



THE DOVETALE

St. David's Episcopal Church



2019

Slow Down for Advent

Advent is our most counter-cultural season, and so every Advent I say the same thing. This is a time for us to slow down.

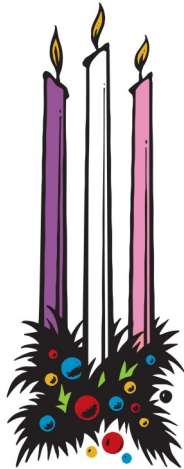
I know that we are entering a hectic time of year. It sometimes seems as if the whole world goes crazy every December! My children are now old enough that my own busy-ness involves less shopping and fewer children's events than it used to. And still my December calendar is already quite full!

At Saint David's, we have lots of seasonal activities of different kinds. Some of what we are doing is mainly for fun. I think about the Greening of the Church, Breakfast with Santa, or Lessons and Carols. Some of what we are doing is to meet particular needs—for example, the Agawam Christmas Project and the Blue Christmas service. And, of course, much of what we do is business as usual—our regular routine of worship, and Bible study, and outreach.

I am proud of how much we do, and I hope that you will participate in whatever you can. But please make sure that you do not lose sight of the reason for

the season! In Advent—the four weeks before Christmas—the Church invites us to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Activities and festivities can be part of that preparation. And activities and festivities can distract us from what matters most.



I encourage you to take a few minutes now, in the early part of Advent, before things get too intense, to think about what spiritual disciplines might help you to have a holy Advent, might help you to get ready to welcome Jesus into your life in a new and deeper way.

For most people, those disciplines should include time for prayer and Bible study. If you are not already doing so, consider saying Morning Prayer during Advent. Use one of our prayer cycles (for our parish family or the nations of the world). Make time to participate in one of our Bible studies.

It is easy to get caught up in all the fun. But for us, this is a holy season. My prayer for us all is that we experience it as such.

In the name of the holy Christ child,
Fr. Harvey

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Western Massachusetts Diocese Convention

November 9, 2019

By Penny Miller

Our Convention this year brought together more than 55 congregations from throughout Western Massachusetts. St. David's was represented at the convention by Rev. Harvey Hill, Denise Noyes, Mary Moore and Penny Miller.

The opening address by Bishop Fisher concentrated on "Creation Care" and he made a reference to Bishop Presiding Curry's comment at the Triannual gathering of deacons in Providence as to "our revolution in Western Massachusetts." He went on to list as part of that "revolution" the Diocese's participation in the "Walking Ministry," Lawrence House, the outdoor liturgical communities, Laundry Love, our work with the Women's Correctional facility in Chicopee – to name a few. He went on to say that some revolutionary ideas are simple – like gathering veterans for lunch. It was noted that St. David's first veterans' lunch was a great success. (Bishop Fisher's address can be viewed in its entirety on the Diocesan Website)

Our guest speakers were Alex Chatfield from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Dr. M. Saleem Bajwa, Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts, Rabbi Mark D. Shapiro, Rabbi in Residence at Christ Church Cathedral and The Rev. Laura E. Everett from the Massachusetts Council of Churches

Two resolutions were put before the Convention:

1. To "place the care of God's Creation at the heart of our common life" as we work to grow a loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with the whole of God's Creation. To follow Jesus and to protect the world that God entrusted to our care in a time of climate emergency.
2. To uphold the rights of every member of such worshipping communities (whether they come from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or The Episcopal Church or from another entry point) to participate in the work of Diocesan Convention and every other aspect of our Diocesan life.

Both resolutions were approved and passed.

We watched several videos on a variety of topics from "Love in a Backpack" to "Requiem for Victims of Gun Violence." (All videos can be viewed on the Diocesan Website)

One of the speakers made mention of the energy he was feeling in the room and I can attest to that feeling. It was almost palpable. The enthusiasm, dedication and co-operation among the participants was and is contagious. You walk away asking, what can I do to help?

The 118th Diocesan Convention concluded with a prayer and a blessing at 4:00PM.

Church Without Walls by Father Harvey

We had another eventful Church without walls in November! Ellen Scott and Norma Turcotte delivered the warm clothes collected by our children—and donated by many of you! It was gratifying to see the enthusiasm of our CWW people as they looked through the available hats, gloves, scarves, and more. The next day, I dropped the remainder off at the Parish Cupboard, and Martha had already heard from one of the recipients about our gifts.

We also delivered a check for \$1000, donated in memory of Brandon Moser's father Paul. At one point, I thought I had accidentally included the check in one of the plastic bags we handed out on Sunday—that made for an uncomfortable few minutes! But I found the check, and it is now safely in Martha's capable hands.

Those donations topped off the nearly forty boxes of cereal we delivered to the Parish Cupboard the week before, along with additional food items. I am proud to be part of such a generous Church!!!

Our service was a little smaller than some weeks; there were fifteen of us. But we had a good conversation about the Apostle Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. The passage was a little complicated, as Paul often is. But the good news came through—God loves us all and showers us with grace.

Thanks once again to everyone who makes this ministry possible!!

Community Suppers Resume!



Our first Community Supper for this program year was a great success. We had just one piece of chicken left at the end of the evening! I don't have the totals yet, but we must have raised several hundred dollars. We won't have a regular Community Supper for the next couple of months; the weather is too unpredictable. But be on the lookout for our next meal in, I think(!), March.

Christmas Supper

We are continuing our recent tradition of a Christmas Supper sponsored by the Development Team. It will be Friday, December 6 beginning at 6:00. To reserve a spot, please contact the office. All proceeds will go towards replacing the rug in the sanctuary, so please come and bring friends!!

Breakfast with Santa

As I write this, it is hard to believe that the Christmas season is almost upon us! But it is that time. One of our most fun events of the season is Breakfast with Santa. It will be Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 to 11:00. This is an outreach event, as well as a treat for our children, so please help spread the word! And if you have any questions, please contact Norma Turcotte or Ellen Scott. Thanks!!

Building Bridges Veterans Ministry

Our first Veterans Lunch was a great success! Chris Carlisle, the person who coordinates the Building Bridges Veterans Lunch Program for the Diocese, said it was the best first lunch out of any of the nine sites! Thanks to John O'Hare and the Lions Club for all their work, and to the many people from Saint David's who came to eat and/or to help! Our plan is to offer a lunch every first Tuesday at noon. In December that is the 3rd, and in January it is the 7th. Please help spread the word to all veterans. And non-veterans, please join us to help out!

Mexican Train Night

Our Dominoes experiment has been a great success. We normally gather on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 for fun and fellowship. In December that would be the 24th! As you might guess, we'll take December off. But we'll be back at it on January 28th. Please join us!!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Agawam Clergy Association sponsors a Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at 7:00. This year, we will gather on November 27 at the Bethany Assembly of God. The offering goes to support the Thanksgiving meal offered at Saint Thomas Catholic Church in West Springfield, where they give away literally thousands of free meals. This is always a wonderful chance for the Christians of Agawam to come together to give thanks to our common Lord. Please join us!



Christmas Worship Schedule

Our primary service this year will be at **5:00 on Christmas Eve**. On Christmas Day, we will have a simple (no music and an informal homily) service of Holy Communion at 9:00. The following Sunday, we will have our traditional service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00, with a regular service of Holy Communion at 8:00. Come, and bring friends!

Blue Christmas by Fr. Harvey Hill

Even in the midst of all the excitement, Christmas can be a depressing or lonely time, particularly for people who have lost a loved one. To help those who may be struggling with the season, the Agawam Clergy Association is sponsoring an ecumenical service of Holy Communion at Saint David's on Saturday, December 21 at 1:00. Agawam Clergy Association services are a wonderful way to experience Christian unity as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Please help spread the word about the service to anyone who might benefit from the opportunity to acknowledge grief or pain in the context of worship.



Advent Formation

Our Advent Formation Program this year is loosely based on Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. I commend the book, which is short, accessible, and very powerful. But our sessions will not presume that people have read the book. Instead, we will talk about Jesus' parable. On December 1, we'll focus on the younger son. On the 15th, we'll concentrate on the elder brother. And on December 22 we'll wrap up with a session on the loving father. Please join us for one or all the sessions. And help spread the word!!

Christmas Flowers



Most weeks, the flowers and/or the altar candles are given to the glory of God and in honor of someone important to us. But for our Christmas flowers we do it on a grand scale! If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flowers, please complete the special form (available in the narthex), attach a check in the appropriate amount, and return it to the office or put it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Visioning Potluck

Thanks to those who could be part of our first Visioning Potluck! A typed copy of every written comment, along with a summary of some things that were said, is available in the narthex. It was a great start. Sometime in early 2020, we'll have a follow-up session to make more concrete plans about who we are, who we want to be, and what we need to do to get there. In the meantime, the box for your ideas is still in the narthex.

AGAWAM CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROJECT

(by Roxanne Zern)

Now in its seventh year of bringing holiday cheer to children in Agawam! St. David's will again be partnering with the Town Nurse for a special project known as the Agawam Christmas Assistance Project. Through the town nurse, we will be provided the names of children in Agawam whose hearts might be a bit more joyful on Christmas morning when not only can they celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior but also smile as a result of the gifts left for them through the generosity of their church neighbors at St. David's. Based on past experience, we look forward to getting the names of 35-40 children ranging in age from babies to teens. You are invited to participate in selecting the name(s) of one or two children which will be available in the rear of the Nave before or after worship services just after Thanksgiving. Once a name is selected, the shopping may begin for either a toy, article of clothing or both, all wrapped up in a cheerfully decorated package. We anticipate that the deadline for return of gifts will be December 8, so be on the lookout for more information in the Sunday bulletin or call Roxanne Zern at 413-786-1679 so you don't miss out on this continued outreach endeavor that we believe to be unique among the churches in Agawam.



Stewardship Update

We will formally dedicate our financial pledges for 2020 at both services on “Commitment Sunday” (12/1). Thanks to everyone who has already turned in a card. If you have not yet pledged and are planning to do so, please bring your card that morning or complete one of the cards in the narthex. Thanks!

Our Vestry and the Budget

Our vestry does many things, but one of the most important is creating our budget. The vestry will begin working on the 2020 budget this month. If you have suggestions about ways to save or spend money in 2020, please let someone on the vestry know. Thanks!!

Fr. Harvey

Annual Meeting and Call for Nominations

Our 2020 Annual Meeting will be January 26. On that Sunday, we will have a single service at 9:00, immediately followed by the meeting (and hopefully a little food!). This is partly an announcement to give you a chance to save the date. But it is also a call for nominations. One of our most important tasks at the annual meeting is to elect our Executive Committee, new vestry members, and our Convention representatives. Nomination forms are available in the narthex next to a box where you can put them. If you do nominate someone, please first make sure they are willing and eligible to serve!

Healing Eucharist Fridays at 12

We continue to offer our healing service every Friday at 12:00. In keeping with the new season, these services will have an Advent theme in December. (In January, we'll return to our normal practice of focusing on the saint for the day.) In addition to appropriate readings for the day, an informal, conversational sermon on an Advent theme, and Eucharist, participants can receive special healing prayers and an anointing with holy oil. After the service, stick around for Bible Study if you like. Please join us, and help spread the word!

Flowers and the Altar Candle

Most weeks, the flowers and/or the altar candles are given to the glory of God and in honor of someone important to us. If you would like to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone in 2020, please complete the form (soon to be available in the narthex), attach a check for the relevant amount, and return it to the office or put it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Community Solar

We are entering into a contract with a company called Nexamp to save some money and do something good for the environment at the same time. We will continue to receive power bills from Eversource. But, and here is where it gets a little complicated, Eversource will also credit us the full amount of the bill, and then charge Nexamp for the power we have used. Nexamp pays Eversource, and then bills us for the same electricity. Since the electricity is generated by solar panels, and so earns tax credits, they can offer us a 15% discount on the power we have used.

At the moment, no panels are available in our area, so we are on a waiting list. They anticipate that we should be up and running by about June of next year. I believe the same deal is available for private homes. If you decide to pursue it, please tell them you heard about the deal from us—that gives us a little bonus.

Creation Care Question for kids only! Jim Shields

Methane is one of the most dangerous greenhouse gases because it can hold approximately ___ times as much heat as CO₂.

Choose the correct answer from these multiple choices:

(a.) 3 times (b.) 16 times (c.) 28 times (d.) 2200 times

Please submit your answer to Jim Shields at jamesshields861@gmail.com.

The names of those answering correctly will be listed in next month's DoveTale!

Outreach Activities: Jim Shields

On Tuesday 11/3/19 we kicked off our first Building Bridges lunch for area veterans at St. Davids. This makes us the 9th site from Western Mass. to participate in this initiative, which was conceived by Bishop Fisher as he saw veterans as a critically underserved and marginalized population, facing rampant isolation, homelessness, mental illness, and drug and alcohol addiction. We plan to host these lunches on the first Tuesday of every month. We are happy to say that the lunch was very successful, attended by about 40 veterans, which we were told was the largest ever initial turnout. Kudos to John O'Hare and the Lions Club for doing the bulk of the work and providing the food. They make it look so easy, but it's a lot of work. St David's provides the space and table set up and tear down. Thanks to the St David's volunteers who were there to provide support.

Other recent Outreach activities include a \$102 donation to the Springfield Rescue Mission which will provide Thanksgiving dinner to 44 needy folks, and \$150 to Episcopal Relief & Development, whose vision is to unlock abundance so all human beings around the world can realize their God given potential. In the 2nd half of a strategic 5 year plan, they are working so that girls and women everywhere can live fulfilling, dignified lives, free from violence; and also focus on supporting children up to age 6 helping to set a strong foundation for healthy lives.

Snow Policy

Now that winter is upon us, you will see this article for the next several months. The Church will always be closed if Agawam High School closes for the day because of snow. On Sunday mornings, we have to make that call ourselves. When Church is closed, notice will appear on our webpage and on television stations 3, 6, 40, and 22. All meetings are presumed to be cancelled, including any meetings by outside groups that rent the Church property. Our full snow policy is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks!



The Red Door

People occasionally ask me why Episcopal Churches almost always have red doors. I didn't know, but Ellen Scott found the following. It is adapted from the webpage of Trinity Episcopal Church, Gatlinburg Tennessee.

The tradition is centuries old and has several meanings associated with it. The tradition of red doors originated in England during the Middle Ages when it was a sign of sanctuary. If you were being pursued by someone, you would be safe if you could reach the Church door. Pursuers could proceed no farther, and victims knew that the red doors meant sanctuary, refuge, and safety.

The red doors also represented protection from spiritual evil. In the beginning of Cathedral architecture, red stood for the blood of Christ, and it was painted on the north, south, and east doors of a Church. In other words, they were making the sign of the cross, which ultimately marked the Church as a safety zone from spiritual dangers in addition to protection from physical harm. It is also indicative of the Holy Spirit. Today many Episcopal Churches paint their doors red to symbolize that they are a haven for emotional and spiritual healing, and a place for forgiveness and reconciliation. Their red doors are an invitation to visitors to enter a space filled with the Holy Spirit

Flooring for the Church

The conversation about replacing the carpet in the Church is well under way. There are a variety of options, each with different strengths and weaknesses, which makes the decision difficult. One option—probably the leading option at this moment, but things could change quickly!—is a carpet up the center aisle, with flooring under the chairs. But concerns remain particularly about scratches on the floor and the risk of tripping over the area where the carpet and the floor meet. Members of the vestry are looking into those concerns and continuing to explore our options. If you want to be part of the conversation, please speak to any vestry member. We want to know what people are thinking!

United Thank Offering

Penny Miller presented our Thank Offering of nearly five hundred dollars (I don't have the exact figure in front of me) at Diocesan Convention on November 9. The United Thank Offering is one of the wonderful practices of our denomination. The idea is that you keep a little blue box somewhere handy, and drop a few coins in whenever you have something for which to be grateful. Over time, we can get a little better at maintaining an "attitude of gratitude." Once or twice a year, we combine our thank offerings and present them to the Diocese, which sends offerings from all our Churches to the national office. From there, the UTO makes grants to help people and parishes in need in the United States and around the world. Thanks to Barbara Mickna, Valerie Clapp, and Penny Miller for their leadership on this. And thanks to all of you for your participation!

Gifts for Life

Carrie and I will never live in a bigger house than our current home. As a result, from this point forward for the rest of our lives, we have to reduce the amount of stuff we own. And here we are in the Christmas season! One way we avoid accumulating too much more junk is exchanging "gifts for life." Instead of physical gifts, we make an appropriate donation to organizations like Episcopal Relief and Development, Heifer, or Food for the Poor. A donation in someone's name can also be an alternative to a Christmas card. We have several catalogs from Christian organizations on the table in the narthex. Feel free to take one if you like.

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, and More

You can find in the narthex blank forms for Health Care Proxies, the MOLST form, funeral planning, and an emergency contact list. Feel free to take one. If you do complete one or more of the forms, please make sure the relevant people in your life have copies. Saint David's will keep copies of any of those completed forms for any parishioner who so desires. I am happy to chat with you about any of these forms if that would be helpful. Preparing for the worst can be a little unnerving, but it is a huge help to your family and friends, and it can also help the Church offer more effective support as needed.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2019

9AM TO 3PM

W had a great day. Thanks to everyone who helped out!
Here's the crew:

Vendors/Crafts/ Tag Sale

Sue O Hare
Virginia Ventulett
Mary Dutton
Elizabeth Ciannella

Our Big Raffle

Ellen Rendrick

50/50 Raffle

Father Scott

Stocking Stuffers under \$20

Linda Paquette

Bake Sale

Dixie Lauzon
Val Clapp

Coffee Beverages and Donuts

Jude O Hare

Popcorn

Paul Fontaine

Lunch Sales

Lynn Litchfield
John Litchfield

The Bankers

Ted Zern
Roxanne Zern

Kitchen Crew

Bob Rendrick
John O'Hare
Jim Shields
Jean Carpenter
Carol Fabrycki
Bev Lawson
& Susan Amabile

Musical Entertainment

By Renee

TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND ENERGY THAT YOU PUT INTO THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR EVERY YEAR .

As soon as all of the numbers are in they will be posted in the Narthex .



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Upcoming Youth Events 2019-2020

2019

Saturday, December 7

Breakfast with Santa 9-11

2020

Sunday, January 26

Pizza Baking Event after the
10:00 a.m. service

Sunday, February 16

Slime Day after the
10:00 a.m. service

Sunday, March 15

Bowling after church, noon

Friday, April 10

Good Friday/Easter Egg hunt
10-noon

Sunday, May 3

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day Ice Cream Social

Young Scholars Program

This program offers college scholarships to elementary school students. You read that right—elementary students. The idea is that at-risk children benefit from early interventions. The children come from the MLK Charter School and the White Street School, both in Springfield. The schools nominate promising children. The Young Scholars Program promises money if/when the children actually go to college. In the meantime, the schools and the program combine to offer enrichment and support.



If you would like to join this effort, please talk to me. I have served on the Board of the Program for the last few years, and I strongly recommend their work. You can also check them out online at www.youngscholarsfund.org. The Program can always use money, but the single greatest need is for “scholar mentors.” Each mentor tracks one or more students. At a minimum, that means getting their report card each summer. For people with more time, mentors are invited to school events and field trips. I have not been able to do much of that myself, but it is the most rewarding part of the work since it means getting to know the children and their families.



Children's Choir by Linda Seabury

The St David's Children's Choir has been rehearsing in preparation for their participation in the Christmas Eve Service. We gather for 15 minutes directly after the 10:00 service.

All children up to the age of 12 are invited to participate in the Children's Choir.

The rehearsal dates will be every Sunday on 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22.

Please see Linda Seabury with any questions.

Children's Choir

Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina

“Lectio Divina” is a prayerful reading of a Bible passage, interspersed with short periods of silence. The basic question we ask ourselves is, what is God saying to me through this passage? We gather on Sundays at 11:45, and wrap up by 12:15. We won’t have a regular session of contemplative prayer in December. In January, we’ll gather for contemplative prayer on Sunday, January 19. Please join us!!

Reading the New Testament

We are finishing up our year of reading the New Testament this month. We’ll gather for our final conversation of 2019 on Tuesday, December 3 at 2:30. Please join us, even if you aren’t current in your reading. If you missed it this year, don’t worry! We’ll do it again in 2020. I invite—indeed strongly encourage—everyone to join in the effort. The reading is quite manageable—we read just one chapter each weekday. And spending time with Scripture is one of the best ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. That’s what it is all about!

Praying at Home

Advent is supposed to be a season of prayer and preparation, and the Prayerbook offers some wonderful resources for praying at home. In the narthex you can find an Advent version of the Prayerbook service of Morning Prayer, along with a photocopy of the schedule of readings, and also a version of Compline. Morning Prayer takes a couple of times to get going, but after a week or two, saying Morning (or Evening) Prayer becomes habitual and is a great way to add discipline to your prayer life as well as to spend time in the Bible. If you need help getting started or would like to chat about your experience of Morning Prayer or the other prayers in the Prayerbook, please talk to me. Fr. Harvey Hill

Healing Ministry

Every Sunday after Church, a layperson offers healing prayers at the altar or, if someone prefers privacy, in Father Harvey’s office. We have a great group, but could use a few more people to fill out the rotation of pray-ers. Father Harvey meets with interested people for a simple training. Then you pray with people for whatever they request. The prospect can be a little scary, but the experience of praying together before the altar is deeply holy and doesn’t require any special skill or eloquence. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please talk to Father Harvey. Thanks!

DOVETALE Deadline by Esther Nunn

The deadline for the February 2020 Dovetale
is January 20, 2020.

Please submit your articles early to estar00@winning.com. Thanks

Please note December is a very busy time so I will be taking a break to enjoy the holidays.

Prayer Cycles

Two prayer cycles are available in the narthex near the mail slots: the nations of the world; and the people and ministries of Saint David's. We are about to create the 2020 version of the Parish prayer Cycle, so please let us know if you notice anyone missing!! It takes just a few minutes each day, and over the course of a month, you pray by name for every nation in the world, and every member and ministry here at Saint David's. Give it a try. We can all use more prayers on our behalf!!!!

Prayer Requests

We list prayer requests in the bulletin each week, and do our best to keep that list current. But we need help! If you would like to add someone, please contact the office. If you are adding someone other than yourself, please first confirm that the person would like to be on the list. We also have an online prayer chain. People who have signed up for it receive occasional prayer requests by e-mail. If you would like to receive these messages and/or if you would like to put out a request, please contact me or Kathy Glista. Thanks!

Discretionary Fund

This is just a reminder that I have a small discretionary fund which is intended to give people a little financial boost when necessary. If you get in a bind, please talk to me. I should add that our conversation and any help from my discretionary fund will be fully confidential.

Let's Go to Boston

On Wednesday, December 4, Mark Shapiro, our Rabbi in Residence, is leading a trip to Boston. The plan is to leave from the Central Library parking lot at 7:45 and to return about 7:30 that evening. Along the way, the group will visit the Cathedral of Saint Paul, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Temple Beth Elohim, where they will hear a concert. Technically you are already supposed to have reserved a spot, but it may still be possible. If you are interested, please contact Liz Stevens at 413-686-3177 or cnmstevens@comcast.net.

Expanding Our Gardens?

I recently learned about a start-up Church in Los Angeles that formed around small garden plots in the city. They structured their children's programs around the garden, and they used the food they grew for Church meals and outreach. It occurred to me that we could possibly do something similar. Already last summer Denise Noyes and her family grew food in two small raised-bed gardens behind our parking lot. We could expand on their efforts, and probably get most of the cost covered by the Diocese. The question is, who would help maintain the plots? We don't want to overburden the people who already do a LOT on our grounds! We'll only go forward if there is interest in the project. If we do go forward, we'll decide how much area to cultivate based on the level of interest. So, please let Father Harvey know if you would like to participate. Please also feel free to invite friends who may not be part of Saint David's. We welcome any and all!

Prison Ministry and Women's Ministry

A year or so ago, Mary D'Allesandro, the diocesan missionary to the Chicopee Women's Prison, came to Saint David's to talk about how we might get involved. Several women expressed interest, and we collected a handful of backpacks to share with women when they get released. (Mary told us this was a pressing need.) We are now taking another step. Father Harvey has teamed up with several other priests to put together a weekly Bible Study at the Prison on Tuesday nights at 7:00. A few people from Saint David's have already expressed interest in participating in the Bible Study, which requires pre-clearance to get into the prison. Other people may want to support this effort from behind the scenes. We are thinking this could be a project for a reinvigorated women's ministry. If you are interested in learning more, please talk to Father Harvey.



December 2019



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 RITE I 8AM RITE I 8AM Advent study 11:30AM Youth Choir 11:15</p>	<p>2 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8</p>	<p>3 Vet Meal 12 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Bible Conver 2PM</p>	<p>4 Playgroup 9:30</p>	<p>5 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7</p>	<p>6 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00 Xmas supper 6Pm</p>	<p>7 Breakfast With Santa 9 to 11</p>
<p>8 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM CWV 12:00PM Youth Choir 11:15</p>	<p>9 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8</p>	<p>10 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM</p>	<p>11 Playgroup 9:30</p>	<p>12 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7</p>	<p>13 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Advent study 11:30AM Youth Choir 11:15</p>	<p>16 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8</p>	<p>17 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Vestry 7PM</p>	<p>18 Playgroup 9:30</p>	<p>19 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7</p>	<p>20 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00</p>	<p>21 Blue Christmas 1PM</p>
<p>22 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Advent study 11:30AM Youth Choir 11:15</p>	<p>23 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8</p>	<p>24 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Christmas Eve Service at 5PM</p>	<p>25 Christmas Service at 9AM</p>	<p>26 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7</p>	<p>27 No Healing Serv. Or Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 RITE I 8AM Lessons 10AM</p>	<p>30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8</p>	<p>31 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM</p>				



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			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	3 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00	4
5 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM	6 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	7 Vet Meal 12 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Bible Conver 2PM	8 Playgroup 9:30	9 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	10 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00	11
12 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Church W/ Walls 12	13 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	14 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM	15 Playgroup 9:30	16 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	17 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00	18
19 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM C Lecto 11:45	20 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	21 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Vestry 7PM	22 Playgroup 9:30	23 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	24 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00	25
26 Eucharist 9AM Annual Meet 10:15 Kids Pizza Bake	27 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	28 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Dominoes 6Pm	29 Playgroup 9:30	30 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	31 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00	



“I was well repaid for all, by the love itself which I bore him.”

“It is by loving, and not by being loved, that one can come nearest the soul of another, yea, that, where two love, it is the loving of each other, and not the being beloved by each other, that originates and perfects and assures their blessedness.”

George MacDonald, *PHANTASTES*

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