

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

APRIL 2010

HOLY WEEK/EASTER 2010

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

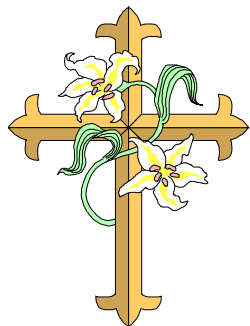
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion

(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

Celebrating 50 Years of Caring and Sharing 1960 - 2010



From the Rector

As our Lenten journey to Easter concludes with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 3, I wonder how we can articulate and live into our understanding of Christ's resurrection. Surely, it is about more than lilies, coming to church and a cozy afterlife. Does resurrection mean anything for our day to day lives? Well, yes. It must or we can all stay home on Sundays and read the morning newspaper.

Every Sunday is a "little Easter" because we gather to praise God for Christ's resurrection and our own since resurrection happens in our lives. The dying and rising of our baptized lives opens us to not only the possibility of resurrection but the actual experience of it as well.

Our natural world gives us clues to resurrection. Trees and flowers die or at least remain dormant during the winter months. They die so that they have new life when spring arrives once again.

So I wonder what kind of dying and rising we experience in our lives. As Episcopalians, we don't talk much about this. Maybe, somehow, we can start sharing like this with each other. Maybe our "Alleluias" will mean more if we can relate them to our own lives and the life of our world. Our shyness and sense of inadequacy would have to die in order to begin to share with one another like this. That would be a resurrection of its own.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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Offering Wine and Grape Juice at Communion

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry have made the decision to return to the practice of offering wine for Holy Communion at both Sunday services. In addition, white grape juice will be offered to those who prefer it. The practice of offering both plain and gluten-free wafers will continue. This will take effect on Sunday, April 11 (the Second Sunday of Easter). The congregation will be instructed in church about these changes so everyone will feel comfortable in carrying them out.

This whole Lenten discernment process was an effort to act on our core value of being hospitable – "all are welcome all the time." Your parish leaders are grateful to all those who offered input along the way.

Average Attendance

March 2009
77

March 2010
77

Outreach



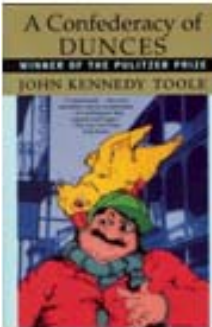
Again this year the offering collected through the special Easter envelopes included with the pledge envelopes has been designated for outreach. The vestry has sent Easter greetings to those on their lists and included a special envelope for those who do not have pledge ones, so that everyone has the opportunity to make a special gift.

READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

May 3rd Book Selection:

***A Confederacy of Dunces*, by John Kennedy Toole**

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



A Confederacy of Dunces is a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel set in New Orleans in the '60s, whose main character is something of a modern Don Quixote. It is considered a masterpiece of human folly and tragedy. This 30-year-old medievalist lives at home with his mother, pens his magnum opus on Big Chief writing pads he keeps hidden under his bed, and relates to anyone who will listen the traumatic experience he once had on a Greyhound Bus bound for Baton Rouge. One thing leads to another, and before he knows it, Ignatius is out pounding the pavement in search of a job. The rest of the story takes us on a whirlwind trip through New Orleans. Anthony Molle will lead

the discussion on May 3rd. All are invited and newcomers are welcome.

A reminder: the June book is *The Horse Boy* by Rupert Isaacson. The Readers Circle meets each month, October through June, on the first Monday of the month. For more information:

www.readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org.

Help
Wanted

SPRING CLEANUP DAY is Saturday, April 17, 9:30 – 12:30. There will be tasks both inside and outside. Sign up in the narthex or let Brian O'Connor know you will be there – both guys and gals!

AND

THREE TIMES EACH YEAR we participate as a support congregation for the Interfaith Council for Homeless Families of Morris County (ICHFMC). Families who are temporarily homeless (usually mothers with young children or single women) are assisted by ICHFMC until they can find permanent housing. Each week a host church or synagogue provides shelter, food and fellowship for the homeless families. After one week the families move on to another host location within Morris County. St. David's assists as a support congregation for host St. Anthony's Church, Butler, by preparing an evening meal for about 8 – 12 people and also providing someone to stay overnight at St. Anthony's. St. David's will be providing assistance next on Wednesday, April 21. If you would like to help by providing part of the dinner, and especially if you would be willing to stay overnight, please contact Senior Warden Caroline Mossip at cm@caroline.mossip.net or call Caroline's cell phone 973-868-7288.

HIKERS MASS

Hikers Get Ready! for our annual spring hikers mass on Saturday, April 24. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. to carpool to Sterling Forest State Park in Orange County, N.Y. (about a 25-30 minute drive). This hike is for all ages and abilities: 3-4 miles around Sterling Lake (a little section is slightly uphill otherwise it is flat and all can hike at a leisurely pace). We will offer "mass" along the way. In the evening at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at the Rectory for a potluck supper. Look for a sign-up sheet in church.



HUNGER CYCLE TOUR – YEAR THREE

May 1st will see our third Hunger Cycle Tour bike event. A few details and facts:

- What's it all about? We run a charity event in which people pay a fee to ride one of five routes (ranging from 4 to 62 miles). Sponsors contribute to underwrite the event.
- Why? Well, blame Bishop Beckwith, who encouraged a Diocesan Convention to financially support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Well, actually, go one step further and blame Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori for encouraging the entire Episcopal Church of the United States for supporting the MDGs. In reality **BLAME JESUS**, who showed us the way.

So, how does it work? We market the event which includes a giant post-ride BBQ, event T-shirts, live music and lots of extras. People sign up, mainly through the web (www.HungerCycleTour.com) and we show them a good time.

In just two years we have become the largest charity bike event in northern New Jersey: The good news. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 of which \$20,000 will go to building clean water sources and systems in Africa and the remaining \$5,000 will be sent to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in support of the needy in northern New Jersey. An “angel” will be helping us by providing matching funds to get us to the \$25,000 goal. **WILL YOU HELP?** We need assistance **NOW** to get the word out to the community. This means volunteering to visit merchants for sponsorships, volunteering to visit bike shops to leave our literature and volunteering to do the basic “blocking and tackling”. It's the up-front work that either makes or breaks the event.

How can I volunteer? Get to our website (www.HungerCycleTour.com) and hit the “volunteer” button. Or, call the church office, leaving a message with Tracey.

One last point. Lots and lots of unfortunate people are depending upon us, depending on each and every one of us. **THANK YOU!**



Celebrating 50 Years of Caring and Sharing 1960 - 2010

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. DAVID'S

- Episcopal services took place for the first time in Kinnelon on July 10, 1960, in the old municipal building
- The site of our present building was purchased in May 1961. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on June 9, 1962 and a sanctuary, parish hall and offices were constructed. The first services in the newly-completed building were held on March 13, 1963.
- The fall of 1980 brought a realization that the parish building was no longer sufficient size to meet growing needs. Ground-breaking expansion began on October 25, 1981 and was completed in 1982.
- The Willing Hands Workshop was established in 1986 to meet needs of developmentally-disadvantaged young adults.
- In 1989 the Jewish Congregation of Kinnelon was seeking a location to conduct worship services. St. David's greeted this congregation and began a relationship that continues to serve as a model of mutual respect and cooperation between religions.
- The church mortgage was retired and burned at the 1992 annual parish picnic.

50th Anniversary Events

Saturday, December 12, 2009 – The priestly ordination of The Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan

Sunday June 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. – Celebration Service with our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, Presiding
catered reception follows on the St. David's terrace

Saturday-Sunday, November 6-7, 2010 Faith in Action Weekend

50th Anniversary Celebration Committee Members

Mary-Esther Arther	Sondra Odian
David DeSmith	Bob Ward
Pat Hodde	Bruce Watts
Caroline Mossip	Patty Watts



“PLANT” this date on your calendar! Saturday, May 8, for the 23rd (WOW!) annual spring “garden goodies” sale!

You will find the pick of the crop in flats; hanging baskets; pots; planters; a selection of vegetables and herbs; and other items at very reasonable prices. (There will be a 10% discount on all pre-orders.) Pre-order forms will be sent out by e-mail and regular mail. Please return them as soon as possible! **IF YOU CAN HELP** on that day, please call co-chairs JoAnn Hahn (973-492-0528) or Mary Stuart Hawk (973-263-8809) to “stake” your claim to a variety of tasks! There will be a signup sheet and extra pre-order forms in the parish hall and the narthex. **THE PRE-ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 25!**

GARAGE SALE

IT’S BACK! Open only to St. David’s members and their friends, you can rent a space for \$30 and get rid of all those “treasures” you no longer need or want! (Each space will accommodate one 8-foot table or three cardtables.) The event will be held on Saturday, May 8, 9:00 - 4:00. Setting up, selling and taking down is the responsibility of the participants. Your check to the office is your reservation. We have a limited number of both large and small tables available, so if you need one please indicate that with your check. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 3!**



MAY 8 WILL BE A VERY BUSY DAY! The youth will sponsor a baked goods/refreshments sale as a fundraiser for the R.I.S.E. Mission trip. Look for the signup sheet in the narthex to indicate what “tummy yummys” you will donate!

YOU CAN DO ONE-STOP MOTHER’S DAY SHOPPING!

PLEASE “R.I.S.E.” TO THE OCCASION

YOU MISSED A SPLENDID PRESENTATION if you weren't in church on March 21! Adults Deb Roehrer and Candace Stanton and youth Mary Fisher and Kristen Roehrer talked about the R.I.S.E. Mission Trip coming up in July and showed the slides prepared by Mike Odian. Five of our young people will be participating – and you can too! In the narthex there are special envelopes marked for R.I.S.E. donations. Help support these special youths!



SAVE THE DATE – MAY 22, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - ?

for a **PROGRESSIVE DINNER!**

It will start at the home of Jay and Joan Ludwig for appetizers, move to main course and salad with Steve and Kathy Kent and end the evening at the rectory for dessert and coffee with David and John. All the locations are within a ten-minute drive of each other. Watch for the signup sheet in the narthex to bring either appetizer or dessert and to form carpools.

Celebrating 50 Years of Caring and Sharing

PLANS ARE MOVING RIGHT ALONG! -

- * **The Invitation and response card have been prepared and will be going to the printer shortly.**
- * **Two banners have been designed – one to hang from the front of the church and a permanent “twin” to the one in the parish hall that will stand inside the church.**
- * **Letters have been drafted to be sent to government and denomination leaders describing this special event and requesting messages for inclusion in our commemorative booklet.**
- * **Words and music by DeSmith! We have a special hymn for the occasion!**

Welcome

TO NEW WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS: Red Team – The Nieves Family; Gold Team – Laura and Jack Pluymers, Virginia Salerno. Ed Horton has joined the ranks of the readers at the 8:00 Service. Stacey Ferraro has assumed the leadership of the Gold Team – thank you, Joan Ludwig, for the splendid job you did!

THANKS!

FOR THE WELSH GOODIES at the St. David's Day coffee hour – Polly Barker, June Grieshaber, Caroline Mossip and Irene Williams.

Vestry Notes

From the meeting of March 18 -

- * Welcomed Julie Dolci as guest clerk.
- * Confirmed Karen Dunn and Barbara Zajac as vestry members.
- * Confirmed the funding of the staff position of Interim Church School Coordinator, March - mid-June. This cost will come from a portion of the diocesan congregational development fund balance.
- * Approved the formation of a "Green Team" with the JCK to begin the certification process provided by Greenfaith (we are a member). This is a two-year process by which we complete an energy audit and implement an action plan to reduce our carbon footprint.
- * Discussed and approved the following youth group mission statement presented by Steve Kent (and Stacey Ferraro) -
 - *Provide exposure to all aspects of worship, including alternative worship styles.
 - *Nurture spiritual formation by encouraging and facilitating the discovery of their spiritual gifts and passions, and evolving these into their own style of worship.

Budget vs. Actual for Period ending: February 28, 2010

Receipts - \$18,570 / \$16,944 Disbursements - \$36,750 / \$40,398

EACH MONTH THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ARE POSTED IN THE PARISH HALL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Congratulations

To grandmother Irene Williams and parents Kevin and Susan O' Reilly on the birth of Madeline Grace on March 5! She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and according to Irene beautiful (prejudiced grandmother?).

IN MEMORY

Our prayers and condolences are extended to David DeSmith on the death of his brother-in-law, Sam Beckley.

Word has been received of the death at age 92 of Andre Mendell. He and his wife Peg (married 70 years) were founding members of the parish and Andre was a devoted lay reader. He is survived by Peg, three sons, one daughter, twelve grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

T'AI CHI CHIH



The free practice sessions of this low-impact Wednesday afternoon, 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the

exercise and meditation program continue every Skylight Room.

A moving meditation with twenty gentle, low-impact movements will relax your body and quiet your mind. These simple movements circulate and balance the Chi (Life Force) and can be done regardless of your age or physical ability. Health benefits reported as a result of regular practice of Tai 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. For more information please contact www.taichichih@stdavidskinnelon.org.

APRIL 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 EASTER DAY - GREEN TEAM</p> <p>No 8 am Service</p> <p>9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>5 Rector Away - thru April 10th</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Book Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 2:00 pm 50th Celebration Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Intergenerational) 7:30 pm Liturgy</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:00 pm Holy Saturday 7:30 pm Easter Vigil & Champagne Reception <i>Bring Bells to Ring in Easter!</i></p>
<p>11 2 EASTER – GOLD TEAM</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Flowering of the Cross 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 5:30 pm Worship Team Leaders 7:30 pm Women's Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Blessing of Bikes 9:30 am - 12:30 am Spring Clean Up</p>
<p>18 3 EASTER – RED TEAM</p> <p>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 11:30 am Pastoral Care Mtg</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Men's Group 7:30 pm Finance/Budget Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Franciscan Oaks 5:00 pm St. Paul's Shelter</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:00 pm Interfaith at St. Anthony's 7:30 pm Worship/Spiritual Formation Commission</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:30 pm Spring Hikers Mass 6:30 pm Potluck Supper at the Rectory</p>
<p>25 4 EASTER – WHITE TEAM</p> <p>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</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

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
Karen Dunn
Steve Kent
Brenda Reinhard
Marty Stanton
Barbara Zajac

Staff: *Tracey Hannigan* *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Susan McAdoo *Music Director*
Terry Armstrong *Sexton*
Kathia Nieves *Interim Church School Director*
Mary-Esther Arther *Newsletter 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.*

