

# 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*

## MARCH - APRIL 2010

*Hosanna  
in the  
Highest!*



### HOLY WEEK/EASTER 2010

#### **Palm Sunday, March 28**

8:00 and 10:15 am The Holy Eucharist with Palm Blessing

#### **Monday, March 29**

12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

#### **Tuesday, March 30**

12:15 pm Noonday Prayer

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  
7:30 pm The Last Supper with Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar

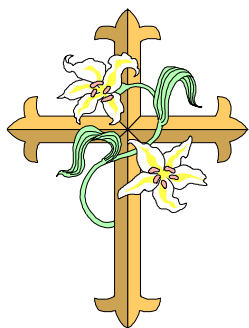
#### **Good Friday, April 2**

12 Noon and 7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy with Holy Communion  
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion  
(Intergenerational)



#### **Holy Saturday, April 3**

7:30 pm The Great Vigil with the New Fire, Holy Baptism and The First Eucharist of Easter followed by Champagne Reception. Bring bells to ring-in Easter. Sign up in church to bring savory or sweet foods for the reception.



#### **Easter Day, April 4**

10:15 am Festive Holy Eucharist  
with Choir and the "Hallelujah Chorus"  
(No 8:00 am Service)

#### **Easter 2, April 11**

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am The Holy Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross  
Church School Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Potluck Brunch

## From the Rector



I was in my office taking off my vestments (robe and stole) right after our fabulous “intergenerational” Ash Wednesday service when a young boy (apparently from the after-school program) walked right in and started to ask me a bunch of questions. His 9-10 year old voice sounded joyfully curious.

“Why do you have that costume on?”

“It’s my robe and I wear it in church because I’m a priest.”

“I don’t go to church.”

“That’s too bad. Church is great. It can help you out a lot.”

(Eyeing the little statue of Jesus on my desk) “Who’s that?”

“That’s Jesus. We follow him and that helps us understand our lives better and we help others do the same.”

“Oh.”

The little boy left as soon as he had arrived. I shook my head, laughed and then I had tears in my eyes because I felt like this was one of those “God moments.” Grace, joy spontaneity, and vulnerability were inextricably woven into this encounter.

Then suddenly that petition from the *Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence* popped into my head. We had prayed it earlier in the day at the 10 a.m. service: *We confess to you, Lord...our failure to commend the faith that is in us.*

Somehow in this encounter I felt that I had just commended the faith that was in me. Did I do a good job? Not sure. I commended....maybe the rest is up to God....and a little boy.

Peace,

*David+*

### Average Attendance

February 2009

75

February 2010

85

\*Figures do not include attendance for February 28, based on (3) Sundays verses (5) in 2009\*

## LENTEN LECTURE

2010 Lenten Bible Lecture Series  
Praising, Pouting, and Plotting:

The lenten study course continues on Wednesday evenings March 3, 10, 17 and 24. The simple soup supper is served at 6:15 p.m., followed by The Holy Eucharist at 7:00 and the lecture by Paul Sansone from 7:30 to 9:00. Come whenever u can to as much as you can. Register by calling the office at 973-838-6696 or at [tracey.hannigan@stdavidskinnelon.org](mailto:tracey.hannigan@stdavidskinnelon.org).

### READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

**April 5th Book Selection:**



***The Human Comedy by William Saroyan***

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

*The Human Comedy* is William Saroyan's most famous work, in a very large body of work, by the Pulitzer Prize winning author and playwright. The novel was published in 1943, and written to give hope during World War II, when the world was turned upside down, when industry changed and grew and Americans were suddenly connected to the rest of the world. Families experienced profound loss, and a 14-year old boy coming of age experiences the loss of innocence as he learns about people and the real world of life and death, and the power of family and faith.

Sondra Odian 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](mailto:www.readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org).

**R E M E M B E R**

to set your Clocks



**DON'T FORGET! DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH ON MARCH 14!**



The envelopes for contributions toward Easter decorations will be in the pews beginning March 14 and again you can contribute to special instrumental music for Easter Day. On the check memo line indicate to which you are giving and the amount. Both memorials and thank offerings are appropriate - just be sure to clearly write the first and last names on the envelopes. They will be printed in the Easter bulletins.

## 50 *YEARS of CARING and SHARING*

YOU WILL BE SEEING this phrase - accompanied by outstretched open hands and a Celtic cross - as our logo for this anniversary year! The committee is beginning to create a commorative booklet; compiling a list of former members; looking into receiving a certificate from St. David's in Wales; discussing a possible gift to the community and a closing event for the year. Remember to mark your calendars NOW for 3:00 p.m. on June 6!

## Thank You, and Au Revoir

“What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.” – T.S. Eliot

In the fall of 2007, I came to St. David’s. I was grieving my last parish, believing I’d never feel that love again. I was afraid – afraid I wouldn’t like you, that you wouldn’t like me, that my ministry would not bloom here as it had elsewhere. That was then. I was given the grace of listening to you all in the visioning process, and hearing who you were and what you loved helped me to love you in turn. Your warm welcome made me feel at home. Your tremendous response to the outreach efforts I coordinated showed me the beauty that shines in this community. I have been blessed to be with people who dream and who struggle to give birth to new things. I have been ordained here, and been privileged to serve you and to preside at our table.

Now the time has come to start again. I am called to take what I have learned here – what you have taught me – to some new place. I have accepted a call to be “priest-in-charge” at St. Luke’s in Haworth, in Bergen County. This church has a solid core, but they’ve fallen on hard times and need some renewal. Sound familiar? They want to do more outreach, and develop their Christian formation programs. I think they’re playing my song.

I am afraid again. I am grieving again. This time, however, I know that God will carry me through. I know that I will be given the opportunity to know them and to love them. I know they can and will find new life. I know, because you taught me.

I will continue to pray for you and to give thanks for you. I know that as long as we pray, God will show us the way forward. Our paths will diverge now, but we will meet again. So I say not, “good bye,” but “au revoir” – until we meet again.

God bless you and keep you.

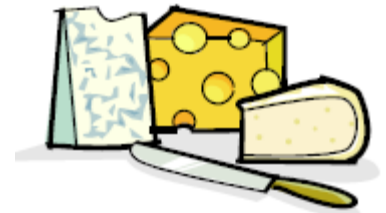
Shane+

*O God, you have bound Shane and us together for a time as seminarians, deacon, priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in and from this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared.*

*Now, we pray be with Shane who leaves and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be closer to each other because of what we have shared together. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*

*Amen.*





Our first major fund raiser of 2010 was a huge success! We netted \$2,000! With approximately 85 in attendance, we were charmed and educated by Joshua Wesson who, with his wonderful sense of humor, enlightened us about pairing wines with food. We had a yummy four-course dinner prepared by our in-house chefs Linda O'Connor and John Simonelli, a wonderful assortment of craft-brewed soft drinks and a grand time was had by all. We received rave reviews from those in attendance and the Stewardship Commission thank all of you who participated. Watch for next year!!!

Comittee: Mary-Esther Arther, Nancy Hammaker, Pat Crane, Angela Joseph, David DeSmith, Joanne Leser, John and Tina Hitchings, Jay Ludwig, Brian and Linda O'Connor, Christine Rudolphi, John Simonelli, Chris Snyder, Coordinator: Steve Kent. Centerpieces: Ginny Bussey. Photographer: Sondra Odian. Kitchen setup and help: Joanne Leser, Nancy Hammaker, Christine Rudolphi, Angela Joseph, Jay Ludwig, Chris Snyder.





Ken, Susan, Colin, Vanessa Smalley; Virginia Salerno; Laura, Jack Pluymers; Bruce, Patty Watts; Matthew, Jose, Kathia, Nathan Nieves.

Valentine's Day 2010....soup, salad, breads and chocolate, chocolate, chocolate a plenty! And of course there was dessert. Oh, and did we mention chocolate? We warmly welcomed four new families while feasting on lentil soup, turkey meatball soup, and chop meat soup, just to name a few. Our parish hall was transformed into a room filled with hearts and cupids and a very tough pinata for the kids to break open to reveal all the goodies inside. Warm fellowship prevailed and, as usual, there was no shortage of help to clean up.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!!



## He said...She said

*A Musical Look at Love*

On the afternoon of February 21, the church was filled with soaring music of love and longing. Our musical director, **Susan McAdoo**, and pianist, **Brenda Day**, traded their church musician robes for a rousing recital of songs that ranged from Franz Schubert to Kurt Weill.



While we all knew of Susan's artistry from her work during church services as she leads the choir, plays the organ, and sings out as cantor, we saw a new facet of her talent. With liveliness, humor and solemnity befitting the selection, she introduced the works and then delivered them stunningly. Indeed, she had the audience enthralled throughout. Brenda, who also helped frame the selections by explaining certain passages, played brilliantly. It was simply delightful!

The church was filled with many parishioners, church neighbors and colleagues of Susan and Brenda. This out pouring of support was a tribute to Susan and Brenda, but also to the generosity of the supporters. We are happy to report that **\$1,135** was raised for Haiti Relief!

Many thanks to the committee who bought us this program: Margherita Davis, Julie Dolci and Ellen Temple. And thanks, too, to Stacey Ferraro for hosting the reception after the performance.





## Diocesan Convention 2010

Diocesan convention, for those who have never been to one, is one part prayer and worship, one part business, one part legislation, and one part family reunion. So it was with the 2010 convention, which was the 136<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, held at the Robert Treat Hotel.

The underlying theme of the convention, which is also the new mission statement of the diocese, was *Equipping congregations.....Empowering people.....Engaging the world.....with the hope and justice of Jesus.*

A definite highlight of the convention was the wonderful opening sermon preached by Bishop George Councill, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey (which includes all of NJ except the five northernmost counties that comprise the diocese of Newark).

Bishop Councill began with a story about a deacon, a priest and a bishop who were all found guilty of a high crime and sentenced to death. They were each asked for their last request before execution.

The deacon asked for a grand meal: steak, lobster, and a great dessert. The bishop was appalled that a servant of the servants of God should ask for such extravagance. "Before I die, I wish to preach one more sermon for the glory of God."

The priest said, "In that case, my last request is that I be executed before the bishop gives his last sermon." Bishop Councill then looked out at the congregation and said, "Too bad for you."

All kidding aside, just four resolutions were proposed, which has to be some sort of record for our diocese: one limiting the terms for the diocesan Trustees (from 'life' to 5 years), one which asked for the development of a liturgy honoring veterans to be used on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, one asking congregations to utilize diocesan resources to bring the issue of human trafficking to the attention of congregations, and one which asked the Human Resource Advisory Commission and the Women's Commission to survey search committees and vestries for clergy compensation to see if there are discrepancies of salary in terms of gender. All resolution passed.

The budget was a different matter. There were some policy decisions which made many folks uncomfortable and the budget was challenged. This ultimately resulted in a resolution which called for greater transparency and better communication in the budget process.

The diocese announced the launch of a new Alleluia Fund for outreach, with a goal of \$108,000 in contributions from its 108 congregations during the Easter season. Further details will be forthcoming.

**A highlight of diocesan convention is always the bishop's address, which is presented at the Friday evening banquet. In the past this has varied from a sort of a 'state of the diocese'**

address to a 'walk down memory lane.' but for the last few years Bishop Beckwith's address has focused on his vision for the diocese.

Key points of Bishop Beckwith's address were:

- Jesus' admonition to go deeper – and Peter's reluctance to go deeper and our reluctance to go deeper (based on the gospel reading for the day – Matthew 14:22-33 – Peter walks on the water)
- The hydraulics of scarcity ('hydraulics' in this instance referring to a property of liquids where, when the surface is disturbed, it oscillates and spreads the disturbance to the neighboring portions of the surface. It can be an area in a river where there may be dangers or obstacles. The point is that you need to paddle hard through a hydraulic to get by it and to make sure you don't get sucked back into it.)
- Learning from the Great Depression – General Convention teaching Mission (1932); development of Forward Movement (1935) - abundance coming out of scarcity
- Mission Statement – equipping, engaging and empowering
- The Core Values of the Diocese – worship, spiritual formation, justice, and radical hospitality – the cargo the mission statement carries
- The Mission Statement and Core Values are flashlights pointing to an emerging vision
- Mission trumps program
- The growing hydraulic of xenophobia (fear of the stranger)
- Task of the Christian is to live in xenophilia (love of the stranger)

Another highlight was a presentation by Robert Radtke, president of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), who spoke of the terrible devastation in Haiti and confirmed that ERD will be in Haiti for the long haul – through the rescue, relief and rebuild phases of Haiti's recovery.

On Friday David and John attended an interesting workshop presented by Bishops Beckwith and Counsell on ways the two dioceses might work together. A report on this workshop will be forthcoming from the Diocese.

During Saturday lunch our parish deputation (representatives) went to various workshops. David DeSmith and John Simonelli went to one on Prison Ministry, and Pat Crane and Caroline Mossip went to one on the Ministry of the Laity. All four were enthusiastic about what they had learned, and possibly some presentations at St. David's may result.

Johanna Goergen had the distinction of representing both St. David's and District 2 as a youth deputy at the convention.

To learn more about the 136<sup>th</sup> convention of the diocese, and to view mission minute videos and photos taken throughout the event, please visit the diocesan website at <http://dioceseofnewark.org/>

John Simonelli

# VESTRY CALLING LISTS 2010

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# MARCH 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Book Group	<b>2</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih <b>Lenten Lecture Series</b> 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Eucharist 7:30 pm Lecture	<b>4</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 am – 3 pm Bishop Spong Lecture at St. Peter's, Morristown
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# 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:** *Linda O'Connor*  
**Junior Warden:** *Caroline Mossip*  
**Vestry:** *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)*  
*Nancy Ward (Clerk)*  
*Brian Bussey*  
*Nancy Hammaker*  
*Steve Kent*  
*Christine Rudolphi*  
*Marty Stanton*  
*Barbara Zajac*

**Staff:** *Tracey Hannigan* *Parish Administrator*  
*Dr. Susan McAdoo* *Music Director*  
*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.*

