A Message from the Discernment Committee at Saint David’s

The Congregational Survey is essential to St David’s discernment or search process. Its purpose is to find out who we are. It is so important to know who we are so we can know who we are looking for and then know when we have found him or her. The Discernment Committee needs everyone’s responses to study and find answers with common threads to put together a clear picture. Then we can formulate a Profile of St David’s that has our shared hopes and dreams and describes what sort of leadership will help bring them to reality.

Please take this opportunity to reflect on the ministry of this congregation. Share your thoughts regarding what is good, what needs change and what’s most important.

Once we have gathered all the answers, we will prepare a consolidated response to each question that reflects the weight of opinion as well as any significant minority positions. These answers as well as basic information about St David’s (including the number of members, worship times, budget, etc.) will form the entire profile. This profile is our congregation’s introduction to potential candidates.

The Discernment Committee hopes that you will help us in this important as well as exciting process to find our new Rector. We can not do it without the help of all of you.

If you would like to speak to one of the committee members about the survey or any other concern with regard to our journey, please contact any one of us at your convenience.

Thank you for being an essential participant in finding St David’s new Rector!

Jim Andrews, Michelle Keniston, Tom Macisso, Carole Russell, Ellen Tacy, Jack Wilde

The following letter was sent to all parishioners along with the survey.

Dear Member of the St. David's community,

St. David's needs to create a website profile as part of the search for a new rector. To create this profile we need your input. We can get some information like the number of parishioners and financial status from the church office and the diocese. We need you to tell us through this questionnaire what is important to you at St. David's, what you see happening here and the kind of minister you want.

Please take the time to share your thoughts and feelings in the questionnaire. Feel free to write more on a separate piece of paper to share your thoughts more fully. The Discernment Committee will use your answers to write our profile. Your responses will only be used by the committee and will be kept in confidence. Your signature on the questionnaire is optional.

Please return your questionnaire by mail or in the box at church by October 4th.

Thank you for your time and support of St. David's.

The Discernment Committee
Parish Survey

Please answer the following questions in the space provided or on a separate piece of paper and return to the church by Sunday, October 4. Responses can be mailed or dropped in the box at the church. Feel free to attach additional sheets if needed. Thank you.

What do you like most in the life of this congregation?

How does St. David’s care for your spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing?

What is your experience leading/addressing changes at St. David’s? How did it go? What did you learn?

What do you recognize in our worshiping community as a success that gives you a sense of personal fulfillment?

What is something that St. David’s should begin to do?

What is your experience of conflict at St. David’s? How was it addressed?

What are your hopes for St. David’s future?

Provide three attributes that the future rector should have.

What other information and/or thoughts do you wish to share with the discernment committee?

Signature (optional) ____________________________________________
A Message from the Saint David’s Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Bequest from the Estate of Inez Snowden

It is with heartfelt thanks that the St. David’s Endowment Trustees, David Monks, Alice Ferran, and Larry Dwight, officially accepted a bequest in the amount of $200,000 made by the Estate of Inez Snowden, longtime parishioner of Saint David’s who passed away in March, and whose memorial service was held at St. David’s in June of this year.

Our Endowment Fund Policies and Guidelines state that the Fund will be invested with the primary objective of long-term growth of principal and income without undue exposure to risk. The principal shall not be invaded and distributions from the Fund shall be made utilizing a ‘Total Return Policy’ that defines a designated percentage of the corpus which will be available for expenditure annually. Questions about these and other matters of interest that parishioners may have can be directed to the Board of Trustees.

This Bequest will lay the foundation for future bequests made by parishioners as part of St. David’s Planned Giving policy.

You can learn more about Saint David’s Endowment Fund Policies and Guidelines on our website at www.stdavidskennebunk.org. Click on the navigational tab “Supporting Saint David’s” and then click on “Planned Giving” in the drop down menu.

Report from the Mission Committee Of Saint David’s

The Mission Committee consists of Fred Madore, Kris Conley, and Tom Chappell. Our work has been reaching out to local elementary schools to inform them of our interest in helping families whose children are in need. The feedback we have received is that the need is for clothing and special things like a children’s wheelchair. We have provided all of these and the schools have been ecstatic about our purpose and generosity.

Recently we learned about a poverty educational seminar, an ongoing program which can become a county wide collaboration of non-profits and churches. Gail Chandler has attended the relevant workshops and is inspired by the quality of the programming and local interest among the right organizations. Cathy Zub will be checking in next time with more of a report.

We thank all who have been available to help so far. We are beginning to make a difference.

Tom, Chair of Mission Committee

Meet St. David’s New Property Manager

Fred Madore, Building and Grounds Chair, recently hired Ed Verge as St. David’s new part time Property Manager. Ed is a retired electrician and lives in Kennebunk with his wife. He can be seen here very early in the mornings making his rounds cleaning, washing, emptying trash and tidying up. If you see Ed, be sure to say hello.
Godly Play Engages Bible Adventure Kids

All of the stories of the Bible unfold in Godly Play. Gentle wooden figurines and soft felt with rich colors help to illustrate the story which encourages much discussion and active participation. All children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome at Bible Adventure, Sunday mornings at 10:15.

For the month of October through November 22nd, the children of Bible Adventure will be bringing in non-perishable food items for the Hands Across Our Community Outreach Mission as their offering.

Preparing For Sunday

Do you recognize this image? This is part of Saint David’s website’s Home Page. It can be viewed just above the “Service Schedule” on the right side of the page.

Have you ever clicked on this image on our website? If not, please take a moment to do so. “Preparing for Sunday” offers the weekly readings for a 3 week period. Commentaries, Reflections and a Prayer Starter offer more insight and interpretation of the readings.

Preparing for Sunday offers an opportunity to be mindful of the upcoming readings, as well as an opportunity to reflect further on a reading that may have moved you to explore in greater depth.

Calling All Bakers

Do you love to bake? Then please consider supporting the BAKE TABLE at the HARVEST FAIR, NOVEMBER 7. There will be sign up sheets in the Great Hall as well as personal solicitation in the Narthex a few Sunday’s in October. We are in need of pies, cakes, cookies, breads, candy, cobblers, brownies/bars and especially some GLUTEN FREE goodies. Food should be labeled if it contains nuts. Cookies should be packaged in bags of 6.

Please have food at the church Friday afternoon, Nov. 6 or by 8 AM Saturday morning, Nov. 7.

Thank you,
Priscilla Madore and Sue Cryer

Fall Work Day - October 17, 8:30-12 Noon

Please join us for a fall Work Day to get our grounds ready for winter. All are welcome to participate in the job of raking up the leaves and debris accumulated since spring and making things tidy before the weather changes. Bring heavy work gloves, leaf blowers, tarps and rakes and anything else that would help in getting the job done quickly and efficiently. Many hands will get the job done quickly. Please sign up on the sheet in the Great Hall. Thank you.

From the Building and Grounds Committee:

During the month of October we will be finishing up most of our outside projects for the season. One of our bigger projects will be starting this month and that is the next phase of the flooring which includes the Library and all of the hallways.

Fred Madore, Chair, Building and Grounds

Christmas Pageant Plans Underway

Although it is only autumn, we are beginning to plan this year’s Christmas Pageant to be held on Thursday, December 24 at 4pm. If anyone is interested in any way big or small, please contact Emma Hauser at 985-9129 or Gillian Charbonneau at 502-7344.

Jewelry for the Harvest Fair

Please consider donating jewelry you no longer wear to our “Famous” Jewelry Table this year. The deadline for jewelry donations is October 22. Contact Maroo at meymontt@roadrunner.com for more information.
The Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 9 AM to 2 PM at St. David’s Episcopal Church located at 138 York Street (Route 1 South near Wells line) in Kennebunk. We welcome you to join us in the Great Hall for this family event celebrating the harvest and holiday season.

NEW THIS YEAR will be two delicious offerings to our Café: Dory Dogs from the Kennebunk Farmer’s Market will be making crepes, and Fantails will be serving pulled pork sliders.

The Jewelry Table is back! We are happy to share that we will once again have a table featuring jewelry. Some things old, some things new, and many things re-imagined. The Bush family has generously donated three autographed books for the Silent Auction.

This year our Harvest offerings include:

**Our Raffle Baskets** feature exciting collections of themed items such as “chocolate lovers”, “movie night”, “teddy bears”, “teas”, “spa” as well as themed baskets for kids. Raffle tickets will be sold for 5 for $5, 12 for $10, and 25 for $20. With so many baskets to choose from, there is sure to be something for everyone. The Basket Raffles will be drawn at 1:30 PM.

**Good food** abounds with delicious homemade baked goods, jellies and jams for sale along with our famous homemade frozen chicken pot pies.

**Café Lunch** is always a special treat featuring soups and sandwiches donated by outstanding local providers including: H.B. Provisions, Squaretoes, Kitchen Chicks and Bel Cibo da Cherie. We have added Fantails to our line up this year. We are also excited to have Dory Dogs from the Kennebunk Farmers’ Market serving freshly made crepes with warm cinnamon apples, Maine cranberry purée, and vanilla mascarpone custard throughout the day. Apple cider too!

The Harvest Fair provides an opportunity for the community to sample specialty food from local eateries as well as open doors to new relationships. Coffee will be free and available all morning.

**Silent Auction** will include over sixty high quality items and gift certificates from local restaurants, stores, salons and individuals.

Please note that the Silent Auction ends at 1:30pm.

**Table of Treasures** Many fine decorative and handmade items, both new and gently used. Come and find your treasure.

**Rambler’s Way** We are pleased to be able to offer Rambler’s Way exceptional clothing made from fine wool donated by owners Tom and Kate Chappell.

**Baked Goods Table** This table offers pies, cakes, cookies, breads, candy, cobblers, brownies/bars and some GLUTEN FREE goodies as well.

**Frozen Homemade Chicken Pot Pies** will also be available. This popular item sells out early each year.

**Back by popular demand!** While you are having fun and enjoying delicious food, you will be serenaded by the acoustic duo of Jeff Line and Heather McLellan, “October Road”. They will be presenting a special repertoire of musical selections to delight all ages.

The Harvest Fair at St. David’s is an annual favorite providing food and fellowship with neighbors and friends as we celebrate the harvest of all our hard work. There is plenty of parking and weather is not an issue as our Great Hall has plenty of warm, dry space.

We look forward to seeing you. For more information call (207)985-3073 or find us online at www.stdavidskennebunk.org.
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A Very Successful Car “Boot” Sale and Car Wash Saturday, September 19

Twenty vehicles lined up in Saint David’s parking lot early Saturday morning, September 19, opened their trunks and displayed a wide variety of items to sell at the Car “Boot” Sale. A steady stream of customers came and bought sought after items which contributed to a very successful fund-raising effort for the church. Several youth manned a car washing station and washed over 20 vehicles to raise $150. The Boot Sale raised $650 for a total profit of $800 for the morning. A Big Thank You to all who participated in this FUNdraiser!

(Photos by Linda Rose)

Italian Supper Feeds over 150 Diners!

Saint David’s 8th Annual Italian Supper on Saturday, September 19, hosted by Roland and Patty Gagne proved another huge success with cars rolling into the parking lot at 4:45 for a 5:30 seating. Over 150 meals were served and enjoyed with much fellowship and good cheer. Thank you Roly and Patty for another wonderful community supper!

(Photos by Linda Rose)
October's Party
By: George Cooper

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

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