



# THE DOVETALE

## St. David's Episcopal Church



### The Easter Season

We rightly put a lot of time and energy into getting ready and then celebrating on Easter morning. I was thrilled with how everything went this year and grateful to everyone who made it possible.

But Easter is more than a day: Easter is a season lasting seven weeks. In the Bible, numbers mean different things. Seven is the number of days of creation and therefore is the number of perfection and completion. It is no accident that Easter lasts seven weeks. That is seven sevens—the perfect number twice over!

For all seven weeks, we worship with a little extra joy. We are celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, so we drop the confession of sin. We throw "alleluias" around wherever we can fit them in. The music is upbeat and joyful.

As it happens, this year the weather

### The Bishop is Coming!!

On May 19, Bishop Fisher will join us at the 10:00 service for his regular (once every two years) visitation. During the service, Bishop Fisher will formally receive into the Episcopal Church Bill and Kate Beauregard, Denis LaChapelle, and Mary Moore. We'll have an 8:00 service that day, but I encourage everyone to consider attending at 10:00 to cheer them on, hear the Bishop, and make a good showing. After the service (and a few goodies!!), the Bishop will meet with our vestry. That meeting takes the place of our regular May vestry meeting.

seems to be cooperating with the liturgical calendar. At my house, plants began blooming during Holy Week, and it was clear that winter really was behind us. It has been wet and sometimes a little too warm, but that suits this Georgia man just fine. And it is a joy to watch nature bursting into abundant life all around us!



During this Easter season, I encourage you to take a little time to appreciate God's blessings in your life—the people, places, events, opportunities, and so on that bring you joy. They are little grace moments, glimpses of resurrection life. And the practice of pausing to notice and give thanks may well be the best way to celebrate Easter. Alleluia, alleluia!!

In the name of the One who died and rose again,  
Fr. Harvey

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Congratulations to the Joubert family on the May 18 wedding of their granddaughter, Karlie!!!

Happy Birthday to Jane Nunn. She will be 95 on May 17!!

## 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!



## Decision America: Franklin Graham's Northeastern Tour

On May 25, Franklin Graham (son of Billy) is coming to the Big E as a part of his northeastern tour. There will be fireworks as well as live music by Crowder. The event begins at 7:30. For more information, see their webpage at <https://northeast.billygraham.org/>.

## Revival Worship Days

The Episcopal Churches in our area are trying to do more to cooperate. To that end, we have planned two events. On Thursday, May 23 at 7 PM at Grace Lutheran in West Springfield we will have a Jazz Vespers. The idea is to get people from our Churches together and also to bring in people who might not ordinarily attend Church. Then on Sunday, June 16 at 4:00PM Churches in our area will come together at the Cathedral for a joint worship service. Good times will be had by all!



**St. David's 5K Run/Walk for our Youth**  
**Saturday, May 11th at School Street Park**  
**Registration begins at 8:00 AM**  
**The Run/Walk begins at 9:00 AM**

There is not an entry or registration fee. Participants are encouraged to obtain donations in advance of the event. This is a casual event. All are welcome to participate, so please help us spread the word!

A light meal will be served after the 5K

Please call or drop in to the church for more information 786-6133, 699 Springfield St.  
(Next to Police Station)

The church office is open Monday -Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM.

# ST. DAVID'S 5K RUN/WALK

To Benefit St. David's Youth Ministries

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

8:00 AM ~ Registration at School Street Park under the pavilion

\*Please turn in all money at this time\*

9:00 AM ~ Run/Walk begins at School Street Park

## Sponsor Sheet

Runner/Walker Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name	Amount Pledged	Total Amount pledged
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**Light Meal for Participants after the 5K  
Prize for the Runner/Walker who raises the most money!!!**

## **CROP WALK**

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Crop Walk, and organizers made a big push to attract more walkers. Several of us therefore are heading to the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, April 28 to represent St David's. Once again, the Zerns will be waiting at Saint David's to welcome any walkers who need a bathroom break or a little sustenance. Intrepid walkers can keep going to the Church of the Redemption before returning to Feeding Hills Congregational. All money raised will go to combat hunger locally (through the Parish Cupboard) and abroad. Thanks to everyone who plans to be part of our effort. Special thanks to Ellen Scott who is heading up our walking team, and to the Zerns for hosting!

## **Wine making**

This quirky new ministry is well under way! Jim Shields and a small crew of others have now bottled their first batch of homemade wine. In the near future, we'll all get a taste at communion!! This is mostly intended as an opportunity for fellowship, but the point is serious. At the offertory each week, the usher brings forward the communion elements as a sign that we, the people of Saint David's, are offering back to God the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The fact that our wine will soon be homemade will make that offering more personal to us. We might consider homemade bread at some point to complement the homemade wine.

## **Upcoming Youth Events!!**

**2018-2019**

Sunday, May 5	Cinco de Mayo Mother's Day Brunch after church
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day Ice Cream Sundaes at coffee hour

## **Agawam Easter Project**

Thanks to everyone who was part of this wonderful tradition! Special thanks go to Roxanne and Ted Zern for coordinating our efforts once again, and to Larry and Mary Dutton for delivering the baskets to the Town Nurse. Thanks to their work and to the generosity of many, something like thirty needy children in Agawam enjoyed a festive Easter basket and received a little affirmation of Christ's love for them.

## **TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FALL:**

Come September, the Sunday School will need two new teachers and one new assistant. If you have ever thought about helping in this area, please pray about it and then talk to Fr. Harvey, Norma Turcotte, or Ellen Scott. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and you only have to teach once a month. What a joy and a privilege to share God's word with the youth of St. David's. Please think about joining the teaching team this September!

## **Young Scholars Program**

This program offers college scholarships to elementary school students. You read that right—elementary students. The idea is that promising but 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 the 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 (Harvey). 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.

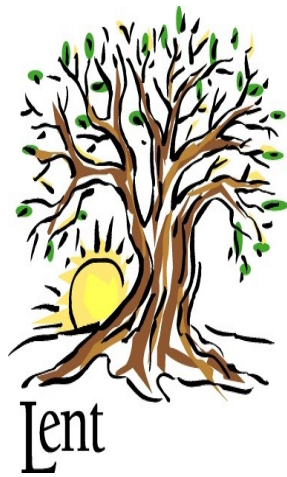
## **Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship**

Last Call for the 2019 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.

## **Spring Work Day**

Our Spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 4 beginning at 9:00. We know about lots of projects, both inside and outside. But we need your help—if you notice anything that could use a little spiffing, please add it to our list of projects, which is in the narthex. And please join us if you can. We get a lot done, and have fun doing it. Lunch will be provided.

## **THANKS!!!**



Now that Holy Week and Easter Sunday are behind us, we can pause to acknowledge a few of the many people who worked so hard to make it all happen. Carol Fabrycki and the Altar Guild were tireless in keeping the Church in the right colors and looking good for worship. Sue O'Hare and the office volunteers prepared lots of extra bulletins, among other extra tasks. And the choir practiced long and hard for weeks to get ready for Easter. I think you will agree, their work paid off!! Thanks also to everyone who participated in worship or helped in all the many other tasks of the season. It really was a holy week!

## **GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING**

The loose change from the collection at our services on Good Friday will go to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. Thanks to everyone who contributed to supporting our presence in the holy land!

## **Complaint-Free Easter**

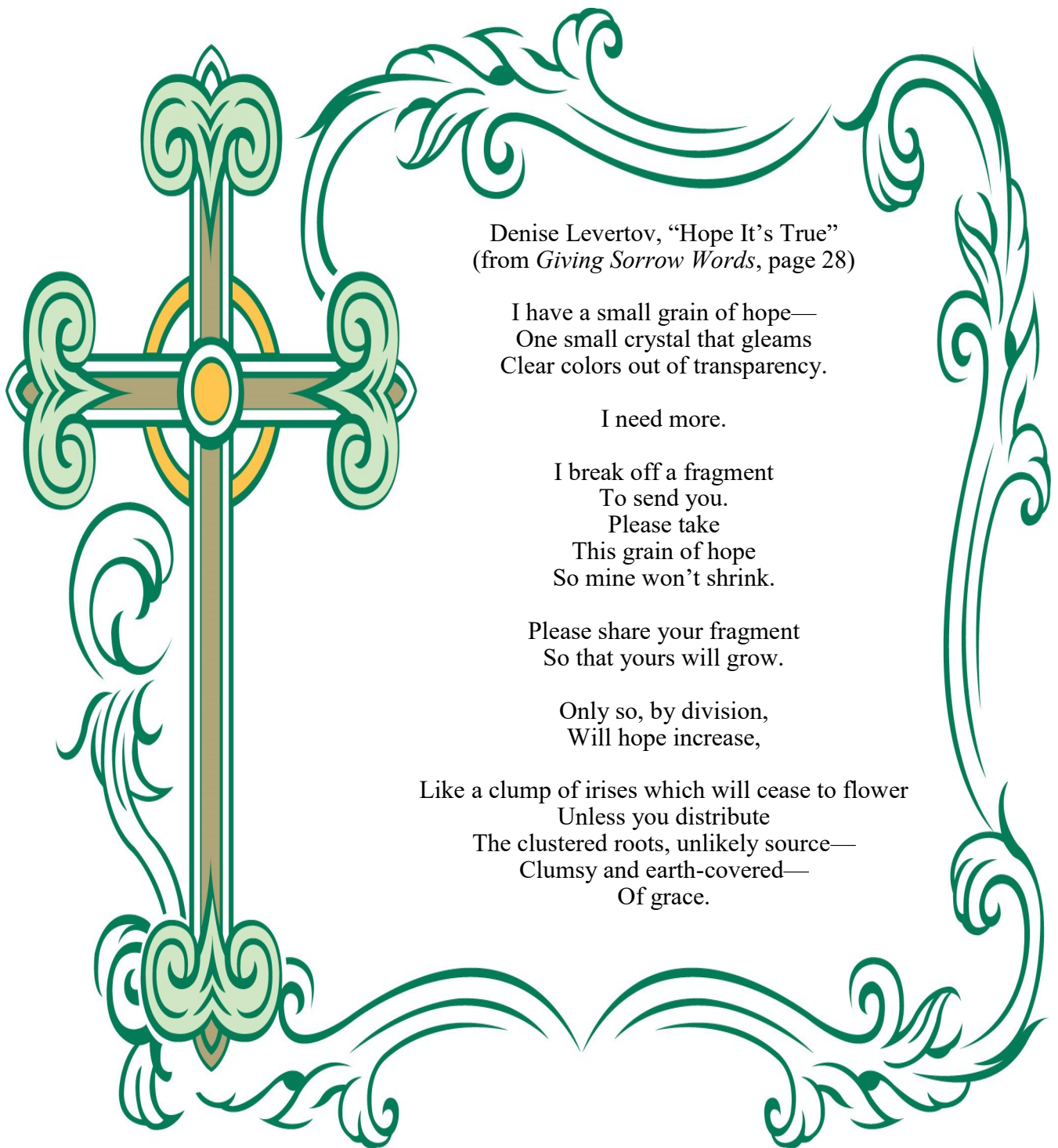
Wearing my purple bracelet and paying a little extra attention to the tone of my conversation has been a wonderful Lenten discipline. I enjoyed it enough that I have decided to keep going! In keeping with the change of season, I have switched from a purple bracelet to a green one, although the color doesn't really matter. But in case others want to continue to limit their complaints and also to change bracelet colors, we'll put green bracelets in the narthex. Feel free to take one. And keep it positive!

## **Lent Madness**

The tournament is over, and the grand winner is...Mary of Bethany! You can read about her in Luke 11:38-42 and John 11:1-44. She was an active, faithful, hospitable woman who is sometimes contrasted to her more contemplative sister Mary. Thanks to everyone who participated in Lent Madness. I hope you enjoyed it and learned something along the way!

For those interested, we'll leave the full bracket in the Community Room for another week or two. There is also a booklet with information about each of the participating saints, including our grad winner Mary of Bethany.





Denise Levertov, "Hope It's True"  
(from *Giving Sorrow Words*, page 28)

I have a small grain of hope—  
One small crystal that gleams  
Clear colors out of transparency.

I need more.

I break off a fragment  
To send you.  
Please take  
This grain of hope  
So mine won't shrink.

Please share your fragment  
So that yours will grow.

Only so, by division,  
Will hope increase,

Like a clump of irises which will cease to flower  
Unless you distribute  
The clustered roots, unlikely source—  
Clumsy and earth-covered—  
Of grace.

## **Clergy Conference**

Every year, the clergy of our Diocese gather for a conference in early May. This year we meet from Monday, May 13 to Wednesday May 15. Our theme is Beloved Community. Please pray for all of us that we can live what we are discussing! And please say a special prayer for me--I am helping to plan the worship services for a group of professionals!!

## **Small Church Summit**

Our Diocese is gathering teams from small Churches (defined as Churches with a part-time priest) for a "summit." The idea is to share ideas and talk together about what is working and what is not. Participating Churches need to send teams of 3-5 people. Since our Church is quite healthy, we have a lot to offer the group. I know that we could also learn from others. Unfortunately, this event happens the same day as our 5K Walk/Run, which complicates putting together a team. If you are willing to represent Saint David's at the Summit, please let me know as soon as possible. I am hoping we can participate, and worried we might not be able to. Thanks!!

## **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!**

I will go on sabbatical for three months, beginning Monday, May 20 and wrapping up on Sunday, August 18. 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 two-week 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. I will miss you all while I am gone! But I look forward to returning with new energy and new ideas for our common ministry!!

## **Sabbatical Coverage: Worship and Pastoral Care**

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 most of the Sundays that I am away. Lynn Litchfield, Ted Zern, and Sue O'Hare will lead Morning Prayer on the rest. It is a relief to me to know that our worship life is in such good hands!!

Scott and Domenic have also generously agreed to be available in the event of pastoral emergencies. We'll post in the bulletin each week 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. I am profoundly grateful to both Scott and Domenic for their willingness to share their considerable pastoral gifts as needed!!!!

## **Managing the Office**

Wonderful Sue O'Hare has been managing our crew of generous office volunteers for the last couple of years. While I am on sabbatical, she has agreed to do even more! She will be sending out the weekly e-mail messages about what is happening at Saint David's for the week, and also reminding worship leaders for the next Sunday about their roles. Please help her!! If you would like information to go out to the parish as a whole, let her know in good time. And if you are scheduled to serve as a worship leader but can't make it, please let her know that too. Thanks to Sue for her willingness to help out! And to all of you for helping her do it!



# Parish Life

by Susan Amabile

## ST. DAVID'S CHILI COOK OFF MARCH 2019

### ENTRANTS:

Sue O'Hare ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy Winner



Christine Turcotte White

Bob Rendrick

Fr. Harvey Hill

Joe Fabrycki

Paul Fontaine

Janet Kopyscinski

Kevin Smith

Jacob McCurdy

Thanks to all for the tasting! Each Entrant received the 'St. David's Spoon' which consisted of a spoon with candy and \$10.

Thanks to parishioners who contributed to the buffet.

Thanks to Renee and Ryan for their musical talents entertaining us.

Thanks for the feedback. See you next year!

## Senior Farm Shares for Lent

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 are pooling the money we raised in the complaint challenge, money saved because we gave things up for Lent, and other donations so that we can make a joint contribution. It is not too late to add to our total, but we will be sending that money off soon. Even afterwards, CISA will still accept donations for the program. If you would like to contribute directly to them, the best bet is to go to their homepage at <https://www.buylocalfood.org/>.

## Church without Walls

In April we gathered on Palm Sunday. To add a festive touch, we took along some of our dedicated Palms, which Martha is using to decorate the Parish Cupboard. Our group was smaller than usual—apparently there was a free hot lunch being served elsewhere. As a result, the Saint David's crew outnumbered the folks from the cupboard by something like two to one!! But we remembered that Christ is with even two or three who gather in his name, so we carried on. Our conversation about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem was good, and we shared Holy Communion. Afterwards we dropped off some spiffy donated clothes, so you may see some well-dressed homeless folks in the near future! Thanks as always to everyone who is part of this ministry!

## Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina

Our practice is to have a session of Contemplative Prayer at 11:45 on the first Sunday of the month. In May, that is the 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be our last session of Contemplative Prayer until September, so please join us if you have been thinking about giving it a try!



## The Way of Love

Our Lent formation program on the Way of Love has come to an end, but that doesn't mean we are done! Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites every Episcopalian (every Christian!) to join him in living the Way of Love. For more information on the way of love, check out <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/>. Among other things, you can watch an inspiring short video. Alternatively, grab a copy of Bishop Curry's sermon announcing the program: copies are available in the narthex. The world needs more people living lives of love, so please, help spread the word!

## 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!

## Parish Bible Study Summer Break

Please join us on Friday, May 3 and 17 (but NOT May 10) at 1:00. After May 17, we'll take a break until Friday, September 6.

We are currently working our way through Exodus, the second book of the Bible. It tells the story of the escape of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt, as well as the first part of their wandering in the desert. About halfway through the book the Hebrews arrive at Mount Sinai, where God gives them the law through Moses. This story is as central to the Old Testament as the Gospel story is to the New.

## 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

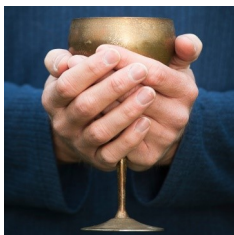
## Prayer Requests

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 Kathy Glista. Thanks!

## Reading the New Testament

Our parish is reading the New Testament this year. This doesn't stop just because I am going 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. I hope as many of you as possible will join in this effort!!

As a supplement to our readings, some of us gather periodically to chat. Those conversations are quite informal—we just talk about whatever has struck us in the books we have recently finished. In May, we will gather on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. That will be our last gathering until August, so please join us, and help spread the word!!



## Friday Healing Eucharist Summer Break

By the time you read this, we will have just two more Healing Eucharists before we break for the summer. We will gather on May 3 and May 17 (but NOT May 10). We'll take off the weeks I am on sabbatical, and then resume on Friday, September 6.

### Ride and Lunch

I will need to have a ride home from church for my dad on July 21 and 28. Then I will need someone to make him a sandwich and a drink. Good wages. Call Susan Amabile at 519-7854.

## Prayer Shawls

We are now down to our last couple of Prayer Shawls. If that is something you do, please make one with love and in prayer, and then bring it to Father Harvey for a blessing on Sunday morning. The shawls can be a great comfort those who need a little boost. Thanks to everyone who participates in this wonderful ministry!!!

## Discretionary Fund by Fr. Harvey Hill

This is just a reminder that I have a small discretionary fund which is intended to give people a little financial boost when necessary. I will be away on sabbatical after May 19, but of course the complications of life do not take a vacation. In my 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.

## Praying at Home

The Easter season has begun! We have put Easter versions of both Morning Prayer and Compline in the narthex, along with a schedule of readings. Easter runs through June 9, at which time Pentecost begins. Since I'll be on sabbatical then, I went ahead and put out Pentecost versions of Morning Prayer and Compline as well. If you have never prayed any of the Daily Office, I encourage you to give it a try. 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. If you need help getting started, please talk to me.

Fr. Harvey Hill

## 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.

## **DOVETALE Deadline by Esther Nunn**

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

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



# MAY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> GRANDPARENT' PLAY GROUP 9:30AM	<b>2</b> OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	<b>3</b> Healing Serv. Noon Bible Study 1PM	<b>4</b> Work Day 9 to 2
<b>5</b> RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Contempl Pray 11:45 Mom's Day Brunch 11:15	<b>6</b> Community Supper 6PM	<b>7</b> OA 9:30AM PRAISE TEAM 1PM New Testament Converse 2PM	<b>8</b> GRANDPARENT' PLAY GROUP 9:30AM	<b>9</b> OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	<b>10</b> NO Healing Eucharist NO Bible Study	<b>11</b> 5K 9 Small Church 11
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“Whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day,  
there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy  
or unremembered peace.”

— Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*

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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.*