

The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church
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February 2026

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Sunday Service

8 am Holy Eucharist II

10 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday Service

9:30 am Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday
5:30 pm (Zoom)

Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

Pastoral Care Associate

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

Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona, DMA

Treasurer

John Patterson

Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

From the 2025 Annual Report

Report of the Senior Warden

As the Discernment process for calling a new Rector to St. David's is a lengthy and detailed process requiring a number of different skills and interests, the Vestry and search committee have been working diligently for the past 9 months as this journey of transition continues.

I'd like to thank each member of St. David's for your patience, generosity in pledging, and confidence in the dedicated group of people working at St. David's to keep our church running smoothly.

We are very blessed to have Deacon Carol to guide us through this time of transition with love and leadership. She has been instrumental in helping with all aspects of activity at St. David's. From Wednesday morning prayer, to supporting every supply priest, to the fun and educating children's talks, to helping with fundraisers, to attending the needs of any of our St. David family members that call her. We could not have gotten through this past year without her love and commitment to St. David's. Thank you, thank you Carol for all that you do.

Thank you to Kate O'Connor for your devotion to taking care of the spiritual needs of our parishioners and their families. The pastoral care that she provides is done with such grace and devotion. We are truly grateful.

Thank you Deacon Barbara for your prayers and spiritual guidance for all of our friends and family on the prayer list.

Kathy Herzog continues to take great care of our building. Day or night, she addresses every issue immediately and makes sure the problems are resolved timely. She is a wonder and we are very grateful for all that she does.

We had a super year with our fundraisers. Thank you so much Jo Cornell for leading such an important ministry. Deanna Emerson, Phyllis Robinson, Marcus Aris and their fabulous committees have worked tirelessly to create fun events that raise funds that provide much needed funds for the church. We are so grateful to ALL of our volunteers!!

A very special thank you to our treasurer, John Patterson. John is diligent with his responsibilities and does a fantastic job keeping all of the church's financials in meticulous order. This position requires constant communication with many people. John has an amazing skill at keeping track of it all. He, Tena Achen and David Thomsson are a wonderful team and we are very appreciative for their gifts.

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We continue to celebrate with each other after every Sunday service with coffee hour. Thank you to all the families that provide treats and volunteer their time to set and clean up. Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for us all to catch up and enjoy each other's company.

Brian Katona and our choir continue to provide beautiful music for our services. Brian has coordinated fun and engaging concerts for all to enjoy. He adds a lot of joy to our church.

Thank you to Judy Henningsen, our Parish Administrator, for continuing to take care of us. Judy takes care of every aspect of business for our church with great skill and a beautiful smile.

Thank you to our vestry members and their respective committees who continue to dedicate their time and talents to the business of the church.

We are an amazing church and are so blessed to have each other.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Smires



VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR 2025

St. David's will once again ship Valentine's care packages to our college students. We will be preparing packages for 10 students. Please support this ministry--let the students who grew up at St. David's know we still think about them even though they are away!

The big collection box will appear on January 4th to receive your donations of **Stationery supplies** (sticky notes, notepads, memo notebooks, envelopes, highlighters, sharpies, dry-erase markers, tape, fasteners, etc), **Valentine novelty items**, and **snacks** (individually-wrapped packages of chips, pretzels, microwave popcorn, dried fruit, cocoa, sugarless gum, and candy). These items may be donated until **Feb. 1st**.

Monetary donations for gift cards and postage will be collected until **Feb. 1st**. You can make your check out to St. David's Church with "Valentine Project" on the memo line or place cash in an envelope labeled the same way and place it in the offering plate.

Home-baked treats, such as cookies and brownies are especially desired. Please sign-up on the list on the bulletin board and bring them wrapped in groups of 4-6 on **Sun., Feb. 8th**. Indicate on the packaging if they contain nuts.

Questions? Contact Tara Dailey (tdailey474@gmail.com or 908-461-0160).

Supply Priest Schedule

February

February 1, 2026	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00 am
February 8, 2026	Rev. Megan Thomas, 8:00 and 10:00 am
February 15, 2026	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00 am
February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday—9:30 am & 7 pm Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell
February 22, 2026	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00 am

February Outreach

Outreach Sunday—Feb. 8, 2026



Our February outreach collection will be for a donation to a local foundation in Hightstown called Be The Li9ht. This is a foundation established recently to help local young people with their mental health by providing a place to "just be". This youth drop-in center is in Hightstown. The foundation was started by the St. Phard family after the tragic loss of their son (and brother) Coby to suicide. The "9" in li9ht was his soccer jersey number. More details at <https://betheli9ht.org>.

Souper Bowl Sunday



J2A Souper Bowl Sunday Sunday, February 8th

On February 8th, our J2A will be having their Annual Souper Bowl! Soup will be available after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. Come early, as we often sell out!

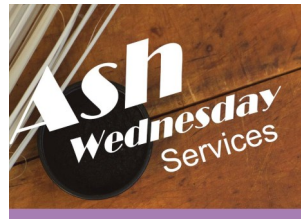
Soup donations are welcome and can be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning. Thank you for your generosity!



Women's Lunch and Learn Group

Our women's discussion group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, February 11, at 12:00 pm in the Library. All women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday and discuss a book, current event topic, or occasionally a video presentation. It is always a lively and interesting discussion.

We will be reading the first eight chapters of "Wholehearted Faith" by Rachel Held Evand. This is a "brown bag" event—so please bring your own lunch. Please join us.



Ash Wednesday Service February 18, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service w/Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist w/Imposition of Ashes



The Episcopal Relief & Development 2026 Lenten Meditations Booklet can be found online. To access, please visit their website.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

TO GO _____ EAT IN _____

Please check one of the ABOVE

February 17, 2026

5-7 pm – Meirs Hall and Lobby

Included (single order)

*Pancakes (4 medium-large) * Gluten Free Upon REQUEST*

French Toast Sticks (2)

Sausage (3)

Bacon (2)

Applesauce

Syrup

Dessert

DONATION – Adults (12-up) \$12.00

Children (3-11) \$6.00 Under 3 – Free

RESERVATION/ORDER (submit by Sunday, Feb 15)

NAME _____

of Adult Orders _____

of Child Orders _____

of Kids 3 - under _____

Pick up time _____

\$ Amount Due _____ (check in envelope please)

Lay Participation Schedule for February 2026—10 am

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Eucharist Ministers	Tricia Metzger Todd White	Kim Elaine Neighbor Edmund Abramovitz	Steve Channon Edmund Abramovitz	Tracy Smires Corinne Peters
Lector 1st Lesson	Tricia Metzger	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Tom Pearson	Corinne Peters
Lector 2nd Lesson	Kathy Herzog	Kate O'Connor	Edmund Abramovitz	Deacon Barbara Jensen
Intercessor	Edmund Abramovitz	Steve Channon	Ray Torres	Tricia Metzger
Acolytes	Joseph Eswine Erin McCarthy Kaylyn Eswine	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Leslie Terhune	Jessie Smires Leslie Terhune Tracy Smires	Maddie McCarthy Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine
Presenters	Elizabeth Channon Steve Channon	Joyce Hiscock Virginia Davis	Phyllis Robinson Penny Stout	Marna & Gene McDermott
Ushers	Dan Smires John Patterson	Larry Kraft Pat Kraft	Ed Miller Richard Bailey	Deanna Emerson Penny Stout
Verger				
Counters	Mary White David Thomsson	Pat Kraft Winsome Bailey	Penny Stout John Patterson	Joyce Hiscock Tena Achen



The Happy Hookers Knitting Group is starting up again on Saturday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m., and everyone is welcome! Whether you're new or experienced, Shirley Kasper will be happy to teach and help. The group meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, please see Renee Christiansen.



Game Day

Game Day will begin in February and will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Questions, please see Renee Christiansen.

St David's Day



St. David's Day (March 1)

This year St. David's Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 1**. St. David's Day is celebrated in Wales, in honour of Dewi Sant or St. David, the patron saint of Wales.

February

Birthdays



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|----|--|----|----------------|
| 3 | Kate O'Connor | 16 | Ashley Boyle |
| 4 | Arlis D. Astudillo, Sr.
Bill Guardino | 19 | Dan Smires |
| 5 | Thomas Reynolds | 27 | Gene McDermott |
| 7 | Devin Emerson
Genny Kasziba | 28 | Sandra Paul |
| 9 | Madeline Clissold | | |
| 12 | Winsome Bailey
Auria G. Valverde | | |



Anniversaries

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 2 | Ernie & Joanne Cornell | 22 | Rich & Heather Giske |
| 12 | Stephen & Jean Krupa | 24 | Clifton & Sandra Paul |
| 20 | Tom & Susan Coulter | | |



Altar Guild Flowers & Candle ORDER FORM 2026

Your Name (Given By)

(Daytime Phone Number)

Sanctuary Flowers (\$40 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Sanctuary Candle (\$20 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Check Total = \$ _____

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

Sunday Services *
8 am — Holy Eucharist II
10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School

February 2026

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 1 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School	2 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s)	3 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 12pm ACA (fl) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 1pm Game Day (fl) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	4 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Morning Prayer (s) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Pentecostal Service (s) ● 8pm NA (mh)	5 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	6 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	7 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 1pm Knitters Group (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
8 J2A Souper Bowl Sunday ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School	9 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s)	10 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 12pm ACA (fl) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Vestry (fl)	11 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Morning Prayer (s) ● 12pm Lunch & Learn (fl) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 2 more	12 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	13 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	14 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am History Discussion Grp (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
15 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School	16 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s)	17 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 12pm ACA (fl) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 1pm Game Day (fl) 2 more	18 Ash Wednesday ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Ash Wednesday Service w/ ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Ash Wednesday Service w/Int ● 8pm NA (mh)	19 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	20 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	21 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 1pm Knitters Group (fl) ● 2pm Hall Rental ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
22 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School	23 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s)	24 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) ● 12pm ACA (fl) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	25 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Morning Prayer (s) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Pentecostal Service (s) ● 8pm NA (mh)	26 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	27 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	28 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am History Discussion Grp (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)

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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 — 2026

Tracy Smires, Senior Warden

Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden

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Tena Achen, Finance

Tom Pearson, Christian Formation

Deanna Emerson, Evangelism

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