



THE DOVETALE

St. David's Episcopal Church



2019

TAKING STOCK OF STEWARDSHIP (By Ted Zern)

In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6, we are reminded that if *we forgive, we are forgiven and if we give, we receive*. I often think of these few words when I am angry at someone for having offended me in some way or when I find myself obsessing over my retirement account following a

precipitous drop in the DOW. In these moments, I can hear (if I listen) God's promise as articulated in Luke. A strange calm then ensues as I realize that what I have, albeit materially or otherwise, comes from the same source. I have simply been a steward.

It will not be long before we begin the stewardship campaign for 2020.

During the period of discernment over how to best position ourselves to return to God a portion of all that we have, whether that be in time, talent or treasure, the question is the same. How am I able to best express my gratitude for life's treasures that have been bestowed? How am I to best care for not only God's creation but the abundance in my own life, no matter how that is Measured?

I recently read a reflection by Kathy Hood Culmer, a professional storyteller in Houston, in which she describes holding on to a collection of salt and pepper shakers that her mother had accumulated over the years. These shakers were not worth much financially but each shaker represented something important in her late mother's life. I suspect we all have those mementos hanging around the house that mean little to someone other than to us. What if we

held such regard for the gifts that God has given us? What if we kept such careful watch over all that has been entrusted to us for our safekeeping, including our bodies, minds, relationships, and the earth's resources, taking every measure possible to avoid breakage or overconsumption or misuse and abuse? What if we did so, not out of fear or obligation, but because of our great love for the Giver, because we want the Giver to be

well pleased with us and maybe even proud of us? What if we would spend every day we're given expressing our thanksgiving for all that we have received in the way we care for all that has been provided? I hope that each of us will begin to think about these questions as we

tackle yet another stewardship campaign.

In the meantime, I, as pledge secretary, would be remiss if I did not also comment on 2019. As we approach the last couple of months of the calendar (and fiscal) year, it seems important to take a moment to measure our financial giving against the pledge lovingly made almost a year ago. Is it on track? Certainly, if you would like an update, just let me know and I would be glad to provide it or otherwise listen to concerns you may have. Call me at 786-1679 or email me at tzern@comcast.net



Stewardship

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Thanksgiving is More Than Turkey (by Ted Zern)

It will not be long before we are immersed in the preparation of turkeys, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and all that goes with a traditional thanksgiving feast. I often wonder however if the basis for the holiday has become secularized to the point where we don't really appreciate the underlying spirit that embodies the custom. At its core, Thanksgiving has a fascinating history but it is clear that its origins place our Heavenly Father at the center of it all.

For some scholars, the jury is still out on whether the feast at Plymouth in 1621 really constituted the first Thanksgiving in the United States. Indeed, historians have recorded other ceremonies of thanks among European settlers in North America that predate the Pilgrims' celebration. In 1565, for instance, the Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilé invited members of the local Timucua tribe to a dinner in St. Augustine, Florida, after holding a mass to thank God for his crew's safe arrival. On December 4, 1619, when 38 British settlers reached a site known as Berkeley Hundred on the banks of Virginia's James River, they read a proclamation designating the date as "a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God." In 1827, noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale (author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb") launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Abraham Lincoln finally responded to her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation urging all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." Lincoln wrote it was a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Giving thanks to God is certainly not absent from both the new and old testaments. Consider, for example, the following passages that perhaps harken to the historical roots of this holiday.

2 Corinthians 9:11:

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the same but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

Colossians 3:15-17:

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Psalms 69:30:

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalms 95:2-3:

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

As you read and reflect on these passages, remember that Thanksgiving is more than just the Turkey. Perhaps you may even want to place a Thanksgiving envelope in the plate at worship.



SHINING OUR LIGHT (by Ted Zern)

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign at St. David's has begun. There are many references that could be used to stimulate our thoughts on giving but a key, and probably most important, consideration is that whatever our financial gifts for the coming year might be, we are prompted to recognize that an offering is not really a gift at all, but rather a transfer. It took me some time to realize that when I deposited my pledge into the offering plate, it was really payback, a return of a portion of the blessings bestowed by God. It was like I was paying it forward, recognizing that God had made quite an investment in me. With that paradigm shift, giving became much more significant for me. It also led me to think about the question, "why give?" The short answer could be that each gift is a way of "shining our light" so that others may witness the powerful presence of kindness, generosity, transformative prayer and caring relationships, whether that be through our worship or by virtue of our service. Hence, the theme for this year's pledge campaign is "Shining Our Light" and is further highlighted elsewhere in this issue of the Dovetale.

The question of why people give is I suppose often asked, so I began to search for clues. I found a wonderful summary by Cathy Clement, the retired Director of Philanthropy at Five Acres, a child-abuse prevention, treatment and education center in Altadena, California. She is also a member of All Saints Church, Pasadena, and the president of The Episcopal Network on Stewardship board of directors. I thought it appropriate to share her perspective here. Clement cites ten reasons why people might give. Perhaps you can identify with one of her reasons. I especially like the very last reason.

- "No. 1: It's a habit. It's how I was raised. From my earliest days in Sunday school, I remember folding little blue mite boxes for depositing my weekly offering every Lent.
- No. 2: The Bible tells me so. From kindergarten in a little Christian School to later education in life, I learned that the Bible teaches us to give back. Sharing my resources is clearly a biblical value.
- No. 3: Giving to my parish is fun. As our rector said in a recent sermon, Jesus' parables often ended in a party. And as I understand it, heaven is going to be one mega-party.
- No. 4: Giving to my parish feels good. I think Jesus was on to something when he said it is more blessed to give than to receive. And studies show that people who give live longer.
- No. 5: I give to change the world. My parish is plugged into where I can make the most difference in addressing the greatest needs.
- No. 6: My parish is my community. I have made lifelong friends there; I was married there, and will be buried there. At my parish I'm part of something larger than myself.
- No. 7: My parish is inclusive and not only with a capital "I." I was tenderly included when I was out of work, when I battled cancer, and when my husband died.
- No. 8: I've been blessed and want to be a blessing to others. I am blessed to be able to continue to tithe my income in my retirement. My parish is a priority in my budget.
- No. 9: I want to leave a legacy. I am indebted to visionary parishioners from whom I inherited the church I love. I owe the same to future generations.
- No. 10: I give because I was asked."

And so there you have it, ten reasons to give. One last thought on reason #10 above. Consider yourself asked. Won't you join me in pledging your financial support on this awesome journey of faith? Commitment Sunday is December 1 when our gifts are brought forward to be blessed and offered to God at both worship services. Pledge cards will be mailed mid November, so be sure to look for it.

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.

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!



United Thank Offering

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. Our fall in-gathering was Sunday, October 20. At Diocesan Convention on November 9, our Delegates will formally present our offering. Thanks to Barbara Mickna, Valerie Clapp, and Penny Miller for their leadership on this. And thanks to all of you for your participation!

Safe Church Workshops

The next Safe Church Training Workshops in our area will be on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 to 12:00 at All Saints, South Hadley. (The South Hadley training goes from 9:00 to 3:00 for Church employees, but volunteers only need to attend the first half.) Safe Church trainings are especially aimed at everyone who works with children or makes pastoral visits in people's homes, but all are welcome. Those who work with children or make pastoral visits are supposed to be trained at least once every three years. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please let me or Carol Fabrycki know. Thanks!!

Community Suppers Resume!

We'll have our first Community Supper of the new program year on Monday, November 4, beginning at 6:00. For \$10, enjoy chicken parmigiana, a vegetable, salad, rolls, and apple cake for dessert. To reserve tickets, call the office.



Building Bridges Veterans Ministry

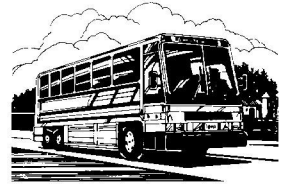
All systems are go! We are teaming up with the Lion's Club to offer a free lunch for all veterans on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at noon on November 5. This is part of the Diocese's Building Bridges Program, and they will offer logistical support. Probably our numbers will be small at the beginning, which will give us a chance to work out any kinks in the process. But other sites serve as many as 70 people, and we want to be ready if our numbers eventually approach that. Thanks to John O'Hare for his leadership in our effort, particularly in the kitchen. We have a few people interested in helping with set-up, serving, and clean-up, but we can always use more. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. Thanks!

Diocesan Convention

On Saturday, November 9, delegates from around our Diocese will gather at the Tower Square Hotel (formerly the Marriott) for Diocesan Convention. Our delegates are Denise Noyes, representing the vestry, and Penny Miller, representing the parish. We'll hear reports about what is happening at Churches around the Diocese, get a financial update as well as a chance to see the 2020 budget, and vote on representatives to fill various positions. Please pray for our Church!

Foxwood Trip

The Development Team is sponsoring a trip to the Foxwoods Casino on November 9. The bus will leave Saint David's at 8:30 and return at 4:30. And it will have a bathroom on board! The trip costs \$40, and includes \$10 for slot play as well as a free buffet or a \$15 food coupon. To reserve tickets, call Ellen at 413-265-3067. The money raised will go towards replacing the rug in the Church.



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!

Church Without Walls by Father Harvey

Good things are happening thanks to the generosity of several people! Thanks to the hard work of several members of the Noyes family, we donated 150 knit hats and a blanket to the Parish Cupboard at our October CWW service. That sounds like a lot, and it is—three big bags worth!! People without reliable housing have real trouble keeping warm in the winter—and holding onto hats!—so our donation will be put to very good use! We also received a generous donation in memory of Paul Moser (father of Brandon Moser) and earmarked for Church without Walls. We are currently in conversation with Martha about how best to use that money.

About fifteen people gathered for our October service on a beautiful Fall day. The Gospel reading was about a Samaritan leper healed by Jesus who responded by throwing himself at Jesus' feet in gratitude. We talked about the importance of gratitude and noted that the hero of the story (other than Jesus!) was poor, sick, and generally marginalized. I never know what the quiet members of the group are thinking, but I hope they were able to see themselves in the Gospel story and really hear the message that they may be the ones who understand Jesus' message best. We followed with Eucharist and then distributed the lunches. Thanks once again to everyone who makes this ministry possible!!

Mexican Train Night

Our Dominoes experiment has been a great success. We gather on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 for fun and fellowship. In November, that is the 26th. Please join us!!



Work Day

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Fall Clean-Up Day!! And special thanks, as always, to our fearless leader, Junior Warden Bob Rendrick. Bob keeps the Church running smoothly and looking good, and we all owe him an enormous debt of gratitude. I know he would want me to add his thanks to everyone who helps. We are blessed to have lots of dedicated and skilled people in our congregation!

Building Update

Our current project is repairing the growing hole (!) in our parking lot. As I write this article, there is a cone directing cars away from the hole, thanks to our heroic Junior Warden. Hopefully by the time you read it, the parking lot at that spot will be resurfaced. Once again, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Bob Rendrick!

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.

Switch to clean, renewable energy. Jim Shields

Some of you, like me, may have received information from CleanChoice Energy regarding switching to clean, renewable source energy for your home. I looked into it, and have made the switch. It was an easy decision for me. The electricity soon to be coming into my house will be from 99% wind and 1% solar. Eversource will still be my utility company and my bills will come from Eversource, but CleanChoice will be the provider. My rate will be 12.2 cents/kWh, which is almost exactly the same as my rate through Smart Energy. You may pay a little more or a little less depending on what your current rate is. You may switch back to your old provider at no cost and no interruption in service if you so choose. This company is A+ rated by the BBB and has a 5 star rating from customer reviews. Even before I knew what the financial impact for me would be, I decided that it would be well worth it to pay a bit more to have my electricity come from clean, renewable sources, and further reduce my carbon footprint. The switch was very easy.

I encourage all of you to give this some thought, and consider making this switch. CleanChoice can be contacted at 888-444-9452. **Please** feel free to see or call me if you have questions.

Snow Policy

I am really hoping this will not be relevant anytime soon! But as a reminder: 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

Creation Care by Mary Moore

Along with Episcopalians around the country, we at St. David's celebrated Creation Care Season in September and early October. Our church opted for three special activities. The first was a discussion led by Father Harvey in which he gave us the biblical perspective on creation care. This was followed 2 weeks later by a Question and Answer session on Climate Change chaired by Father Harvey, Jim Shields, and Mary Moore. Our culminating activity, which came a week later, was a creation care hike in Robinson State Park led by Jim Shields. Attendance at all three activities was solid, with a good cross section of the congregation participating.

In the first discussion, Father Harvey explained how we as Christians are mandated to be good stewards of the earth. We read and discussed four different Bible passages. (The list is at the end of this article.) In the second session, we talked about the evidence linking human activity to the climate change we are seeing now and also - importantly - what we can do to help. The hike was simply a way to get outside and enjoy God's creation as manifested in nature.

Although our creation "season" lasted only a little longer than a month, we need to remember that it really goes on continuously. We are not asking everyone to give up all his or her creature comforts, but rather to be mindful of the carbon footprint that accompanies them. Any reduction in your individual carbon footprint, no matter how big or small, helps. Please do what you can.

Bible readings: Isaiah 11:1-9, John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20, and Romans 8:18-25

PRISON MINISTRY?

Father Harvey is on conversation with area priests about offering a weekly Bible Study in the Chicopee Women's Prison. If we go forward, the structure will resemble Church without Walls—different Churches will be responsible for different weeks. The current proposal is for us to lead a session on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please talk to Father Harvey. For those interested in being part of the Bible Study itself, a volunteer orientation at the prison is required, along with a background check.

Children's Choir by Linda Seabury

The St David's Children's Choir, in preparation for their participation in the Christmas Eve Service, will begin their rehearsals on Sunday, November 3, 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 starting on 11/3 and continuing on 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22.

Please see Linda Seabury with any questions.

Youth Ministry Update by Norma Turcotte

Our youth have been very busy learning about communities and welcoming others in their Sunday school lessons. The focus for September/October has been to teach our children how to be a "disciple of Jesus and a faithful part of their communities." On September 29 (the fifth Sunday of the month), Miss Norma joined Miss Carol and Miss Ellen to share with the children the parts of the church service as well as their lesson for the day. Children participated in the readings and of course lifted up their voices in song!! Our church children and their friends are looking forward to Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 3-5 hosted by Jen Barna and Jaime Bouchard.



Sunday School

Many thanks to those who donated hats, gloves and scarves for our community outreach to the Open Pantry. These items will be delivered on the November Church Without Walls gathering.

Our November youth event will be on Sunday, November 17 for a craft day with Miss Norma after the 10:00 a.m. service where we will decorate ornaments, make bookmarks, paper tube snowmen and lots more! Come join the fun. And, then it will be time for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 from 9-11.

A huge Thank You is extended to Sue O'Hare for filling in the gap by teaching "Summer" Sunday school. Congratulations to Breslin and Silas Grant for perfect attendance during the summer sessions! Sunday school kick off was held on September 8 with lot of kids on hand. We are continuing to use the Deep Blue curriculum this year. We welcomed new co-teachers Linda and Lexi as well as our regular crew of wonderful teachers. Our September event was bowling after church at the Agawam Bowl. Congratulations to Abby Noyes and Aryannah Davidson for achieving the high scores in bowling with a 68 for Abby and a 63 for Aryannah!

Our Youth Outreach for October will be the collection of hats, scarves, and mittens for children and adults.

These items will be donated to the Open Pantry. A labeled basket is located at the entry door of the church for these donations. Thank you one and all for your generosity.



Jaime and Jen are once again hosting the special "Trunk or Treat" event on Saturday, October 26 from 3-5 p.m. in the church parking lot. This is a lot of fun for the kids as well as the adults! Are you thinking of decorating your car trunk? Then join in the celebration. Set up is at 2 p.m. I think pizza will be available for sale.

Looking ahead to November will be Craft Day after the 10:00 a.m. service with Miss Norma.

We will decorate small birdhouses, ornaments, make book marks, color pictures and have a "crafty" afternoon.

We will round out the year with Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 from 9-11.



Upcoming Youth Events 2019-2020

2019

Sunday, November 17 Craft Day with Miss Norma after
the 10:00 a.m. service
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 by Father Harvey

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.

“Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Matthew 18:3-5)

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. In November, we plan to meet on the twenty-third. Please join us!!

Why Statements

The focus at Parish Leadership Day this year was stewardship broadly understood. (“Stewardship is everything that comes after ‘I believe’”!) Our presenters invited us to think about why we do what we do. In stewardship, that means why we give our time, talent, and/or treasure to the Church. More generally, that means why we cultivate our relationships with God individually and as a parish. We’d love to have a few people share their thoughts on Sunday mornings and/or in writing. If you are willing to give it a shot, please talk to Father Harvey.

Reading the New Testament

We continue to work our way through the New Testament this year. The reading is quite manageable—we read just one chapter each weekday. To encourage broad participation, we include the specific chapters for each week in the bulletin and our weekly e-mails, as well as a link to helpful introductory videos for each book. It’s not too late to join the effort!! Just start where we are now. You can go back over the books we have already read later if you like. We’ll gather for our next conversation about what we are reading on Tuesday, November 5 at 2:00. Please join us, even if you aren’t current in your reading.

Praying at Home

Versions of both Morning Prayer and Compline appropriate to this season (Pentecost) are available in the narthex, along with a schedule of readings. Pentecost lasts until Advent, which begins on December 1. If you have never prayed any of the Daily Office, consider giving it a try. It’s a wonderful way to add a little time for prayer and engagement with Scripture! And it is not a big time commitment. Depending on how you say it, Morning Prayer takes about 15 minutes, and Compline is under five.

DOVETALE Deadline by Esther Nunn

The deadline for the December Dovetale
is November 20, 2019.

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

Please note this issue is a double issue for December and January. December is a very busy time so I will be taking a break to enjoy the holidays. Please submit any articles for January before the November deadline.

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. (If you notice people or ministries missing from our Parish Prayer Cycle, please let us know!) 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!

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!

Daughters of the King

This summer I received some brochures about the Daughters of the King, along with the following explanation: "We are an international group of women dedicated to prayer and service. We support each other in our spiritual journeys and living out our vows. We have a Rule of Life and that discipline helps us to grow in faith as well as support our sisters in Christ. We are ordinary women who, with the help of the Holy Spirit, sometimes manage to do extraordinary things." The brochures are in the narthex; their website is <http://www.doknational.org>. If you are interested in knowing more, contact me and I'll put you in touch with a local Daughter.

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.

EXPANDING OUR GARDEN?

You may have noticed two small raised bed gardens not far from the labyrinth. Last summer, Denise Noyes and family grew vegetables there. We are considering expanding on her efforts. Grant money is available to cover the modest costs, so that is no obstacle. The question is how much garden people are interested in maintaining.

If we do go forward, we might encourage our children to work in the garden over the summer. Or we could offer fresh vegetables to the residents of Brady Village, inviting them to contribute what they can. Or we could give the produce to the Parish Cupboard. Or we could host a meal prepared almost exclusively with produce we have grown. Or....

If you are interested in participating in gardening at Saint David's, please let Father Harvey know.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 23, 2019
9AM TO 3PM

Come join us for the Holiday Bazaar which is better and bigger this year!
Here's the crew:

Vendors/Crafts/ Tag Sale

Sue O Hare
Virginia Ventulett
Mary Dutton

Lunch Sales
Lynn Litchfield
John Litchfield

Our Big Raffle

Ellen Rendrick

The Bankers

Ted Zern
Roxanne Zern

Stocking Stuffers under \$20

Linda Paquette

Kitchen Crew

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

Bake Sale

Dixie Lauzon
Val Clapp

Coffee Beverages and Donuts

Jude O Hare

Popcorn

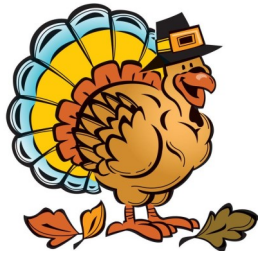
Paul Fontaine

Musical Entertainment

By Renee



Arts & Crafts Show



NOVEMBER 2019



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| | | | | | 1 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00 | 2 |
| 3 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM | 4 Supper 6pm SHUGART'S 6-8 | 5 Vet Meal 12 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Bible Conver 2PM | 6 Playgroup 9:30 | 7 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7 | 8 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00 | 9 Diocesan Convention |
| 10 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Church W/ Walls 12 | 11 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8 | 12 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM | 13 Playgroup 9:30 | 14 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7 | 15 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00 | 16 |
| 17 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Child Craft | 18 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8 | 19 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Vestry 7PM | 20 Playgroup 9:30 | 21 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7 | 22 Healing Serv. 12 Bible Study 1:00 | 23 Holiday Bazaar 9 - 3 |
| 24 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Cont Prayer 11:45 | 25 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8 | 26 OA 9:30AM Choir 1PM Dominoes 6 | 27 Playgroup 9:30 Ecumenical Thanksgiving @ Bethany 7PM | 28 Thanksgiving | 29 | 30 |



“A tree is a wonderful living organism which gives shelter, food, warmth and protection to all living things. It even gives shade to those who wield an axe to cut it down.”

Buddha

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Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to love God and community, committing ourselves to lives of joyful worship, prayer, and the teaching of scripture.