



# St. David's Episcopal Church

## JUNE DOVETALE

2021

### **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.

### **THE SEASON OF PENTECOST:**

For the last six months, we have moved from season to season in the Christian year pretty quickly. Four weeks of Advent in December; a short Epiphany this year; Lent; and then the fifty days of Easter. We celebrated the holy day of Pentecost on May 23. Then a kind of mixed week, ending with Trinity Sunday on May 30.

Now things slow down a bit. I don't mean our programming, although that tends to be a little slower in the summer, too. I mean the season of Pentecost. It lasts six months! It lasts so long, we often call it "Ordinary Time" to distinguish it from the rapid sequence of special seasons we have just been through.

The whole Pentecost season is shaped to some degree by the holy day with which it begins. On Pentecost proper, we commemorate the day the Holy Spirit descended on the gathered community of disciples shortly after Christ's resurrection and ascension. You can read about it in Acts of the Apostles, chapter two. After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples immediately begin sharing the Gospel. And so is born the Church.

You might say we still live in the age of Pentecost. We continue to gather in Christ's name. The Holy Spirit continues to swirl around. And we continue to be sent out into the world to share the good news of God's love and to do our part in making the world a little better, in Christ's name. That is an extraordinary commission! And it is something we try to fulfill as we go about our ordinary lives.

Pentecost matters to every Christian. But it has a special meaning for us here at Saint David's. At a pivotal moment in the life of Saint David, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. The dove became David's special symbol, and it remains our symbol today. You can see a dove in our Saint David stained glass window as well as on our parish banner. The Dove marks us as people of the Spirit, people of Pentecost.

As the season of Pentecost begins, as we continue to emerge from the pandemic, as we resume more and more of our parish ministries, I invite you to prayerfully reflect on how the Spirit is moving in your life. For what or whom are you being nudged to pray? What are you being nudged to do?

I end by giving thanks to God for the many gifts of the Spirit I see in our parish family every week. And I ask that God continue to pour out the Spirit on us. In Jesus name. Amen!

Fr. Harvey +

## **DAILY PRAYER:**

For the next two weeks, we (Saint David's) continue to offer Morning Prayer every weekday at 8:00. Deacon Terry leads it on Mondays and Fridays, and Father Harvey leads it on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. But beginning the week of June 13, we will shift to a summer schedule of livestreaming Morning Prayer just on Wednesdays. Deacon Terry and Father Harvey will take turns leading it.

As far as we know, Saint Mark's plans to continue offering Compline or something similar at 8:00 every weekday evening except Wednesdays. Please take advantage of these services as you are able. And please spread the word!

## **BELOVED COMMUNITY: JUNETEENTH**, by Fr. Harvey

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19 each year in memory of the day slaves in Texas finally learned that they were free. The Beloved Community Commission of the Diocese plans a special streamed service of Morning Prayer that day at 10:00. I'll share the service on our Facebook page as well. I invite everyone to tune in if you can.

## **THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AND THE DAILY OFFICE:**

One the great, and often neglected, resources of our tradition is the Prayerbook. Now more than ever we all need to be cultivating a regular practice of prayer at home, and the Prayerbook can help. Our livestreamed services of Morning Prayer come from the Prayerbook and are intended at least partly as an opportunity for folks to use these prayer services themselves. We will also put in the narthex copies of a specifically Pentecost version of Morning Prayer, along with the schedule of readings for June. We can mail them to anyone on request. Just call the office or send Fr. Harvey an e-mail.

There are lots of other options in the Prayerbook as well. The Prayerbook has a quick service for Noonday (which we were livestreaming last summer), and a slightly longer one for Evening Prayer (a lot like Morning Prayer and with the same readings). If those are still too much, there are shorter and easier "Daily Devotions" (beginning on page 137), and helpful prayers and thanksgivings at the back of the book (beginning on page 810). The result is something that will work for even the busiest people. If you need a Prayerbook, you can borrow one from the Church, order one for yourself, or find an online version here: [Online BCP](#).

## **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 continue to offer contemplative prayer on Fridays at 2:30 and, like so much else, we now meet both in person and on Zoom. Please join us!

## **READING THE GOSPEL OF MARK:**

Several of us are reading the Gospel of Mark together this year, guided by a kind of commentary by Michael Casey called *Fully Human, Fully Divine*. In June we plan to meet on Zoom on Tuesday, the 15th at 4:15. All are welcome!!

## **PRAYER SHAWLS:**

This is a great time to make, use, or give someone a prayer shawl. If you have one to be dedicated, let Father Harvey know, and he can include a prayer of dedication as part of our Sunday service. If you would like to pick one up from the Church, please let the office know, and we'll try to make appropriate arrangements. Prayer shawls can be a great comfort to people who need a little boost, and that is a lot of us these days! Thanks to everyone who participates in this wonderful ministry!!!

## **SPRINGFIELD CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS:** by Fr. Harvey

We took our regular turn at the Springfield Church without Walls on May 2. Thanks to everyone who donated snacks, and especially to Deacon Terry for coordinating our part! I had a small role in leading the service, but had even more fun handing out the food. Our next turn will be in July. By that time, I believe we will be back to offering Communion and perhaps even a chance to eat together (rather than simply handing out food).

In related news, I have begun conversations with our partners in Church without Walls at the Parish Cupboard. We are not yet ready to start back, but I am hopeful that we'll get back to it soon.

## **FRIDAY HEALING EUCHARIST:**

We continue to meet in the Church every Friday at noon. In addition to a regular Eucharist, we have a conversational sermon and an opportunity for individual anointing and prayers at the altar for those who desire it. It's a wonderfully intimate worship experience! Please join us.

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

The Friday Bible Study is getting fancy! Several of us are now meeting in person in the Community Room. With snacks! Others join us by Zoom. We have a mounted screen in the Community Room, which allows everyone physically present to see people on Zoom. Thanks to a special camera and microphone, people on Zoom can hear and see better as well. By the time you read this, we should be about finished with Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and deciding what to tackle next. Please join us! And spread the word!

## **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 our conversation and any help people receive from either my 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>. Please note that the budget line assignments recently changed as the new vestry has settled in. Continuing vestry members remain in charge of the lines they oversaw last year. Renee Sprinthall is now overseeing adult education and hospitality, and Lin Paquette is now overseeing the budget for children's ministry and the development team. As always, if you need to spend the Church's money, please either complete the form yourself or be in touch with Father Harvey or Treasurer Jude O'Hare so they can fill out the form for you. Please first make sure to get approval from the relevant vestry person. Thanks!!

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Emmy Turcotte-White won the Boissoneault Scholarship, and Josh Bouchard won the Saint David's Scholarship. Both are heading off to College with a little boost from their Saint David's family!

## **LABYRINTH:**

Our Labyrinth is looking great! Back in April, we had a brief prayer service at the labyrinth, and it already looked good then. But it seems to get better every day! Special thanks to the Duttons for their hard work on it!! I encourage everyone to try walking it this summer. There is no wrong way to do it. But most begin with a prayer, which is especially useful if you are facing a particular dilemma or challenge. Offer it up to God, then start walking along the path, slowly and meditatively. You will find the path brings you close to the center, then back out to the edge as you wind your way towards the center. Pause for a few minutes at the center to offer another prayer. Notice the cross in the brick at the very center. When you are ready, follow the path back out. Plan on at least ten or fifteen minutes. You won't regret it!!

## **YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** by Fr. Harvey

This is a request for contributions of time, not money! The Young Scholars 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](http://www.youngscholarsfund.org). The Program can always use money, but the real need is for “scholar partners.” Each partner tracks a few students. At a minimum, that means getting their report cards each summer. That has been my own practice. For people with more time, partners are invited to get more engaged in the lives of their scholars. For most supporters, this is the most rewarding part of the work since it means getting to know the children and their families.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** by Ellen Scott

Hi all, Thank the good Lord, we are going to reopen our Sunday School in the fall. I am trying to put the staff together again. I am hoping that previous teachers and assistants will be willing to return to the positions they had in the past. We'll need some new people as well. In this crazy world we live in, I think it is so important to give our children a religious foundation that they can lean on throughout their lives. Your help in giving them this foundation is so appreciated.

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

Sadly, after many years of outstanding service, Ellen hopes to retire from her role coordinating our children's ministries. We should all be VERY, VERY grateful to her for her talent, dedication, hard work and general faithfulness! Thankfully, she plans to remain available to help out as needed. If you would consider becoming coordinator, please be in touch with her about that too. Thanks!!

## **VETERAN'S LUNCHESES RESUME!**

Thanks to John O'Hare and the Lion's Club, our Veterans' Lunches have resumed! In May, we offered a to-go meal, but for June we are moving back inside. Our June meal will be on Tuesday, June 1, beginning at 11:30. If you would like more information or to volunteer to help, please be in touch with John.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS SUMMER:**

Although the details are not worked out, we'll be offering confirmation classes this summer for teens sixteen and up. Chrissy Turcotte-White and Father Harvey will be leading them. If a teen in your life might be interested, please pass along the invitation. For more information, contact Father Harvey.

## **SPRING WORK DAY:**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Spring Clean-Up! We got a LOT done, and had a good time doing it. Special thanks to Bob Rendrick for leading the effort and to Jo Joubert for providing lunch!

## **MAINTAINING OUR FLOWER GARDENS:** by Fr. Harvey

Our grounds are looking great once again. I confess, I am not sure how it happens. Jim Shields and a crew of mowers keep the grass under control. The Duttons work tirelessly in the back lot, particularly around the labyrinth. Carol Fabrycki continues to improve the garden area on the street side of our building. Other work is clearly happening, too, but I am not sure who is doing it. All I can say is thank you to everyone involved!!

## **EXPANDING OUR VEGETABLE GARDENS:**

As many of you know, we created a small vegetable garden in our back lot a couple of years ago. This year we won a grant from the Diocese to upgrade our efforts by putting a spigot on that side of the parking lot to make watering easier. We also plan to relocate the garden into the fenced area with the retaining pond. (The Agawam Building Inspector assures us this is OK.) Hopefully this will keep at least a few critters out, ensure that our vegetable garden doesn't complicate mowing the grass, and allow us to expand the garden itself. Assuming we raise a decent amount of produce, we plan to make it available to parishioners and perhaps neighbors, as well as donating some of it to food pantries in the area. If you are interested in helping with the garden, please be in touch with Denise Noyes or Father Harvey. Thanks!!

## **WE'RE GOING ON TELEVISION:**

Any week now the Agawam Television Station will begin carrying our Sunday services. We may be able to broadcast live at 10:00. Another possibility is running the service from the previous Sunday on Saturday afternoons and again at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. I am excited about this new way of reaching out, and grateful to Les Tingley and the people at Agawam Media for making it possible.

## **OUTDOOR CRAFT FAIR:**

We have rented our grounds to the organizer of an Outdoor Craft Fair. By the time you read this, the first Fair will be behind us, but there will be two more later this year: on August 8 and October 9. We don't have any role in putting on the Fairs, but there is some conversation about possibly selling food. If we do decide to go forward with this, we'll make sure everyone knows. In the meantime, we wanted to make sure everyone knew about the fairs themselves.

## **CELEBRATING OUT GRADUATES:**

Are you graduating from school (any level)? Is someone you love? If so, please let the office know. We hope to celebrate all our graduates later this month!!

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

The new print version of the Book of Names will soon be available. Thanks to Penny Miller, Sue O'Hare, and others for making this happen!! Copies will be available in the narthex. If you would like us to mail you one, please contact the Church office. Please also remember that we have a password-protected online directory on our webpage. (Contact Father Harvey if you need the password.) If your information changes, let Fr. Harvey and/or Laurie Littlefield know so that we can keep that current. Thanks!!

## Creation Care Kids' Corner : by Mary Moore

Animals can be divided into 2 big groups, animals that have backbones and the ones that don't.

**Vertebrates**— The ones with backbones are called **vertebrates**. Backbones are made up of smaller bones called vertebrae. These are stacked one on top of the other, making it possible for the backbone to bend. If your backbone were a single long bone, you would not be able to bend over. Vertebrates can be further divided into five smaller groups:

**Fish** - live in water; breathe through gills; are covered with scales; and lay eggs in the water. The eggs are soft, like tiny balls of Jello. Example: goldfish

**Amphibians** - live in water and breathe through gills when they are babies, but as they get older they gradually lose the gills and get lungs instead. The lungs make it so they can live on land (but they don't have to) when they are adults. If the adults do spend most of their time in water, like frogs for example, they still need to come up to get air. Their skin has to be kept moist. They need water to lay their eggs in. Their eggs are similar to fish eggs in that they also look and feel like tiny balls of Jello. Example: salamander

**Reptiles** - usually live on land. They have lungs, not gills, so if they do live in water, they have to come up for air once in a while. Their bodies are covered in scales and they don't have to keep their skin moist as the amphibians do. Most reptiles lay eggs that are leathery and flexible, but some snakes give birth to live baby snakes instead of laying eggs. The reptiles that do lay eggs make their nests on land. Example: turtle

**Birds** - have lungs; are covered with feathers; most can fly. Like reptiles, birds lay eggs, but the egg shells are harder and more rigid. Example: blue jay

**Mammals** - have lungs; their skin is covered with fur or hair; they give birth to live babies (with one exception, the duck-billed platypus, which lays eggs!); and produce milk that they can feed their babies with. Example: cow

**Activity** - Try to see at least one animal from each of the 5 groups of vertebrates over the next month. Keep a record of what you see. Make sure you say which of the 5 groups the animal belongs to.

## DANGER: By Pauline Mortenson

Back in May of 2010, a two-year-old male Florida black bear began his search for a mate. He was in south-central Florida oak scrub and crossed pine forests, swamps and palmetto thickets while avoiding human developments. He swam across the Kissimmee River heading north for a month...until a six-lane I-4 highway stopped him. He walked along the freeway for a week looking for a place to cross then gave up and returned to his original area in south-central Florida. This was nearly a 500-mile roundtrip for the black bear. A highway overpass or underpass for animals has become a successful tool to allow animals to migrate. It's been proven to reduce wildlife collisions. Below are a few statistics to encourage us to watch out for wildlife:

Collisions: US drivers hit one million to two million animals every year.

Costs: Vehicle collisions with wildlife cost \$8 billion every year in the US.

Fatalities: Most of the animals die from these collisions.

Injuries: 30,000 or more motorists are injured.

Proven success: Wyoming's project to protect pronghorn has and is building overpasses and underpasses which has reduced wildlife collisions from 85 to 16 annually. In Canada's Banff National Park, roadway fencing along the Trans-Canada Highway guides animals to 44 wildlife crossings thus reducing wildlife collisions by 80%.

To reduce these deadly collisions, hundreds of wildlife bridges and underpasses have been built across our country. As you can see more are needed and various conservation groups are working to identify important wildlife movement corridors that interest roadways.

## FROM THE KITCHEN CREW

### CREAMED SPINACH

#### Ingredients

1 stick butter  
8 tbsp. flour  
1/2 whole medium onion, finely diced  
3 cloves garlic, finely minced  
2 c. milk  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 pinch ground nutmeg  
3 tbsp. butter

#### Directions

1. Melt 1 stick of butter in a pot. Sprinkle in flour and whisk together. Cook over medium heat for five minutes or until light golden brown. Throw in onion and garlic and stir together, cooking for another minute. Pour in milk, whisking constantly, and cook for another five minutes while you cook the spinach.  
2. To cook spinach, melt 3 tablespoons butter in a separate pot. Add spinach in increments until all incorporated, and cook until wilted but not soggy, about 4 to 5 minutes.  
3. Season the cream sauce with salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Add spinach to the cream sauce, stirring gently to combine. Serve immediately.

### ARTICHOKE DIP

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 (6.5 ounce) jars marinated artichoke hearts, drained
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika

#### Directions

- **Step 1** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- **Step 2** In a large bowl, thoroughly mix the mayonnaise, Parmesan, artichoke, mozzarella and garlic powder.
- Transfer the mixture to an 8x8 inch baking dish.
- **Step 3** Bake 30 minutes, or until the surface is lightly browned and bubbly.
- **Step 4** Sprinkle with paprika and serve warm.

I have made both of these dips and loved them.

ENJOY

Blessings

Jo

## **FUN THINGS WE MIGHT NOT KNOW:** by Jo

June is a month of love, awareness and spirituality. The major June events in Sacramento are that of **Father's Day**, **Pride Month Celebrations** and **Yoga Events**.

**June 1** [Dinosaur Day](#), [Stand for Children Day](#),

**June 2** [I Love My Dentist Day](#)

**June 3** [First U.S. spacewalk](#)

**June 4** First Ford made, National Frozen Yogurt Day, Cheese Day

**June 5** National Gingerbread Day, First hot air balloon flight, World Environment Day

**June 6** National Yo-Yo Day, First roller coaster opened

**June 7** National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, Daniel Boone Day

**June 8** First indoor swimming pool built, Vacuum cleaner patented, National Jelly Filled Doughnut Day

**June 9** International Young Eagles Day

**June 10** National Flag Week

**June 11** Jacques Cousteau's birthday

**June 12** National Peanut Butter Cookie Day

**June 13** National Juggling Day, National Lobster Day

**June 14** [Flag Day](#)

**June 15** Power of a Smile Day

**June 16** Fudge Day

**June 17** Iceland Independence Day

**June 18** International Picnic Day

**June 19** [Juneteenth](#), Lou Gehrig's Birthday

**June 20** **Fathers' Day**, West Virginia Admission Day

**June 22** U.S. Department of Justice established

**June 23** Typewriter invented

**June 24** Deaf-Blindness Awareness Week

**June 25** National Catfish Day, Eric Carle's Birthday, [Virginia becomes the 10th state](#)

**June 26** National Chocolate Pudding Day, Toothbrush invented

**June 27** National Orange Blossom Day, Helen Keller's Birthday

**June 28** [Paul Bunyan Day](#)

**June 29** Camera Day

**June 30** [Meteor Day](#)



## Calendar:

(I have listed events this way, as I don't have room on the calendar)

### Weekly Events

Sunday Services at 8 and 10;

Morning Prayer M-Fri at 8:00, through June 11

Evening Prayers with St Mark's at 8 pm every weekday  
except Wednesdays;

Men's Bible study every Monday at 7;

OA Tuesdays from 10-11:15 and Thursdays from 10:15-11:30;

Healing Eucharist every Friday at 12:00;

Bible Study every Friday at 1;

Contemplative Prayer, every Friday at 2:30;

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

### Special Events

Veterans Lunch, June 1 at 11:30;

Mark Conversation, June 15 at 4:15;

Vestry, June 15 at 7:00;

Fathers' Day June 20

Picnic June 27

Please remember to sign up for number of people attending the Picnic and what you will bring. Questions contact Sue Amabile.

IF anyone would like their birthday or anniversary listed, please let me know by the 20th of the month.

IF anyone has anything they would like to sell or gift, also let me know and I will post it.

IF anyone is looking for a P/T job call Dina at Nouria  
(413) 642-9075



*“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord  
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.”*

*JEREMIAH 17*

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