

Visions



Mission Statement: As a visible symbol of God's presence in the world, St. David's Church is a welcoming and diverse community of disciples, actively serving Christ in one another and all those beyond our doors

FEBRUARY 2010

LAST CALL! TASTING EVENT!



FEBRUARY 6



SHOWER FOR SHANE!

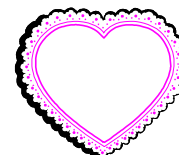


FEBRUARY 7

VALENTINE'S DAY "HEARTY" PARTY



FEBRUARY 14



LAST PARTY BEFORE LENT

FEBRUARY 16

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17



HE said...*She said*

FEBRUARY 21



Celebrate!

ST. DAVID'S DAY!

FEBRUARY 28

ALL THE DETAILS ARE INSIDE!!!!!!!!!!!!



From the Rector

The season of Lent will soon be upon us. It provides us an annual time for reflection. Like Christ, who spent 40 days in the wilderness praying and fasting before beginning his ministry, we spend the 40 days before Easter considering our lives and our relationship with the world around us. The process reminds us of the centrality of God's truths as we practice spiritual discipline and self-examination.

This year we have adopted the same theme as the one used for Episcopal Relief and Development. It is called "Healing Ourselves and a Hurting World." At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as a time to encourage dioceses, churches and individuals to remember the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. February 21 has been designated as "Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday". As we always do, we will pray for people impacted by poverty and disease worldwide as we remember Jesus' life-saving act and sacrifice. We will continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all rescue workers there. Please consider dedicating a special gift toward our mission of "Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ" in order to assist those who live in need.

As we begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 17, let us continue to remember with even more urgency our own sufferings and those of our neighbors. Let us reflect on the paradox of how God's glory is manifest in the world's brokenness. Our own brokenness—be it our lack of self-sufficiency, our sense of inadequacy or incompleteness, our own character flaws, even our despair—whatever it is, our brokenness becomes the portal in our own soul where God breaks through to us. This break through allows us to impart compassion and motivation to help others overcome the challenges of their own sufferings and brokenness so new life can spring forth.

And so we reach Easter, the celebration of new life that comes from dying—the culmination of our Lenten journey of healing ourselves and hurting world which by the power of God keeps happening in our lives over and over again.

Peace,

David

Average Attendance

January 2009
67

January 2010
79 *

*Figures do not include attendance for January 31



Susan McAdoo

Music! Music! Music!

Concerts at St. David's Episcopal Church
91 Kinnelon Road, Kinnelon, NJ

Presents:

He said...She said *A Musical Look at Love*

Susan McAdoo, *mezzo-soprano*
Brenda Day, *pianist*

Sunday, February 21, 2010 * 3:00 pm

Susan McAdoo, mezzo-soprano, and Brenda Day, piano, will present a musical look at love from Brahms to Weill, Goethe to Ogden Nash. Sometimes serious, sometimes not so serious, this afternoon of music promises beautiful melodies, poignant lyrics, and a bit of fun. The program will also include works by Schubert, Mozart, Bizet, Rossini, Rogers & Hammerstein and others.

There will be light refreshments & a reception with the artists

Suggested Donation: \$15 F/T Students w/ ID: \$10

Tickets: at church after services & in the office.

They will also be available at the door on the day of the performance

Reservations: (973) 838-6696

Shane Phelan, our Priest Associate will be leaving us soon and her last scheduled Sunday with us is February 7th. The Women's Group of St. David's invites everyone to join in a Housewarming Farewell Party. While Shane does not know at this point where home will be, the fact of the matter is that she has spent the last decade in a small room of a convent and has few of the small necessities for survival! With a lot of arm-twisting, Shane was persuaded to register at Bed, Bath & Beyond. Can't decide what to get? Gift cards for Kohls, Target, or Bed, Bath & Beyond are always useful and may be ordered through St. David's (one of our fund-raisers!). Call Linda O'Connor at 973-728-1474. You can also purchase them directly at the stores.



Valentine's Day "Hearty Souper" Party: Warm the cockles of your heart with your sweetheart at our Valentine's Day "Hearty Souper Party" brunch immediately after the 10:15 service on Sunday, February 14th.

You are encouraged to bring a pot of your favorite homemade soup - and the recipe - to share with everyone. If soup is not your favorite item to cook, please consider bringing a salad, loaf of bread or dessert to share instead. Beverages provided. No response necessary!

All are welcome, with or without a sweetheart. There will be a Valentine pinata for the kids. A special part of the brunch will be our "hearty" welcome to our new members!

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

Plans for this event are still being worked on. Watch for an announcement as the date approaches!

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 10 am and 7:30 pm. There will be a 5 pm "child friendly" service.

CELEBRATE

The Sunday before St. David's Day (March 1) has always been the day when we commemorate our patron saint, David. This year we will celebrate St. David's Day on Sunday, February 28.

As is our tradition, we will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist from the Welsh Prayer Book (St. David being the patron saint of Wales).

Special prayers will be offered to commemorate our 50th year as a congregation and Welsh "goodies" will be served at Coffee Hour after both services (even though it's Lent!).

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: Praising, Pouting, and Plotting: Praying the Psalms in Periods of Privation and Prosperity. Paul Sansone, Lecturer. For centuries, Christians have made the Psalms the mainstay of their common and private prayer. This book of 150 poems contains the prayers and songs of Israel that have become the prayers and songs of the church. Both Jews and Christians venerate this book for its expressive, honest, and often bold conversations with God. Poets and artists in every age have drawn inspiration from its pages. Countless believers have turned to these prayers to sustain them in times of trouble and in times of prosperity.

During these five sessions we will read representative psalms from the Psalter to illustrate the various types of poems that it contains. The goal of this investigation is to help us personalize in our own prayers the psalmist's sentiments of praise (in hymns and the psalms of thanksgiving), pouting (in the psalms of lament), and plotting (in the rhetoric that the psalmist uses to get God's attention, to call God to account, and to persuade God to answer speedily). In line with our endorsement of the Millennium Development Goal of halving world poverty by 2015, we will also pay attention to the way in which individual psalms address privation (expressed both in images of physical hunger and hunger of the heart) and prosperity (expressed in images of healing and compassion for all human beings).

5 successive Wednesdays, starting February 24th at 6:15 pm a Simple Supper; 7:00 pm Eucharist; 7:30 – 9:00 pm Lecture. Register by email: tracey.hannigan@atdavidskinnelon.org; or by phone: 973-838-6696.



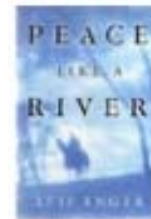
A SELECTION OF LENTEN devotional booklets is available in the narthex tract rack. Help yourself!

READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

March 1st Book Selection:

***Peace Like A River* by Leif Enger**

St. David's Skylight Room, 7:30PM



To the list of great American child narrators that includes Huck Finn and Scout Finch, let us now add Reuben "Rube" Land, the asthmatic 11-year-old boy at the center of Leif Enger's remarkable first novel, *Peace Like a River*. Rube recalls the events of his childhood, in small-town Minnesota circa 1962, in a voice that perfectly captures the poetic, verbal stoicism of the northern Great Plains. "Here's what I saw," Rube warns his readers. "Here's how it went. Make of it what you will." And Rube sees plenty. Set in the early 1960s, Enger's debut novel is narrated by eleven-year-old Reuben Land, an asthmatic boy whose close-knit family is broken. Enger's book is filled with biblical illusions, and miracles crowd its pages like proverbial angels on the head of a pin. Dead for 10 minutes before his father orders him to breathe in the name of the living God, Reuben Land is living proof that the world is full of miracles. But it's the impassioned honesty of his quiet, measured narrative voice that gives weight and truth to the fantastic elements of this engrossing tale. This is a stunning debut novel, a novel about faith, miracles and family that is, ultimately, miraculous. (From Publisher's Weekly) Kathy Kent will lead the discussion. All are invited and newcomers are welcome. The Readers Circle meets each month through June, on the first Monday of the month. For more information: www.readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org.

I have been involved with the Sisters of St. Margaret since 1950. I have been very concerned about my friends in Port-au-Prince.

The sisters have been in Haiti since 1927, when they founded a school for girls and boys. This school grew to have a music school and trade school. In 1945, they established a school and clinic for the handicapped. These schools are now run by the diocese.

At present, they are working with the indigent elderly as well as with the children at the schools.

The schools, Foyer Notre Dame (home for the elderly) and the convent were destroyed. The Sisters have survived and are remaining in Haiti. They are planning to rebuild a place to live as well as the Foyer Notre Dame.

www.ssmbos.com

Polly Barker

Society of St. Margaret
17 Highland Park St.
Boston, MA 02119

WE NEED YOU

The 50th Anniversary Committee is inviting everyone to submit a slogan and an image that identifies St. David's and is special for the 50th. Please submit your entries to: Tracey Hannigan, Parish Administrator at tracey.hannigan@stdavidskinnelon.org. Slogan entries should be just a few words and include "50 years" somehow. Example: 50 years of Caring and Sharing. Please include a logo as well and a catchy image that goes with your slogan. Deadline for entries is Monday, February 1st.

The Committee is also trying to determine the whereabouts of the two plaques containing the names and dates of the clergy and wardens. They formerly hung on the right hand wall of the nave. If you can help, please let Tracey know. Hercule/Jane/Sherlock - put on your thinking caps!

ANNUAL MEETING

The 38th ANNUAL MEETING was held on Sunday, January 10. Heartfelt thanks go to retiring warden Linda O'Connor and vestry member Nancy Hammaker. Christine Rudolphi was elected junior warden, Mary-Esther Arther to a two-year term, Brenda Reinhard to a three-year term. Congratulations to them all!

Vestry Notes

From the meeting of January 21 -

- * Elected officers for one-year terms: treasurer - Mary-Esther Arther; assistant treasurer - Brian Bussey; clerk - Nancy Ward. Also assigned Marty Stanton as meeting timekeeper and Caroline Mossip as representative to Willing Hands.
- * Voted to accept the six areas that need strengthening as outlined in David's annual report.
- * Approved the ERD Lenten theme "Healing Ourselves and a Hurting World" to be incorporated in our Lenten worship readings, preaching and prayers.
- * Approved returning a portion of the Ward J. Herbert Fund arch/boiler grant and the lease for the summer Science Adventure rental.
- * Distributed the updated vestry calling lists and the time and talent results.

Dear Saint David's Congregation and especially Sister Shane,

I have struggled for a week to find the right words to express how grateful we are to all of you. Coming to the conclusion that the particular words may not really be as important, as just hearing that we are so grateful. I think unless you have been in a similar situation it would be hard to fully understand how grateful we truly are.

Just having our family all home and healthy for Christmas would of been the best Christmas ever for my husband and self. But for 2 little boys that have been through so much this year. Having their wish list come true this year meant the world to them. Giving them such a wonderful Christmas was something we wouldn't have been able to do. So again THANK YOU!!!! To see so much joy in their eyes as they opened your gifts, is a priceless gift we will never forget. It was the second best day we've had this year, coming home from the hospital in August with Jeffrey being the first.

We do realize Christmas isn't all about the gifts. Although the gifts that you gave our children gave them so much joy. It also gave us so much hope and faith that we will make it through all the challenges we are facing. That with God's help we will get through this. We will become stronger and closer because of all the kindness and generosity you have shone us. We are truly grateful to you all. God bless all of you always.

Sincerely

Teresa, Jeff, Jeffrey & William

(The special Branchville family)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ellen Temple on the birth of grandson Christian James Merk on December 31 -
weight 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

IN MEMORY

Word has been received of the death of Nancy Parmele in December. She and her late husband Russ were active members of St. David's. A member of the Altar Guild, she conceived the idea for the altar rail kneelers, designed them and recruited women of the parish to needlepoint them. She is survived by four children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Harris Baldwin, retired, died on January 15. He served as assistant priest here during the late 1980s.

Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.



North Porch

Serving needy mothers and their children for more than 20 years

Mailing Address: 31 Mulberry Street, Newark NJ 07102

December 30, 2009

St. David's Episcopal Church
91 Kinnelon Road
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Dear Sister Shane and Friends at St. David's,

On behalf of North Porch Women and Infants' Centers I want to thank you for sharing with us \$949 from the offering in celebration of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan's to the priesthood! Wow! What a glorious surprise in this season of unexpected blessing. Thank you also for the wonderful toys our President Barbara Lovely received from you earlier this month. North Porch has been seeking to serve our community's most vulnerable members for 25 years. It is just this kind of marvelous generosity that makes our work possible.

As a small, not-for-profit organization we are almost entirely reliant on in-kind donations and financial contributions from generous individuals, organizations, committees and parishes. Most of our clients are in chronic poverty and we are trying to do more to help them to move out of the cycle of poverty. These tough economic times have hit our North Porch clients and their families particularly hard. Yet, with our modest means, we continue to serve more people each year and to stretch our resources to provide a larger emergency supply to each individual. We appreciate each and every gift we receive and I can assure you that ALL that you have given will be put to immediate good use.

Thank you for being a lovely sign of "Emmanuel" – "God with us" – in this holy season. We are truly "holy partners in a heavenly calling" (Hebrews 3:1).

Warmly in Christ,

The Rev. Anne E. Bolles-Beaven
North Porch Board of Trustees

North Porch Women & Infants' Centers

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Paterson NJ 07501
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St. John's Episcopal Church
11 South Bergen Street
Dover NJ 07801
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St. Peter's Episcopal Church
380 Clifton Avenue
Clifton NJ 07011
973-546-3161

Financial donations may be sent to the North Porch Treasurer, 144 Day Court, Mahwah NJ 07430

FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Book Group	2 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer	3 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	4 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer	5	6 6:00 pm Tasting Event
7 5 EPIPHANY GREEN TEAM 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour - Shane's Shower	8 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Women's Group	9 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer	10 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:00 pm Rector/Wardens Meeting	11 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer	12	13
14 6 EPIPHANY - GOLD TEAM 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Valentine's Day Brunch - Introduce Newcomers	15 OFFICE CLOSED - President's Day 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Men's Group	16 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 5:00 pm St. Paul's Shelter 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Service 5:00 pm Child Friendly Service 7:30 pm Service	18 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	19	20 11:00 am Readers Training Session (Prayers of the People) with Lunch
21 1 LENT - RED TEAM 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 3:00 pm Concert	22 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Stewardship Comm. Meeting	23 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest	24 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih Lenten Lecture Series 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Eucharist 7:30 pm Lecture	25 12:15 pm Noontday Prayer	26	27
28 2 LENT - WHITE TEAM ST. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Pastoral Care Meeting						

St. David's Leadership Team

Empowering all our members to build bridges of hope with the living Christ through worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach.

Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith*
Rector: *The Rev. David J. DeSmith*
Senior Warden: *Caroline Mossip*
Junior Warden: *Christine Rudolphi*
Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)*
Nancy Ward (Clerk)
Brian Bussey
Steve Kent
Brenda Reinhard
Marty Stanton

Staff: *Tracey Hannigan* *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Susan McAdoo *Music Director*
The Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan *Priest Associate*
Terry Armstrong *Sexton*
Mary-Esther Arther *Vision's Editor*

St. David's is a sponsoring congregation of The Oasis, the outreach ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Newark to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

*St. David's is a member of Greenfaith:
Interfaith Partner in Action for the Earth.*

