

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

“As the leaves change, let us embrace transformation and new growth in our lives through Christ”

The vibrant colors of fall remind us of the beautiful brushstrokes of God's love. It is a sign of change that is always a constant in our lives as one season transitions into another.

Wednesday Service

9:30 am Holy Eucharist and Healing & Zoom

During our season of transition, our search committee is working hard on finding our new rector. It is important to remember that the process is confidential. This is to ensure that the committee can work independently without outside influence. A progress report will be provided to us as the process continues. We are all so grateful to the search committee for their dedication and commitment to finding the right rector for St. David's.

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

The Fall season brings the season of stewardship. This is our opportunity as a parish to gift St David's with our financial pledges and our talents. Stewardship is a very important part of planning our future at St David's.

May we embrace this new season with renewed faith and purpose. As seasons do change, God's love is always constant.

Faithfully yours,

Tracy Smires
Senior Warden

Condolences to:

† The Smith Family on the death of Cynthia P. Smith. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 9 am, St. David's Episcopal Church.

† The Hackshaw Family on the death of Lorriane Hackshaw.

Supply Priest Schedule

October

October 5, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
October 12, 2025	Rev. Shawn Armington, 8:00 and 10:00
October 19, 2025	Rev. Allen Wakabayashi, 8:00 and 10:00
October 26, 2025	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos, 8:00 and 10:00

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. David Snyder, 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

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!



We're looking for friendly hosts to help make our Coffee Hour a warm and welcoming time for everyone!

What's involved?

Just set up the coffee and tea, bring snacks, and lend a hand with cleanup — that's it!

Want to help?

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Your time and generosity are truly appreciated. Thank you for volunteering!



Newcomer Café and Welcome Meeting - Sunday, October 5th

If you are new to St. David's and would like to learn more about the church and its ministries, please plan on attending this informational meeting after church on Sunday, October 5. Our wardens, deacon and other leaders will be pleased to introduce themselves and also learn more about you! Grab some coffee and meet us in the Fish Library at 11:30!

New Member Sunday - October 19th

Our next New Member Sunday of 2025 will be held on Sunday, October 19th. This is an opportunity for all those who are ready to commit themselves to becoming members of St. David's to participate in a short liturgy of welcome during our Sunday worship service. For more information, please see Maria Taylor.



Princeton Brass Band Concert Sunday, October 26th at 3 pm

Join the Princeton Brass Band at St. David's in Cranbury for their third installment of Halloween Brass! Some spooky favorites and holiday-themed tunes and, of course, a chance for them to show off their favorite costumes!



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

Dear Family and Friends in Christ,

Stewardship is more than giving of money. It's 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.

It's also a time of new beginnings.

Annually, during the season of stewardship, we reflect on the gifts God has so abundantly given us and how we can use those gifts to bring God's love and joy to our church and to our community. Additionally, this year, we began to call for a new rector which offers us the opportunity to think about what is next and how we let God's love guide us to create the future our parish is seeking.

Each Sunday we pray for our search committee that their work will guide us to a new moment in our lives at St. David's. This is an opportunity for you to share your blessings with your church family and for us to invite a new rector into a vibrant and growing faith community.

Gratitude is at the heart of Christian stewardship. When we acknowledge God's blessings in our lives, we want to share these blessings with others. Will you let your love of God move you to create a new beginning for St. David's, our ministries and our community outreach this season of stewardship?

Your gift is a tangible expression of your gratitude and will let us approach a new year, full of change and beginnings, with hope, peace and love.

With hearts open, we prayerfully invite you to consider your 2026 pledge and be part of our future growth.

In Christ's love and peace,

Tracy Smires
Senior Warden
St. David's Episcopal Church

Kathy Herzog
Junior Warden
St. David's Episcopal Church



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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DONATE. BID. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

St. David's Church Annual Fantasy Auction


 **November 8, 2025**  **3:00 - 7:30 pm**


We're looking for exciting auction items to help raise funds for St. David's Outreach & Community Programs. Your generosity will help us make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

GREAT DONATION IDEAS:

- Gift Baskets – Date Night, Family Game Night, Wine & Cheese, Coffee Lovers
- Services – Handyman, Landscaping, Tutoring, Music Lessons
- Gift Cards – Restaurants, Grocery, Department Stores
- Experiences – Theatre, Theme Parks, Concerts, Winery Tours
- Your own unique idea!

 **DONATION DEADLINE:** October 19, 2025

 **DROP-OFF LOCATION:** St. David's Church, 90 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

 **CONTACT:** Deanna Emerson – 609-655-4731 (St. David's Church)

Every donation brings hope and helps our community. Thank you!

AUCTION DONATION RESPONSE SLIP

Please complete this form and return it with your donated item by October 19, 2025.

Name: _____

Donation Description: _____

Estimated Value: _____

Contact Information (Phone/Email): _____

Thank you for your generous support of St. David's Annual Fantasy Auction!



St. David's October Outreach

Outreach Sunday, October 12th



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 2025

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

Lay Participation Schedule for October 2025

10 am

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
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	David Thomsson Patty Thomsson	Bernadette Bruce John Patterson	Obafemi Sonubi Deanna Emerson	Larry Kraft Pat Kraft
Presenters	JoAnne Cornell Phyllis Robinson	JoAnne Cornell Virginia Davis	Bernadette Bruce Deanna Emerson	Joyce Hiscock Jean Hegedus
Acolytes	Collin Duck Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine	Patty Thomsson Jessie Smires Tracy Smires	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Leslie Terhune	Maddie McCarthy Erin McCarthy Tracy Smires
Verger	TBD	Jo Cornell	Maria Eswine	TBD
Counters	David Thomsson Penny Stout	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Winsome Bailey	Bernadette Bruce Tena Achen	Joyce Hiscock John Patterson



On All Saints' Sunday, we honor our loved ones who have passed. We need your assistance in compiling a current and accurate list of these Saints who have gone to be with our Lord. If you would like to add a **NEW NAME** to our current list, 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 27.

All Saints' Sunday -- November 2, 2025

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

Submitted by: _____
Name
Phone Number / Email

October

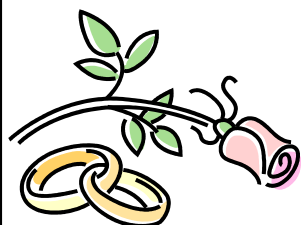
BIRTHDAYS



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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 Charlotte Thomas
Aurelia Giske | 16 Colin Borosko
Virginia K. Davis | 28 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 8th at noontime. (This is a "brown bag" event, so please bring your lunch.) This month we are discussing the first 10 chapters of The Menu by Steven Manchester. Also we will be collecting cash contributions for the Fantasy Auction.

October 2025

Sunday Services *

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist II

10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Choir, Church School

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Oct. 26 Princeton Brass Band Concert
Nov. 8 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 — 2025

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

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