!

Acolyte Festival

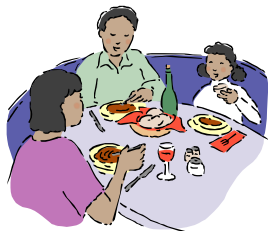
On February 3rd



All Saints' Day-November 5th

Please don't forget to send in to the church office any new names you would like to be included on our All Saint's Day list of departed loved ones.

Out Reach November 2006



- The Lord's Pantry: For November we are collecting rice and beans. These can be canned items or come as dry packaged goods. Also, any non-perishable canned item is appreciated. The food will be donated to a local area food pantry to distribute to the needy.
- Project Freedom is an activity sponsored by the "Inclusive Ministries Coalition" that reaches out to individuals with disabilities that live and work in our Mercer County area. We have been asked to participate in a Thanksgiving project sponsored by Project Freedom. A Thanksgiving meal will be provided on Wednesday, November 8 and we have been asked to provide two cooked turkeys for their feast! If you are interested in helping with the purchase, cooking or delivery of the turkeys, please contact me.
- The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) is in need of food donations for their food pantry. I will be asking TASK for specific food items that they would find most useful. Please look for the list posted on the Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex. We will deliver these items before Thanksgiving.
- Advent Activity – we are planning on helping the "ENABLE" group again this year with their Christmas wishes. If you remember, last year we helped many individuals with disabilities and their families have a truly wonderful Christmas. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletins and during the Sunday announcements.
- I am also reaching out to local area agencies to see if we can assist with making Christmas more festive for needy children and their families in our area. If you know of any such agency or group that could use our help, please let me know.
- Collection of nearly new used clothing for the Salvation Army is in the planning. As move your summer clothes from the closet to make room for your winter clothes please keep in mind that we are having a clothing drive in November. More information will follow as soon as a pick-up date can be established with the Salvation Army.

Carol Rodgers

609-443-6978

New Altar Appointments

The Saint David altar appointment project presented a wonderful artistic challenge. The high wide back wall of the church creates a grand open space that draws the viewer's attention immediately to the lovely stained glass window depicting the baptism of Jesus. The wall hanging was designed to complement the window and, most importantly, to pull the eye down to the altar, placing the Eucharist as the focal point of the gathered people.

A full complement of colors was used to coordinate with the changes of the liturgical year. The hanging moves from lighter shades at the top and sides to darker shades at the bottom. This is key in drawing attention to the altar. The flow of water from the window scene ends in a splash depicted on the altar frontal, reminding us that we emerge from our baptismal waters new and ready to rush to the table.

Transparent and translucent fabrics were used to echo the lovely stained glass windows throughout the sanctuary. The tension of having one side curved with diagonal lines and the other side straight creates a sense of movement and excitement, my visualization of the Spirit inhabiting this holy place.

The accompanying pulpit fall shows a tree of life motif, a theme that carries through the entire Scripture. The chasuble is of a like design with a St. David daffodil at the chest.

There a few adjustments to the main hanging that I will be returning to take care of; a hanging of this size often requires some tightening and "tweaking." I look forward to visiting St. David's in a few weeks.

In Christ's service,

Veronica Chappell



November

Lord's Pantry Items:

Rice and Beans

May be canned or in non-perishable packages.

Please bring your items to church and place in the baskets in the Narthex!

Thank you!

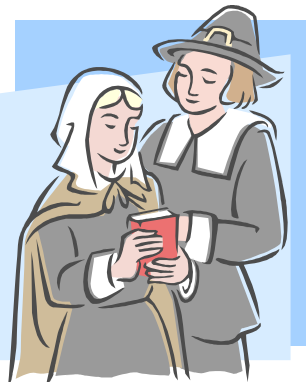
Our New Office Assistant

Lee Troup and her husband Ron live in Hightstown with their three cats: Jasper, Merlin and Zoe. Ron is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hightstown. Lee is a graduate of Wheaton College and has worked at many different types of jobs over the years, including home health care aide, typesetter, substitute teacher, librarian, adult education instructor, adjunct professor at Lackawanna College and administrative assistant.

Lee has been active in church activities for many years. She has been a youth group leader, Sunday School teacher, chairperson of various committees, and has been involved in many music and drama ministries.

In her spare time Lee likes to garden, sew and work on various crafts. She has been involved with community theater and has been a member of singing groups. Lee also enjoys singing solos for regular church services, weddings and funerals. She likes to read and is a big fan of the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Church Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
10 am to 3 pm



Happy
Thanksgiving
Day
November
23rd!

Teacher's Retreat

There will be a Teachers' Retreat held for our Church School and J2A teachers on Saturday, November 4th from 9 am to 11 am. We value the efforts and talents of our teachers and want to support their work with our children. This retreat will be part meeting, part training and part spiritual reflection and renewal. It is hoped that all teachers will join us that morning.

DRAMA MINISTRY!

Are you interested in joining the Drama Ministry group at St. David's? Please speak to the Rector, or Mrs. Maddy Patterson to find out more. Our first presentation will be on October 29th with *Blind Bartimaeus* and it is hoped that with your help and participation this ministry will grow and take root at St. David's!

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet for breakfast at a location yet to be decided on Saturday morning, November 18th.

Please call Lincoln Crosley
at 609-490-0815
for more information.

New Member Sunday

On Sunday morning, October 1st, we held our first "New Member Sunday" at St. David's. The following people made a commitment that day to be members of the Parish Community and live out their Christian journey at St. David's.

We welcome:

Winsome & Richard Bailey

Helen Cushman

Virginia Davis

Camilla Jarnot

Susan & Kiersten Jakober

Martin Lindenmann

George & Judy Mabin

Ian & Imogen McAra

Robert & Jennifer McKay

Michael Morris

Rob Ragati

Virginia Reading-Davis

Marguerite, Fallon, Natalia & Joelle Walker

to St. David's and hope that they will find their time here fulfilling as we worship God and learn how to be disciples together.

MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE!!!

If you have not yet filled out one of those orange membership forms, please pick one up in the church Narthex, fill it out and place in Lee Troup's mail box in the Church Office.

ECW **ADVENT RETREAT**

The Advent Retreat will be held on December 1st & 2nd at St. Marguerite's Retreat House at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, NJ. The Rev. Joan M. Pettit Anders, Rector of Christ Church, Toms River, will be the conductor.

Cost for attending is \$75. For further information contact Lorraine Woodward at 732-349-1491. Plan to arrive in late afternoon on Friday before Evening Prayer; dinner is served punctually at 6 pm. Departure is usually after lunch on Saturday unless you would like a tour of the Convent, which is usually available.

Music at
St. David's



In preparation for Christmas Eve, Children's Choir practices will begin in mid-November. These are for all children aged 12 years and under. Weekly choir practices will start on Sunday, November 12th after the 10 am Sunday service and will last approximately 20 minutes. There will be no choir practice on Sunday, November 26th. Parents, please mark your calendars!

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Pre-K through 6th grade will not meet on the following dates: **November 26**

December 24 & 31

April 8

May 13

Sunday School will end on Sunday, May 20.