



THE DOVETALE

St. David's Episcopal Church



2020

Invitation to a Holy Lent

As always at our Ash Wednesday service, I invited everyone, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent.

Lent is one of the most important seasons of the Christian year. It is a time of preparation that gets us ready to acknowledge the brutal events of Holy Week, particularly Christ's death on the cross, and then to celebrate the incredible good news of Easter, that Christ is raised.

Those events stand at the very heart of our faith. And yet they can become so familiar that they cease to shock and amaze us. We begin to take them for granted. Lent is the antidote for this attitude.

One of the duties of Lent is self-examination and repentance. We pause to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God and to commit ourselves to turning back.

A second duty is fasting and self-denial. What that means in practice will vary from person to person, but all of us should give something up or take something on. The point is not suffering for its own sake. The point is to act in such a way that our attention is drawn back to God.

So, for example, I give up sweets and Sudoku. (You will hear me complain about that a LOT. And since one of my

goals is a complaint-free Lent, it is going to cost me!) Ideally, every time I crave sweets or think about completing a Sudoku, I will pause to remember what Christ has done for me.

Then, come Easter, I can eat sweets again, return to my puzzles, and generally celebrate God's abundance with renewed gratitude!



A third duty is reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

Join us in reading the New Testament, even if it is just for Lent. Or go to one of our Bible studies—the Men's group on Monday evenings or the parish Bible Study on

Fridays at 1:00, or our Lent Formation Program on The Apostle Paul. Or just read and study on your own. Again the point is to take some time to come to know God better.

If you take Lent seriously, if you strive to have a Holy Lent, you will not enjoy every minute of it. But you will grow a little closer to God. You will know a little more joy. You will experience a little bit of new life. And that is a very good reason to give it a try!!

In the name of the One who lived and died for us.

Fr. Harvey

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Lent Formation: What Would Paul (The Apostle) Say?

For our Lent Formation Program, I will lead us in a discussion of the Apostle Paul based on my work during my summer sabbatical. The sessions will begin on Sundays after the 10:00 service (as close to 11:30 as I can manage!). Here is a summary of what we will do. In the first session (3/1), we'll discuss Paul's conversion to Christianity and his subsequent career as the great Apostle to the Gentiles. In the second (3/15), we'll discuss his teachings about the kingdom of God. In the third (3/22), we'll look at how he tried to balance the competing imperatives of Christian freedom and Christian love. In the final session (3/29), we'll talk about how Paul's mystical faith was given institutional form in the early Church. In each session, we'll spend time on the question, what does this mean for us today? Please join us, and help spread the word. All are welcome!!

2020 Vestry

Thanks to Jo Joubert and Norma Turcotte for their years of service on the vestry! They have now rotated off. So did Paul Fontaine, but I am happy to report that Paul agreed to serve another term and so remains. Mary Moore is the other new regular vestry member, and Cherie McCurdy is our new Clerk. They join Senior Warden Carol Fabrycki, Junior Warden Bob Rendrick, Treasurer Jude O'Hare; Assistant Treasurer Denise Noyes; and continuing members Anne Berry, Pauline Mortenson, Linda Seabury, and Jim Shields. Please thank them all for their service!

Our Vestry and the Budget

In addition to being printed in the annual meeting booklet, our 2020 budget is posted on the bulletin board across from the community room. Farther up the hall, 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. If you need to spend the Church's money, please fill out the form and get the relevant vestry person's signature beforehand. Thanks!!

Holy Week

Holy Week is still a month away. Well before it actually begins, we'll put a schedule for the week in the narthex and on our webpage. But here is a "save the dates" announcement. On Palm Sunday (April 5), we'll have regular services at 8:00 and 10:00, except that they will begin with the procession of Palms. Each weekday during Holy Week, the Agawam Clergy Association sponsors a short ecumenical service at 12:00, followed by lunch at a location to be announced later. Our Maundy Thursday service will be April 9 at 7:00. Our principal Good Friday service will be April 10 at 7:00. But Good Friday is a big day. We start with a combined children's Stations of the Cross/Easter Egg Hunt from 10:00 to 12:00, and we will have a less formal Good Friday service in place of our regular healing Eucharist at 12. On Holy Saturday (4/11), we'll be open for prayer (replacing the more formal prayer vigil). That evening at 5:00, we will join several area Churches in an Easter Vigil at Saint Andrew's. And, of course, our Easter services on April 12 at 8:00 and 10:00. Whew!!

Stations of the Cross

As in past years, we will offer Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. This short, powerful service is a great way to keep focused on the meaning of Lent and Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please join us at 11:30. Stick around for the Eucharist which immediately follows and/or the Bible Study at 1:00!

The Mexican Train Rolls On!

Last Fall we started a new tradition of Dominoes on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00. In March, that means Tuesday, the 24th. Please join us for some fun and fellowship in what can sometimes seem like a grim season! All are welcome!

Baystate Dispatch

We want to make people aware of a wonderful service offered by Baystate called Baystate Dispatch. Doctors will come to your home anytime between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM seven days a week. They claim to accept most forms of insurance. For more information, check Dispatchhealth.com or call 413-998-1981. Thanks to Norma Turcotte for making us aware of this service!

Flooring Update

The vestry will make a final decision about what will replace the carpet in the Church in March or April. We are waiting in part to see how the flooring in the narthex weathers the winter. Almost certainly, the altar area will have a carpet. Indeed, we may not need to replace the carpet up there; it is in much better shape than the carpet elsewhere. And we will almost certainly have carpet up the center aisle for acoustic reasons. The main question is whether to cover the rest of the nave with carpet or with flooring. If you have thoughts, it is not too late to share them. Just let anyone on the vestry know. Thanks!!

COMMUNITY SUPPER:

Our next community supper will be on Monday, March 2nd at 6PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 years old. Children under 5 are Free. Reserve your tickets after Sunday services or by calling the church office at 413-786-6133.



YOUTH EVENTS: by Norma Tourcotte

On Sunday, February 16 after the 10:00 a.m. service a small horde of children participated in our Slime Day event, coordinated by Ellen Scott. All kinds of concoctions were made, much to the delight of all who participated. Kneading the “ooey gooey” slime into a ball complete with stars, beads and whatever was available added to the excitement. Preschoolers to teenagers had a lot of fun chatting together while mixing their slime. A special thank you to the grownups who provided “helping hands.” Thanks, Ellen, for another fun event!!



Upcoming Youth Events!!

Sunday, March 15	Bowling after church at noon
Friday, April 10	Good Friday/Easter Egg Hunt 10 – 12
Sunday, May 3	Mother’s Day Brunch after church
Sunday, June 21	Father’s Day Ice Cream Sundaes at coffee hour

Call for Candy – Youth Ministry Event by Norma Tourcotte

Children’s Stations of the Cross/Easter Egg Hunt will be held at St. David’s on Good Friday, April 10 from 10 a.m. – noon. Children will walk the way of the cross; a story will be shared, and then the egg hunt will begin! Children may wish to bring a basket or bag to hold their candy. Plastic bags will be available for anyone needing a place to put their gathered eggs.

Once again we are asking for your kindness in donating wrapped candy to fill the eggs. A donation bucket will be provided in the narthex. Thank you one and all. Special thanks to the Noyes family who fill the “thousands” of plastic eggs for us!!

Leadership Training by Fr. Harvey

Good leadership is, of course, vital to the health of our parish. We have been blessed with outstanding lay leadership during my entire time serving here, for which I thank God!! In an effort to keep that tradition going, the Vestry is considering a program subsidized by the Diocese and run by the Rev. Peter Swarr and Sue Schneider of Saint Mark’s, East Longmeadow. Churches that have participated in the program have found it very helpful both for established leaders who may be looking for a change and a next generation of leaders who are looking for ways to become more involved. If that sounds interesting to you, please speak to me. Presuming we go forward this year, it will happen in the fall.

Expanding Our Gardens

Last year, we had a small vegetable garden in the lawn at the far side of the parking lot. We plan to expand (and perhaps relocate) the garden this summer. The plans remain in flux, but we would probably offer the produce to any takers (not just Saint David's people) on Sundays after Church. People would take what they want and pay what they can. We could donate any left-overs to the Parish Cupboard.

The question is, who would help maintain the plots? Anyone is welcome; they don't have to be Church members. Our primary concern is not to overburden people who already do a LOT on our grounds! We'll decide how much area to cultivate based on the level of interest. Please let Father Harvey know if you would like to participate. Please also feel free to invite friends who may not be part of Saint David's. We welcome any and all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Although we are set for right now, we will be looking for new Sunday School teachers and aids next Fall. Each teacher is given a Leader Guide which provides the tools to help engage children and how to interact with them. There is a section "Before you teach" which offers help in preparation by offering an overview and better understanding of the biblical background for the lesson. A selection of activities is provided addressing different learning styles, age-appropriate ideas and activities that will help children understand the bible lesson. Sometimes the best part is "SNACK TIME"! Usually the snack is something simple like cookies, crackers or fruit and a drink. We hope that God will tug on your heart as you pray about joining the teaching staff at St. David's. Remember you only teach one Sunday a month! We are also looking for someone to work with Ellen Scott and Norma Turcotte in coordinating Sunday School and other children's activities next fall. If you are interested, please let us know!!



Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now available in the parish office for the Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship, in honor of Albert Boissonneault and Ellie Van Valkenburgh. To be eligible, the applicant must be a graduating senior from high school, accepted at a four-year college, and a confirmed member of Saint David's for at least five years. Completed applications should be submitted to the parish office by May 15. The Boissonneault family will communicate the final decision to the applicant sometime after June 1.

Time and Talent Stewardship

We are tabulating the results of the Time and Talent Commitments. If you expressed interest in joining a new (for you) ministry at Saint David's, we'll be in touch soon. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Snow Policy

This is the second to last time you will see this article until next November! Please remember that the Church will always be closed if Agawam High School closes for the day because of snow. On Sunday mornings, we have to make that call ourselves. When Church is closed, notice will appear on our webpage and on television stations 3, 6, 40, and 22. All meetings are presumed to be cancelled, including any meetings by outside groups that rent the Church property. Our full snow policy is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks!

Annual Meeting, by Fr. Harvey

Cherie McCurdy, our new clerk, will post minutes from our annual meeting on the bulletin board across from the community room. Here I just want to thank everyone who made it possible: the people who wrote reports, Denise Noyes who compiled them, the people who provided food, and all the participants. A good spirit reigned, we elected the people we needed to elect, and we had a chance to talk together about issues facing our Church. I can honestly say I enjoy our annual meetings. Not every priest can say that!! So thanks to you all!



St. David's Complaint Free Lenten Challenge

This is a wonderful discipline brought to us a couple of years ago by Penny Miller. The basic idea is to wear a purple bracelet that reminds us not to complain. Every time we do complain despite the reminder, we put aside a little money. At the end of Lent, we donate the collected money to a good cause.

Those who participated last year will remember how helpful this practice was.

But I warn anyone who didn't participate last year: don't commit to putting aside much money for each complaint. It can really add up!! The purple bracelets will be available in the narthex during Lent. Please join the "fun"!



AGAWAM CHILDREN'S EASTER PROJECT (by Roxanne Zern)

Hippity Hop your way to the rear of the Nave and pick the name of an Agawam child with whom you want to show how St. David's shares the love and caring that Jesus shows us every single day. Yes, it is time for the Agawam Children's Easter Project. Our goal for this season is to fill as many as 40 Easter Baskets full of treats and assorted seasonal items such as books, bible stories, small games, bubbles, age appropriate toys or sporting goods, crafts, even a new spring article of clothing. Just follow the instructions below but remember the **deadline of March 30 for the return of the assembled basket**. Use approximately \$30 as a guide for purchasing the contents and the basket. By all means use your imagination. Children's names are expected to be available the first week of March in the rear of the Nave.

Step By Step for Easter Project

1. Pick a name from the Easter Basket at the rear of the Nave. Print your name next to the child's on the list provided.
2. Say a prayer for the child
3. Go shopping for a Basket and the goodies to fill it. (healthy snacks are good choices/avoid peanuts if possible). Suggested total cost of \$30.
4. Consider small toys, sports stuff, t-shirts, games, books, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, bible stories, paddle ball, make up (depending on child's age), hair bands, school supplies, etc. etc. etc.
5. Fill the basket with a dash of love and wrap the basket in cellophane wrap
6. Affix the tag with the child's name (string is provided for this purpose)
7. Return to church no later than March 30 so that the baskets may be blessed and delivered in time for Easter.

Have fun as we again put smiles on the faces of the children as we have for the last half dozen years!

March 8, 6:15 AM (Kevin Moore, 2007)

I heard a snap
this morning
when I went
to fetch the paper.
At minus 2 degrees
the stairs complained
but with my highly
trained senses
I recognized it
as the sound of
Winter's back breaking.
My friend the Sun
concur.

ST. DAVID'S AUCTION

Our First Annual Auction will take place on Saturday, March 21, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at St. David's. Admission is FREE and we will provide refreshments for those who attend.



As this is a major fundraiser for the year, we are encouraging ALL PARISHIONERS to participate in this Auction in a couple of ways as follows:

- 1. Donate an item or two to the Auction. Gift certificates, gift baskets, wines, and new appliances are items that are always well received. We're looking for quality NEW items to auction. Please fill out a SEPARATE Donation Sheet for EACH ITEM.**
- 2. Invite your friends and family members to attend our Auction. This promises to be a fun event and, as there are few expenses involved, we have much to gain. People can pay in cash or a check made payable to St. David's Church, and we also hope to be able to accept credit cards.**
- 3. Those who are unable to attend this year's Auction but would like to make a cash donation to this very important fundraiser may make a check payable to St. David's and designate on the check memo: "Auction Fundraiser."**

Donated items may now be dropped off at the Church in Harvey's Office accompanied by the completed Donation Sheets. Please do so by March 16. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this major fundraiser!

Senior Farm Shares for Lent, by Fr. Harvey

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.

Every year for Lent I give up some foods. Last year and this year, I am also aiming for a "complaint-free" Lent. I plan to donate the money I save on food, and the money I pay when I complain, to the senior farm share program. If others do the same and we pool our donation, I am sure we can support at least one farm share. You can also donate directly to CISA, of course. But if you would like to be part of a Saint David's contribution, please let Jim Shields know. Thanks!

Creation Care by Mary Moore

Kids' Corner Question: (for kids only! Parents, encourage your kids to try this.)

What is the state bird of Massachusetts?

- a) black capped chickadee
- b) blue jay

- c) cardinal
- d) robin

Please submit your answer to jamesshields861@gmail.com. Give the correct answer and win bragging rights. Your name will be published in next month's Dovetale.

The answer to last month's question was d, 2.9 billion. Since 1970, 2.9 billion breeding birds have disappeared from the U.S. and Canada.

Creation Care Walk, the Sequel

On February 2nd (groundhog day, Super Bowl Sunday), about 10 Saint David's parishioners, aged 4 -70+ met at Robinson's State Park for a 2 hour "cabin fever" hike. Father Harvey started us off with a prayer, then Jim Shields led us on our trek. After we strolled down the road a bit, we veered off into the woods to follow one of the many trails the park has to offer.

Almost immediately after leaving the road we began to see strange shaped mounds, each with a small tree growing out of it. Jim explained that this particular contour of the land was evidence of the tornado that had ripped through this area back in the late 70's: many trees were blown over, falling in the same general direction, and mounds formed over the uprooted bases of the trees. Then new trees started to grow on these mounds, getting their nutrients from the decomposing fallen trees.



We continued down the trail and eventually reached the serene setting of a stream, complete with small waterfalls. The stream was too wide for everyone to cross safely to the trail on the other side, so we backtracked a bit to another route back to the road and parking lot. Meanwhile, the girls on the hike continued to gather specimens of plants and fungi for further inspection once home.

Everyone had a good time, as the weather was perfect and we were actually successful in finding some signs of spring - some plants just starting to poke their way up out of the ground and some bugs. We did accomplish our prime objective of simply getting outside to enjoy and appreciate God's creation.

For future hikes, we are considering offering two difficulty levels, one along the road for the amblers among us and another for those who want a more serious, faster-paced trek. These could be held either together on the same day or on separate days.

Church without Walls

We had thirteen at our Church without walls service, unfortunately not including Martha, who was ill. Perhaps the most notable thing was the return of Deacon Terry Hurlbut. Terry and Fr. John DeBonville founded our Church without walls ministry out of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Saint David's was the second Church to join the effort. For the last six years, Terry was serving at All Saints, South Hadley, where he got them involved in the Springfield Church without walls. It was good to have him back with us in West Springfield!

The Gospel reading was about being the salt of the ear and the light of the world. We talked a bit about both who was light in our lives, and our calling to be light for others. Afterwards we celebrated Eucharist (with cola!!) and distributed the lunches. We were able to give two to everyone who wanted meals, and still have a few leftover for the Cupboard. Wonderful Paul Fontaine delivered the left-overs the next day.

Thanks, as always, to everyone who makes his ministry possible!!

Lent Madness

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout the penitential season of Lent. Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

Lent Prayer Partners

This is our second year to have Prayer Partners, and I can say from experience that it is a really wonderful practice. The idea is that each participant prays for his/her "prayer partner" every day during Lent. Finally, on Easter, each participant will send an Easter Card to his or her prayer partner offering God's blessings on that person. This is a great way to support each other as a community of faith. We have already begun, but it is not too late to join us if you like. Just speak to Father Harvey.

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? Normally we gather on the fourth Sunday of the month. But during Lent (all of March), we'll have adult formation programs after Church. So instead of a single contemplative prayer session, we'll incorporate contemplative elements into our formation programs each week. In April we'll be back on our regular schedule, which means we'll meet on April 26.



Prison Bible Study, by Fr. Harvey

This ministry is not taking off as much as I had hoped as a result of little interest on the part of the incarcerated women. Our plan has been to offer the Bible Study to minimum security women on Tuesday evenings. Apparently there are not many minimum security women at this point, and they are allowed to leave the premises for activities on weekdays, which reduces their interest in evening activities. Mary D'Allesandro, the diocesan missionary to the Chicopee Women's Prison and part of our team, is in conversation with the WCC chaplain about times that might be more attractive—perhaps Sunday afternoons. Hopefully that will help. Stay tuned.

DOVETALE Deadline **by Esther Nunn**

The deadline for the April Dovetale
is March 20, 2020.

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

Praying at Home by Fr. Harvey Hill

Lent is a season for prayer and preparation, and the Prayerbook offers wonderful resources for praying at home. In the narthex you can find a small pamphlet with a Lent version of the Prayerbook service of Morning Prayer, along with a photocopy of the schedule of readings. It takes a couple of times to get going, but after a week or two, saying Morning (or Evening) Prayer becomes habitual and is a great way to add discipline to your prayer life as well as to spend time in the Bible. There is also a form for a Lenten Compline, which takes about 5 minutes around bedtime. If you need help getting started or would like to chat about your experience of Morning Prayer or the other prayers in the Prayerbook, please talk to me.

The Deacon's Corner, by the Reverend Deacon Terry

So, you have a Deacon...What's the deal? What does a Deacon do? What's involved?
Here are SOME examples to help

What do Episcopal Deacons do?

Permanent deacons exercise various responsibilities in parishes and dioceses, including assisting in the sacrament of Baptism, distributing the elements at Eucharist, preaching, blessing marriages, and officiating at funerals and burial services. Focus on bringing to the church the needs and concerns of the world. Serving those in need. A deacon is an ordained minister of the Episcopal Church called to lead church members in service to the poor, needy and oppressed. The deacon is called to lead the people into the world in service. In the Episcopal Church, unlike in many Protestant traditions, but similar to the Roman Catholic tradition, becoming a deacon requires going through an ordination process, in which the candidate is screened and educated before being initiated into the diaconate. Specific requirements vary by diocese.

Do Deacons wear clerical collars?

In the Episcopal Church, the clerical collar is worn by all ranks of clergy, thus: bishops, priests, and deacons, and often by seminarians who have been admitted to candidacy for the priesthood as well as with their cassock during liturgical celebrations.

What else do Episcopal Deacons wear?

For liturgy services, the most common vestments for deacons is an Alb, cincture, stole, and often a dalmatic. For some occasions a cassock and surplice can be worn, sometimes with the stole on the outside of the surplice.

What is a Deacon stole?

A Stole, ecclesiastical vestment worn by deacons, priests, and bishops. It is generally considered the unique badge of the ordained ministry and is conferred at ordination.

How Long does it take to become an Episcopal Deacon?

It takes 3-5 years to become a deacon and it's a voluntary position. A deacon can eventually become a priest in the Episcopal Church (but this one won't).

Building Bridges Veterans Ministry

Our third Veterans Lunch was another great success! Thanks to John and the Lions for preparing a great meal, and to the host of volunteers who made the whole event run smoothly. This time the Mayor joined us, and George Bitzas helped to serve the meal. The Building Bridges Program offered free winter coats to all veterans who needed one, and left quite a few with us to offer again next month. And a representative from a local veterans group announced some of the services his organization can provide. Our next meal will be Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 11:30. (Note the slightly earlier start-time!) Please join us, and help spread the word!



Healing Eucharist

We offer our healing service every Friday at 12:00. In addition to the readings assigned for the day, an informal, conversational sermon about the saint of the day, and Eucharist, participants can receive special healing prayers and an anointing with holy oil. After the service, stick around for Bible Study if you like. Please join us, and help spread the word!

Online Directory

Thanks to the hard work of Laurie Littlefield, we now have a password-protected online directory on our webpage! It is based on the 2019 Book of Names. We will go live soon and announce the password at that time. But first we want to give people plenty of time to opt out altogether and/or to tell us what information they are comfortable being included. Thanks to Laurie for making this happen!

Community Bulletin Board

We also hope to create a “community bulletin board” on our webpage. The idea is that people can list things they would like to give away or sell, skills they have, etc. In another place on the bulletin board, people can request help or make prayer requests. All that we need to get started is content. So, if you would like to advertise or offer anything, please let Laurie know. We’ll keep people informed as this effort gets going. I want to add a note of profound gratitude for all the work Laurie Littlefield regularly puts into our webpage!!!

Reading the New Testament

We are again working our way through the New Testament, with monthly conversations about what we are reading. In March we will be starting the Gospel of Luke, which makes it a good time to join us, perhaps as a Lenten practice. Our March conversation is not yet scheduled, but it will probably be a Tuesday near the end of the month—perhaps March 24—at 4:00. The reading is quite manageable—we read just one chapter each weekday. And spending time with Scripture is one of the best ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. That’s what it is all about!

Flowers and the Altar Candle



Most weeks, the flowers and/or the altar candles are given to the glory of God and in honor of someone important to us. If you would like to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone on a normal Sunday, please complete the regular form, attach a check for the relevant amount, and return it to the office or put it in the collection plate. On Easter, we have a special flower offering, with its own form. Both forms are available in the narthex.

Visioning Potluck

We hope to schedule another Visioning Potluck in April. We will talk in a more concrete way about who we are, who we want to be, and what we need to do to get there. In the meantime, a typed copy of every written comment from our first potluck, along with a summary of some of the things that were said, is available on our webpage, and the box for your ideas is still in the narthex.

Vestry Experience by Norma Turcotte

What an honor and privilege it has been for me to serve on the St. David’s Vestry these past three years. I am thankful for the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the church and to explore my Episcopal heritage. When I first came on board in 2017, I was asked to take the Myer-Briggs personality profile. Having each member of the Vestry take this profile gave us a better understanding of our personality types especially when it came to decision making. I ranked 22% as an introvert but that didn’t surprise me as I tend to be soft spoken and shy. By 2019, I ranked 3% as an introvert so one might say that I found my voice on Vestry!! This may not be true for everyone but know this, on Vestry your voice matters and your opinion counts toward any discussions that ensue. The Vestry team is like my family and continues to be. We laugh; we pray and of course there is always coffee and sweets to share while we tend to church business. Fr. Harvey keeps us on track with the agenda and much is accomplished. I will miss the monthly Tuesday night gatherings with my Vestry family but it is time for another to serve in my place. If you are ever asked to serve on Vestry, first pray and then say yes. You will be blessed.



MARCH 2020



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“See the light in others
and treat them as if that is all you see.”

Wayne Dyer

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