



The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church
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**Sunday Services:
Summer Schedule**
*(Through & Including
Labor Day Weekend)*

8 am Holy Eucharist I
**9:30 am Holy Eucharist II
& Zoom**

**Beginning Sept . 8th
Regular Schedule**

8 am Holy Eucharist I
**10 am Holy Eucharist II
& Zoom**

Wednesday Service

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

Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

Pastoral Care

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

Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

Treasurer

John Patterson

Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning." — Jiddu Krishnamurti

September is upon us, with that ingrained feeling of the start of new opportunities. As most of our lifetime rhythm is based on the school year, we find ourselves seeking out new activities, learning about topics of interest. This is particularly visible in the church calendar. Most of our parishes have Christian Formation classes that begin with the cooler weather, and here at St. David's our Sunday School program is ramping up and ready to go.

But learning is not something that stops at any particular age. We may not still be in that classroom format, with a teacher in front and textbooks on our desks. In the Christian faith, study happens in other ways – discussion groups, bible studies, book groups, open forums. Over the summer, we hosted a convocation wide study of the Acts of the Apostles, held on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, and 6 different congregations were represented in the attendance. There was a leader, asking questions and encouraging discussion, but the whole of the group was contributing to helping each other on our own faith journeys. As a newly formed community, the decision was made to continue offering these opportunities for all to join, and the next subject will begin in September. Stemming from a quote that was pertinent to our last discussion, we decided to take on *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The sessions will begin on September 18th and run for 4 consecutive evenings on Zoom.

Speaking of Lewis, the longstanding book group Lunch and Learn will also pick up again on September 11th with the first of 3 discussions on his book *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon, and it's a "bring your own lunch" casual gathering.

If history is more of your interest, the Saturday morning history group will continue to gather twice a month to talk about times in our nation's past and what influenced the communities and events that occurred. Or if you've been intrigued by the relationship between science and faith, there will be another discussion group started around the book *Magisteria* by Nicholas Spencer. Maybe you've wanted to learn more about what the Episcopal church teaches and what types of ideas you may have questioned in your own personal history and faith journey? Well, there's a group for that too – A Questioning Space meets twice a month on Tuesday afternoons to share.

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And if none of these learning/growing experiences catch your attention, why not share with me what type of classes you'd like to see us host! There are plenty of topics and areas of interest that can be explored together in our community and in the larger community around us.

It's time for back to school!



A big THANK YOU from the Golf Outing Committee to the many St. David's members who made contributions to the outing Ad Book such as: hole signs, snack, soda and water sponsors (much appreciated by the golfers); general donations and those who joined in the luncheon. Helping to return the golf outing as another successful St. David's fund-raising project! Looking forward to the 2025 golf outing!

Also grateful to Judy Henningsen who along w/her duties at St. David's as parish administrator, managed to create a colorful ad book for the outing. And to Kathy Herzog who assists any endeavor going on at St. Davids!



St. David's Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 7

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Rain or Shine

Volunteers needed! Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board if available any time on September 5, 6 or 7. Questions, please see Phyliss Robinson.



Board Game Event

Please join us for Game Day on **Tuesday September 10th at 2 pm!** Either bring your favorite with you, 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.



Lunch and Learn

The Lunch and Learn Book Group resumes **Wednesday, September 11, 2024.** This 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, September 11th at noontime. (This is a "brown bag" event, so please bring your lunch.)



Please join us for a concert with
The Princeton Brass Band

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Suggested Donation: \$15



September Outreach September 8, 2024

Better Beginnings Center's mission is "to provide high quality affordable childcare and programs that contribute to the educational, physical, social and character development of individual children in a safe and healthy environment." Their programs support 2 ½ to 13 year old youths and give their parents the ability to remain employed or attend a full-time training/education program and, therefore, be self-supporting and contributing members of the community. The Hightstown Center is located on North Main Street. Please consider giving generously to this September Outreach.



Thank you for your generous donation of backpacks and school supplies for the RISE kids. We collected over 50 backpacks and a ton of supplies. This will certainly assist RISE with the huge efforts they have to support over 600 kids in their summer programs.



Kids Coat Drive

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We will be collecting gently used/new youth sized coats from September 8th to October 20th. Please place your donations in coat drive box located in the narthex. Questions, please see Jo Cornell. Thank you for your generous donations.



St David's Rummage Sale! Saturday, September 7, 2024

Please continue to bring in your gently used treasures! Please bring your items to the double classroom. Questions, please feel free to contact, Phyllis Robinson at phyllis.rob48@gmail.com.

Preferred items include household goods, kitchenware, toys, sporting goods, jewelry, books, CD's & DVD's, power tools, garden tools, video games, purses/handbags, collectables, furniture, games, puzzles, and bicycles/scooters/skateboards. Unfortunately, we are NOT accepting mugs/drinking glasses, clothing or electronics. Experience has taught us that these items do not sell. Thank You!

Cranbury Day



Baked Goods Booth Downtown Cranbury Saturday, September 7 9 am — 4 pm

St. David's will be hosting a Baked Goods Booth for Cranbury Day, as has been our tradition for over 30 years. Please dust off your baking pans and contribute something delicious to sell, help work the booth, or just come out and support your church and community! Please place baked goods in separate bags. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help or see or email Kathy Herzog (kathyherzog@princetonk12.org) for more information. This is an important time for us to show who we are to Cranbury!! Please come out and help greet our neighbors.

Back to Church School

Sunday, September 8th



St. David's Sunday School Enrollment Application

2024- 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby consent to the use of any videotapes, photographs, slides, audiotapes, or any other visual or audio reproduction in which my child may appear for St. David's Episcopal Church. I understand that these materials may be used for information on the website of the Lifelong Christian Formation Program of St. David's which includes evangelism.

I release St. David's from any liability connected with the use of my child's picture or voice recording as part of any ongoing ministry.

Signed _____

Date _____

Child's name: _____

DOB: _____

Grade as of Sept. 2024: _____

Allergies/Special Instructions:

Calendar of Events 2024-2025

Sept: 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb: 2, 9, 16, 23

Oct: 6, 13, 20, 27 (can wear costumes)

March: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov: 3, 10, 17

Apr: 6, 13, 27

Dec: 1, 8, 15, 22

May: 4, 11, 18

Jan: 5, 12, 19, 26

Jun: 1



Bring your backpacks, laptop totes, etc. filled with whatever school supplies you have to church on **Sunday, September 8th** for a special **"Blessing of the Backpacks."** What better way to prepare for the new school year than to carry a special blessing on the tools that will help you learn all of those new things and tackle those new courses.



J2A Car Wash

St. David's Community, please keep your cars dirty and while you are rummaging through the Rummage Sale, or walking down Main Street for Cranbury Day - J2A will make your cars spotless for just a small donation! We hope to see you all from **9 am - Noon on September 7th.**

Finances as of July 31, 2024

At the annual meeting I presented the Budget of the Incomes and Expenses which were expected in 2024. The Budget was that we would have a deficit of about \$2,500 with the hope that this deficit would be filled. As the year has developed, our income has been slightly less than that budget and at present the forecast is for the deficit to be a little over \$8,000. To reach this forecast, we must all fulfill our pledge commitment and our Fund-Raising activities must be successful.

In the table below the Year-to-Date columns show what the budget and actual result is through July 31. The % column represents what % the actual is of the budget. If the number is below 100% the actual is less than expected. The Total Year columns show what the Budget is for the year and what the Year to Date actual plus the rest of year forecast is expected to be.

In summary, year-to-date expenses are almost exactly where we thought they would be. Income is about \$6,000 lower than expected.

Income					
Account Name	Year To Date			Total Year	
	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Forecast
Non-Pledge	\$8,750	\$7,118	81.3%	\$15,000	\$13,368
Operating Pledge	\$167,910	\$161,690	96.3%	\$243,221	\$243,001
Other	\$94,477	\$96,696	102.3%	\$147,390	\$143,235
TOTAL INCOME	\$271,137	\$265,504	97.9%	\$405,611	\$399,604
Expense					
	Year To Date			Total Year	
	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Forecast
Building & Grounds	\$78,947	\$80,372	101.8%	\$137,580	\$139,006
Operating	\$4,958	\$6,451	130.1%	\$10,000	\$11,493
Personnel	\$117,324	\$115,272	98.3%	\$201,599	\$199,546
Witness (includes Assessment)	\$34,255	\$33,382	97.5%	\$58,895	\$57,918
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$235,485	\$235,477	100.0%	\$408,074	\$407,962
INCOME minus EXPENSE	\$35,652	\$30,027		(\$2,463)	(\$8,358)

Alternate Ways to Give to St. Davids

In addition to using your weekly envelopes you can make donations to St Davids in the following ways:

Automatic Payments – most banks have a Bill Payment system. Using this capability, you can set-up a regular donation (monthly/weekly). You will need to enter the church address (90 South Main St., Cranbury, NJ 08512). This capability will result in a check being mailed to the church.

Required Minimum Distribution – for those who are required to make Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) a donation to the Church (or any other non-profit organization) is considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is considered part of your RMD but is not considered taxable income. Consult your investment and tax advisors if you want to use this capability.

PayPal – the Church has a PayPal account which can be used to make your regular payments. To access this feature, go to the St. Davids website ([St David's Episcopal Church, Cranbury NJ - Home \(stdavidscranbury.com\)](http://StDavid'sEpiscopalChurch,CranburyNJ-Home.stdavidscranbury.com)). On the Fundraising menu, click the donate button. This will take you to the PayPal website which will lead you through making your donation. Note: PayPal charges about 2.5% of the donation.



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! 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 MUST BE AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH by October 6th.

Lay Participation Schedule for September 2024

10 am

	Sept 1 9:30 am	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Eucharistic Minister	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Leslie Terhune	Tricia Metzger	Steve Channon	Edmund Abramovitz
Eucharistic Minister	Tricia Metzger	Todd White	Corinne Peters	Edmund Abramovitz	Kim Elaine Neighbor
Intercessor	Tricia Metzger	Leslie Terhune	Tom Pearson	Corinne Peters	Kathy Herzog
Lector-1st Lesson	Kathy Herzog	Brennan Clissold	Kate O'Connor	Edmund Abramovitz	Deacon Barbara
Lector-2nd Lesson	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Mike Duck	Tom Reynolds	Steve Channon	Tom Pearson
Ushers	Ed Miller Penny Stout	John Patterson Deanna Emerson	David Thomsson Patty Thomsson	Richard Bailey Bernadette Bruce	Richard Bennett Obafemi Sonubi
Acolytes	Jordan Bailey Arleen Astudillo Tracy Smires	Collin Duck Patty Thomsson Tracy Smires	Joseph Eswine Kaylyn Eswine Collin Duck	Leslie Terhune Arleen Astudillo Tracy Smires	Patty Thomsson Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine
Presenters		Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout	Virginia K. Davis Bernadette Bruce	Carol Hartmaier JoAnne Cornell	Phyllis Robinson Jean Hegedus
Verger	Tena Achen	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Counters	Bernadette Bruce Tena Achen	David Thomsson Penny Stout	John Patterson Jennie Herbert	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Mary Ann White	Joyce Hiscock Winsome Bailey

Upcoming Fall Events!



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!



St. David’s Annual Fantasy Auction

Saturday, November 2, 2024

3:00 pm—7:30 pm

September



Birthdays

Anniversaries

- | | |
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| 2 Terry Bennett | 22 Todd Kovacs |
| 8 Todd White | 25 Kevin Mani
John Peters |
| 10 Brian Katona | 26 Chris Cenci
Beau Sawyer |
| 13 Janice Winne | 27 Thomas Peters
Joseph Reiss
Deacon Carol Patterson |
| 15 Jennifer McKay | 28 Janice Carroll |
| 17 Lillian Lea | |
| 19 Alexander Jakober | |
| 20 Patricia Thomsson | |
| 21 Michael Sgalambro | |

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| 1 | Chris & Kathleen Cenci |
| 8 | Richard & Susan Jakober |
| 9 | Chris & Tena Achen |
| 12 | David & Patricia Thomsson |
| 14 | Michael & Kim Duck
Larry & Pat Kraft |
| 15 | AJ & Jenifer Polanco
Peter & Kathleen Wise |
| 16 | Steve & Elizabeth Channon |
| 20 | Jon & Julie Harding |
| 22 | Christopher & Susan Palmer
Thomas & Jennifer Reynolds |
| 30 | Keith & Renee Spero |



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

Sunday Services *

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

September 2024

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Cranbury Day Baked Goods
Booth (downtown Cranbury)
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Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sept. 29 Princeton Brass Band
- Oct. 6 Blessing of the Pets
- Nov. 2 Fantasy Auction 3 pm—7:30 pm

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 Smires, Senior Warden
Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden
John Patterson, Treasurer
Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy
Tena Achen, Finance
Jo Cornell, Fundraising

Renee Christiansen, Evangelism
Jon Harding, Outreach
Todd White, Communications
Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds
Leslie Terhune, Liturgy
Ellen Torres, Evangelism