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Saint David's

...a community of people passing on God's love to all.



Hospitality “Coffee Hours” Make A Creative Comeback

In a distant land, long, long ago the hour after the 10:15 worship service was a favorite time to catch up with friends and was a great way to welcome guests. It was a time when St. David’s renowned hospitality was on ‘full display’ as sweet and savory treats were enjoyed by everyone. And then, it all disappeared as COVID swept through the community.

At first, the loss of this social hour seemed to be just another casualty of the pandemic – one of the many things relinquished in a hard, new reality. Then, as time went by, the impact of not having those interactions became clearer and a desire to reconnect became even stronger (except for the extreme introverts who have enjoyed not feeling the pressure to engage in small talk!). But what could be done when being together in-person creates too many risks?????

Just as the last vestiges of hope were about to evaporate, the winds of change began to stir. Within the parish community an idea emerged that could save the day – we do not have to wait for the pandemic to end to bring back Coffee Hour! There is a way for us to resurrect this beloved tradition while keeping everyone safe. (cue dramatic music)..... Technology offers us a way to have online ‘virtual’ coffee hours via Zoom where everyone can gather safely while sharing stories of what has been happening in our lives (or not happening, as the case may be).



Here’s how it will work:

- **Who:** everyone on our email distribution list
- **What:** A weekly one-hour Zoom meeting (no, you don’t have to stay for the entire hour and, yes, you can come late!). Not only that, we are going to open up on-line ‘breakout rooms’ that will take each participant into a separate meeting room where a small group of 6-8 people will be able to meet for 10 minutes at a time!
- **When:** Sundays at 11:30 am, beginning January 10th
- **How:** Jackie, our Administrative Assistant, will send out an email to everyone on the parish distribution list that contains a link to the zoom meeting (it will also appear in the weekly E-pistle).

So, look for a link in your inbox and bring your favorite snacks to enjoy time with those you’ve missed and those you’ve not had a chance to meet!

For those who have never participated in a Zoom meeting, the video link below will walk you through the steps. (*Links for tutorial videos and the Zoom website will also be available in your Weekly E-Pistle.*) If, after watching the video tutorial on downloading and using ZOOM, you still need assistance, please contact me in the Parish Office, at 302-475-4688 or stdavidschurchoffice@verizon.net and you will be put in contact with an experienced parishioner who will talk you through the process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbbYqiurgeo>

Dear Ones,

Epiphanies!

We are surrounded by so many Epiphanies this time of year... those times when something is suddenly made perfectly clear: angels appearing to shepherds who decide to go and see God incarnate as a newborn baby; the Magi traveling far to meet the small child and then defying orders by returning home by another route; the magnificent baptism of Jesus, with the Holy Spirit descending upon him in the Jordan River, followed by the Voice Of God (which really should have its own sound track) proclaiming him as his beloved, and Jesus beginning his ministry amongst us. Amazing manifestations, that leave me singing the beautiful Hymn #135 "*You are Christ, by us confessed, God in flesh made manifest..*" Each of its verses recapping and praising God for the events that we remember during this season of the liturgical year.

Usually, we think of epiphanies as the mountaintop moments, times of bright clarity when we suddenly have an intuitive grasp of reality that illuminates an entire part of our world. Often simple and striking, wisdom is imparted about something that may have always been there, but now we see clearly. In the Bible, God voice is often preceded by a cloud of some sort, or a bright light that removes all the other distractions. I wonder in this time of pandemic, when we have had so many activities halted or changed, if this is a good time for God to speak about the essential. If those essential workers and essential services give focus to what is essential to our needs. Or perhaps, it is more of what we are unable to have that shines a light on what or who is most essential to our life, the epiphany being that we suddenly see its essential value in its

Clergy Corner

absence. Does the cloud of this pandemic make it easier to see where God is being made manifest in our lives? Where God finds it easier to meet us because so many of our distractions have been peeled away?

This journey through life with God, is not only about the mountaintop epiphanies that we have – those moments where we see and understand clearly, but coming down from the mountain, perhaps a different direction than we went up it, turning toward God and changing direction. A life with God is about what we do next after the epiphany, how it shifts our behaviors and actions. Because here's the thing: God will always meet us where we are but will not leave us there.

Later this month, we will hear the Gospel stories of the calling of the apostles, and their laying down of nets to follow Jesus. Seeing God, turning toward God, and allowing God to transform their ordinary lives. I pray that as we look toward the promise of a new year, we can reflect on the mountaintop moments made manifest during this crazy 2020 allowing God's presence to transform our lives as we journey forward together.

Warmly,



The Rev. Maryann Younger
Curate

Renew

“Women’s Spirits”

Women’s Spirits will meet on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 10 am via ZOOM. The topic will be “The Four Agreements” led Anne Doberstein and Diane Camarote. This topic will also spill over into our February meeting. Questions? Contact Carol Van Zoeren, the group’s leader at 302-345-6484 or email at cmvz1@comcast.net.



Thursday Night Bible Study Resumes in January

The Thursday night ‘Laugh & Learn’ Bible Study resumes on January 7th at 6:30 pm via ZOOM. Pat Van-Catledge leads this group, so if you would like to join the conversation, please contact her so that materials can be sent your way, as well as be sent the ZOOM link for the meeting (302-893-1359 or patvc2018@gmail.com).

The Equipping Hour ZOOMs into January

The Equipping Hour will resume its journey on Sunday, January 21, 2021 at 7 pm via ZOOM! If you would like to be part of this worship and educational ongoing event, please contact Kathy Hanna (Khanna@saintannesschool.org or 302-287-0268). She will ensure you get a ZOOM invite link.



EfM Resumes in January

The Education for Ministry group will resume on Tuesday, January 5th at 6:45 pm. Be sure you can lay your hands on the ZOOM link before the meeting.

February 21st marks the next time Saint David’s is scheduled to host Family Promise. This unique program of preparing, delivering, and sharing meals with families who are experiencing homelessness is a great way for members of the parish and school to participate in the parish’s mission to “share God’s love with everyone.”



Your parish Family Promise coordinators are eager to answer any questions that you may have. Feel free to reach out to them.

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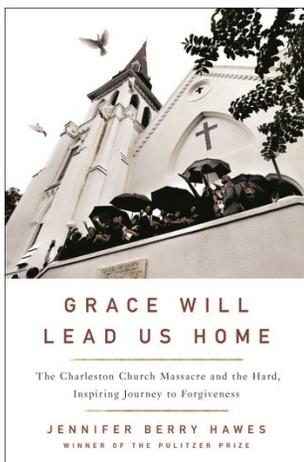
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Wisdom Seekers: New Book in the New Year

The Wisdom Seekers will continue their journey on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The group will be reading the book, **Grace Will Lead Us Home** by Jennifer Berry Hawes.

"On June 17, 2015, twelve members of the historically black Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina welcomed a young white man to their evening Bible study. He arrived with a pistol, 88 bullets, and hopes of starting a race war. Dylann Roof's massacre of nine innocents during their closing prayer horrified the nation. Two days later, some relatives of the dead stood at Roof's hearing and said, "I forgive you." That grace offered the country a hopeful ending to an awful story. But for the survivors and victims' families, the journey had just begun.

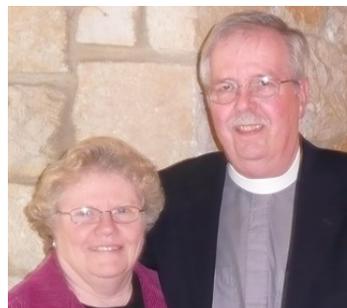
In *Grace Will Lead Us Home*, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jennifer Berry Hawes



provides a definitive account of the tragedy's aftermath. With unprecedented access to the grieving families and other key figures, Hawes offers a nuanced and moving portrait of the events and emotions that emerged in the massacre's wake.

The two adult survivors of the shooting begin to make sense of their lives again. Rifts form between some of the victims' families and the church. A group of relatives fights to end gun violence, capturing the attention of President Obama. And a city in the Deep South must confront its racist past. This is the story of how, beyond the headlines, a community of people begins to heal.

This interesting book discussion will be led by Carlene and Deacon Tom Dechaine.



Questions about the group itself? Contact Jane Harvey, convener of the Wisdom Seekers: janenh@udel.edu or call 302-529-7662.

Small Businesses & Independent Booksellers

Here are two small businesses whose websites will ship books directly to Individuals/residences:

bookshop.org
and
heartsandmindsbooks.com

In addition, **bookshop.org** supports independent bookstores. A percentage of your purchase goes to a fund for your local independent bookstores. One must put your zip code in in the order to ensure this donation is made.

Info for 2021



Milestones & Transitions features updates about that which is happening in your lives: graduations, retirements, changing jobs, moving/change of address, birth of a child/adoption, going off to college...all those major things that the community would want to know about and lift up in prayer for God's blessing. If you have an item please contact the Parish Office at 302-475-4688 or email at stdavidschurchoffice@verizon.net.

- **Gus & Justin Mercante-Bartels** have bought a house! Their new address is 2405 North Harrison Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. All other contact info remains the same.
- **Steven Weatherman** has moved, but not far! His new address is 3120 Naamans Road, #T-204, Wilmington, DE 19810. Now, it's easier to get shopping at Target!
- **Pat Van-Catledge** has a new email address. It is patvc2018@gmail.com. Be sure to update this information in your email program.

Address, Email, & Life Changes

Please, let the parish office know if you have any address, email, or life changes. We'd love to share your updates and good news with the community in the monthly newsletter, Glad Tidings!

Clergy & Staff Thanks

Many thanks go out to the Clergy and Staff that has made the wheels turn, the work done, and been broadcasting on the Internet! Jackie Somers, Kathy Hanna, Steven Weatherman, Deacon Bruce Richards, Janet Leishman, Mother Maryann, and Fr. Brad have sought creative solutions to so many of the obstacles thrown in our path this last year. We give thanks for their guidance and for the wisdom of the One who guides us all. Thanks be to God!



2021 Sunday Flower Dedications Sign-Up is Live

Sunday Flower Dedications are a great way to memorialize a loved one who rests in God's everlasting arms and/or to give thanks for family, friends, or occasions in your life. Simply sign up for any open date listed on the Sign-up Genius link that can be found on the parish website homepage. You can submit your payment via the parish office or place in the Sunday offering basket. Please be sure to place "Altar Flowers" and what date in the memo line of the check. You can also call the church office 302-475-4688 x0 and speak with or leave a message for Jackie Somers, the Parish Administrative Assistant.

Electronic Giving in 2021

If you changed the amount of your pledge going into 2021, please contact Jackie Somers in the parish office. If you are not changing the amount of your pledge, there is no need to fill out a new form.

Emmanuel Dining Room

The January Outreach food drop-off for the Emmanuel Dining Room is on the horizon! The COVID-19 pandemic has caused even more people to come to this Ministry of Caring food kitchen and meals must now be served take-out style. Saint David's EDR cooks will prepare their usual eight large chicken vegetable casseroles to be delivered on January 26th, but we would also like to provide much more since the need is so great. Like the last several months, your help is needed. The greatest needs are for water, other beverages, individually packaged snacks, and Styrofoam take-out containers.

If you are able to help, you may bring your donations on:

Monday, January 25th from 5:30-6:30 pm
or

Tuesday, January 26th from 7:30-8:30 am

Please, bring your donations to the parking lot outside of the Great Hall. Please contact Amy Myers at 302-547-5573 with any questions. Thanks for your support!

Christmas Pageant Thank You

A hearty THANK YOU to all those who helped make this last year's Christmas Pageant so successful. In new and various ways, we told the wonderful story of God coming down to live as one of us. With lights and cameras, and social distance, and masks behind the scenes, households came in to give their all. In this year of pandemic and the fear that could so easily overwhelm us, we followed the words of the angel:

Do not be afraid.

Thanks to the children and parents who helped with this production in a time when many things are not simple. Many thanks go out to Mother Maryann, Jackie Somers, and Steven Weatherman for editing, piecing, splicing, and underscoring this HUGE undertaking...and Fr. Brad for blessing this huge undertaking.

Kathy Hanna
Children's Minister



**Martin
Luther
King Jr.
DAY**

A Day of Service

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18, 2021, marks the 26th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

In this time of pandemic, plans have been laid where one might give service, and still observe Covid-19 precautions. The Delaware Art Museum has several opportunities listed on their website. Please, check out their link below and see what project or effort appeals to you. In this time of pandemic, it is more apparent than ever that we are all in this together.

delart.org/event/martin-luther-king-jr-day-of-service-many-ways-to-serve/

The website listed below also has a search feature that has many Delaware opportunities.

www.nationalservice.org

Chalking the Door: One Way to Ask God's Blessing and Celebrate the Epiphany

On the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6th, the Church commemorates the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles as the Holy One of God. This is traditionally the day when we commemorate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. Some people observe a tradition of gathering family and friends at the entrances to homes or apartments and ask God's blessing on their dwellings and on all who live or visit there. Here follows the liturgy:

On the Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6, members of the household (H for "household") gather at the main entrances to home or apartment, and ask God's blessing on their dwellings and on all who live or visit there. Leadership may be shared with a change of voice at each Leader's part (L).

- L Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.
- L A reading from Proverbs:
"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."
- L Let us pray: Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who dwell here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.
- H **Amen.**

Using chalk (hence, "Chalking the Door"), people are invited to inscribe the lintel of the home (the horizontal frame above the door) with the inscription shown below. The letters C M B come from the traditional (9th century) names for the "three kings" -- Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this dwelling!"

Each person is afforded a turn to make one or more of the marks:

20 + C + M + B + 21

- L A reading from Isaiah: "The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and quiet places."

People may join hands or extend their hands outward and upward for the prayers.

- L Let us pray: Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence, that your love may be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ we pray.
- H **Amen.**
- L Lord, remember your children and teach us to pray:
- H **Our Father...**

People may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their baptism.

- L May the Lord watch + over our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.
- H **Amen.**

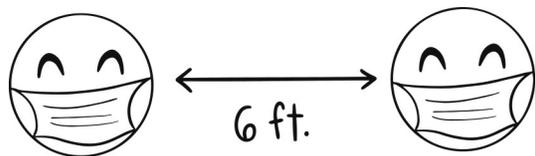
Day School News

On the January calendar:

- 1 New Year's Day –
all programs closed.
- 4 All programs resume
- 6 Chapel, 9:15 Facebook LIVE –
Epiphany
- 6 CPR Class, 6pm* Advance
Registration Required
- 7 First Aid Class, 6pm, Advanced
Registration Required
- 13 School closes at 5 pm
for staff meeting
- 14 Chapel, 9:15 Facebook LIVE
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day –
Preschool & SAIL Closed
Extended Care open
- 18 School Board Meeting, 7pm
via Zoom
- 20 Chapel, 9:15 Facebook LIVE
- 28 Chapel, 9:15 Facebook LIVE

New Year's Resolutions

Did you make any resolutions for the new year? Here at the Day School, I think that many of us have resolved to continue washing hands for at least 20 seconds, practicing socially distancing as much as you can with preschoolers, and wearing our masks!!



Registration Information

In a normal year, registration information (tuition rates) for the 2021 – 2022 would be available for publication before our Christmas break. However, considering that families are still dealing with the pandemic and its wide-reaching effects, especially economic ones, that information will be distributed later in the month. I publicly thank the Board of Directors (Father Brad, Doug Lawrence, Carl Schress, Chip Snowden, Dave Strauss, Jenn Anderson) and Mother Maryann for their continued counsel and sage advice in this valuable ministry to our community.

Best wishes for
a happy, healthy,
and prosperous
2021!!

Happy New Year!

Fondly,
Janet Leishman
Director



Vestry Highlights

At the December 14th Vestry meeting, the Vestry, via Zoom, . . .

- heard positive news regarding both November and year-to-date pledge income from Treasurer Karen Olmstead.
- approved the 2021 Parish Operating Budget as presented by Treasurer Karen Olmstead.
- thanked the committee responsible for the successful 1st Online Auction which raised over \$1500, to be split between St. David's and the Sunday Breakfast Mission.
- heard revised plans for the Christmas pageant video for Christmas Eve given the current restrictions on in-person worship.
- discussed fundraising opportunities for 2021.

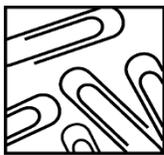
The most recently approved minutes are posted on the blue bulletin board opposite the parish office.

Faithfully,
Janet D. Leishman
Clerk of the Vestry



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

—Mahatma Gandhi



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 18th).

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The Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.

In our thoughts and prayers

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Sam Bell
Jacqueline Janssen
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Lucia Batista
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Gary Bagby
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Joan McDermott
Bill Kafes
Mary Lois
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Ken Jester
Michael Anselmi
Carla Leos
Margaret Mary
Graney
Marylou Robino
Dawn Yovino
Maria Fernandez
Diane Breer
Troy Foxwell

Deceased
Shawn Rogers
Les Foster
Connie Cole
Bill Marrs
Arthur Archer
Alberta Keahy

Please call the Church Office to put someone on the Prayer List or to remove a name from the list. Each person on the list remains there for one month unless the office is notified that an additional month is desired. The name is read during Intercessory Prayers in worship the first week of the listing. We remember these people in our prayers and in our hearts.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Hank Dowdy
3 Sarah Siegel
8 Christopher Hanna
Anna Winslow
10 Drew Wilson
11 Chris Logullo
12 Sara Snowden
15 Andrea Kane
18 Glenda Ruggiero

1 Graham Wright
Louisabella Yovino
21 Daniel Mulveny
22 Kathrine Hanna
23 Leila Mulveny
24 Matthew LeGrow
25 Laurie Milone
26 Lexi Harra
Nathan Hoernemann

26 Callie Manion
28 Deva Scheel
29 Christopher Olmstead
Marty Verderame
30 Lulu Kaliher
Liz Wehle
1 Betty & George DiPirro

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Pancake Supper Save the Date



The virus may curtail our actions and movements, but it will never take away our SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!

In 2021, the Pancake Supper will be drive-through! Plans are being hatched for a pre-ordered, safely packaged, delicious drive-through delivery of the pancakes, Kirby Holloway Sausage, and applesauce we all love.

Look for more details in the weeks to come about how to order in advance, how to pay, and how to pick up your order in a swift and orderly procession.

(We are Episcopalians, after all—we know how to Process!)

Tuesday, February 16 from 5-7 pm

Save. the. date.