



Glad Tidings

ST DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON

MAY 2018



Dear Friends,

In just the last week, I have been honored to help three individuals in their search for just the right prayers and blessings to share with a brother at his wedding, family members

walking alongside someone during his final days on this earth and family and friends who will gather this weekend to lay to rest the remains of two beloved souls. I love my job. I love being asked to accompany others through the ordinary times, as well as the peaks and valleys of life. I love blessing new life, new beginnings and the do-overs of life and I love walking with others through the valley of tears, disappointment, heartbreak, death and dying. Every day, as a priest, I am given a window into the lives of others and asked to join them, if only for just a few steps... and I am grateful.

While looking about for the right prayers, poems and blessings to send people this week, I came across a few favorites and took an hour to sit with some of them, to wonder about them and to ask why they had become favorites. What was the claim that they made upon me? Such time spent is, indeed, a luxury and one that I commend to all of you.

Wendell Berry's poem, *Manifesto*, is one such poem that has, for me, become a prayer over the years. Every year during the fifty day feast of Eastertide, Berry's poem finds me and reminds me of what I love about this time of year, both in the church and secular world, and how it correlates to the deep love I have for my vocation as a priest... the clarion call of resurrection. Though the poem is often read primarily as a political or social critique... it is, for me, a reminder to all who cling to the promise of Resurrection with a capital "R" that we are bound then to practice resurrection with a lowercase "r."

Berry's poem begins with a social critique of a people and nation who have sold their soul to "*quick profits, the annual raise, vacation with pay... everything ready-made.*" His answer to our uninspiring, material and individualized selves? Turning and flinging ourselves upon God.

He writes... "*So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor... Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias... Call that profit. Prophesy such returns... Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts... Go with your love to the fields. Lie down in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.*"

That is it, friends. To be people of the Resurrection, we must practice resurrection. To love and follow God, we are asked to breathe resurrection back into the world in ways both big and small! How we live together, where we place our priorities, how we walk with others and invite others to walk with us, how we tend to the earth and offer prayers of gratitude when no one else is listening... this is practicing resurrection. And, it is glorious! Feast on dear friends; so that at the end of this year's Eastertide feast, such resurrection practices will be as common to you as breathe itself. I pray you all... go with your love to the fields of your own lives and practice resurrection, and may God bless you, and those beloved to you, this day and always! Keep the feast,

Kristen L. Hawley
Rector

WARDENS' REPORT

Dear Members of St. David's:

Your new Vestry had a very productive retreat on March 17, and this year we met in what will be Kristen's new office! It was a highly participatory and engaging meeting, and it is apparent that this Vestry group will work well together on the church's behalf.

One of the most notable things that we decided at the meeting was to institute a new governance structure so that the Rector can focus on the ministry of the church and the lay leadership - with the involvement of parishioners - charts the direction of the parish. Originally devised by Bishop Claude Payne, the retired Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, when he was a parish priest, the new structure for St. David's divides the organizational structure into four over-arching committees. Rev. Hawley runs the Worship committee, and each vestry member will be designated to one of the other committees. The wardens will "float" between committees

- **Finance/Administration Committee:** Covers Communications, Finance, Investments, Membership, Personnel and Stewardship.
- **Property:** Focuses on Building/Grounds, Capital Campaign and Columbarium
- **Mission/Education/Outreach:** Deals with Adult Education/Formation, Diocesan Coordination, Evangelism, Hospitality/Fellowship, Nursery, Outreach, Pastoral Care and Sunday School
- **Worship:** Covers Acolytes, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Music and Ushers

We are excited about this new model because the Vestry meetings will focus more on high-level issues rather than get mired in discussions about detailed items that run from one detail to another. By having each committee first evaluate and prioritize what will be presented to the full Vestry for a vote or action, the Vestry meetings will have more focus on high priority items. Additionally, the course of St. David's will be more accessible to the parish as the new structure prompts participation from a wider group of people. Because this structure is new for us, we do anticipate that modifications may be made along the way to better fit St. David's needs.

At the retreat, the Vestry also approved a budget for 2018 and reviewed some of the projects of the Capital Campaign. These items will be discussed in more detail in the next issue of *Glad Tidings*.

On another note, please join me in me in congratulating the our seminarian, Melesa Skoglund, and her husband for the birth of their first child and best wishes to the Hawley family as Kristen prepares to take maternity leave. The Skoglunds and Hawleys are wonderful assets to St. David's, and we are very pleased that Father Stuart Kenworthy will once again serve as our interim minister this summer.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden, and I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Faithfully,



Stephen T. Sears
Senior Warden

HYMN SING AND BARBECUE

On Friday evening, May 4th, St David's will host a hymn sing and organ demo. Please join us in the chancel area of the church at 6pm where organist Robert Church will demonstrate the organ and show you how all those small buttons and controls work. Anyone with some piano skills will be welcome to try their hand at the organ at that time as well. Then it will be up to you to call out your favorite hymn for us to all join in singing together. After the hymn sing at about 7pm, we'll head outside to the church yard for a barbeque and some fellowship time. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend to this fun filled evening. If anyone would like to volunteer to bring a side dish or beverage, please let the church office know so we can plan accordingly.



SAINT DAVID'S SUMMER CHOIR OPEN TO ALL!

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the regular St David's choir is on summer break. During the summer season, we typically have one choir member each Sunday to help lead the congregation in hymn singing. This summer, we are creating a new volunteer Summer Choir to lead the congregation in hymn singing. The Summer Choir will be open to all! One member from our regular choir will be there each week to help out as well. So, if any of you enjoy singing, why not consider giving the Summer Choir a try? There is no firm weekly commitment and no difficult music to learn. The Summer Choir will practice 30 minutes before the 10am service on Sunday mornings (coffee is provided), practice the hymns and then join in the processional, leading the congregation in song for the hymns that morning from the chancel. Please see me on Sunday or email me at rob@stdavidsdc.org with questions or to sign up. Looking forward to singing with you this summer! Rob Church.



JUBILATE CHOIR

I want to give thanks to everyone that sang in the Jubilate Choir at the 10:00 AM service this past Sunday. It was another wonderful performance. We have a few more events planned for the spring semester listed in the schedule below. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday and at our Hymn Sing next Friday. Jubilate Choristers are encouraged to attend and participate that evening. Why not bring a friend as well?

May 10, Thursday 6pm

Thursday evening rehearsal 6pm with a special barbecue to follow rehearsal in the church yard
May 13, Sunday 10am service (Mother's day)
Please arrive at church by 9:40 to prepare
Rob Church, Minister of Music



DEADLINES FOR BRINGING CASSEROLES: MAY 19, 2018

So Others Might Eat (SOME) provides hot meals to the hungry in our city. St. David's contributes casseroles once a month. Casserole recipes and pans are available in the Commonwealth Room and in the undercroft lobby. Casseroles are due on the Monday before the third Wednesday of each month.

If you would like to coordinate the deliveries for this ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Total time involved from arrival at St. David's to return to St. David's is about two hours.



ST. DAVID'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES, APOSTLES 12:00 pm Outreach meeting 8:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	2 Athanasius 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	3 7:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	4 Monica 6:00 pm Hymn Sing and BBQ	5 7:00 pm Palisades Al-Anon
6 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Episcopal Identity Class 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist	7 6:00 pm Benedictine Way 8:00 pm Betty Ford Group	8 Dame Julian 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting 8:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	9 Gregory of Nazianzus 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	10 ASCENSION DAY 6:00 pm Jubilate Choir rehearsal and BBQ 7:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	11	12 10:00 am Diocesan Confirmation 7:00 pm Palisades Al-Anon
13 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DAY AFTER THE ASCENSION 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Episcopal Identity Class 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist	14 8:00 pm Betty Ford Group	15 8:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	16 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	17 7:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	18	19 Dunstan 7:00 pm Palisades Al-Anon S.O.M.E Casserole deadline
20 DAY OF PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Episcopal Identity Class 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Pentecost Potluck Picnic 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist	21 8:00 pm Betty Ford Group	22 8:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	23 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	24 7:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	25 8:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	26 Augustine of Canterbury 7:00 pm Palisades Al-Anon
27 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist	28 8:00 pm Betty Ford Group	29 8:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon	30 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	31 7:30 pm Palisades Al-Anon		

ST. DAVID'S LAY MINISTRY CALENDAR: MAY 2018

DATE	8:00 am ACOLYTE	10:00 am ACOLYTES	10:00 am LECTOR	10:00 am CHALICIST	10:00 am USHERS * = Head Usher	ALTAR GUILD	FLOWER GUILD
MAY 6	Sarah Shapley	Simon Shockey Theo Shockey	Lindy Walsh	Dorothy McSweeney	Chet Speed* Craig Piercy Joe Helfrich	Lindy Walsh Paula Blasey Jeri Hessman (WHITE)	Betsy Edgeworth
MAY 13	Richard Southby	Olivia Piercy James Piercy	Dorothy McSweeney	Cathy Ball	Rod Hastie* Dorothy McSweeney Chip Nottingham	Cathy Ball Kathy Taylor (WHITE)	Weezie Owen
MAY 20	Jeri Hessman	Will Dolan	Alastair McKechnie	Richard Southby	Alastair McKechnie* Bill McSweeney Tim Mock	Susie Canby (RED)	Christine Parker
MAY 27	Sarah Shapley	Simon Shockey Theo Shockey	Dina Fleming	Jack Barker	Mike Taylor* Sheila Budnyj Chet Speed	Paula Blasey Jeri Hessman (WHITE)	Alex Shockey

THE GIFT OF SUPPLIES TO THE BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL

St. David's has developed a tradition of donating the school supplies needed by the students in Grades 1 through 3 at the Bishop Walker School. Started a number of years ago, this Outreach effort has won the generous support of the congregation and is a project for which St. David's is known in the Washington Diocese. The Bishop Walker School is a highly regarded Episcopal private day school for boys founded in 2006 by the diocese in Anacostia.

The supplies are pre-ordered by St. David from Outreach funds. Parishioners should select the items they would like to donate from the list below. Please phone Yeme, in the Parish Office, at 202-966-2093 to confirm your choice. Then send in a check for the amount of the item to the Parish House or place it in the collection plate. The check should be made out to St. David's and **PLEASE put BWS supplies in the memo line of the check.**

The supplies will be organized by the congregation on Sunday, June 3, following the 10 am service. Please consider contributing to this project and volunteering your time to fill the pencil boxes and tie them with ribbons.

1. 45 boxes of Crayola Crayons: \$100.05
2. 45 boxes of Crayola Classic Markers, broad line: \$237.05
3. 6 packs of 18 washable glue sticks: \$67.04
4. 45 boxes of Crayola Colored Pencils: \$139.05
5. 8 boxes of 12 twin-pocket portfolios: \$127.56
6. 45 Westcotts 5" pointed kids scissors: \$120.17
7. 9 boxes of 12 Bic round black stic ballpoint pens: \$14.31
8. 22 pencil boxes: \$65.78
9. 23 pencil boxes: \$68.77
10. 3 packages of 200 sheets construction paper: \$23.37
11. 15 three packs of pink wedge erasers: \$37.35
12. One case of multipurpose copy paper: \$27.49
13. One case of multipurpose copy paper: \$27.49
14. One case of multipurpose copy paper: \$27.49
15. One case of multipurpose copy paper: \$27.49
16. One case of multipurpose copy paper: \$27.49
17. One case of multipurpose copy paper: \$27.49
18. 5 sets of 36 jumbo pencils: \$74.95
19. 4 one inch ruled chart tablets: \$47.96
20. 5 one inch ruled chart tablets: \$59.95



NEWS FROM FLOWER GUILD

Louise Lynn, a Cathedral flower arranger and former owner of Chevy Chase Florist, presented a flower arranging workshop for the St. David Flower Guild on Saturday, April 14. She discussed the underlying mechanics of basic arrangements, the considerations that go into choosing flowers for arrangements, and guidelines on how to make arrangements. The arrangements that were created in this workshop graced the church on Sunday, April 15.

Flower Guild welcomes three new members, Sarah Canova, Alex Anderson, and Louise Owen, bringing the number of members to nine. The Guild is actively looking for new members who are willing to take the Cathedral flower workshop held every year in February, attend business meetings held in June and December and occasional in-house workshops, follow guidelines for church arrangements, and arrange flowers in the church approximately six times per year.

Flower Guild is a ministry of the church which is dedicated to enhancing worship through the beauty of flowers. The Guild also provides flowers for funerals, baptisms, and weddings. In addition to the joy of serving the church, and being willing to take on the responsibilities that this entails, there is great fun to be had as a member. There is the creativity of arranging and the pleasure of ordering and working with flowers and greens fresh from a wholesaler. There is also the opportunity to become more skilled in the art of flower arranging. Please contact the church office if you have a love of flowers and an interest in learning the finer points of arranging within a church setting.

PENTECOST POTLUCK PICNIC - Sunday, May 20 following the 10am service

Come and celebrate the Birthday of the church and the beginning of summer with a parish picnic! There will be lots of food, fun and games for all ages - bubbles, bouncy house, a cakewalk and more. Hamburgers, Veggie burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided by the church. Please bring a picnic blanket, side dish, salad or dessert to share. There will be many opportunities to help - please contact the parish office (parishoffice@stdavidsdc.org) if you'd like to lend a hand with setup/cleanup, serving, grilling or planning!

Remember to wear RED – the liturgical color of the Pentecost season and bring a friend or two. Pentecost is a wonderful day to invite friends and neighbors to church to join in the celebration and to get to know the amazing people of Saint David's and the inspired worship and work being done in this place.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 6	BARBARA GOODWIN
MAY 9	STARR SEARS
MAY 12	STEPHEN SEARS
MAY 14	MARY VAN SANT
MAY 16	BRIAN COOPER
MAY 22	KATHLEEN BARKER
MAY 25	JENNIFER MCKECHNIE
MAY 26	LUCIA RICH
MAY 29	PAT ALLINGHAM
MAY 30	JOHN COPE

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 17	KAY AND SCOTT CRISSMAN
MAY 22	JAN AND JOHN COPE
MAY 28	LAURA AND JACK BARKER

Happy Anniversaries!

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CALENDAR OF WORSHIP

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE	Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist	Church
	Sunday	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	Church
	Sunday	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
WEEKDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE	Wednesday	12:00pm	Holy Eucharist	Chapel