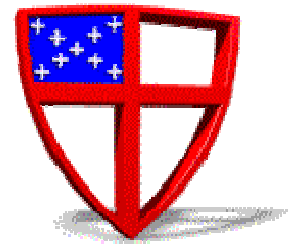


Visions



Mission Statement

As a visible sign 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

OCTOBER 2010

FAITH IN ACTION



THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS

Financial Commitment Card Ingathering
November 7

**Celebrating 50 Years of Caring & Sharing
1960 - 2010**



On My Heart and Mind

Dear Saints of St. David's,

The start up of our new program year always propels us right away into our in-gatherings of our time, talent and treasure. Whereas, the perception of the Church in modern society might be labeled as constant "money grubbing," a parish like ours which is clear about its mission understands that our offerings go towards sustaining our life together so that we can help those within and outside our walls. The Church is here to help us live gospel lives. That is the tail that wags the dog not fundraising.

As Christian stewards God asks us that we use wisely and well the resources that we have. God's promise is that if we will freely offer our gifts, they will be blessed. And there will always be enough for the need. Look, for example, at the story of the feeding miracle of Jesus. We are told that, confronted with a huge crowd, Jesus' followers had no idea what to do. They despaired of ever being able to collect enough to buy bread. Jesus takes a very different track. He gets them to sit down and then asks those who have food to share it. He takes a relatively pitiful response and uses it for God's purposes. There IS more than enough to go around!

Perhaps what this lesson is really about is that the work of the Church is not so much to struggle in the pursuit of those things we don't have as it is the unleashing of those resources we do have. I believe this to mean that God's work should be characterized by an intentionality of making what God has provided accomplish more. When people see results that go far beyond expectations then they begin to believe that God is truly at work here. Our "Brake the Hunger" Bike Tour is the best example of this. We become convinced that the "loaves and fishes" approach is what God has in mind; that if we have done the real work of helping people know Christ through our words and deeds and to recognize his rightful claim on all that we are and have, then there will always be enough for God's real purposes.

I know that your parish leaders draw up the annual budget AFTER the gifts have been received. As God's people, we all will know in our hearts if we can do more, but our job is to be as faithful in our stewardship of what is offered as we can be. Whatever our giving of dollars and hours will achieve is our offering and it can be built upon year by year. As God's people, we can learn to dream and vision even greater service but not by being driven and hounded to meet some abstract "bottom line" on a budget sheet. Rather, we seek to build a spirit of joy, wonder, and celebration that makes people able some-how to do and to give more than they ever imagined to be possible.

As always, I encourage you to prayerfully consider your offerings to Christ's ministry in this place. Our real "bottom line" is helping God change the world through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to prepare ourselves to build an even greater spirit of joy, wonder, and celebration.

Peace,

David+

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**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN
AT THE BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16!
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND
NEIGHBORS TO ATTEND!**

BIDDING AND SOCIAL HOUR: 5 PM

DINNER: 6 PM

BIDDING ENDS: 7:30 pm

The cost is \$30 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). BYOB. Soft drinks provided.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE after both services on Sundays and in the office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SILENCE AUCTION—BASKETS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES!

Reminders

If you aren't sure how to arrange the basket, just bring the supplies and one of our expert basket makers will put it together for you.

Provide list of items in basket

Provide total value of basket

Provide your name

Is your basket ready now? Bring it to church on Sunday or to the parish office, Monday—Friday, 9:00—1:00.

Questions? Call Mary Stuart Hawk, 973-263-8809.

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10!

If you can't get the donated item to church by that date, call the office (973-838-6696) or Mary Stuart to arrange for pickup.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

To help make baskets; prepare bid sheets; help the day of the event; help clean up!

Sign up in the narthex!

THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! We need everyone to participate in some way—donating an auction item, attending the dinner and bidding or making a monetary donation if you can't be there. THANK YOU!

FAITH IN ACTION SERVICE PROJECTS

November 6 and 7, 2010

HOLY HANDYMAN Team Leader:

Saturday Nov 6 or Sunday Nov 7 TBD

Using our community contacts, we have found some families in our community that can use some help around the home. These projects may include yard work, SIMPLE home repair, light housework and grocery shopping or assistance with paperwork.

BONES FROM HOME/LETTERS TO SOLDIERS Team Leader:

Collection throughout October with assembly and preparation for shipping on Saturday November 6.

Help improve the morale of our soldiers by sending letters and care packages from home and as a special treat we will also be collecting items for the K-9 corps for the dogs that serve in the Middle East. This project supports the Adopt-A-Soldier, Platoon, Inc. (www.adoptasoldierplatoon.org/home.html)

NURSING HOME VISITS Team Leader:

Saturday Nov 6 or Sunday Nov 7 Times TBD

Visit local nursing homes and spend time with the residents for some games, conversation, reading aloud or helping with small tasks.

CELEBRATING LIFE AS MINISTRY:

Tools for All God's People Team Leader:

Sunday Nov 7, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm site TBA

The diocese is offering several opportunities for leadership training. The intent is to offer workshop choices that center around connecting our faith with our lives, both as individuals and members of communities. Parishioners interested in outreach are invited to attend and then share this training with our Outreach Committee.

Crafters Needed!! Team Leader:

Preparation for disbursement on Sat. November 6

We are also looking for the crafters of the St. David's Family to fashion simple knitting, crocheting, sewing projects—like lap blankets or small blankets—to give to the nursing home residents

BRAKE THE HUNGER CYCLE TOUR

Team Leaders: Mike Odian and Rodger Pisani
Saturday Nov 6 or Sunday Nov 7 Times TBD

This day will also serve as the Kick-Off Planning and Team Member Recruitment Day for the 2011 Brake the Hunger Cycle tour, the ULTIMATE OF St. David's Outreach Events—a true example of Faith in Action!

Youth Group Project Team Leader:

The St. David's Youth will choose their own Service Project or may decide to serve on existing projects—TBD.

Dinner and Church Celebration Planners

Team Leaders: John Simonelli and Kathy Kent
Sunday November 7 at 5:30 pm

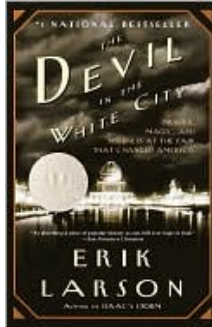
Volunteers will be needed to help plan, setup, cook, serve and clean up after the Sunday evening dinner service. Holy Eucharist will be incorporated in the dinner meal. Dinner will start at 5:30 pm. The homily will be devoted to sharing your Faith in Action experience.

! SIGN UP IN PARISH HALL !



CREATION SEASON will begin on Sunday, October with **The Blessing of the Animals** during the **10:15 am Service**.

All “worship friendly” (or photos in lieu of) pets are welcome as are stuffed ones.



Reader’s Circle Book Club

November 1st Book Selection

The Devil in the White City, Erik Larson

Have you been to Chicago? Loved Chicago? Want to learn more about Chicago? Erick Larson brings Chicago, circa 1893, to vivid life in his spellbinding bestseller telling the true tale of two men—the brilliant architect behind the legendary 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, striving to secure America’s place in the world; and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death. Combing meticulous research with nail-biting storytelling, Larson has crafted a successful exploration of American history with all the thrills of the best fiction. Please join us as Mike Odian leads the discussion on November 1st. All are welcome. The Readers Circle meets on the first Monday of each month, October through June, at 7:30 pm in the skylight room. Questions? Contact us at readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org.

Update

CHAPEL/OFFICE RENOVATIONS: The renovations for the Rector’s office are complete. The Chapel has been painted, the carpet has been pulled up, and plans are to complete the renovations this month. These include new flooring, track lighting and the purchase of an altar which is being custom-made.

Attendance

September 2009	September 2010
64	65

FAITH IN ACTION

THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS

2010—Our Jubilee Year

2060- Our Centennial Year

It was Faith in Action that enabled us to have our celebration this year. It will be Faith in Action for the next fifty years that enables our future families to have that celebration in 2060. We've made our time and talent commitments and this month we'll make our treasure commitment for next year.

On October 17, 24 and 31 various parishioners will speak briefly during announcement time at both services on what St. David's means to them.. On the 17th and 24th the vestry will distribute the commitment packets. The Ingathering will take place at the one Sunday Service on November 7, our Faith in Action weekend—how very appropriate!

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

TO OUR "SAINTS" who met the outreach commitment to St. Paul's Men's Shelter! Polly Barker, Brian and Ginny Bussey, Mari Collins, Cathy Fisher and Sondra Odian were the cooks; Polly, Brian and Ginny were the servers.

IN MEMORY

ALL SAINTS' DAY will be observed on Sunday, November 7. If there is anyone you would like to have included in the necrology (those who have died since last All Saints' Day), please have their names to the office by November 1.

Vestry Notes

From the meeting of September 16 -

- It was decided not to renew our membership in Greenfaith this year but to seek alternative environmental ideas.
- Reports were received from the Outreach and Stewardship Commissions.
- The Worship and Spiritual Formation Commission announced that a survey on the one communion station would be sent to all the parish members.
- Approved the repairs to be made to the furnace chimney at the sexton's house.
- Approved a motion clarifying the use of emails for vestry votes.

Budget vs. Actual for Period Ending August 31, 2010

Receipts—\$17,055 / \$15,334 Disbursements—\$17,203 / \$15,440

Each month the agenda and minutes are posted in the parish hall. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office.



On September 8, St. David's supported homeless mothers and children staying at St. Anthony's Church, Butler, for the week. We express our thanks to Polly Barker, Judy Walker and Kathleen Valle (Christ Church, Pompton Lakes) for supplying food and Caroline Mossip for staying overnight with the families. There was a large group of mothers and children this time, with children ranging in age from infants to 10 years old. St. Anthony's has been a host church for the Interfaith Council for Homeless families of Morris County for about 20 years and for the majority of those years Linda and Rich Sokerka were the coordinators of the program for St. Anthony's. This year, the Sokerkas are retiring and, since no one has stepped forward to take their place, this is also the last year that St. Anthony's will be serving as a host church for Interfaith. St. David's will be keeping in touch with Interfaith over the coming months to explore new opportunities to assist our neighborhood families in need.

T'AI CHI CHIH

By popular demand, T'AI CHI CHIH has moved to Monday afternoons. If Wednesdays were not an ideal time for you to try this relaxing and healthy form of exercise, this is your opportunity! Try it! You'll like it!



T'AI CHI CHIH is a moving meditation with twenty gentle, low-impact movements which relax your body and quiet your mind. These simple movements circulate the balance the Chi (Life Force) and cultivate a sense of peace. You can do this, regardless of your age or physical ability, just be adapting the movements to your comfortable range of motion. Other health benefits reported as a result of regular practice of T'ai Chi Chih: relief of pain and stress; regulation of blood pressure; improved balance, circulation and stamina; stronger heart, lungs and bones; greater mental clarity and emotional balance; and strengthened immune system.

The free practice sessions of this low-impact exercise and meditation program will continue every Monday afternoon, 4:00—5:00 pm, in the large skylight room. For more information about the sessions or inquiries about lessons, please contact www.taichichih@stdavidskinnelon.org.

Foyers Kick-Off Dinner



OCTOBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3) Red Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Blessing of Animals/ Holy Eucharist/ Church School Coffee Hour 11:30 am	4 12:15 Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:15 pm Rector/Warden meeting 7:30 pm Book Group	5 12:15 Noonday Prayer	6 12:15 Noonday Prayer	7 12:15 Noonday Prayer	8 12:15 Noonday Prayer	9 12:15 Noonday Prayer
10) White Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School Coffee Hour 11:30 am	11 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Women's Group	12 12:15 Noonday Prayer	13 12:15 Noonday Prayer	14 12:15 Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	15 12:15 Noonday Prayer	16 5:00 Banquet/Silent Auction
17) Green Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School Coffee Hour 11:30 am	18 12:15 Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai ChiChih 7:30 pm Worship & Spiritual Formation Commission	19 Rector away October 19 -27	20 12:15 Noonday Prayer	21 12:15 Noonday Prayer	22 12:15 Noonday Prayer	23 12:15 Noonday Prayer
24) Gold Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School Coffee Hour 11:30 am	25 4:00 pm Tai ChiChih 7:30 pm Stewardship Commission	26 12:15 Noonday Prayer	27 12:15 Noonday Prayer	28 12:15 Noonday Prayer	29 12:15 Noonday Prayer	30 9:30—3:30 Mutual Ministry Review
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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:	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
Rector:	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
Senior Warden:	<i>Caroline Mossip</i>	
Junior Warden:	<i>Christine Rudolphi</i>	<i>Outreach, Communication</i>
Vestry:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)</i>	<i>Stewardship, Pastoral Care</i>
	<i>Julie Dolci/Ed Horton (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Brian Bussey, (Asst. Treasurer)</i>	<i>Budget and Finance</i>
	<i>Karen Dunn</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>Steve Kent</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>
	<i>Brenda Reinhard</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
	<i>Marty Stanton</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
	<i>Barbara Zajac</i>	<i>Worship/Spiritual Formation</i>
Staff:	<i>Terry Armstrong</i>	<i>Sexton</i>
	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
	<i>Gill Otto</i>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
	<i>Susan McAdoo</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Kathia Nieves</i>	<i>Church School Director</i>

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.

