



# The Tablet

**St. David's Episcopal Church**  
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## Sunday Services:

8 am Holy Eucharist I 10  
am Holy Eucharist II

## Wednesday Service

9:30 am Holy Eucharist  
and Healing

## Evening Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Thursday  
5:30 pm via Zoom

## Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

## Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

## Pastoral Care Associates

Chaplain Kate O'Connor,  
M.Div., BCC

Br. John Baptist, OSF

## Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

## Treasurer

John Patterson

## Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

*There comes a moment when people who have been dabbling in religion suddenly draw back. Supposing we really found Him? We never meant it to come to that! Worse still, supposing He had found us?*

*Clive Staples  
(C.S. Lewis, Miracles)*

It is probably a case of academic snobbery, but I have often been made to feel that C.S. Lewis, as a theologian, is a good place to start. Considered by colleagues to be a rather simple way to begin to examine our own faith, but one that appeals more to a new Christian or a young person at the start of the journey.

And it is true that he was quite influential in my early formation, as I read *The Chronicles of Narnia* just before the age of eight. Just recently, however, several moments have occurred that brought me back into touch with his writings, and made me realize how essential his writings are to my formation, and most importantly, how much more I have to learn from his teachings. Lewis's journey through adamant atheist to devoted Christian makes his perspective open to seekers old and new. So in this upcoming year, I have determined to engage in his books once again, and invite us all to journey together.

In conversation with others I have always been fascinated to hear their stories of how they came to be in the place they are today. One element particularly gets my attention: when did you first find yourself questioning? And (as a cradle Episcopalian) when did you realize that questioning is a huge part of how we grow in our faith? Sometimes the questions are easily answered, like did Mary have more children after Jesus? (Scripture even gives us the names of his siblings.) Sometimes they are more complex, like the one asked in the quote above. How would our lives be different if we found God and knew that God found us? Not only found us, but loved us deeply and wholly?

We know from our Old Testament that it was believed no one could look at the face of God and live. Yet we have just celebrated the season of God Incarnate in the world, where Mary and Joseph look on His face daily. We can hear the stories of others who have found God, like Moses coming across the bush that was on fire but was not on fire, really.

As we begin the new year, we will have lots of opportunities to see our faith community as a group of wonderers, asking those questions that may have sat with us for years, or just suddenly popped into our minds. It is not always the answer that we find; it is always the question that stirs the Holy Spirit in us. May your upcoming year be filled with times to find God anew in this space.



## Home Blessing

Please sign up for a time to have your home blessed during the Epiphany season:

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Any time between 10 am and 3 pm

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Any time between 1 pm and 8 pm

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Any time after 11 am

If you would like to sign up for any of these times, please let the rector know at [rector@stdavidscrabury.com](mailto:rector@stdavidscrabury.com). Blessings will be scheduled at specific times once there are a number of people signed up.



## Confirmation 2024

Our Service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation will take place on Sunday, January 28 with our new Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Sally French, at the 10 am service. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Episcopal Church or are ready to be confirmed in your faith, there will be opportunities to meet with Mother Amy before the bishop's visitation. Please contact her if you are interested.



## 2024 Envelopes

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up your box. If you are new and would like offering envelopes, please write your name and the number on the form provided by the unassigned envelopes.



## St. David's Church Annual Meeting February 4, 2024

Our Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 4, 2024**, at 11:30 am. At the Annual Meeting, we will elect a Sr. Warden, three Vestry members and three Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to represent us at our Diocesan Convention and Convocation. Parishioners who are 16 years of age or older, attend worship regularly, and are givers of record for six months prior to the elections are eligible to vote. It is hoped that you will attend this important meeting; it's a wonderful way to find out more about life here at St. David's!

**Please email all Annual Reports to Judy Henningsen by January 15th. Thank you.**



## January Outreach



Womanspace provides a comprehensive array of services to individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for women and their families. Programs include crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, court advocacy and housing services. Womanspace served over 10,000 adults and children last year. Unfortunately, the pandemic has been associated with a rise in domestic violence. No victim of domestic violence or sexual assault is turned away due to an inability to pay. The need is great. Please support this local outreach effort to help those in our surrounding communities.

In 2020, Womanspace Earned a “Give with Confidence” 100/100 Rating From Charity Navigator!



Thank you to all who donated to this year’s RISE Christmas Campaign. We couldn't do it in the usual way with carloads of presents, but your generous donations directly to RISE made a big difference!



Thanks to all who donated their McCaffrey’s receipts in 2023. The money raised for Arm-in-Arm in Trenton, by sending in McCaffrey receipts, was over \$500 this year!! Please continue to bring in (basket in narthex) or mail receipts to the office or Marcia Ruhl directly. Please note that we can only send receipts that are within a **90 day period** from the current date. Thank you.



On Tuesday, December 5 about 7 tubs full of knitted cowls and hats, necessary toiletries and gifts were delivered to the Seamen's Institute in Port Newark, NJ. This incredible ministry prepares ditty bags for sailors from around the world to help make their time at sea more comfortable. A huge thank you to those who continue to create the warm items and for all who donated the various items for the distribution. We also were able to stay for a few hours and prepare 264 of those bags to be brought to the ships currently in port.



*Shirley Kasper, Jennie Herbert, Ellen Torres, Renee Christiansen, Kaylyn Eswine, Leslie Terbune, and Maria Eswine.*



The **January Game Days** are scheduled to be **Tuesday, January 9 & Tuesday, January 23** at 2 pm in the Fish Library. All who enjoy board games, card games, electronic games are welcome to join. Either bring your favorite game or just join in with the ones that are there! Card games like Uno, Phase 10, Cribbage. Board games like Aggravation, Scrabble and Checkers. There will be plenty to play and a great time spent in the company of the community of St. David's. Please join us!



Sunday  
School  
News

## Epiphany Pageant

The Sunday School will be having their Epiphany Pageant on Sunday, January 14th at the 10 am Service.



## Women's Lunch and Learn Group

Our women's discussion group will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 10, at 12:00 pm and all women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday in the Fish Library and discuss a book, current event topic or occasionally a video presentation. It is always a lively and interesting discussion. The group will be reading *Dissolution* by C.J. Sanom. This is a "brown bag" event—so please bring your own lunch and join us.



## Paint Party Fundraiser Saturday, January 27, 2024 3 pm — 6 pm

**Create your own Work of Art!**  
Appetizers, snacks, a variety of drinks and all the instructions  
and  
art supplies you need to complete an 8x10 acrylic painting!!!

**Lot's of fun included!**

*Signup sheet is posted.*

## Lay Participation Schedule for January 2024— 10 am

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Corinne Peters Leslie Terhune	Edmund Abramovitz Steve Channon	Tracy Smires Tricia Metzger	Kim Neighbor Todd White
<b>Lector 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Leslie Terhune	Edmund Abramovitz	Corinne Peters	Tom Reynolds
<b>Lector 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Kate O'Connor	Steve Channon	Deacon Barbara Jensen	Kathy Herzog
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ray Torres	Collin Duck	Tom Pearson	Kim Neighbor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Leslie Terhune Zach Duck Arleen Astudillo	Joseph Eswine Kaylyn Eswine Harrison Katona	Collin Duck Harrison Katona Kaylyn Eswine	Zach Duck Arleen Astudillo Tracy Smires
<b>Ushers</b>	John Patterson Obafemi Sonubi	Richard Bailey Dan Smires	Carol Hartmaier Ed Miller	Larry Kraft Richard Bennett
<b>Verger</b>	Leslie Terhune	Tena Achen	Maria Eswine	TBD



### ST. DAVID'S ALTAR GUILD

#### FLOWER/CANDLE ORDER FORM -- 2024

Your Name (Given By) \_\_\_\_\_

(Daytime Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTAR FLOWERS \$40.00**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Celebration/Thanksgiving of: \_\_\_\_\_

**SANCTUARY CANDLE \$20.00**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Flowers

Total \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctuary Candle

Total \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Check Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "St. David's Church".  
Attn: Penny Stout

# January

## Birthdays



- 4 Kathy Herzog  
Sarah Kluxen
- 7 Lesline Bailey  
Marguerite Walker  
Carol Pepe
- 12 Richard Jakober
- 13 Anne Holmes  
Collin Duck
- 17 John Patterson
- 19 Jordan Bailey  
Emma Dailey  
Shirley Kasper
- 21 Rebecca Peters  
Arleen A. Astudillo
- 23 Leianne Holmes  
Kathleen Cenci  
Mary Ann White
- 26 David Peters
- 27 RJ McKay
- 29 Gillian Carr
- 30 Margaret Shore-Dubin



## January Anniversaries

- 5 Ernesto & Bella Somera
- 7 John & Gwen Rebbeck
- 15 Henry & Uzoma Owunna
- 20 Jacob & Shanta David

### Finance Report through November 30, 2023

Cash on Nov 1, 2023	\$31,780	Operating Cash as of 1/1/2023	\$8,748
Cash on Nov 30, 2023	\$27,013	Projected Operating Cash at 12/31/2023	\$2,855

Income					
Account Name	Year To Date			Total Year	
	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Forecast
Non-Pledge	\$13,750	\$12,818	93.2%	\$15,000	\$14,068
Operating Pledge	\$239,146	\$259,514	108.5%	\$260,886	\$275,014
Other	\$91,769	\$99,796	108.7%	\$96,552	\$102,135
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$344,664</b>	<b>\$372,128</b>	<b>108.0%</b>	<b>\$372,438</b>	<b>\$391,216</b>

Expense					
	Year To Date			Total Year	
	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Forecast
Building & Grounds	\$99,307	\$118,432	119.3%	\$106,955	\$131,800
Operating	\$8,792	\$13,262	150.8%	\$10,000	\$14,471
Personnel	\$175,308	\$173,279	98.8%	\$192,090	\$190,061
Witness (includes Assessment)	\$57,650	\$50,030	86.8%	\$62,529	\$60,946
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$341,055</b>	<b>\$355,003</b>	<b>104.1%</b>	<b>\$371,574</b>	<b>\$397,278</b>
<b>INCOME minus EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$3,609</b>	<b>\$17,125</b>		<b>\$864</b>	<b>(\$6,062)</b>

This table presents the financial results for the first eleven months of 2023 and a projection of our finances to the end of the year. Our income is forecast to be substantially above budget for the entire year. However, our building and grounds expenses are significantly above budget for the year due to repairs which have been necessary. The forecast is that we will end the year with expenses exceeding our income by over \$6,000.

The roof of the church was replaced in November. The cost of the project exceeds the estimate by \$7,860 which was the cost to replace the plywood sheathing on the roof as well as the attic fan.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to ask at [treasurer@stdavidscranbury.com](mailto:treasurer@stdavidscranbury.com).





**Sunday Services \***

8 am — Holy Eucharist I  
10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School

# January 2024

**Room Legend**

s—Sanctuary  
mh—Meirs Hall / fl—Fish Library  
dc—Double Classroom / bc—J2A Classroom

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 9pm Pentecostal (s)	Jan 1 ● 10am Office Closed ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh)	2 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	3 ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 2:30pm Elms 3 more	4 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Womens AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 3 more	5 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	6 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am History Group Meeting (fl) ● 1pm Knitters Group (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
7 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom	8 ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NUGMC Rehearsal (s)	9 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 2pm Board Game (fl) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Vestry (fl)	10 ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12pm Lunch & Learn (fl) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more	11 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Womens AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 3 more	12 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	13 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Lions Club Meeting (mh) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
14 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10am Epiphany Pageant ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 11am 11:15 am J2A Meeting	15 ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NUGMC Rehearsal (s)	16 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	17 ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 2:30pm Elms 3 more	18 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Womens AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 3 more	19 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	20 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am History Group Meeting (fl) ● 1pm NURC Mtg (mh) 2 more
21 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom	22 ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NUGMC Rehearsal (s)	23 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 2pm Board Game (fl) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	24 ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 2 more	25 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Womens AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 3 more	26 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	27 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 3pm Paint Party (mh) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
28 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10am Bishop Visitation ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom	29 ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NUGMC Rehearsal (s)	30 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	31 ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 2 more	Feb 1 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Womens AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 3 more	2 ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	3 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am History Group Meeting (fl) ● 1pm Knitters Group (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)

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*January 2024*

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**St. David's Church welcomes all in the loving Spirit of Christ,  
through Faith, Worship, Nurture and Community**

**St. David's Vestry Members — 2022-2023**

**Pat Kraft, Senior Warden**

**Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden**

**John Patterson, Treasurer**

**Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy**

**Tena Achen, Finance**

**Marcus Aris, Fundraising**

**Renee Christiansen, Evangelism**

**Maria Eswine, Buildings & Grounds**

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**AJ Polanco, Communications**

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