



St. David's Episcopal Church

MAY 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.

We're Back!

At long last, after more than a year, our building is open for in-person worship on Sunday mornings and for activities through the week! I am thrilled!

So far, the reopening has gone smoothly. People have been flexible about where they sit, faithful in wearing masks and maintaining social distance as much as possible, and cooperative in adjusting to new ways of worshipping. As a result, we have been able to worship together in a safe way. I am grateful to everyone for making this work, with a special shout-out to Jim Shields and his crew of ushers for their role in helping that to happen!

I look forward to the day when we can relax our precautions. But until that day comes, it is important that we remain cautious so that people who have not been able to get vaccinated, for whatever reason, can still feel comfortable worshipping with us. I say again, thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

For the foreseeable future, and maybe forever, most of our weekday events will be hybrids. That means some of us will gather in person, while others participate on Zoom. It will be interesting to see how all that shakes out. I could imagine, for example, that the Men's Bible Study might stay on Zoom. Our Friday Healing Eucharist is only in-person. But our Friday Bible Study, Contemplative Prayer, and Vestry will all likely be both. If you are ever unsure about whether an event is online, in-person, or both, contact me or the Church office.

As things begin to open up, we have also been able to resume a few of the ministries we had to put on hold. At the moment, I am thinking primarily about our Veterans lunches. But it is also time to work on our gardens, including expanding our vegetable garden with the help of a \$2000 grant we received from the Diocese. I am hoping we will also be able to resume our Church without Walls in West Springfield. But with Martha retiring and the Parish Cupboard having relocated, this is another one we'll have to see about.

All that is to say, I can feel new life in our parish family. And that new life is a lot like the plant life around us. Some things are already blossoming. Others have just poked through the surface. Others haven't yet quite sprouted. But the Holy Spirit is swirling around, Christ is with us, and good things are happening. Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!!

Fr. Harvey +

Communion During a Pandemic

Our building is now open, and we have resumed our Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:00, with Eucharist available to everyone who is there. But we still want to make holy communion available to people who cannot be present. You can pick up consecrated wafers, with a drop of consecrated wine on the wafer, on Fridays between 11:00 and 3:00 for consumption while watching the livestream of the service. We'll also include the prayer for spiritual communion as part of the livestream for people who are not able to pick up a wafer. Finally, we can bring communion to you. If you would like us to do that, please be in touch with Fr. Harvey and he'll set it up.

Daily Prayer

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. Saint Mark's offers 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!

Friday Healing Eucharist

Our Friday Healing Eucharists are back! We gather for the service in person in the Sunday School Room at noon, following the same precautions we observed last fall. Mostly that means masks, social distancing, and no anointing. I'm thrilled to be able to gather once again!

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 continue to hone our ability to host this kind of hybrid meeting, but we are getting better. We now 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 should be able to hear and see better as well. We continue to work through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, which turns out to be remarkably relevant to us today. Please join us in person or on Zoom! And spread the word!

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 May we plan to meet on Zoom on Tuesday, the 4th and the 25th at 4:15. We're still in chapter one of the Gospel, so this remains a good time to join us. All are welcome!!

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, with Bishop Fisher presiding. I'll share the service on our Facebook page as well. I invite everyone to tune in if you can.

"If we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us."

1 John 4:12

Springfield Church Without Walls

Our next turn at the Springfield Church without walls will be Sunday, May 2 at 12:00 in Court Square. Our contribution is snacks for 50. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off the snacks at Church in our Parish Cupboard tub by the door. Just make sure your donation is clearly labelled. You can also be in touch with Deacon Terry. Thanks to Terry for making this happen!! Our turn at Church without walls comes every other month, so our next time joining as a parish will be Sunday, July 4.

Church Directory

The new print version of the Book of Names will soon be available. Thanks to Penny Miller and Sue O'Hare 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!!

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!!

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 that those conversations and any help people receive from either discretionary fund will be fully confidential.

Wine-Making Ministry by Mary Moore

This ministry/fund raiser continues! If you would like a bottle of homemade wine, please contact Mary Moore. The suggested donation is \$10, and the varieties available (while supplies last!) are: Cabernet Sauvignon; Chardonnay; Malbec; Blueberry; and dry and sweet meads. All proceeds go to support our mission and ministries. Thanks to Mary for leading this effort, with occasional help from a wine-making crew!

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!!!

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

Spring Work Day

We have resumed some of our normal activities inside our building, and things are sprouting up outside. That means it is time for our Spring Clean-Up! Our work day will be Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 to 1:00, although folks don't have to come for the whole time, of course. Bob Rendrick will be leading us, as always, and Jo Joubert is providing lunch. Thanks to both of them, and thanks in advance to everyone who participates!

Maintaining our Flower Gardens

Our practice for the last few years has been to put out a chart of our various garden plots and invite people to volunteer to maintain one or more. Among other things, the beautiful flowers are a wonderful frame for our outdoor labyrinth. If you were not involved in our gardens last year but would like to volunteer this year, please let Father Harvey know. If you were involved, we are hoping you will consider continuing with your plot(!). But if that is not possible, please let Father Harvey know that, too. Thanks!!

If anyone is planning to separate flower bulbs of any flowers and you wish to gift any, please think of St. David's. We'll do our best to get them planted. You can drop any bulbs or seeds off with Fr. Harvey. Thank You!

Expanding Our Vegetable Gardens

Two years ago, we created a small vegetable garden in the lawn at the far side of the parking lot. We hoped to expand the garden last summer, with help from a diocesan grant. The Diocese understandably decided against awarding any grants last year, but we reapplied this year. In some ways, the delay may have been a blessing because the Diocese has now joined a denomination-wide program called [Good News Gardens](#). The goal of that program is essentially what we hoped to do with our garden: involve people of all ages in growing food that we can both enjoy and share. Now we are part of a cohort of Churches working along the same basic lines. If you would like to be part of the Good News Gardens Movement—and there are lots of ways of being involved from gardening at your home to helping with ours to distributing food to engaging in conversations about food and faith—please let Father Harvey know. And special thanks to Denise Noyes for her leadership in this effort at Saint David's!

Veteran's Lunches Resume!

Thanks to John O'Hare and the Lion's Club, our Veterans' Lunches are resuming on May 4! We are not ready to host a sit-down meal, so the lunches will be to-go. But I am thrilled that this ministry is getting going once again. If you would like to join the effort, please be in touch with John.

Movie Night Postponed

We were hoping to screen a new film called *Godsend* in early May. *Godsend* is produced by the same filmmakers who made *A Promise to Astrid*, and tells the story of a man who wakes up under a bridge to discover he no longer knows who he is or how he got there. He is branded as a homeless person. Scorned by almost everyone he meets, he finds hope in the unlikeliest of friends: a dog and a pastor. Together, they explore kindness, compassion, and what it means to live - and to become a *Godsend* to others. The filmmakers were planning to join us. Unfortunately, they are not available on the dates we had planned. We still hope to make this happen. Be on the lookout for more information as we work on rescheduling. Thanks to Scott Seabury for handling this effort on our behalf!

“I pray that, according to the riches of God’s glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God’s spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”

Ephesians 3:16-17

CREATION CARE

INSECTS by Mary Moore

Most of the animals that we call bugs are insects. About 75% (three quarters) of all the animals alive are insects! Scientists have been able to identify over 1 million different species, or types, of insects.

Insects hatch from eggs as wormy looking things called larvae, for example, caterpillars. As these baby insects grow into adults, their whole body changes. Think of the difference between a caterpillar (the baby stage) and a butterfly (the adult stage). Adult insects have three main body sections, from top to bottom, the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. They have 6 jointed legs and usually have antennae and wings too. Their skeleton is on the outside of their bodies and is hard, similar to the shell of a lobster, a “cousin” of insects.

Spiders and ticks, which are also “cousins” of insects are different in that they have 8 legs, not 6.

Activities : Look closely at an insect such as an ant or a fly to see if you can make out all 3 body sections and spot the 6 legs. You can google “insects” if you want to see more examples.

Draw and color a picture of a real or an imaginary (make believe) insect. Label the head, thorax, and abdomen. Make sure you give your insect 6 legs, 3 on each side.

THE FUTURE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES: by Jim Shields.

This month, I look at the future of electric vehicles:

1. Cars and trucks are responsible for 20% of the U.S.’s warming emissions.
2. In the next 2 decades it is predicted that more than 320 million electric vehicles will hit the roads.
3. In January, GM announced it would phase out internal combustion engines in its vehicles by 2035. Ford says it will sell only electric vehicles in Europe by 2030. Volkswagen plans to invest \$90 billion on electrifying its vehicles and produce more than 20 million EV’s by 2030. Volvo plans to sell only electric vehicles by 2030. Toyota has pledged to launch a pair of all electric cars for 2022.
4. There are nearly a dozen EVs on the U.S. market, and prices are becoming more competitive, especially when you figure in the \$7500 federal tax rebate.
5. Charging times have dropped, with some models needing just 15 minutes for 200 miles worth of juice, and travelling ranges have also increased.
6. EVs are growing more varied, from sport cars to subcompacts, with a slate of electric pickup trucks (including Ford F-150) set to hit the market in the next few years.
7. It is projected that by 2030 there will 100 EV models to choose in the U.S. The infrastructure to charge them is following suit. Shell has announced plans to create a global network of 500,000 charging stations by 2025, up from 60,000 today.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM:

Time for looking at regrouping to share ideas and thoughts on our next year of money raising for special projects that we are committed to complete. Floors, roof, parking lot (just thinking ahead.) Development has a awesome team and IF anyone would like to join “COME ON DOWN” (see Jo or Harvey)

Thanks!!

HillbillyHousewife.com

Homemade Glass Cleaner

1 cup rubbing alcohol
1 cup water
1 tablespoon vinegar

(blue food coloring optional)



HOW TO MAKE SYMBOLS WITH KEYBOARD

Alt + 0153.....™... trademark symbol
Alt + 0169....©.... copyright symbol
Alt + 0174....®....registered trademark symbol
Alt + 0176 ...°.....degree symbol
Alt + 0177 ...±....plus-or -minus sign
Alt + 0182 ...¶....paragraph mark
Alt + 0190 ...¾....fraction, three-fourths
Alt + 0215×.....multiplication sign
Alt + 0162...¢....the cent sign
Alt + 0161.....¡..... upside down exclamation point
Alt + 0191.....¿..... upside down question mark
Alt + 1.....☺....smiley face
Alt + 2☹....black smiley face
Alt + 15.....☀....sun
Alt + 12.....♀....female sign
Alt + 11.....♂....male sign
Alt + 6.....♠....spade
Alt + 5.....♣....Club
Alt + 3.....♥....Heart
Alt + 4.....♦....Diamond
Alt + 13.....♪....eighth note
Alt + 14.....♫....beamed eighth note
Alt + 8721.... Σ.... N-ary summation (auto sum)
Alt + 251....√....square root check mark
Alt + 8236....∞....infinity
Alt + 24.....↑.... up arrow
Alt + 25.....↓.... down arrow
Alt + 26.....→....right arrow
Alt + 27.....←....left arrow
Alt + 18.....↕....up/down arrow
Alt + 29.....↔....left right arrow

HOW TO AVOID BEING TRACKED ONLINE



Chrome

Under Tools → Clear Browsing Data, ensure that **Delete cookies and other site and plug-in data** is checked.



Safari

From the menu, select **Private Browsing** ... Under Preferences → Privacy, select **Block Cookies → Always**. Consider selecting **Limit website access to location services** to prevent location data being disclosed.



Firefox

Under Privacy → Tracking, select **Tell web sites I do not want to be tracked**, and **Never remember history** to prevent cookies being remembered. Users can also **clear recent history** or **remove individual cookies**.



Internet Explorer

under Tools → Delete Browsing History, select Tools → InPrivate Browsing. Also, under Tools → Tracking Protection, select **Automatically Block for third-party advertising** and Enable.

FROM THE KITCHEN CREW

Request to repeat this:

Banana Bread

1 yellow cake mix

2 eggs

3-4 Bananas

Mash bananas , stir in 2 eggs, mix in the Cake Mix/

I like to put Walnuts in.

Put into greased and floured bread tins.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes

HOW TO MAKE IRISH POTATO BITES:

1 – Boil small red potatoes until they are fork tender. Don't over cook them because you want them to be able to hold up to being cut open and stuffed.

2 – When the potatoes are cooked and have had time to cool cut them in half and scoop out the middle. Save the scooped out potato in a small bowl for later. Cut a thin slice off the bottom of the potato (making sure not to go into the hollow part!) to give it a flat bottom to it on.

3 – Once all of the potato halves are scooped out take that bowl of saved potato centers and add to it 1/4 cup cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup of diced corned beef, and 1 tablespoon of melted butter.

4 – Press the mixture into each potato half and then place them on a baking sheet.

5 – Bake 10 minutes.



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Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Services: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Church w/o walls 12:00	3 Morning Prayer 8AM Men's bible study @7:00 St. Mark 8:00 pm	4 Morning Prayer 8AM OA 10—11:15 Al-Anon 6:30-8 St. Mark 8:00 Vets lunch	5 Morning Prayer 8AM	6 Morning Prayer 8AM OA 10—11:30 St. Mark 8:00	7 Morning Prayer 8AM Healing Eucharist @ 12 Bible Study @1:00 Con prayer 2:30 St. Mark 8:00	8 Clean up day 9:00-1:00 Al-Anon 7:15-8:30
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Calendar Summary

Sunday Services at 8 and 10; livestreamed at 10:00
Bible Study every Friday at 1; in person and on zoom
Contemplative Prayer, every Friday at 2:30; in person and on zoom
Healing Eucharist every Friday at noon; in person
Men's Bible study every Monday at 7; in person
Vestry 5/18 at 7:00; in person and on zoom
Morning Prayer M-Fri at 8:00; livestreamed on Facebook
Compline with St Mark's at 8 pm every weekday except Wed; livestreamed on Facebook
Mark Conversation on 5/4 and 25 at 4:15; on Zoom
OA Tuesdays from 10-11:15 and Thursdays from 10:15-11:30; in person
Al-Anon Saturdays from 7:15-8:30; in person
Veterans Lunch May 4; to-go
Work day May 8 9-1; Lunch provided; in person
Church without walls May 2 at 12:00; in person in Court Square, Springfield

OFFICE ADJUSTMENTS, by Fr. Harvey

We have had some changes in the rotation of our Office Angels. After several years of dedicated service, Ellen Scott is retiring. After a short time away, Penny Miller is rejoining the team and returning to her Wednesday slot. Sue O'Hare and Beulah Richardson continue on Mondays and Fridays respectively. Joining the team are Bev Lawson on Tuesdays and Mary Moore on Thursdays. Valerie Clapp helps with special projects like mailing out the Dovetale to the people who receive hard copies. *Please thank them for all they do to keep our parish going!*

REQUEST FROM EDITOR:

If anyone would like to post a "quote"; a Birthday; something you want to sell or something you need, a birthday, need a prayer for an ill relative or friend, please send me what it is that you wish to post at joubertjo77@comcast.net.

Thank you
Blessings
Jo





“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

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ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

My family and I would like to thank Bob and Ellen Rendrick, Lenny and Ellen Scott, Jim Shields and Dianne Seaver for everything that they did for us to make the day of Paul's funeral easier for us all. Thank you so very much.

Thank you Sue O'Hare for the awesome brownies.

We would also like to everyone for all the sympathy cards. Each one had a special meaning to us.

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers said for Paul. Last but not least Thank you to Fr. Harvey and his team for a beautiful service for Paul.



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