

The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church
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Sunday Services:

8 am Holy Eucharist II
10 am Holy Eucharist II & Zoom
10 am Church School

"...for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Luke 21:1-4 (KJV)

We are happily (at least for me) moving into our autumn months in New Jersey, with the usual changes of routine that entails. Students and teachers are back to school, weekends focusing around worship, sports and rest. We've been talking lately about the basics of discipleship – learning and teaching. There are two postulants/interns in our community now and they are filled with questions and curiosity. A small group (which is looking to expand) of wonderers gathers twice a month on a Tuesday afternoon to ask questions about faith, their own journeys and why we do the things we do. Our Church School kids come into the 10 a.m. service each week filled with observations and energy around what goes on in that space and why.

Wednesday Service

9:30 am Holy Eucharist and Healing & Zoom

I love to be asked why I do what I do. Why bow at the tabernacle? Why are the hangings green? Why do we kneel – or sit – or stand? Why do we cross ourselves (and at the times we do)? As a cradle Episcopalian, I am too often like the fish swimming along, unaware of the plant life or the floor of the ocean, oblivious to the path on which we are swimming. It's hearing curious questions that helps me to stop and appreciate all the beauty around us. However, I have come to realize that the water in which I swim is rarely ever noticed, never appreciated by me as I move through it. In other words, there is a very big part of being a member in a parish, and a parish in a diocese, and a diocese in the national church that we seem to avoid discussing. Like a subject that has somehow become taboo, or isn't even known to many of us swimming. So it's time for me to ask that question: why don't we talk about finances as they are reflective of our communal life?

At first, I thought perhaps I was just noticing changes that didn't signify much. When the offering plates are brought to the altar, they are often handed off to the acolyte, who then slides them to someone at the altar, where they remain for a brief period before someone else moves to take them away, place them on the floor by the credence table. Yet I was taught that this offering, these monies that have come directly from our own generosity, should be held up to God, remain on the altar to be blessed, to be seen as the sacrifice we are offering from our abundance. These envelopes and checks represent the commitment we have made to the whole of the church. It always makes me reflect on the story of the Widow's Mite. You know, the one we always hear about...(consulting the lectionary schedule...)

Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

Pastoral Care

Chaplain Katherine O'Connor, M. Div.

Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

Treasurer

John Patterson

Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

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Wait. We don't read that in church anymore. What?! One of the most profound examples of how giving from our hearts is honored by Jesus as showing our willingness to share what we have with those in need. So you may not know this brief encounter told in the gospel of Luke: "(Jesus) looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'" This simple gesture of faith shows her thankfulness to God and her willingness to give back what she has to God's glory.

Different denominations are structured in a variety of ways. In the Episcopal Church, tithing is considered the standard we want to reach. Members are asked to consider giving 10% of their income, parishes are asked to give 10-12%, dioceses are asked to give up to 13% of their income, and the national church uses their tithe to care for people on a global scale. Many of us don't know of this structure because it is simply ingrained in the church, like a stained glass window or an ornate column we no longer notice. As a result, the vitality of our giving can often be negated. As we can imagine, a parish not giving can perhaps be negotiable, but when many parishes neglect our commitment, our mission churches are unable to maintain their vital ministries to those in our neighborhoods with the greatest need.

As we move into our new season, our Stewardship program will be initiated and our vestry will begin the hard work of budgeting and preparing for 2025. Let's begin to talk about our money as something that is so appreciated and such an example of what we can do to show our thankfulness. The widow's 2 coins may have only been a drop in the ocean, but her example shows that those two coins, and my two, and your two can come together to continue God's work in the world.

Mother Amy

Condolences to:

- ✠ The Brant Family on the death of The Rev. George Henry (Harry) Brant on September 20, 2024. Please keep the Brant Family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to his daughter Lesli at the following address: Lesli Bowers #6, 420 Hunters Green NW Edmonton, AB Canada. T6R 2X3 (extra postage is required for mailing to Canada).



In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis, all are encouraged to bring their favorite furry, feathered, winged, crawling or stuffed friends to our outdoor **"Blessing of the Pets Service"** at St. David's on **October 6, 2024 at 12:00 pm.** Please make sure your pets are leashed or confined in a crate for their safety, as well as for the safety of others attending. This short service will be held in the side yard near the Memorial Garden. We look forward to meeting your beloved friends, furry or otherwise!

**Stewardship
2025**

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Please join us on **Sunday, October 13th** as we enter into the 2025 Stewardship season. We're excited to kick off this season of renewal and connection for our church. This season we'll be challenged to explore the ways St. David's mission directly impacts the lives of those in our community. We pray that everyone will be filled with excitement and recommitment to God's Mission for St. David's as we encourage one another. Please join us in person or online during this transformative season.



Scottish Dances

Princeton Brass Band

Dr. Todd Nichols, Music Director

Sunday, September 29th at 3pm

**St. David's Episcopal Church
90 S Main St, Cranbury NJ 08512**

**Admission Free
Donations Gladly Accepted**



NABBA



St. David's October Outreach

Outreach Sunday, October 13th



Our October outreach target is Monroe Township Food Pantry. This food pantry operates from the Monroe Township Office of Senior Services, and provides nutritious food items to food insecure eligible families who reside in Monroe Township. Currently this outreach program supports over 100 families each month who face economic hardships. This includes single parents, disabled individuals, and older adults who are on fixed incomes. Please give generously.



Christmas at Sea

Please continue to bring items in for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea program. The bin is located in the Narthex.

Items needed are the following:

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| Unscented, Hypoallergenic Hand Lotion (2-4 oz bottles) | Unscented, Colorless Lip Balm |
| Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets | Microwave Popcorn |
| Books or Activities like Sudoku, Word Searches | Sugarless Chewing Gum & Playing Cards |

Thank you for your continued support of this Outreach Program.

Renee Christiansen



Altar Guild Flowers & Candle ORDER FORM 2024

Please mail the form to the office or pay online from the parish website.

Your Name (Given By)

(Daytime Phone Number)

Sanctuary Flowers (\$40 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Sanctuary Candle (\$20* Donation)

Check Total = \$ _____

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

ANNUAL FANTASY AUCTION

LIVE AUCTION

TRICKY TRAY

DOOR PRIZES

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!

SILENT AUCTION

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, CRANBURY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024
3 TO 7:30PM

SCAN ME!



CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

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St. David's Annual Fantasy Auction

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Admission: \$18 *(advance sale)* \$20 *(at the door)*

3:00 pm—7:30 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fundraising. Bid on live and silent auction items as well as “tricky tray” treasures while enjoying a delicious meal and desserts.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, PLAN TO ATTEND, BRING A FRIEND!

The great thing about our annual auction is that you can participate and/or make a personal contribution in a variety of ways. You can volunteer your time to help set up, clean up, babysit, assist in the kitchen or make an appetizer or dessert.

DONATIONS

Gift certificates to retail stores and restaurant chains are popular as are “theme” baskets such as wine, chocolate and coffee baskets. Auction items such as a spaghetti supper for 10, a homemade dessert each month, or a voucher to have your house or garage cleaned also spark bidding interest.

Please complete a donation form and return it to the office or email it to office@stdavidscranbury.com

2024 FANTASY AUCTION - DONATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Thank you in advance for your donation! Please note your donation may appear as a LIVE or SILENT Auction item, depending on program space. If there is a *minimum bid* required, please be sure to stipulate the minimum bid next to the value, below.

Please Describe your Donation: _____

Value of Item: \$ _____ If applicable, min. required \$ _____

ALL DONATION ITEMS SHOULD BE AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH by October 6.

Lay Participation Schedule for October 2024

10 am

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Eucharistic Minister	Edmund Abramovitz	Kate O'Connor	Patty Thomsson	Tracy Smires
Eucharistic Minister	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Corinne Peters	Tricia Metzger	Leslie Terhune
Intercessor	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Ray Torres	Kate O'Connor	Leslie Terhune
Lector-1st Lesson	Edmund Abramovitz	Corinne Peters	Edmund Abramovitz	Brennan Clissold
Lector-2nd Lesson	Collin Duck	Kate O'Connor	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Tara Dailey
Ushers	Dan Smires Ed Miller	Deanna Emerson Penny Stout	John Patterson Bernadette Bruce	Larry Kraft Pat Kraft
Presenters	Carol Hartmaier Virginia Davis	Jean Hegedus Bernadette Bruce	Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout	Phyllis Robinson Jo Cornell
Acolytes	Collin Duck Patty Thomsson Arleen Astudillo	Leslie Terhune Arleen Astudillo Tracy Smires	Collin Duck Kaylyn Eswine Tracy Smires	Leslie Terhune Arleen Astudillo Patty Thomsson
Vergers	Kathy Herzog	Tena Achen	Kathy Herzog	Maria Eswine
Counters	David Thomsson Mary Ann White	Jennie Herbert Winsome Bailey	Tena Achen Joyce Hiscock	John Patterson Bernadette Bruce



All Saints' Day

On All Saints' Sunday, we honor our loved ones who have passed. We need your assistance in compiling a current and accurate listing of these Saints who have gone to be with our Lord. If you would like to add a **NEW NAME** to our current listing, please fill out this form and mail to (90 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512 or email, office@stdavidscranbury.com) the Parish Administrator in the Church Office by October 28.

All Saints' Sunday -- November 3, 2024

Please include the name(s) of my loved one(s) on the list:

Submitted by: _____

Name Phone Number / Email

October

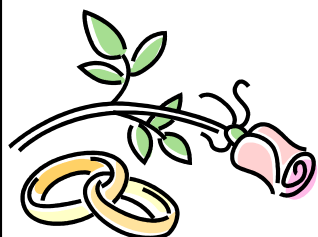
BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Darliss Eitel
Diane Roby | 14 Renee Christiansen
Nancy Downs
Marcia Ruhl | 22 David Thomsson |
| 2 Justin Durrant
Jeffrey McDermott
Clifton Paul | 15 Erik Eitel | 25 Leslie Terhune |
| 3 Kyle Mani
Charlotte Thomas
Aurelia Giske | 16 Colin Borosko
Virginia K. Davis | 28 Beena Mani-Alexander
Edward Miller III |
| 4 Ross Dubin | 17 Abigail Clissold | 30 Jean Hegedus |
| 5 Ann Marie Miller
Celeste Holcombe | 18 Ron Herzog | |
| 7 James Peters | 19 Amy Reeder DeRose | |
| 12 Michael Duck
Vickie Pane
Tom Evans | 21 Cassidy Herzog | |



October Wedding Anniversaries



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| 7 Marcus & Brijette Aris
Margie & Ross Shore-Dubin
Gene & Marna McDermott | 20 Rob & Lana Sarchiapone |
| 11 Thomas Christie & Nichole Chobin | |

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, October 9th at noontime. (This is a "brown bag" event, so please bring your lunch.)

October 2024

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

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 10am Sunday School 4pm Princeton Brass Band 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 12pm ACA (fl) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 11am Womens AA (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) 2 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 7:30pm AA(mh) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am New Life SDA Church (s) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 1pm Knitters Group (fl) 7pm Pentecostal (s)
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Oct. 6	Noon—Blessing of the Animals
Nov. 2	3 pm Fantasy Auction

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

St. David's Vestry Members — 2024

Tracy Spires, Senior Warden
Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden
Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy
Tena Achen, Finance
Jo Cornell, Fundraising
Renee Christiansen, Evangelism

Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds
Jon Harding, Outreach
Tom Pearson, Christian Formation
Leslie Terhune, Liturgy
Ellen Torres, Evangelism
Todd White, Communications