



# THE DOVETALE

## St. David's Episcopal Church



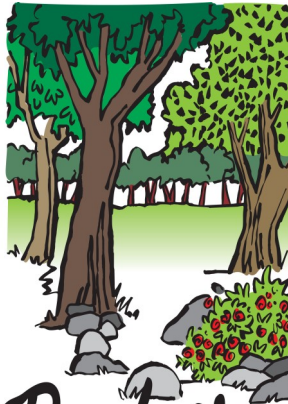
### Sabbaticals

By the time you read this, I will be on sabbatical. Sabbaticals give priests a chance to rest, to engage in projects they could not otherwise complete, and to connect with God in a more intentional and intensive way than is normally possible during ordinary parish ministry.

My application identified three goals: (1) paddle the northern half of the Connecticut River as a kind of retreat; (2) complete a book on the Apostle Paul that I started several years ago; and (3) think with Bishop Scruton about new ministry goals for Saint David's.

Plans are all set for the first. I will spend 2 days paddling with an old friend from high school, a few days hiking with my brother alongside the river in the far north, where it is too small to paddle (!); and a week by myself covering roughly 100 miles from near the Canadian border to about the middle of Vermont. Combined with paddles from previous years, that will complete the Connecticut River—all 400 miles of it!

When I am not out on the river, I hope to spend a good bit of time working on the Apostle Paul. Ideally a published book will result. At the very least, I plan to offer a series of adult education sessions on Paul to share what I have been doing.



*Pastor's*  
SABBATICAL

But I specially want to emphasize the third: long-term planning. Bishop Scruton tells me that we shouldn't think too far out. Contemporary life changes too quickly for that. But we should all ask ourselves a pair of questions. What feeds my soul, and how can I do more of that? What no longer feeds my soul, and can I drop it?

I will be working on those questions during my time away, and I invite you all to do the same. When I return, we'll have a couple of evening sessions—maybe potlucks!!—to share our thoughts and decide together what changes we want to make, as well as what we definitely want to keep the same.

Please be praying for me while I am gone! I will certainly be praying for—and missing!!—you! But I look forward to returning with new energy and new ideas for our common ministry. God be with you all!

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
Fr. Harvey

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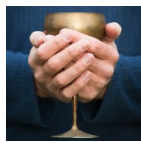
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## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning on June 2 and lasting through August, we will try a new summer worship schedule: a single service at 9:00. Although the changed time will require everyone to adjust their schedules a bit, this is a wonderful opportunity for us all to worship together. We'll go back to two services at 8:00 and 10:00 on September 1. But I hope you all enjoy the summer shift!

## Rector's Sabbatical Begins!

Father Harvey will be on sabbatical from now until Sunday, August 18. Thankfully, we are blessed to have retired priests and excellent lay leadership in our parish!! Scott Seabury and Domenic Ciannella will lead services of Holy Communion while he is away. They have also generously agreed to be available in the event of pastoral emergencies. We'll post in the weekly bulletin who is on call for that week. But as a general rule, the priest who leads worship will be the one on-call that week. If you are ever unsure who that is, please call the office to find out.



## Friday Healing Eucharist and Bible Study Summer Break

We won't be having the Friday Healing Eucharist or Bible Study while Father Harvey is on sabbatical. Both will resume the first Friday in September—September 6<sup>th</sup>. See you then!

## Discretionary Fund

Although Father Harvey is away on sabbatical, we know that the complications of life do not take a vacation. In his absence, our wonderful Senior Warden Carol Fabrycki has Stop and Shop gift cards to help as necessary. Any conversations with her and any help folks receive will of course remain fully confidential.

## Thanks!!!!

We had a lot going on in May! Thanks to everyone who was part of the Pasta Supper; the Crop Walk, our Spring Work Day, the Mother's Day Brunch, the Community Supper, the 5K Walk/Run, the Bishop's Visitation, and/or the joint Jazz Vespers at Grace Lutheran!

## It's Official!!

Congratulations to Mary Moore, Bill and Kate Beauregard, Jerry and Gretchen Ziemba, and Denis LaChappelle!! They were all formally received into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Fisher joined us on May 19.

## Congratulations to Bumpa's Crew!!

At the Pasta Supper, the Crew raised over \$2000 to support the Cancer House of Hope! And we had a fun evening together too!

## Senior Farm Shares

Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA) has supported local farms for many years, in part by encouraging consumers to buy food directly from farmers through programs like farm shares. People with farm shares pay a certain amount of money to a farmer up front, and then receive vegetables or other farm products every week or so for a season. Recently CISA began subsidizing farm shares for needy seniors, and they are asking Churches for help. One share costs \$125.

This year several of us from Saint David's pooled the money we raised in the complaint challenge, money saved because we gave things up for Lent, and other donations so that we could make a joint contribution. CISA is still accepting donations for the program. If you would like to contribute, the best bet is to go to their homepage at <https://www.buylocalfood.org/>.

## **Backyard Mission Day 2019 - Visit to Springfield, MA.**

The Beloved Community Team in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts is providing our Diocese an opportunity at cultural exchange through fellowship, prayer and food, on Saturday June 1, 2019. We have coordinated with three families from Christ Church Cathedral to open their homes for a time of sharing about faith, life, joys and challenges related to their culture and heritage as Puerto Ricans (who are also Episcopalians). Looking at issues such as immigration, education, opportunity, race and class, we will have meaningful conversation which leads to greater understanding. A "progressive meal" will happen between the three homes, with food offered in each. Please RSVP at (413) 736-2742 if you are interested. There is no cost for this event.

## **Movie Premiere by Pastor Scott Seabury**

The New England Premiere of the movie, "A Promise To Astrid," will take place on June 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church, 580 Main Street in Agawam. Admission is free and no tickets are needed. "A Promise To Astrid" is based on the true story by the author of the book, "A Promise To Astrid," by Michael Tourville of Agawam. Actors and crew members from the movie will be present to greet people. Actor Dean Cain (aka "Superman") plays the character, Pastor Scott Seabury!



## **Revival Worship Days**

The Episcopal Churches in our area are trying to do more to cooperate. To that end, we jointly sponsored a joint Jazz Vespers on May 23 at Grace Lutheran in West Springfield. It was a chance to get people from our Churches together and also to bring in people who might not ordinarily attend Church. Next up is a joint worship service at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 16 at 4:00. Good times will be had by all!

# Parish Life

by Susan Amabile

## St David's 5k.

Saturday May 11th was sunny and chilly for our 8th Annual St David's 5k. The run/walk was held at School Street Park to Benefit our Youth Ministry . Our 2 runners were Fr Harvey and Carrie who received a \$25 gift card each to Fleet Feet in Longmeadow for their efforts. Other prizes were John Litchfield, oldest walker and Abby Noyes our youngest walker. The person who raised the most money was our very own Fr Harvey who donated that prize to the picnic. Other people who attended the event was John Ohare our bagel chef. Jude and Sue, Lynn and John, Bob and Ellen, Ellen and Lenny, Norma, Denise and Abby. I am sorry to say that this is the last year for the 5k. A group decision.....it's time. We first started in the Narthex and ventured to Robinson Park and back to the church for Jo Joubert 's grilled bagels and juice etc. We have had some great 5k walk/runs ; when Ariyanna was in a stroller and Jean and Herb's granddaughter Sarah raised the most money and found a snake or was it a lizard on her shoe?

Thanks to everyone for the fun and fellowship ! for 8 years.



## Picnic

Join us for fun and fellowship at St David's Annual Church Picnic on June 23rd following the 9AM service.

There will be games for all ages including Horseshoes and a Golf Course to challenge us by Penny Miller. Check out the Easel n the Narthex for the entertainment we are having. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will be grilling up some hot dogs and hamburgers. Please use the sign-up sheets in the narthex for the food you are bringing and to let us know how many are coming. Anyone interested in helping out with the picnic please see Susan A.

Each child will receive a free coupon for an ice cream cone from McDonald's.

## Time & Talent Stewardship by Mary Moore

As a result of a visit from the chaplain at The Western Mass Women's Correctional Facility to Saint David's last spring, I was granted the chance to teach math to a handful of women in a special program there. In an attempt to address some of the problems that factored into their being there in the first place, this program includes not only some classes designed to help prepare the women for college, it also covers women's issues such as domestic violence and the economics of being female in a male dominated society. A comprehensive support system is also a highlight of this program, providing such diverse things from counseling to help filling out applications to Holyoke Community College or for financial aid.

What rewarding work! These women are motivated to learn. On my first or second night of teaching, one of the women noticed my ID badge that said, "Volunteer." She asked, "So, you don't get paid for this?" I told her that no, I don't. Her eyes lit up. That volunteer designation was a clear message to her that she and the other inmates mattered. I feel honored to have the privilege of making a positive difference in the lives of these women and being a representative from our church.



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thanks to heroic Sue O'Hare, we will offer Sunday School at the 9:00 service throughout the summer. Please bring your children for fun, fellowship, and formation!

## Youth Events 2018-2019



### **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 when I return from my sabbatical. I have been part of the Young Scholars Program for the last few years and serve on their Board, and I strongly recommend their work. You can also check them out online at [www.youngscholarsfund.org](http://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.

### **Youth Event March 24, 2019**

Nine children and several adults headed over to the Agawam Bowl for a fun time of bowling! Each child was given shoe rentals, snacks and a string of bowling. There was plenty of excitement as the children all did well at bowling. Dante was the top scorer to take first place. Thank you to Ellen Scott for hosting this event and a huge thank you to all the adults who supervised and cheered on the children. Money raised from the 5K race helped to subsidize this event.

### **Good Friday Children’s Stations of the Cross/Egg Hunt, April 19, 2019**



A huge THANK YOU is extended to the Noyes family for filling over 2000 eggs with candy donated by our generous St. David’s family! Fr. Harvey and Anne Berry walked the children through the Stations of the Cross complete with costumes and interactive dialog. 15 children showed up for the event so you can imagine the excitement at seeing all the eggs that covered the grass at St. David’s!! Thank you to the adults who sang “Were You There” and who helped make this event a success!

### **Youth Events Update:**

As the Sunday School year winds down, we still have one more Youth event and that is the Father’s Day Ice Cream Sundaes at coffee hour after the 9:00 a.m. service. The youth have had a variety of events from September to June. Recently the children participated in the Good Friday/Easter Egg Hunt with 15 children in attendance and over 2000 candy-filled eggs to hunt (HUGE thanks to the Noyes family for filling the eggs!). Then our Cinco de Mayo Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday, May 5 saw about 50 people gathered for delicious eggs, pancakes, home fries, and sausage, plus all the extras!!! Thanks to the Scott family for coordinating this event.

We had scheduled a fun Game Day in January but unfortunately we had to cancel due to a snow storm and had to reschedule it for a day in the spring. Sunday, May 19 saw only 3 children in attendance for the Game Day. (We couldn’t compete with Six Flags!!). It was also the day of Bishop Fisher’s visit, vestry visit and the start of Fr. Harvey’s sabbatical. It was a busy day indeed!!

### **Sunday School Need:**

We are still in need of Sunday school helpers come September so if God is tugging at your heart to help with Sunday School, please speak with Norma Turcotte or Ellen Scott. Special Thank You to the people who have already stepped forward to teach Sunday School in September. You will be blessed by being a blessing to our church children.

## Creation Care:

By Jim Shields:

The **Sustain Island Home/Carbon Tracker** are new Episcopal Church initiatives designed to give church members across the country tools to reduce carbon emissions and make good choices in 5 key areas of daily life crucial to Creation Care: transportation, eating habits, waste disposal, and how we electrify and heat our homes. The Carbon Tracker will help you mark your **individual** progress and it also **aggregates** St David's contributions so that we can monitor our combined progress and see how our personal life choices compare with other churches in the Diocese (making it somewhat competitive!). Our choices are then expressed in terms of: 1. Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/year saved 2. Actions completed and total points. 3. Projected savings per year.

1. To get started, find the website at [www.sustainislandhome.org](http://www.sustainislandhome.org). Select "get started", and follow the prompts to create your personal account, including a password.
2. Create your own household profile where you enter some information on you current activities so your successes can be tracked.
3. Take sustainable action: Browse a list of actions that help reduce your carbon footprint and environmental impact. Select "Already Completed" for those activities you may have already completed, such as running the dishwasher only when full, or lowering your thermostat in the winter. With other more ambitious initiatives, such as switching to a heat pump type water heater, you can indicate when you anticipate making the switch; the website will then help you with next steps, costs, and questions.
4. Work together: When you create your own account and profile, you will be also be added to the St David's group. You will be able to see your personal progress as well as the aggregate St David's progress. We should all work together to help each other succeed, so let's talk it up, compare notes, and get to work

.I'm urging everyone to get started on this as soon as possible. I'm anticipating that St David's will embrace this initiative, and will respond positively and vigorously. If Episcopalians everywhere do the same, it will have a significant impact on Creation Care. I'm very proud of the Episcopal Church for launching this initiative, and extremely impressed by the website and its potential. If you experience problems setting up your account or navigating through the process, get in touch with me or Mary Moore, who has joined me as part of St David's "green team". Together we **will** be successful.

## Car-Park Solar Project

The project lives!! As reported in previous issues of the Dovesale, I had begun to fear that this project was dead. The idea was to have Resonant Energy build a car-park in our parking lot and then put solar panels on the roof. They would maintain it all and pay us something like \$4000 each year for the next twenty-five years. Everything seemed good to go until Eversource raised concerns about how the project might impact the grid as a whole. Their concerns threatened to scuttle the whole thing.

On our behalf, Jude O'Hare contacted Representative Nick Boldyga to see if he could help. Representative Boldyga made some calls, and the project is moving again! I am VERY grateful to Representative Boldyga for his intervention.

At the insistence of Eversource, we do need to make some modifications in the project. As I write this article, I don't know exactly what that will mean. We will certainly keep everyone posted about any substantive changes to the project. So keep praying. But for today, add some thanksgiving!

## Why Statement By Mary Moore

My Why Statement covers 2 aspects - why the Episcopal Church, and why St. David's in particular, though the St. David's part actually came first. I was raised as Roman Catholic, but after some intense soul-searching, a deeply personal revelation made me leave that church more than 50 years ago. If I were a celebrity, I probably would have been excommunicated anyway. My faith in God never dwindled, but how I worshiped changed to a more solitary or small group kind. Since about 5 or 6 years ago though, I could feel God trying to draw me back into the church. I just wasn't sure to which one exactly. That pull got even stronger during my husband's illness and after his death.

After my husband died, a friend, Jim Shields, invited me to come to a service here. Unfortunately it was right around the time of what would have been my 45th wedding anniversary and the whole visit turned out to be a disaster, with me leaving the service early, walking the labyrinth in the rain, and crying most of the way home. Thanks to Jim though, I was back here within a month to talk with Father Harvey about my grief.

I was impressed by the fact that here was a priest willing to talk to me - me, not a member of his congregation, and so why would he care? But care he did! Our talk turned out to be one of the most important and productive conversations I have ever had in my life. We were talking about my soul here, after all.

After talking with Father Harvey, I started attending services at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Greenfield, about 8 miles from my house, but felt something was missing. I kept feeling drawn back to St. David's - 35 miles away - and started coming here more and more. The next thing I knew, I had become a permanent fixture. I thank you all for that. Never in my life have I seen a group of people living out their faith like you do. You are all so supportive and loving. So the St. David's part of my life is a direct consequence of all the good that I have experienced within these walls.

Now, why the Episcopal Church and not some other one? I think what sealed the deal to explore the Episcopal religion was the first time I received holy communion at St. David's. I had such a good feeling permeate the whole of my being that I was sure this was where I belonged. But those of you who know me well know that I do not take my faith lightly and I still had questions. Participating in Bible study, the healing services, and contemplative prayer helped answer some of those. What ultimately helped me become an Episcopalian though was attending the Episcopal Way sessions and the continuous spiritual guidance from Father Harvey. I was able to ask the hard questions and have discussions with him without being considered a heretic. And during one of our last classes when he discussed the similarities and differences among the various Christian religions, I knew this was indeed the right place for me.

So, grief brought me here. Kindness - yours - kept me here to investigate and meditate. And study coupled with spiritual guidance solidified my decision to become an Episcopalian. I thank God for the entirety of the path that led me to this place in my life. Thank you Lord, for you hear our prayers!

## **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. Thanks!

## **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 me know!) I use both, and they have become a wonderful part of my prayer life. It takes just a few minutes each day, and over the course of a month, I pray by name for every nation in the world, and every member and ministry here at Saint David’s. I encourage you to give it a try. We can all use more prayers on our behalf!!!!

Fr. Harvey

## **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 Father Harvey or Kathy Glista. Thanks!

## **Reading the New Testament**

Our parish is reading the New Testament this year, and that doesn’t stop just because Father Harvey is on sabbatical! To make it through to the end, we need to read just one chapter each weekday. To encourage broad participation, we include the specific chapters for each week in 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.

## **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. Please take one, fill it out, and make sure that the relevant people in our 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.



## A Note from the Treasurer

I apologize for not writing more often, I am not as much of a word smith as our Rector. I am happy to report that we are doing well and are in the black. As a reminder please feel free to look over the budget at any point. It is posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Questions are welcome. Credit for this must be given to all. The Vestry for keeping line items under budget, the Development Team for their work in the new flooring, Fr. Harvey and the Budget Committee for their good planning and others that would be too numerous to mention. Unfortunately, we must be honest about the foreseeable future. Our building is ageing, signs are everywhere. Flooring not complete, Heating/Air conditioning needing replacement (praying other units have much longer life), Roof and Parking lot needing attention. I hate being negative, however as treasurer, I feel it is our responsibility to be realistic. Our events are very successful, along with our Church Rental program and your continued support. Of course increasing the number of Parishioners is our ultimate goal and we can accomplish this by invitation. Start by inviting a friend to an event, maybe a dinner or the bazaar. Maybe mention why you come to St. David's. I know I feel loved, accepted and supported by both God and my church family. I know also that with God's help St. David's will continue to be blessed.

Blessings to All,

Jude

## Praying at Home

Easter lasts another week, and Easter versions of both Morning Prayer and Compline are still available in the narthex, along with a schedule of readings. Pentecost begins on June 9, but the Pentecost versions of Morning Prayer and Compline are there as well. If you have never prayed any of the Daily Office, consider giving it a try this summer. 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.

### **HELP WANTED:**

FOR THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 23RD  
INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS WANTED TO COLLECT SLIGHTLY USED CHRISTMAS  
ITEMS FOR RESALE AT THE BAZAAR .ASK PARISHIONERS TO DONATE ITEMS AND  
STORE THEM IN ROOM 2. PRICE ITEMS FOR RESALE AND ATTEND THE BAZAAR.  
ALL PROFITS ARE FOR ST DAVIDS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT  
PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN AMABILE OR LEAVE MESSAGE AT THE OFFICE.

# CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!

Agawam's Holiday Bazaar Saturday is coming NOV. 23rd

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- . NO RAFFLE PRIZE REQUIRED from you
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**786-6133 and leave message**

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(adjacent to the Agawam Police Station)

## **DOVETALE Deadline by Esther Nunn**

The deadline for the Summer Dovetale is June 20, 2019.

Please note that this issue is for July and August!

Please submit your articles early to [estar00@winning.com](mailto:estar00@winning.com). Thanks



# JUNE 2019



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“There are two kinds of people: those who say to God,  
‘Thy will be done,’  
and those to whom God says,  
‘All right, then, have it your way.’”  
--- C. S. Lewis

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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.*