



# St. David's Episcopal Church

## JUNE 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.*

### PENTECOST by Fr. Harvey

The good news of Easter is much bigger than a day! In a sense, every Sunday (and every day!) is a celebration of the good news that Christ is alive. But all through May and continuing into the first days of June, we have been specially focusing on the good news of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Easter season ends, and Pentecost begins, on June 5. Pentecost is not nearly so well known as Easter, but it, too, is one of the most important holy days in the Christian calendar.

Pentecost was originally a Jewish holy day celebrating the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. A few weeks after the first Easter, Jesus' followers gathered to celebrate the Jewish Pentecost. Suddenly the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to praise God in different languages. As the Acts of the Apostles tells the story (chapter 2), devout Jews from every nation heard the apostles praising God, each in their own language. People were amazed, Peter preached, and thousands of people joined the new movement.

As a result, Pentecost has become a major Christian holy day. If Christmas is the celebration of Christ's birth, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.

I am always sad to say goodbye to the Easter season. But Pentecost is an inspiring (and inspiring!!) day. I hope you will join us for worship that day (Sunday, June 5) if at all possible. And my prayer for us all is that we will catch the Spirit this Pentecost!

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Harvey

## **SAFE CHURCH DATES**

There will be a session for volunteers on Wednesday, June 1 from 5:00 to 8:00 on Zoom. This is the normal training. There will also be a training for clergy and paid staff on Tuesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 9 from 5:00 to 8:00, also on Zoom. It may be that volunteers can do the Tuesday session only as an alternative to the June 1 date. As one who has recently completed the full training, I can say that it is really useful and eye-opening. If you are interested in participating, you can register through the homepage of the diocese or else contact me (Fr. Harvey). If you have done the training before but are wondering if you might be due for a refresher, please contact our Safe Church officer, Carol Fabrycki.

## **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**, by Father Harvey

This is my regular reminder that I have a small discretionary fund which is intended to give people a little financial boost when necessary. Deacon Terry does too. If you get in a bind, please talk to one of us. I should add those conversations and any help people receive from either discretionary fund will be fully confidential.

## **REIMBURSEMENTS**

Across from the office are forms for receiving reimbursements for expenses people incur on behalf of Saint David's, as well as a list of which vestry member is in charge of which budget line. You can also see who is in charge of which budget area on our webpage at <https://www.stdavidsagawam.org/leadership.html>. As always, if you need to spend the Church's money, please complete the form and get the signature of the relevant vestry person. Thanks!!

## **CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS**, by Fr. Harvey

Bishop Beckwith joined us for our May service. Since he had preached that morning, I had to make up my "sermon" on the spot, and share it in front of a Bishop! Thankfully he is a charitable man! So are our regular crew from Saint David's and also the folks we were there to serve. The service went fine, and we enjoyed chatting together for a few minutes afterwards. This ministry truly is a pleasure and an honor, and it was great to share it with our visitor! Thanks to everyone who makes it possible!!

## **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!!

## **BISHOPS' VISITATION**, by Fr. Harvey

As I write this, Bishop Fisher's visitation is still in the future. He already met with the vestry (See Mary's summary of our May meeting). I met with him individually as well, which is always a pleasure. But the big event is Sunday, when he leads us in worship and will also confirm several people. (I can now add that it was great to have him, and especially great to share in six confirmations!! Afterwards he commented that he always enjoyed coming to Saint David's because the Spirit is so active among us!)

## **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.

## **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 June meetings will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us!

## **FRIDAY NOONTIME HEALING EUCHARIST**

Our Friday Bible Study meets at 1:00 every Friday, except June 3. Many of us gather in person in the Community Room, while a few others join us by Zoom. We are still working our way 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!

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

We gather every Friday (again except June 3!) 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? 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!

## **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. Beginning June 5, that means versions for Pentecost. 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!

## **BELOVED COMMUNITY**

The Beloved Community Commission of our Diocese is working on Juneteenth, which falls on a Sunday this year. As you have probably heard, Juneteenth (June 19) commemorates the day the last enslaved people in the United States learned that they were free. Juneteenth is a celebration for all Americans, a chance to acknowledge the progress we have made towards becoming a “more perfect union” truly dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal. It’s also a day to recall how far we still have to go. We’ll acknowledge the day in our services at Saint David’s. But I invite everyone to pause for a moment on the 19<sup>th</sup> to reflect with thanksgiving on our national ideals.

## **THE JOHN O’HARE VETERAN’S MINISTRY**, by Fr. Harvey

Our Veterans Lunches continue to be a great success. Thanks to our volunteers, and a big thanks to the members of the Lions Club for making that happen! Our June meal will be Tuesday, June 7, beginning at 11:30. The meal is free and open to all area Veterans. Please help get the word out. And let Bob Rendrick know if you’d like to help out. Thanks!

## **Sunday School**, by Fr. Harvey

Our Program year wraps up on Sunday, June 19 (Father’s Day!!) Weather permitting, our children will meet in the yard for games, snacks, and big fun. It will be a chance to celebrate the year together.

It will also be a chance for us to thank Valerie Smart for her year of service as our Children’s Ministry Coordinator. Valerie has done a FABULOUS job under often challenging circumstances. Please join me in thanking her!! And all the teachers and aids who were part of the program this year!

Sunday School will be on hold this summer so that everyone can have a little break. We’ll be back at it in the fall, probably beginning on Sunday, September 11. Over the summer, we’ll be putting together our roster of teachers and aids. If you are willing to join the team, please let me know. Thanks!!

## **SUMMARY OF MAY VESTRY MEETING**: by Mary Moore

A good part of the time was spent with Bishop Fisher as he got our input on what ministries that we as a parish are actively involved in. Kudos all around! After that, he informed us of what is happening in the broader Episcopal Church, i.e. at the diocesan, state, national, and international levels. We also talked about the upcoming auction - please donate something if you can, and help spread the word! Other important items included taking at least a month's break off offering the chalice in response to an increase in the number of local cases of covid, a new contract with a different community solar garden - one that can deliver on its promises - and a search for a new Sunday School Coordinator. Many thanks to Valerie Smart for going above and beyond in this role, but who unfortunately cannot remain in the position.

## **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. Check the weekly service bulletin for the next scheduled meeting and please, come join us. You may be the one person that's there to help someone else get through this difficult time.

## **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!

## **CHURCH PICNIC** submitted by Sue Amabile

Our annual picnic will be the last Sunday in June—June 26. We decided to stick with our regular worship schedule this year: services at 8:00 and 10:00. That way our picnic will start about 11:15—a little closer to lunchtime! Sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex. As usual the church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs and bottled beverages. And Paper goods. Everyone is asked to bring their own special side dishes and desserts. Yummy !! If anyone has any ideas for activities please let Susan Amabile know.

## **AUCTION UPDATE**



Final meeting May 29th at 11:15

It's almost here! Our second annual auction!! Scott Seabury and his intrepid crew of auction volunteers are ready to lead us on Saturday, June 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., with a viewing of items to be auctioned from 12:00-1:00. We could still use donations and a few volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Scott. But our main challenge is getting the word out. We'll publicize the auction through our normal channels. But please invite any and everyone you know! The event is free and fun, with food provided. Thanks!!!

## **SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES: TRANSFORMING GUNS INTO GARDEN TOOLS**

A Demonstration and Hands-on Participation at Forge and Anvil creating gardening tools and jewelry from guns voluntarily turned in. Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 to 2:00 at Gardner Memorial AME Zion Church, 368 Bay St, Springfield, MA. All are welcome!!

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

The Women's Book Club is reading "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Our next Book Club meeting will be Sunday, June 19, in the Community Room, at 11:15, after church. All women are welcome!!

## **REVIVAL!! JULY 9 BEGINNING AT 5PM**

The governing body of the Episcopal Church, the "General Convention," meets every three years to make decisions about where God is calling us to go. At Convention this year, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead "We Are Becoming: An Episcopal Churchwide Revival." He'll be in Baltimore, but the Revival is being streamed out to just a few Dioceses, including ours. We at Saint David's are one of the host parishes. Plan to join us on Saturday, July 9 from 5:00 to 7:00. We'll start and end with prayer. In between, we'll watch our Presiding Bishop do his thing. We may even have a little food to keep us going. We're encouraged to invite friends, of any faith and none, to join us. Please do so!!

## **PARISH LIFE:** by Sue Amabile

On SATURDAY June 18th from 5pm-8pm the band RUST will perform on the side lawn. This is a complimentary event by RUST for St David's parishioners and their friends and family ( no work, just relax and enjoy)  
BYO PICNIC AND LAWN CHAIRS The concert is the day before Father's Day . There will be a raffle.

Hope to see you then,  
Renee, Jim and Dave aka RUST

## **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES,** by Fr. Harvey

In June, we'll play on Wednesday, June 8, beginning at 6:00. There is normally good food, friendly competition, and lots of fun! Please join us!

“Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit....” (Acts 2:2-4)

## **MAINTAINING OUR FLOWER GARDENS**

We have an outstanding crew of people maintaining our gardens and grounds, and I'm hoping many of them will continue this year to do the things they have done in past years. But I don't want to assume that. If you have been part of the garden/grounds crew and need a break, please let me (Fr. Harvey) know. If you haven't been, but would like to join the team, let me know that too, and I'll point you in the right direction for what you want to do. And don't forget our expanding vegetable garden. We're hoping to continue building that up this summer, and we could use a few more helpers!!

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

The committee met on May 22nd . The following events were discussed. Some were tabled for another time, some were scheduled and some just didn't make the grade.

### **The following were scheduled:**

**TAG SALE JULY 16 TH.** More information will be available AFTER Fr. Scott's Auction. Such as where we can store items and when they can be dropped off.

September 10th at Parish Life event Dina and Sue O'Hare will be heading up the snack bar. They will keep everyone posted on what they will offer.

November 19th we will man a Table at Bazaar.

December 12th will be our annual Christmas Dinner open to the Public.

February 10, 2023 will be our FIRST Valentine Dinner and Cabaret. Great suggestion, Virginia.

### **The following are events that we are investigating**

A class on making advent wreaths

A night for fun with SIP AND PAINT. Jo is working on this

Crazy Hat, high tea around Easter. Possible.

Sue Amabile is looking into a larger event with a well known guest for bigger bucks. Jo is checking out possible locations.

Traci suggested a Scavenger Hunt and Dinner. Sounded like a lot of fun. She will tweak it and keep us all on board.

Thank you all for your input . Awesome suggestions. Thank you to all our committee members: Virginia, Ellen Rendrick, Val Clapp, Sue O'Hare, Sue Amabile, Ted Zern and of course Fr Harvey. And Fr. Scott. Also thank you to everyone that helps us achieve our goal.

## **FROM THE KITCHEN CREW:**

### **CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER**

**JUNE 6 th, 2022**

**ST. DAVID'S CHURCH**

**699 SPRINGFIELD STREET**

#### **MENU**

**Salad**

**Chicken Parmesan**



**PASTA**

**Red Sauce**

**Vegetable**

**Rolls & Butter**

**Dessert**

**Coffee, tea, water, juice**

ADULTS: \$15.00

CHILDREN AGE 5-12 \$5.00 CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

SERVING AT 6:00 P.M

For Reservations: 413 - 786 - 6133

OR

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## **Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad**

Servings: 12 servings

2 cups broccoli florets, about 1 small head  
2 cups cauliflower florets, about 1/2 head  
1/2 cup celery, chopped  
1/2 cup mayo  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoons black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon celery seed  
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
1/2 cup shredded co-jack cheese  
1/4 cup raw sunflower seeds

Dressing can be whatever the preparer would like.

I use cheese of my choice that day.



## **JUNE 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)**

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

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

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

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

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, June 4: Auction from 1:00 to 4:00**

**Sunday, June 5: Church without Walls at 12:00 at the Parish Cupboard**

**Monday, June 6: Community Supper at 6:00**

**Tuesday, June 7: Veterans lunch at 11:30**

**Tuesdays, June 7 and 21: Conversation on Luke at 4:15 (on Zoom)**

**Wednesday, June 8: Dominoes at 6:00**

**Saturday, June 18: Rust Concert on the lawn**

**Sunday, June 19: Last Day of Sunday School**

**Sunday, June 19: Women's Book Group at 11:15**

**Tuesday, June 21: Vestry at 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, June 25: Swords into Plowshares, from 10:00-2:00 at Gardner Memorial  
AME Zion Church, 368 Bay St, Springfield, MA**

**Sunday, June 26: Parish Picnic at 11:30**

**Saturday, July 9: Revival from 5:00-7:00**

**(we are one of the host parishes for our Diocese)**

### **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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