



## St. David's Episcopal Church

### JULY DOVETALE

2022

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

#### **Summer Break?** By Fr. Harvey

At Church, things tend to slow down a bit in the summer. You can see the slow-down by looking at our July calendar. There is less there than usual. I suspect August will be even slower.

But, of course, things don't stop. God's mission continues. The needs of the world don't go away. Our own need for spiritual connection and sustenance continues as well. So, we at Saint David's maintain much of our regular routine of worship, study, and service straight through July and August. We even have special events here and there. Probably the biggest one in July will be our Tag Sale on the sixteenth.

We also use the slower pace of summer to make plans for the fall and beyond. As always, we are working on our rotation for Sunday School. This year we're trying to do what needs to be done to restart our Prison Bible Study. We're considering creating a Braver Angels Group. (For details on both, see the inside of this issue of the Dovetale.)

Still, I welcome the easier pace of summer. By the time we get to the regular Pentecost season (Sunday June 19 this year) and our Church picnic (Sunday June 26), I am always a little worn down. I know I am not the only one. I value the intensity of the program year. And I value the opportunity to relax and to take some vacation in July and August!

In addition to the things I hope to do and to plan at Saint David's this summer, in addition to the vacations I want to take and the fun I want to have, I hope also to claim some quiet time with God. If your life is slowing down too, I invite you to be intentional about doing the same.

Come September 11 and the new program year, we'll hit the ground running. Between now and then, we'll do the things we need to do to be ready. And one of those things is to spend some time doing nothing at all! Or, rather, doing the most important thing of all, which is focusing on our connection to God.

May God touch each of us this summer! In Christ's name. Amen.

### **TREASURER:** by Fr. Harvey

After a good bit of work setting up a new reporting system, our treasurer Denise Noyes decided she needed to step down. Thankfully, Assistant Treasurer Helene Robbins was able to step right in. If you have questions about our finances or financial policies, please see her. And please join me in thanking both!!

### **FRIDAY NOONTIME HEALING EUCHARIST**

A small group of us gather on Fridays at noon for a short healing service. The service includes a conversational sermon on the saint of the day, an opportunity for people who so choose to receive anointing and special prayers at the altar, and Holy Eucharist. It's a wonderfully intimate service. In July, we'll meet every Friday except the last—July 29. All are welcome—please help spread the word!

### **FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 1:00**

Our Friday Bible Study meets at 1:00 on Fridays. In July, we'll meet every Friday except the last—July 29. Many of us gather in person in the Community Room, while others join us by Zoom. We are still working through the Gospel of John. All are welcome, and you don't have to have any background knowledge about the Bible—just an interest in learning! Please join us!

### **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER ON FRIDAYS AT 2:30**

We gather Fridays at 2:30 for a session of contemplative prayer. We read a passage of Scripture three times, interspersed with short periods of silence. The basic question we ask ourselves is, what is God saying to me through this passage? In July, we'll meet every Friday except the last—July 29. Our sessions are hybrid: some of us gather in person while others join us on Zoom. Please join us in whatever way is most comfortable for you!

### **HEALING MINISTRY**

We continue to offer prayers for healing each week at the altar after the 10:00 service. If you would like to receive prayers for yourself or for a loved one, please go to the altar after the service to meet the designated person offering prayers that week. If you would like to join the rotation of those who offer healing prayers, please let Fr. Harvey know. Thanks!!

### **PRAYER RIBBONS**

In the front row of chairs are baskets with small ribbons. If you would like special prayers at the altar during Communion at Sunday services, bring a ribbon with you. Fr. Harvey or Dcn. Terry will offer a quick prayer. Please return the ribbon afterwards!

### **CHALICE**

We are back to offering the chalice at our services of Holy Communion. You may intinct (dip) or sip. Those who prefer not to share the chalice still receive the full grace of the sacrament from the host alone, especially since it has a drop of consecrated wine on it.

## **OUR AFGHAN REFUGEE UPDATE**

All is well. Thanks to many of you!

The four oldest boys are attending Frank Freeman Elementary School in Springfield, including Rohullah, who has MS. This is Rohullah's first time attending school, and he is twelve years old. What a blessing for this young boy. They are all doing well in school, well behaved and they love school!

The little one, Sulliman, is only three, so he is staying home with mom.

Afzal (the dad) has started work at Lenox (American Saw), in East Longmeadow. He works 5pm to 5 am. He rides his bike from Springfield to work each day. It is tiresome, but a necessary evil for now. He is learning his English, so that he can get a learners permit and a license, so that he won't need to ride the bike. So far, so good with his job.

Sharifa, (the mom) is expecting a baby in September! Oh, my. She is doing well and is getting good medical attention. The doctors say that everything is going fine thus far. As time gets closer we may need to ask for diapers, as they are expensive and that maybe helpful. We have a lot of baby supplies, but may put out a call, should something we don't have be needed.

Both Afzal and Sharifa are attending English classes throughout the week, and they are making good progress.

The house is in good order, all the items donated are being used gratefully.

The boys will be attending summer school to assist them in "getting caught up" as well as attending soccer camp at Camp Weber in West Springfield this summer (fun time). This will help the kids interact and keep learning English.

Our team continues to support the family by providing rides, taking them shopping, fixing broken toys and helping around the house as needed. We also visit with them frequently to let them know that they are not alone.

So – all in all – they are doing well! Lots of moving parts.

It's an opportunity for us to "welcome the stranger, care for the poor", just like we are told to do.

Peace and thanks to all!

Deacon Terry

## **JUNE VESTRY MEETING - SUMMARY :** by Mary Moore

Our June vestry meeting involved a lot of discussion about safety, from CORI checks, Safe Church Training, and how to safeguard all parishioners. We talked briefly about no longer restricting the offering of the chalice, since partaking of it is optional anyway. Other topics included who would be coordinating Sunday school starting next fall, the almost completed property survey, and welcoming Helene Robbins as our new treasurer. One major bit of news was our vote to replace the roof. We decided to go with a local company, CDA, and to get shingles that come with a 30-year warranty.

## **REPLACING OUR ROOF**

Work will begin on Monday, July 11, weather permitting. It should only take two days (of good weather!!), and we can continue with our activities as it happens. But be prepared for a lot of action if you come to the Church on those days!

## **MORNING PRAYER**

We continue our schedule of livestreamed Morning Prayer Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:00 AM, with Terry or me leading on Fridays. Please tune in as you are able. But also remember that we put forms in the narthex for seasonal versions of Morning Prayer and also for Compline. They're intended to help you say Morning Prayer or Compline on your own. Joining us or praying Morning Prayer or Compline on your own is a great way to add a little prayer into your weekly routine!

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE PLANNING WORKSHEET**

This is just a reminder that we have forms in the narthex for planning a celebration of life (aka funeral). It can be really helpful to family members if you plan your service in advance. And the conversation can be surprisingly rewarding! Please speak to Fr. Harvey if you would like any help. We also have available Health Care Proxy Forms and Power of Attorney Forms.

## **THE JOHN O'HARE VETERAN'S MINISTRY**

Our July lunch would have fallen on the 5th, so we and the Lions decided to hold off this month. We'll be back at it on the first Tuesday of August (the 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 11:30.

## **A YEAR WITH LUKE**

A group of us meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 4:15 roughly every other week to talk about a chapter of Luke's Gospel, along with a very accessible guide by N.T. Wright called *Luke for Everyone*. Our July meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19th. Please join us!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** by Fr. Harvey

We wrapped up our program year in June with a party for the kids outdoors and then ice cream sundaes for the parish as a way of celebrating Father's Day. We also thanked Valerie Smart and the teachers/assistants for a great year under often challenging circumstances!

Sunday School is on hold for the summer so that everyone can have a little break. We'll be back at it in the fall, probably beginning on Sunday, September 11. Now we are working on our roster of teachers and aids. If you are willing to join the team, please let me know. Our plan is to have a meeting of all teachers and assistants on Sunday, August 21 at 11:15. Thanks!

## **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

Our July game will be Wednesday, the 13th, beginning at 6:00. There is good food, friendly competition, and lots of fun! Please join us!

## **ABORTION CONVERSATION**

Given the recent Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, a lot of people are talking about abortion these days. Join us after the 10:00 service on Sunday, July 17 for a conversation about the position of the Episcopal Church on this controversial question. This is a chance for us all to learn from the Church and each other. We won't debate the issue so much as try to listen respectfully to positions that might differ from our own. If that sounds interesting to you, please join us!

## **BRAVER ANGELS:** by Fr. Harvey

Bishop Beckwith mentioned this program when he visited us a couple of months ago. Its goal is to bring together people across the political divide for honest conversation. The basic idea is that we all need to be a little better at listening to each other. To set up a group, we need two people willing to facilitate conversations: one conservative and one more progressive. If we have enough people, including appropriate facilitators, we could set up a group specifically at Saint David's. Alternatively, we could combine with other Churches in our area. If you might be interested in participating or facilitating, please contact me. Thanks!!

## **PRISON BIBLE STUDY:** by Fr. Harvey

We're trying again! Just before the pandemic first hit, we had set up a weekly Bible Study at the Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee. Before we had even a single session, the prison shut it down, along with all other volunteer efforts. Now that the prison is once again welcoming volunteers, we can resume this ministry.

The folks at the prison suggested we meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 in the evening. We would take one Monday a month—I've proposed the 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays—and other Churches/people would cover the remaining weeks. So far, we have three partners, although I am hoping to find a few more.

My goal is to get everything in place so that we can begin on Monday, September 11. If we make it, and if we get the fourth Monday, our first session would be Monday, September 26.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating. If you would like to join me for the study sessions themselves, you need to be approved by the folks at the prison. I can talk you through the process, but for now I'll just say it takes some time. Unfortunately, it looks like those of us who already went through this process will have to do it again. I'll confirm that before signing up for the training!

## **GRIEF GROUP**

Our St. David's Grief Group is established to help anyone coping with loss, and that would be the loss of not only a loved one, but any loss, your job, your pet, retirement; we all grieve many things at various times in our lives. Many of us that attend are at different stages of grief, and we all are there to help make the process of grief less difficult to experience. Grief affects all of in different ways. There is no right or wrong way to deal with grief. We're not there to give advice but just to listen and support each other. Our group is not large, but the spirit is there. We have scheduled our meetings for one Wednesday each month beginning at 1:00PM until we are finished for the day. We won't meet in July, but our August meeting will be Wednesday, the third. Please, come join us. You may be the one person that's there to help someone else get through this difficult time.

**CREATION CARE KIDS' CORNER:** by Mary Moore

**Word Scramble - unscramble each of the words below. Then write down the first letter of the unscrambled first word, the second letter of the unscrambled second word, and so on until you have a 6 letter word that describes a time of year. Answers appear on page 9 of this issue of the Dovetale. Hints are given for each word.**

**KKNSU (a mammal) — — — — —**

**RWAPSRO (a bird) — — — — —**

**HSTRUH (a bird) — — — — —**

**QRILUSRE (mammal) — — — — —**

**ROCAN (a tree nut) — — — — —**

**BAGACEB(garden vegetable) — — — — —**

**NEW TENANTS,** by Fr. Harvey

A new Church plans to rent space from us beginning as early as August 1. They'll use our building on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 and Sunday evenings beginning around 5:00. This will be good income for us. But we will need to be aware of the needs of this group and of our other tenants when we schedule our own events. That's a work in progress for me! Thanks for your patience as we adjust to sharing our space!

## **Parish Life**, by Susan Amabile

Anyone interested in making chocolate candy for Church purposes (events, coffee hour, kids events, or fun) please see Sue O'Hare or Susan A. We will provide the molds and chocolate.

Anyone interested in Face painting for about an hour or so at the function on September 10th, please see Susan A.

September 10th and 11th, St David's will be celebrating Grandparents Day (Sunday September 11)

Many good things are planned from Saturday to Sunday with prayers and Dance troops to a great Snack Bar !

Mid July after the tag sale there will be a meeting to discuss this weekend. Everyone's attendance is welcome to discuss the details. We will post the date and time of the meeting!!

Please ask Susan A in advance if you want, or Jo Joubert about the food.  
Thank you.

## **OFFICE ANGELS FLY IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS**

The Office Angels are coming and going and changing workdays this month. Mary Moore is stepping away from her Thursday position (The church is a long way from her home). We will miss Mary on Thursdays and we give her a big THANK YOU, Mary!!!

Bev Lawson who has been working in the office on Tuesdays has requested to go to Thursdays to make her life easier.

We WELCOME PAT WOLOS!!! Who will be taking on Tuesdays in Bev's place.

I am staying on Mondays, Penny Miller is staying on Wednesdays and Bea Richardson will be in on Fridays.

The Office Angels do a variety of jobs in a variety of situations; Do you need help reporting on a church event? Or advertising one? Please let us know, we'll be happy to help.

Blessings,

Sue O'Hare

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next Book Club meeting will be Sunday, July 31st in the Community Room, at 11:15, after Church. Our July book is *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. All women are welcome!!

## **APPALACHIAN TRAIL MAGIC:** by Fr. Harvey

An Episcopal Church in the Berkshires offers “trail magic” to hikers passing through on the Appalachian Trail. That means things like hot dogs and soda, or else a free charge for hikers’ cell phones. As a former Appalachian Trail hiker, I was the occasional recipient of such trail magic, and I can testify that it is a really wonderful thing. I’m thinking a group of us should head out there one day to take a turn. The food, drink, and chargers are all provided. Our role would be to welcome hikers and offer them the stuff. If you might be interested, please let me know. If we get a group together, we’ll find a time that works for everyone. Thanks!

## **CREATION CARE CORNER,** Jim Shields:

A recent article in Time, “A Truth As Cold As Ice”, laid out the problems climate change is bringing to the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Here are some salient points:

1. Antarctica saw its hottest temperature on 2/6/2020, 70 degrees F. At the other end of the world, an Arctic Siberian city reached a record high of 100.4 degrees on 6/20/2020. Precipitous declines in sea ice accompanied these rising temperatures at both poles.

2. Most Chinstrap Penguin colonies in Antarctica have steadily declined over the past 50 years, some by half and others by as much as 77%.

3. Almost every marine animal eats either krill (like Chinstraps) or something else that eats krill. As global temperatures rise because of increased carbon emissions, sea ice is declining, which decreases krill populations that feed off the algae and phytoplankton that cling to the underside of the sea ice. This is an alarming impact on the ocean’s food chain.

4. The shrinking sea ice exposes vulnerable shorelines to rapid erosion and forces indigenous villages to relocate inland, and has disrupted the hunting of seal, polar bears, and walruses so vital to their way of life.

5. If temperatures keep rising in the Arctic, there is a potential that the permafrost, the permanently frozen ground, could begin to thaw, which would release greenhouse gases and further warm the poles. This is a carbon time bomb waiting to go off.

6. At the South Pole, the permafrost is covered by Antarctic ice sheet. If that melts away, it is projected that there could be a 200 foot rise in sea level.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all!**

Psalm 104:24



## **DROP IN CENTER FROM:** Linda Taupier

The Drop-In Center at the Cathedral is always looking for folks who might come and simply be present with our guests, sit and talk over a cup of coffee. We are open Thursday from 9 - 1 at present, and the setup is at 8:40. Many of our volunteers come every week, but that is not necessary. People could come once a month to help set up and leave around 11, or come at 11 and help put stuff away at 1. We can accommodate anyone's desire to help.

We are looking for donations of gently used clothes, particularly men's large and X-large. Sweat pants and hoodies are favorites. We need stuff people would wear who live on the streets. We don't need dress shoes, dresses or 3-piece suits! Thanks!!

## **Maintaining our Flower Gardens:** by Fr. Harvey

Thanks to everyone who is working so hard to keep our grounds and gardens looking great!! If you haven't been involved but would like to start, please contact me. I don't actually do anything(!), but I can put you in touch with the appropriate person. We could particularly use a few volunteers to help with our Good News Garden.

## **WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:** (from page 6)

**SKUNK, SPARROW, THRUSH, SQUIRREL, ACORN, CABBAGE = SPRING**

## **WHO IS CELEBRATING WHAT?**

Happy Birthday to Linda Birk on July 5

Happy birthday to Linda Seabury on July 13

Happy Birthday to Bob Rendrick on July 23

Happy Birthday to Barbara Lefebve on July 23

Happy Birthday to Jude O'Hare on August 1

Now for the BIG one:

Happy Anniversary to Fr. Harvey and his lovely wife Carrie, for 30 awesome years on August 1. Safe travels for their 2nd "Honeymoon" trip to London and of course Pilgrimage to St. David's Cathedral. The Happy couple will leave on July 25th and return on August 8th.

## **Vacation,** by Fr. Harvey

As you can see in the kind congratulations above, Carrie and I are heading to England and Wales at the end of July. We'll fly from Boston to London after Church on Sunday, July 24. During our two weeks abroad, we'll make a pilgrimage to Saint David's Cathedral as well as the birthplace of the saint himself! I'll be back at the post on Monday, August 8. Thanks to Fr. Domenic for leading services on July 31 and August 7! I'll make sure everyone knows who to contact in a pastoral emergency before I go.

## **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Submitted by Jo Joubert

The Auction was a BIG success. Thank you to Fr. Scott and his crew. Thank you to everyone that donated and everyone who worked to make the day a success. So much appreciated. The result was a little over \$4,000.00 AWESOME job Fr. Scott. Next year will be even bigger.

July 16 we will be holding the Tag Sale. The funds taken in from events that the Development Committee put on go to the budget for the Church Floors. Great big thank you to the committee and ALL the members that help put the events together.

Items donated to the Tag sale will be stored NEATLY in room 5.

ALL donations gratefully accepted.

## **KITCHEN CREW:**

Another success was our June dinner. We took in \$756.00. Great Job Bob and Crew. Had lots of compliments on the food. Lynn Litchfield and Barbara Lefebvre won the tickets for the next meal. Thanks to everyone!

Here is our recipe for July:

Fwd: Huli huli Chicken

1 C Pineapple juice.  
1 C Brown Sugar  
1-4th C ketchup  
1-4th C Soy Sauce  
1-2 C chicken broth  
2 1-2 T fresh ginger  
2 T fresh garlic  
3 or 4 lbs boneless chicken.

Whisk together marinade.  
Coat chicken, cover, and  
marinate overnight.

Grill chicken 6-8 minutes  
per side.

**Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.**

Luke 9:16-17

## **JULY CALENDAR:**

### **Our Weekly Events:**

**Sunday: Services at 8:00 and 10:00 (in person and Facebook)**

**Monday: Men's Bible study at 7:00 (in person)**

**Friday: Healing Eucharist every Friday at 12:00 (in person) (except July 29)**

**Bible Study every Friday at 1:00 (in person and Zoom) (except July 29)**

**Contemplative Prayer, every Friday at 2:30 (in person and Zoom)**

**(except July 29)**

**M-F: Compline at 8:00 PM (on Zoom)**

**T-F: Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM (on Facebook)**

### **Special Events:**

**Sunday, July 3: Church without Walls at 12:00 at the Parish Cupboard**

**Tuesday, July 5: NO Veterans lunch**

**Tuesdays, July 5 and 19: Conversation on Luke at 4:15 (on Zoom)**

**Wednesday, July 13: Dominoes at 6:00**

**Saturday, July 16: Tag Sale, 9:00 to 3:30**

**Sunday, July 17: Conversation about Abortion at 11:15**

**Tuesday, July 19: Vestry at 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, August 2: Veterans Lunch at 11:30**

**Wednesday, August 3: Grief Group at 1:00**

### **Regular Rentals:**

**Spanish Church, Sundays from 2:00 to 6:00**

**OA Mondays from 6:30-8:00**

**OA Thursdays from 10:15-11:30**

**Al-Anon Saturdays from 7:15-8:30**

**Mercy Church, Saturdays from 2:00-4:00**



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