

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

September 2008

Sunday, September 14



8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Coffee Hour



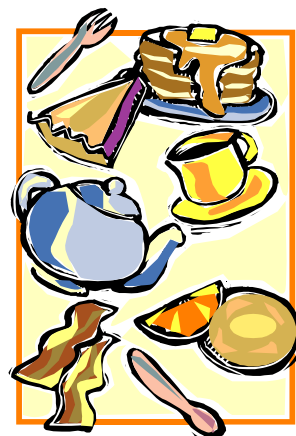
10:15 am Education Registration - For all ages

Time and Talent Fair -

DISCOVER WAYS TO SHARE YOURSELF
WITH YOUR ST. DAVID'S FAMILY

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
(abbreviated)

POTLUCK REUNION BRUNCH





From the Rector

As I write this to you John and I have just returned from summer “holiday.” One of the very first things we did while we were away was to attend a reunion of my siblings. What fun we had! The best part was sharing our comings and goings with one another since the last time we met at the much larger DeSmith family reunion held the previous summer.

This is what we plan to do here at St. David’s on “Reunion Sunday”, September 14th. This is one Sunday later than usual this year since the Kinnelon schools are opening later due to the construction of the new addition at the high school.

Our 8 o’clock service will meet as usual. Our 10:15 service will begin in the parish hall with Coffee Hour. This will provide about 45 minutes for our own special reunion – to share our summer comings and goings and prepare for another good year of ministry together. Also during this reunion time everyone will have a chance to register for education program like church school, youth group and adult programs. A ministry fair will be held at the same time in order to offer opportunities for everyone to commit their time and talent to the 2008 - 2009 version of St. David’s mission and ministry which we are continuing to call “Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ.” Opportunities to serve will be focused on our four core values of worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach. At 11 am we will begin our worship service and hold a parish potluck brunch beginning at 11:45. So our worship will be somewhat shorter than usual.

Below is the schedule for the day. Hang it up somewhere as a reminder of our very own St. David’s family reunion. I look forward to connecting with everyone once again.

Together with you in Christ’s ministry,

David +

WORSHIP TEAMS KICK-OFF ON SEPTEMBER 27TH

A small group has been meeting diligently over the summer so that our new worship team program can begin on schedule. The members of the group include Mary-Esther Arther, Linda O’Connor, David DeSmith and Sister Shane Phelan.

The response to this program has been terrific! It looks like we will have enough participants to put together four complete worship teams.

A kick-off dinner is being planned for Saturday, September 27th beginning with a social hour at 6 pm. This gathering will include orientation so that all questions and concerns can be addressed before the first team begins its ministry at the 10:15 am service on Sunday, October 5th.

Those who volunteered for this program can look for team assignments and other pertinent information in a special mailer which we sent before the kick-off date.

Average Attendance

August 2007
46

August 2008
53

SCHEDULE FOR “REUNION SUNDAY” – September 14

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist

10:15 am – Coffee Hour, Education Registration and Ministry Fair

11:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:45 am – Parish Potluck Brunch

JOY REIGNS

THE NEXT PRAISE SERVICE will be held on Sunday, September 7, at 5:00 pm. Come and experience this very special way to worship!

MEN'S GROUP

EVERYONE'S WELCOME at the Men's Group meeting on Monday, September 15, at 7:30 pm. Jennifer Ward Souder (daughter of Bob and Nancy) will speak on her recent six-week stay in Ghana, including the design of an orphanage. Invite a guest, bring a friend!

FIREWORKS

THE KINNELON FIREWORKS DISPLAY will finally be held at the high school on Saturday, September 20. We will again sell light sticks and energetic and radiant volunteers are needed to help light up the evening! Call John Hitchings at 973-283-4366 to sign up.

Adult Forum Begins with National Church Correspondent

We are extremely fortunate to kick-off this year's Adult Forums with a noted national church figure. The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg is the national correspondent for the Episcopal News Service. We have her to thank for getting our great Bike Tour article into the national church newspaper, Episcopal Life!

Prior to joining ENS in 2005, she was assistant rector at Christ Church in Short Hills. She is still canonically resident in the Diocese of Newark, but now lives in Neptune, New Jersey and hangs her vestment at Trinity Church, Asbury Park, in the Diocese of New Jersey.

Mary Frances was a journalist for nearly 25 years before being ordained. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and mass communications and graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, the Episcopal seminary in Berkeley, California.

Mary Frances will be with us on Sunday, September 21 not only to be our guest speaker at the adult forum from 11:45 am to 12:45 am, but also to preach at both of our services. Her forum presentation will be on the recent Lambeth Conference.

We will have back-to-back adult forums in September as we will also welcome Gail Flammer from the Kinnelon Borough Health Department. Gail will share with us the work of the health department particularly concerning how we can be of further assistance to those in need. Gail will be with us on Sunday, September 28.



PLANS ARE UNDERWAY! As you know from the midsummer issue, the Beefsteak Dinner and Silent Auction will take place on Saturday, October 18. Bidding and social hour start at 5:00 pm; dinner at 6:00; bidding ends at 7:30 pm.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 14! The cost is \$40 per person. The price for children (12 and under) is \$20 for the beefsteak or \$5 for a pasta dinner. BYOB. You can purchase tickets after both services on Sundays or in the office Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We are also looking for donations for the silent auction. Last year we raised over \$12,000 with the auction alone. Just think what we can do this year!

Here are a list of ideas for items:

- Use of a vacation home for a period of time
- Tickets to sporting events
- Wine or Liquor baskets
- Food baskets
- Family entertainment baskets - movies, gift cards, popcorn, etc.
- Family game basket - Popular family games
- Book basket - some bestsellers, a curl-up blanket , a booklight
- Certificate for a service - For example - Do you have a pool? Offer a pool party for 4 kids in your home.
- Are you a financial planner - offer a one hour consultation.
- High-quality antiques or collectibles
- Gourmet meal or catering services
- Candle basket
- Death by Chocolate (no explanation needed!)
- A new baby basket



There will be a signup sheet in the narthex. **All donations must be received no later than October 11!**

When putting together baskets, please keep the following in mind:

Attractive baskets/items bring in the most money

Please provide a description of the items in the basket, and don't forget to include your name!

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.

If you are donating something that is for pickup or use later, please be sure to include a detailed description and pictures!

Make sure the items are first quality and unused, unless it is an antique or otherwise specified.

Get creative – handmade items are always a plus!

Any questions – call Linda O'Connor, John Hitchings or Marty Stanton

NEEDED

People to solicit donations; solicit ads; put together the program; help make baskets; help the day of the event!

October 18 will be here before we know it!

Sign up in the narthex!



GAIL FLAMMER OF THE KINNELON BOARD OF HEALTH will join us on September 28 after the 10:15 Service. Kathy Whitehead recently took a job in East Hanover, and Gail is working hard to make sure that services continue to all who need them. She coordinates the Food Pantry, including the back-to-school and Christmas programs.

She will answer our questions about the need in our communities and how we can help. To enable her to inform us, she has asked that we send her questions in advance so she can “do her research”. Please try to get your questions to Sr. Shane by September 20, but any late musings will be welcome too.

Gail says that St. David’s is her “rock” of support for the Food Pantry. Our efforts mean more than you will ever know. Come join us to find out how we can serve Christ in others even more in the coming year.

READERS CIRCLE

The choice for the meeting on October 6 is the Pulitzer Prize-winner “The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao” by Junot Diaz. The 300-pound-plus Oscar write fantasy fiction, hoping to become a Dominican Tolkien. This is also the story of a multi-generational family curse that leaves trouble and tragedy in its wake. The author was born in the Dominican Republic, raised in New Jersey, and lives in New York City.



T’AI CHI CHIH

The free practice sessions of this low-impact exercise and meditation program continue every Wednesday afternoon, 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Classroom 2.

TAKE NOTE

WERE YOU BORN on Christmas Day? April Fools Day? Were you married on Valentine’s Day? No matter - your parish family would like to recognize your special day. If willing, please send the pertinent information (birth year not necessary) to the office and watch your mailbox!



October 4 - Hikers Mass - Place to be determined

October 5 - St. Francis Day - Blessing of the Animals

October 11 - Foyers - Sign up in the narthex

Mission Trip

Driving up to Bath, NY for my first RISE trip, my main concern was having enough time to catch up with my friends on everything we had missed over the summer. But after my first day at RISE, I realized that this trip was so much more than just meeting new people and hanging out with my friends. The two ladies at our work sites were extremely nice and very thankful. I found that it was fun to work with new friends for people who may have been less privileged than we are but just as rich (maybe even richer) in spirit. I will always remember the woman at our second site who would sit with us at lunch and tell us every detail about her life- sharing the information with us as though we were lifelong friends. She taught us tricks she knew from living on a farm and, on the last day, handed out gifts. These ceramic angels were similar to the small statues that adorned every inch of her trailer. But the gifts were not the most important part: it was her smile as *she gave us* something to even the score that really summed up the friendship, faith, caring and spirit of RISE.

Mary Fisher

RISE was an experience that you really can not explain until you've done it yourself. First of all RISE stands for Risingville Intercommunity Service Effort. We stayed at a church in Bath, NY. At the church there were two other church groups with us, one from Chatham and the other was from Seneca, NY. There also was the staff. On the first night we found out what we were going to be doing for the week. Our group, which was called Kinnelon 2 and include Mary, Kelley, Megan, Caroline, Jane, Debbie and myself, were given two work sites. At both sites we were doing trailer skirting, which is the hard plastic that wraps around the bottom of the trailer to cover the gap from the ground. The first site was in a very nice trailer park. The owner was elderly and lived by herself. She was very nice and welcomed us. She use to be a cook for RISE. One the first day we took off all the old skirting. It was a pretty big job because we really only had about one day to put on the new skirting because we had another site that was in much worse condition. The whole staff even came to our site to help. We also did not have the proper tools. I actually ended up having to cut the skirting with a hand saw. But the real challenge was at the second work site. It was in much worse shape than the first site. Again the owner lived by herself and was welcoming. Her kids owned trailers that were on both side of her own. She had an adorable dog named Pookie. The first day we were there we spend a good two to three hours just moving tables, chairs, and random possessions of hers from the front of the house. We sorted out what to throw away and what to keep. Most of what went was her husband's stuff who had passed away. She had many plants outside and a collection of angels inside her house. We all knew that our job was going to be hard to finish in the amount of time we had because not only did we have to replace the trailer skirting we also had to make new frame work for the skirting and again we did not have the proper tools. It took a long time and a lot of hard work but we finished the site. Over the week we had gotten to know the people we helped very well. We brought them lunch everyday and eat with them. We really got to know them. You could tell just how excited they were that we helped them. The women we helped, at the second site, gave each one of us in our group, on the last day, an angel. One thing that really touched me was that the angels she gave us, we believe, were from inside her own house. RISE was one of the most rewarding things I have ever done and I can't wait to do it again next summer.

Kristen Roehrer



FROM JAYNE VERDONIK

We will be giving a presentation of this RISE experience at our 10:15 Service on September 28. Please join us in celebrating God's great love in action!!

By the way, the seven women from Kinnelon with not a lot of carpentry skills did indeed get all the work done and more so! Carpentry work, yes, but way more as we became friends to two lovely women in Bath, NY. It was an amazing week shared by awesome people!!

NEED HELP? MAYBE WE CAN HELP!

The Men's Group is concerned that members of St. David's may often need assistance with minor household repairs but do not know where to turn. Help MAY be on the way. Members of the Men's Group have agreed to offer their services either to consult or assist or carry out such repairs for you under the following conditions:

1. NO CHARGE We will NOT accept any financial reward.
2. OUR CHOICE This is a volunteer effort and members may choose not to take on a job (so be nice!).
3. SIMPLE/MINOR We are talking about minor jobs.
4. NO WARRANTIES Period!

Need help? Give Mike Odian a call and he will see if anyone is available.



TO THE SOLOISTS who graced our summer services with their talents - Harry Barker, Chris Dolci, Wayne Hammaker, John Hitchings, Kathy Kent (a cappella!), Steve Kent, Joan Ludwig and Ellen Temple.

TO EVERYONE who provided us with iced tea, lemonade, and delicious "nibbles" following the 9:30 Service during the summer and especially Emily Mason who coordinated this special fellowship time.

TO GOD'S HELPERS who supplemented the rain showers by faithfully watering the plantings along the front of the parish hall and especially Rich and Bonnie Hook and their neighbors Ken and June Lattig for mulching the entire area.

TO THE DINING AT DAVID'S hosts/hostesses for another successful year - Brian Bussey, Nancy Hammaker, John and James Hitchings, Brian and Linda O'Connor, Mike Odian, Tom and Chris Snyder and Marty Stanton.

TO THE ST. PAUL'S SHELTER "saints" in August - cooks Polly Barker, Norm Leser, Vickie Lutz, Tom Snyder, Ellen Temple, Joanne and Tracy Webb and servers Norm Leser, Tom Snyder, Joanne and Tracy Webb.

VESTRY NOTES

From the meeting of August 21 -

- * Welcomed Sister Shane as guest clerk
- * Approved the two fall commitment programs
- * Reviewed the 2008-2009 calendar
- * Voted to replace the roof on the sexton's house and the necessary financing

Congratulations

Terry and Mary Armstrong on the birth of a new granddaughter, Callie, who weighed in at 9 pounds!!

Sympathy

Our condolences and prayers are extended to Sondra Odian and Paul Pusecker on the deaths of their mothers.

Vera Philipps, one of our earliest members with her late husband, died in late July in Colorado at the age of 96. Vera will be buried in our memorial garden on Saturday, September 13, at 11:30 am

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

SEPTEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY (Office Closed)	2 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	3 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih St. Anthony's, Butler	4 10:00 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	5	6 6:30 – 9:00pm Tasting Party (Fund Raiser)
7 Pentecost 17 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Coffee Hour 5:00 pm "Joy Reigns" Praise Service	8 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	9 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	10 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	11 10:00 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Women's Group	12	13
14 Pentecost 18 Reunion Sunday/ Ministry Fair 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Coffee Hour & Ministry Fair 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Potluck Brunch	15 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Men's Group – open to all	16 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	17 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	18 10:00 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg.	19	20
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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>Linda O'Connor</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
Vestry:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)</i>	<i>Worship & Music, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Finance & Budget</i>
	<i>Nancy Ward (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Nancy Hammaker</i>	<i>Christian Formation Chair</i>
	<i>Robert Hengeveld</i>	
	<i>John Hitchings</i>	<i>Finance & Budget, Stewardship, Technology & Systems</i>
	<i>Caroline Mossip</i>	<i>Christian Formation, Willing Hands</i>
	<i>Mike Odian</i>	<i>Christian Formation, Finance & Budget</i>
	<i>Marty Stanton</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
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	<i>Missioner for Youth & Families Ministries</i>	<i>Jayne Verdonik</i>
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