



# The Tablet

**St. David's Episcopal Church**

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## Sunday Services:

**8 am Holy Eucharist II**

**10 am Holy Eucharist II  
(live-streamed on Zoom)**

## Wednesday Service

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist and  
Healing**

### Deacon

**The Rev. Carol Patterson**

### Pastoral Care Associate

**Chaplain Kate  
O'Connor, MDiv, BCC**

### Director of Music

**Dr. Brian Katona**

### Treasurer

**John Patterson**

### Parish Administrator

**Judy Henningsen**

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

Walking outside yesterday, I was mesmerized by our beautiful autumn season. This is the season of brisk and deliciously crispy air, crunchy apples, juicy pears, and pumpkins and scary beings everywhere! The fragrance of the barely moist pine needles that fell to the ground after the rain gave me pause and filled me with a sense of peace and delight. Leaves change color, shadows lengthen, and darkness comes earlier. I like the change from sunshine to nightlight. The hours of daytime are more precious now. The dark enfolds like a hug.

It's a time to see life from a different perspective. Two Fridays ago, for one spectacular hour, I was riding in a hot air balloon with 10 other people, 2000 feet from the ground in the clear blue sky over Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was so quiet, except when the pilot fired the propane flames into the center of the balloon to keep it in the air. We couldn't feel the wind as we floated through the sky. While we were in the gondola tethered under the balloon, we were one with the wind.

Being of the wind - pneuma in Greek (see Deacon Carol's license plate :), ruach in Hebrew – made me feel closer to God as I saw life on the ground through a wider lens. Up high above the land, what was important down below didn't seem to matter so much. I was in awe of the magnificence and beauty of God's creation surrounding me, and the brilliance and efforts of the ones who created these balloons, so many high in the sky, all one with the wind as were we.

The Holy Spirit is compared to wind – the gentle breeze and the fierce gusts, unseeable mostly, yet we know she's among us by what she does. In our case that Friday, the wind was a kindly force, and I slowly shed some of my fear of heights and fire during the trip. I was brave!

It takes bravery and courage to live in this world. It also takes faith and hope. The poet Mary Oliver described it this way, "Faith, as I imagine it, is tensile, and cool, and has no need of words. Hope, I know, is a fighter and a screamer." \* What do you think? Talk with me, anytime, about faith and hope, especially in the context of the upcoming days of celebration and remembrance.

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All Saints Day is November 1st and celebrated that day or the Sunday following. It is one of the principal feasts of the Episcopal Church, and we remember saints known and unknown who have gone before us - saints who were brave and courageous in their own ways, living with faith and hope, sometimes sprinkled with doubt, but always with “heroic sanctity.” There were fighters and screamers among them. Surely, there are saints among us today. The Book of Common Prayer defines the communion of saints as “the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise.” \*\* Yup, that’s all of us!

All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, is celebrated on November 2nd, and on that day, we remember our loved ones who have died. That day’s reading from the Book of Wisdom assures us, “The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.... they are at peace.” We pray for them, and we ask for comfort and peace of mind for ourselves. We may have “Continuing Bonds” with our loved ones after their death, where we experience comfort and support by maintaining a connection with them. Do you ever talk about things they said that were funny, or good advice, or memorable in any way? If you don’t have such experiences, and perhaps you don’t want to, it is perfectly fine. Circumstances are different. Your grief is yours. What we do know is that grief doesn’t really end, it becomes a part of you as you live your life.

If the death of a loved one troubles you, please speak with me about joining our Grief Group, Mondays from 7 pm to 8:30 pm for 6 weeks beginning 11/3 through 12/8.

Thanksgiving is November 27th, and gratitude is the operative feeling of the day. We are invited to worship at the community service – details to follow. There is so much to be thankful for, and my wish is that you hold on to an attitude of gratitude as an antidote to any stress that may feel overwhelming to you.

Know that Deacon Carol, Deacon Barbara, and I are willing to listen if you want to speak in confidence about what’s weighing heavily on your mind. We are here for you.

It’s the connections we make here at St. David’s that enrich our lives and show us that we are not alone as we find our way through life. We are never alone at St. David’s. Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matt.18:20). It’s a hug from Jesus. Claim it!

May peace and love and joy find a home in your heart,

Chaplain Kate

\*Mary Oliver, Winter Hours, 93.

\*\*BCP, 862.



## Stewardship 2026: A Season of Beginning

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,  
“... plans to give you hope and a future.  
- Jeremiah 29:11*

Our giving is an opportunity for us to share God’s abundant blessings in our lives with St. David’s. As our parish community continues its discernment, we, too, can thoughtfully share our gifts of time, talent and treasure to advance God’s work.

**Thank you** for faithfully considering your 2026 pledge to be part of our future growth.

## Condolences to:

† The Herbert Family on the death of Jennie Herbert.

## Supply Priest Schedule

### November

November 2, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
November 9, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00
November 16, 2025	Rev. Canon Susanna Cates, 8:00 and 10:00
November 23, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
November 30, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00

### December

December 7, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
December 14, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
December 21, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00
December 24, 2025	Rev. Karin Mitchell, 7:00 pm
December 28, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Mondays, 7-8:30 PM; November 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>

When someone close to us dies, it is not unusual to feel lost and alone. A whirlwind of feelings can overwhelm us, and we are challenged in our ability to cope with the changes in our life.

Being a member of a support group with people who are experiencing similar kinds of feelings and struggles may help as you move through the process of grieving the loss of your loved one. It's never easy, and there's no quick fix, but a support group is a place where you will find gentleness, empathy, and acceptance.

Let's take the walk of healing together.

St. David's Grief Group will meet on Monday evenings for six consecutive weeks from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Please speak with me after services or by phone if you are ready to accept this invitation.

This group is open to all our neighbors in and around Cranbury, regardless of denomination, who are feeling the burden of loss no matter how much time has passed.

Chaplain Kate O'Connor

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# ANNUAL FANTASY AUCTION

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food & fundraising! Gift cards, holiday baskets, wine baskets, and more items large & small for all budgets!  
A few surprises are in store!

**ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, CRANBURY**  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2025**  
**3:00 TO 7:30PM**

\$20 ADMISSION

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

**DOOR PRIZES | TRICKY TRAY  
LIVE + SILENT AUCTIONS**

**SCAN ME!**



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## St. David's Episcopal Church Quilt Raffle

**Beautiful Handmade Quilt—84" x 68"**

**Drawing will be held at the Auction on November 8, 2025**

**Donation: \$5.00 Each or Five for \$20.00**

See Jo Cornell for Tickets

Do not need to be present to win! Lic #93-1-23202



## November Outreach of the Month The Seamen's Church Institute

SCI is “deeply committed to mariner wellness and pastoral care, maritime training and education, and advocacy for the men and women in their essential...role in the transportation industry.”

SCI was founded in 1834 and is affiliated with the Episcopal Church, but nondenominational in terms of their spiritual and practical services. Annually, their chaplains visit thousands of vessels, offering pastoral counseling, support and social welfare services. Their maritime education centers provide navigational training. The Center for Maritime Advocacy provides legal services free of charge and speaks out for mariners' rights. Their Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) program offers interactive workshops in suicide first aid to help recognize when someone contemplates suicide and how to work with them to support their immediate safety.

For years our St. David's knitting group has donated knitted hats, cowls, and slippers to the Christmas at Sea (CAS) program which delivers only hand-made knitted gifts to both international and US mariners at work aboard ships.

As a non-profit, SCI's work is only made possible through the support of their donors. Please give generously to help them to continue to tend to the spiritual and practical needs of mariners of all faiths in their working environment.



Thank you for your continued generous support of the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea Outreach Program. Please continue to bring in toiletry items until December 1st.

Thank you, Renee Christiansen



### "It's that time of the year again! Time for RISE's annual Holiday Toy Drive.

St David's community has always supported this toy drive for children of struggling families. In 2025, this toy drive is back to in-person donations.. To sponsor a child please visit <https://roonga.com/2025risetoydrive> or see Deacon Carol.

**Gift Drop-off Location: Please drop off Holiday Gifts at the First United Methodist Church located at 187 Stockton Street, Hightstown, NJ.**

#### Gift Drop-off Dates and Times:

**Monday, December 8th, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 9th, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 10th, 8:30 am – 8:00 pm**

For any more details please refer to RISE website. <https://njrise.org/rise-toy-drive>

Thank you for your generosity, Vestry Outreach Committee

## Lay Participation Schedule for November 2025

### 10 am

	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Steve Channon	Tracy Smires	Tricia Metzger	Kate O'Connor	Steve Channon
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Corinne Peters	Patty Thomsson	Todd White	Corinne Peters	Edmund Abramovitz
<b>Intercessor</b>	Deacon Barbara Jensen	Patty Thomsson	Mike Duck	Edmund Abramovitz	Steve Channon
<b>Lector-1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Steve Channon	Ron Herzog	Tricia Metzger	Kathy Herzog	Tara Dailey
<b>Lector-2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Corinne Peters	Ray Torres	Collin Duck	Kate O'Connor	Edmund Abramovitz
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Smires Richard Bailey	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Carol Hartmaier	Ed Miller Penny Stout	Richard Bennett Bernadette Bruce	Larry Kraft Pat Kraft
<b>Presenters</b>	Bernadette Bruce Penny Stout	Marna & Gene McDermott	Virginia Davis Joyce Hiscock	Terry & Rich Bennett	Jean Hegedus Phyllis Robinson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joseph Eswine Kaylyn Eswine Collin Duck	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Tracy Smires	Jessie Smires Leslie Terhune Tracy Smires	Collin Duck Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Maddie McCarthy
<b>Verger</b>	Maria Eswine	Kathy Herzog	TBD	Kathy Herzog	Kathy Herzog
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Ann White David Thomsson	Pat Kraft Tena Achen	Penny Stout John Patterson	Winsome Bailey Bernadette Bruce	Joyce Hiscock Jackie Asafu-Adjaye

## Lunch and Learn



Did you know that there's a wonderful opportunity for the women of the parish to gather together and discuss books? The Lunch and Learn group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. We start with a book, selected by the group, and conversations can lead to current event topics, personal experiences and a great deal of laughter. It's always a lively and interesting discussion and gives us an opportunity to share opinions in a comfortable place. So consider joining us in the Fish Library on Wednesday, November 12th at noontime. (This is a "brown bag" event, so please bring your lunch.) This month finish reading The Menu by Steven Manchester.

## Kids Coat Drive



*Kids Coat Drive*

We will be collecting gently used/new youth sized coats for Better Beginnings. Please place your donations in the coat drive box located in the narthex. Questions, please see Jo Cornell. Thank you for your generous donations.

# November



## BIRTHDAYS

- |  |                     |                                 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Christian Herzog                             | 7 Allison Whitlock  | 16 Brijette Aris                |
| 2 Chris Achen<br>Jon Harding<br>Michael Miller | 9 Ava Lombardo      | 28 Harrison Katona              |
| 4 Stephanie Maloney                            | 10 Sarah Smires     | 29 Anne Benedict<br>Larry Kraft |
|  | 14 Kenneth Robinson |                                 |

## Wedding Anniversaries



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|-------------------------------|--|
| 4 Robert & Jennifer McKay     | 18 Carol Pepe & Carmen Arias                 |
| 10 Tom & Judy Evans           | 19 Emmanuel Apau &<br>Jaqueline Asafu-Adjaye |
| 14 Kenneth & Phyllis Robinson | 26 David & Anne Holmes                       |
| 16 Eugene & Janice Winne      | John & Carol Patterson                       |

## Advent Wreath-Making at St. David's Sunday, November 30



The annual Advent Wreath-Making event will be held during coffee hour on Sunday, November 30 after the 10:00 am service. Please join us for fun and fellowship while you make an advent wreath to take home. All supplies will be provided, but if you would like to **bring in greens from your yard to share that day**, it would be appreciated. This has been a great event in the past - please plan to stay! Questions, please contact Abbi Clissold or Kathy Herzog.



**Don't forget to change your clocks.  
Daylight savings time ends November 2.**

Sunday Services \*

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist II  
 10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Choir, Church School

# November 2025



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School ● 3pm Princeton Brass Band Concert	27 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) 2 more	28 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) 4 more	29 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 4 more	30 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) 4 more	31 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed 3 more	Nov 1 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 1pm Knitters Group (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
2 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School	3 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more	4 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) 4 more	5 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 4 more	6 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) 4 more	7 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed 3 more	8 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 10am History Discussion Grp (fl) ● 3pm Fantasy Auction ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
9 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School	10 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more	11 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) 4 more	12 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 5 more	13 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) 4 more	14 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed 3 more	15 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11:30am NA Hall Rental 2 more
16 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 10am Sunday School ● 4pm Hall Rental	17 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) ● 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more	18 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Tai Chi (mh) 4 more	19 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 4 more	20 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 11am Women's AA (mh) 4 more	21 ● 7am AA (mh) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed 3 more	22 ● 9am New Life SDA Church (s) ● 9am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am History Discussion Grp (fl) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
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### **Save the Date**

**Nov. 8          3 pm Fantasy Auction**

**Nov 30          Advent Wreath Making**

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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 — 2025**

**Tracy Smires, Senior Warden**

**Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden**

**Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy**

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**Jo Cornell, Fundraising**

**Deanna Emerson, Evangelism**

**Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds**

**Jon Harding, Outreach**

**Tom Pearson, Christian Formation**

**Leslie Terhune, Liturgy**

**Todd White, Communications**