



St. David's Episcopal Church

OCTOBER DOVETALE

2022

MISSION STATEMENT:

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to love and serve God and community, committing ourselves to lives of joyful worship, prayer, and the teachings of Scripture.

CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

One traditional way of describing the Christian life is as a balance of contemplation and action. Contemplation, in this context, means prayer, broadly defined. It includes time on our knees, but also any time of rest and quiet. The most contemplative times may well happen during walks in the woods or as we garden.

Action in this context means any form of Christian service. The two most obvious forms of Christian action are sharing the gospel with people who need a little good news, and meeting the needs of the poor and suffering. But anytime our life in the world is shaped by our faith, we are doing Christian action.

Lots of good things don't fall neatly into either category. Preparing the altar is service to our community, but is also, I suspect, deeply contemplative for those who do it. I normally think of worship as a form of prayer, and so in the contemplative category. But LOTS of people help lead worship, which makes it a form of service, too. And so on.

Still, I find the categories of contemplation and action helpful as a way of thinking about balance in our lives of discipleship. All action with no prayerful contemplation can become a form of secular social service and may be exhausting. All contemplation with no action can become a form of self-help or even narcissistic. Ideally each of us devotes time to both contemplation and action, depending on our particular gifts and callings.

In my own life, I try to pay attention to how I feel. If I start to wear down, I need a little more time for contemplation and a little less action. When I am rested and particularly if I am bored, it's probably time to spring into action.

I encourage you to attend to your own spiritual state. What are your needs right now? And how is God inviting you to fulfil them?

God's peace and all good to you all!
Fr. Harvey Hill

THE FOLLOWING WILL PROCEED AS USUAL

Morning Prayer Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday: Healing Eucharist at Noon; Bible Study at 1:00, and
Contemplative Prayer at 2:30

CREATION SEASON CONTINUES:

Technically Creation Season wraps up on Saint Francis Day, October 4. But we decided to keep it going! We still have two Creation events. On Saturday, October 8 we'll send a team to join the Connecticut River Conservancy in cleaning up the Westfield River. (This event was originally scheduled for September, but people at the Conservancy realized the Big E made getting around too complicated!) And on Sunday, October 16 we'll take a walk in a nearby natural area. For the Creation Walk, we'll meet in the Saint David's parking lot about 11:30.

PRAYER RIBBONS

In the front row of chairs are baskets with small ribbons. If you would like special prayers at the altar during Communion at Sunday services, bring a ribbon with you. Fr. Harvey or Dcn. Terry will offer a quick prayer. Please return the ribbon afterwards!

A YEAR WITH LUKE

A group of us meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 4:15 roughly every other week to talk about a chapter of Luke's Gospel, along with a very accessible guide by N.T. Wright called *Luke for Everyone*. Our October meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 4th and the 18th on Zoom. Please join us!

THE JOHN O'HARE VETERAN'S MINISTRY, by Fr. Harvey

At our August lunch, the Lions distributed coupons for a free lunch at the Big E on the day Veterans got in free, so we didn't host a meal at Saint David's last month. But we'll be back at it on Tuesday, October 4 (Saint Francis' Day!), beginning at 11:30. All Veterans eat free. All are welcome to come help out. Thanks!!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PLANNING WORKSHEET

This is just a reminder that we have forms in the narthex for planning a celebration of life (aka funeral). It can be really helpful to family members if you plan your service in advance. And the conversation can be surprisingly rewarding! Please speak to Fr. Harvey if you would like any help. We also have available Health Care Proxy Forms and Power of Attorney Forms.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITS AND VISITORS

Our goal is to offer Communion to homebound people something like every other week. We currently have six visitors, so we are about there. If you would like to join our intrepid crew, please let me know. Thanks!!

SAFE CHURCH, by Fr. Harvey

The Rev. Tanya Wallace, our Diocesan Safe Church Officer, will be leading Safe Church trainings via Zoom on October 1, but I have heard that it may be full. The people at the Church of the Atonement in Westfield are scheduling their own Safe Church Training and welcome others. If you are interested, please contact me and I'll get you the details.

ST MARK'S FOOD PACKING EVENT, by Fr. Harvey

The Outreach ministry team at St. Mark's in East Longmeadow is sponsoring a food packing event on Saturday, October 29 at their church. Their goal is to pack at least 10,000 meals that day for area food pantries. They are looking for volunteers and donations. Our Outreach Team has already decided to donate money. If you are interested in helping out, let me know and I'll put you in touch with the right people. For more information, check out the short video at this YouTube address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBaV0XbKorw>

KIDS NIGHT OUT AT CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, WESTFIELD, 6:00 to 9:00

This is an opportunity for parents and kids to get a night out. Volunteers at the Church will provide games, snacks, crafty stuff and a movie. There is no charge, although free-will offerings are gladly accepted. They could also use a few more Safe-Churched volunteers. They do ask for pre-registration. Here's the link to register electronically: <https://form.jotform.com/222485859328166>. All are welcome!

Prison Bible Study, by Fr. Harvey

We're still working on this! Getting leaders from multiple Churches cleared for orientation is taking longer than I hoped it would. As I write this, the Jail has all the materials, but hasn't given us new dates to go through the mandatory orientation. Hopefully we'll have them by the time you read this! After getting everyone oriented, we can get started.

Refugee Ministry, by Fr. Harvey

The Kahn family has a new baby girl! We are collecting diapers for them. They don't need newborn diapers, but anything bigger than that! The family is doing well. All are learning English. The kids are in school, which is challenging since they are learning the language and also how school works at the same time. Mr. Kahn's job is going well, and he has already earned his learners permit. The next big challenge is for him to get his drivers license, and for the family to get an appropriate vehicle. Thanks to the Hurlbutts for ALL they are doing to help!!

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS, by Fr. Harvey

Our September Church without Walls was glorious chaos, as usual. I preached at Saint Andrew's that morning, but came back across the river for our service. The Gospel reading was a tough one! But we had a good discussion with our largest group since the pandemic hit. Afterwards I was able to chat with a new person who was really struggling. I never know what to expect, but I always know the Spirit is swirling around! Tanks, as always, for everyone who makes this ministry possible!!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club is reading "The Elephant Girl" by James Patterson and others. Our next Book Club meeting will be Sunday, October 2, in the Community Room, at 11:15, after church. All women are welcome!!

Library Books about Saint David, by Fr. Harvey

When I visited Saint David's Cathedral this summer, I bought Saint David's stuff, things like a key chain, coaster, recordings of their choir, a candle, and so on. I also bought five books about the saint and/or the Cathedral. Two of them I marked up and have in my office. I have donated the other three to our library in the Community Room.

Perhaps the most interesting is Wyn Evans, *St David's Cathedral* (2015), a picture book about the Cathedral. Martin Crampion's *Depicting St David* (2020) is about Saint David in stained glass windows at the Cathedral and around the United Kingdom, with pictures of every window he discusses. Two of the books are more or less biographical about Saint David: *Saint David of Dewisland* and Gerald Morgan, *In Pursuit of Saint David, Patron Saint of Wales* (2017). And David James, *St. David's and Dewisland: A Social History* (1981) is a history of the city Saint David's where the Cathedral of Saint David is located. The last two are in my office. The first three are in the Community Room. Anyone is welcome to borrow any of them!

MARKETPLACE

The Church is looking for a home for the piano in the Community Room. Free to the first person who will haul it away!

Susan Amabile has an iPhone 7 in excellent condition that she would like to sell. Verizon said it is worth about \$125. She will accept about \$90. Contact her at 519-7854.

**“All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!**

(St. Francis, Episcopal Hymnal 400)

Grief Group

Our St. David's Grief Group has wrapped up its sessions for now. Thanks to Penny Miller for coordinating it!! We'll have another round at some point. Please let Fr. Harvey know if you are interested.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, by Fr. Harvey

The Daughters of the King is a religious Order for laywomen, more or less similar to my own Third Order of the Franciscans. The chapter in our Diocese is inviting interested women to learn more about them and to consider joining. They are hosting a discernment program this month by Zoom, probably in the evenings. The first session will be an introduction to the Order. You can also learn more about them at the Order's website: <https://www.doknational.org/>. Let me know if you are interested. You can also contact Mariana Bauman, head of the local chapter, at 413-627-1945 (cell) or marianab@earthlink.net. It's a great organization and a great group!

DROP IN CENTER: by Linda Taupier

The Drop-In Center at the Episcopal Cathedral in Springfield is always looking for folks who might come and simply be present with our guests, sit and talk over a cup of coffee. We are open Thursday from 9 - 1 at present, and the setup is at 8:40. Many of our volunteers come every week, but that is not necessary. People could come once a month to help set up and leave around 11, or come at 11 and help put stuff away at 1. We can accommodate anyone's desire to help.

We are looking for donations of gently used clothes, particularly men's large and X-large. Sweat pants and hoodies are favorites. We need stuff people would wear who live on the streets. We don't need dress shoes, dresses or 3-piece suits! The biggest need in the near future is new men's socks and gently-used coats. Thanks!!

NEW KEYBOARD! PLUS MORE SPACE!!, by Fr. Harvey

Check out the spiffy new keyboard at the back of the Church! It looks and sounds great! Thanks to the Seaburys for a VERY generous donation to purchase the instrument, and to Virginia Ventulett and Kathy Glista who got it successfully up and running! While you're looking back there, you may also notice the additional space. We had the organ removed. It all looks and sounds great!

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BONUS, by Fr. Harvey

You read that right! The Diocese is sending us fifty thousand dollars! The money comes from the proceeds of the sale of the old Saint Christopher's building. The Diocese decided to let the money follow parishioners to their new Churches, including us. We were already blessed to have the Lauzons, Paquettes, Valerie Clapp, Kim Kozik, and the Ciannellas with us. Now we have yet another reason to be grateful for their membership!!

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Trunk or Treat?, by Fr. Harvey

We're trying to decide on whether or not to hold this event. It's always fun, but we are leaning in the direction of not having it this year because we already have so much going on in October, including three Saturday possibilities. But if you are committed to Trunk or Treat and are willing to help coordinate it, please let me know. Thanks!

Children's Ministry: Bowling and Pizza!!

We originally planned this event for September, but decided against competing with the Big E! So, we're taking our children bowling on Sunday, October 16. The bowling alley opens at noon, so we'll meet there. Kids bowl free. Afterwards, we're taking them out for pizza!

Grandparents Playgroup is Back!

Thanks to the wonderful Virginia Ventulett, this group is back. The kids meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 for about an hour for fun, friends, and music. It's free and all are welcome. Please see Virginia for details.

Celebrating Grandparents, by Susan Amabile

September 10th on the lawn was our first celebration of Grandparent's day. Dazzle Studio of Dance charmed the crowd, especially our very own talented Olivia Littlefield. Complementary burgers and hotdogs by our chefs, Sue and Jude, and Virginia! Yummy homemade cake by Bev! Music, of course, by RUST aka Renee, Jim and Dave. Thanks to Laurie, Charlene and Evelyn and Mary for raffle team effort!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR, by Susan Amabile

It's everyone's favorite time of year, the St David's Holiday Bazaar! Saturday November 19th is the date, from 9:00-3:00. If you want to help out that day, please let me know.

What is happening with the Bazaar will be posted on the easel in the Narthex. This year we are going to have CHICKEN SOUP on our lunch menu for a change.

Sign-up sheets for the Bake Table will be out when the time comes. Right now we are looking for donations. Ellen Rendrick Raffle items! Kim Kozik Lottery tickets for Lottery Christmas tree. Checks made payable to St David's are also acceptable. Please put Bazaar on your check. This donation will help with incidentals.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES TO THE BAZAAR IN ANY WAY. Suggestions are always welcome!

“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)

CREATION CARE KID'S CORNER by Mary Moore

Exodus 3:8 "So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey"

Migrations

In order to have enough food, birds that eat mostly insects can't stick around in New England over the winter, so they migrate, or move away, to where they can get enough food. This usually means flying to the southern United States or Central America. Some even go as far as South America. Likewise, birds that eat other birds or small mammals may leave New England. Even though there are still some birds and non-hibernating mammals available, such as blue jays or squirrels, there are not enough of them to keep hawks and other raptors well fed. Birds that live by the ocean are able to migrate later than inland birds, or may even stay here, because the ocean doesn't freeze this far south of the North Pole. Shorebirds can still find plenty to eat.

Did you know that insects -some butterflies - also migrate?

Activities: 1) Be on the lookout for birds that you don't normally see around here during the summer. They may be passing through on their way from Canada to places south of New England.

2) If possible, plant some flowers that don't bloom until the fall, September especially. These flowers are important food sources for migrating butterflies.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Our October game will be Wednesday, the 12th, beginning at 6:00. There is good food, friendly competition, and lots of fun! Please join us!

FALL WORK DAY

Our Fall Work Day will be Saturday, October 15, beginning at 9:00. The best Junior Warden ever will lead us, as always. We'll put out sign-up sheets for volunteers, and also a separate list of tasks. If you have suggestions for things to do on our work day, please add them to the list. We'll have lunch at 12:00 put on by Jo and friends. Thanks to everyone who can help out in any way and for any amount of time. And of course, big thanks to Bob Rendrick!

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We are getting excited about our Paint and Sip on October 26th. Goodies will be served. I have included the flyer in our Dovesale. I will put out a sign up sheet so we will know how many to set up for.

On the flyer is the name and information for paying direct. The cost is \$40.00 but \$20.00 of that comes BACK to our fund raising account.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

REPLACING THE RUG IN THE SANCTUARY, by Fr. Harvey

Our Development Team has been working hard for the last several years to raise money to replace the rugs in our Church building. Several years ago, we had enough to replace the rug with flooring in the narthex and hallways. The Development Team kept at it, and has raised another several thousand dollars towards replacing the rug in in the sanctuary. Thanks to Jo Joubert and her team for all that work!!

Now that we have received the \$50,000 bonus from the Diocese (see page five), we are ready to go. The question now is, what do we replace the rug with? We could go with flooring similar to what we have in the narthex. Among the virtues of flooring, it is easy to clean and good for some of our community events. But flooring is not great for acoustics, particularly of the spoken word, which might compromise worship. Of course, food spills on rugs can leave ugly stains.... The point is, the answer is not obvious. And that's without even getting to the question of cost and longevity!

Our wonderful Senior Warden Bev Lawson will lead our conversation about which direction to go. If you would like to be on the committee looking into the question and making a formal recommendation to the vestry, please speak to her. If you have thoughts but can't serve on the committee itself, please share them with any member. We'll post a list as soon as we know who that is!

Church Rentals, by Fr. Harvey

Rentals are a bigger and bigger part of our budget, as well as our parish life. Anyone who has been to Church recently will have noticed musical instruments along the wall of the sanctuary. If you look more closely, you can see that our storage room is full, and that there is a lot of action in the kitchen. All that action can be a pain. But it is also a REALLY good thing for us.

Renting space has become a critical part of our budget. Pledges and fundraisers have not fully covered our expenses for years. Our expenses continue to go up, and to go up faster than pledge income. Realistically, we need to increase our rental income every year if we want to maintain balanced budgets.


So, if you find yourself inconvenienced by one of our tenants, if for example you want space at a time when the space is taken, please take a minute to remember that we rely on our tenants to fund our own mission, and be as patient as you can. Thanks!

New Television Station, by Fr. Harvey

We continue to broadcast our 10:00 Sunday services, but the television station has changed. We have shifted to channel fifteen from channel twelve. I don't ever get to watch the service on television, but I think the shift has improved the quality of the broadcast. At least I hope so!



PAINT PARTY

WEDNESDAY
OCT 26  6:30pm
to
8:30 pm



\$40
Canvas

St. Davis Church
699 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills MA



\$20 of each ticket Sale goes
to the church

Sign Up Here 

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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR 2022 – 2023

- *October 26 2022 Paint and Sip By Development Committee
- *November 6 2022 Dinner Chicken Francaise – Baked Potato – Green Beans
- *November 19 2022 Holiday Bazaar (see Susan Amabile)
- *December 9 2022 Holiday Dinner by Development
- December 1st 2022 Wreath making (more Info to come)(Development)
- *January 9, 2023 Dinner Meatloaf – mashed Potato
- January 15, 2023 Invite a Friend/relative to come to Church for coffee,
Member bringing most guests gets a Prize (Development)
- *February 11, 2023 Valentine Dinner & Dance Pot Roast (Development)
- February 23, 2023 Paint & Sip (Development)
- *March 6, 2023 Dinner – Chicken Parmesan & Ziti (Development)
- *March 27, 2023 Dinner – Turkey and all the fixings
- April 29, 2023 **YOUNG PEOPLES DAY** open to the public Development
- *May 1, 2023 Dinner – Roast Pork – mashed potato - etc
- *May 20, 2023 Celebrating Armed Forces Day Kicking off with a Scavenger Hunt
and a Dinner TBA (Development)
- *May or June 2023 Annual Auction (Date TBA) (Development)Scott Seabury
- *June 5, 2023 Dinner – Barbeque Chicken & Potato Salad – etc.
- *June 2023 Church Picnic DATE TBA (Parish Life)
- July 15, 2023 Annual Tag Sale (Development)
- August 7, 2023 Invite a Friend/relative to come to Church for coffee,
Member bringing most guests gets a Prize (Development)

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING AND WEATHER.

All events with * will need Kitchen and refrigerator

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

Our Weekly Events

**Sunday: Services at 8:00 and 10:00 (in person and Facebook)
Sunday School at 10:00**
Monday: Men's Bible study at 7:00 (in person)
Thursday: Grandparents Playgroup at 9:30
**Friday: Healing Eucharist every Friday at 12:00 (in person)
Bible Study every Friday at 1:00 (in person and Zoom)
Contemplative Prayer, every Friday at 2:30 (in person and Zoom)**
M-F: Compline at 8:00 PM (on Zoom)
T-F: Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM (on Facebook)

Special Events

**Sunday, October 2: Women's Book Group at 11:15
Church without Walls at 12:00 at the Parish Cupboard**
Tuesday, October 4: Veterans Lunch at 11:30
Tuesday, October 4 and 18: Conversation on Luke at 4:15 (Zoom)
Saturday, October 8: Westfield River Clean-Up
Wednesday, October 12: Dominoes at 6:00
Saturday, October 15: Fall Work Day from 9:00 to 2:00
**Sunday, October 16: Creation Walk at 11:30
Children's Bowling and Pizza at 12:00 at Agawam Bowling**
Wednesday, October 19: Vestry at 7:00
Wednesday, October 26th: Paint and Sip at 6:30
Saturday, October 28: Kids Night Out at Atonement, Westfield, 6:00-9:00
Sunday, October 29: Food Packing Event at Saint Mark's, East Longmeadow

Regular Rentals

Sundays from 1:15 to 4:45 PM: Spanish Church
Sundays from 5:00 to 8:00 PM: Church of the Last Harvest
Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM: OA
Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 PM: Church of the Last Harvest
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00: Church of the Last Harvest (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 AM: OA
Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 PM: Church of the Last Harvest
Fridays from 6:30 to 10:00 PM: Church of the Last Harvest (once/month)
Saturdays from 2:00-4:00: Mercy Church
Saturdays at 7:00-9:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting



Prayers for the world in the throes of violence both from human beings and from nature.

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