Visions



Diverse People + Inquiring Minds + Open Hearts: Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ

MAY 2015

Sunday, May 10 WE WELCOME BISHOP BECKWITH!

8:30 am - The Bishop will meet with the vestry.
9:30 am—The Holy Eucharist
The Bishop will be the celebrant and preach.

10:45 am—The Bishop will hold a forum in the parish hall.

There will be no 8:00 am Service.

At the Bishop's request, the loose plate offering will be directed to the Alleluia Fund for Outreach, a diocesan-wide effort that supports ministries addressing food, shelter, education and international outreach. Grants are awarded annually to congregation-based or affiliated programs – shelters welcoming, helping, and housing neighbors, food ministries striving to meet the ever-growing need, after-school and summer programs educating and nurturing at-risk children, and international programs promoting health, fighting disease, and responding to disasters.

For more information, please visit the diocese's website, www.diocese ofnewark.org/alleluia.

Celebrating 55 Years of Caring & Sharing

CLEAN-UP DAY! SATURDAY, May 2, 9:00—12:00! MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

A million and a half people—men, women, children—erased from this earth. Virtually no family was untouched. How to begin to understand? On Sunday, May 3, immediately following the 10:15 Service, Mike and Sondra Odian will



present a program commemorating the Armenian Genocide that began in April 1915.



You've received the announcement regarding the 2015 David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Awards. To recap: nominee criteria—60+ years of age, longstanding active member, made/makes contributions to parish life. Past recipients—Polly Barker, Jim and Emily Mason, Brian and Ginny Bussey, Pat Crane, Mary-Esther Arther, Herb Grieshaber, Harry Barker,

Bob and Nancy Ward, Tom and Chris Snyder, Mary Stuart Hawk and Irene Williams. Nominations must be to Stacey Ferraro by Friday, May 8—StaceyLFerraro@gmail.com or 973-492-8480.



Plant Sale pick-up, Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m. to noon!



Picking up your time and talent form and information booklet for the 2015-2016 program year! They will be available in the parish hall after both services on Sunday, May 17.

The Ingathering will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 7



From Stacey Ferraro: Saint David's Episcopal Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on May 30. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



- *A volunteer to greet the LifeLine team at 8:00 am, be available during the day for questions/problems, and lock up.
- * Volunteers to distribute flyers to libraries, food stores, fire/police departments, senior centers.

Contact Stacey!

READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP



June 1, 2015 Book Selection:

ME BEFORE YOU, by Jojo Moyes
St. David's Skylight Room, 7:30PM
Discussion Leader: Jennifer Trevisan

They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose. Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex—Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is.

Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

A Love Story for this generation, ME BEFORE YOU brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common—a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart? (Amazon)

A reminder: Readers Circle meets each month, October through June, on the first Monday of the month. Newcomers are welcome to join the Readers Circle at any time. For more information please contact Sondra Odian.



- The saints who met our commitment to St. Paul's Shelter on April 21– cooks Polly Barker, Mary Stuart Hawk, Bonnie Hook, Elizabeth Luino and Joan Molee; drivers and servers Mary Stuart and Bonnie.
- Everyone who generously contributed to the Easter outreach program—\$1,557 was distributed to the recipient groups.

Congratulations

To great-grandfather Herb Grieshaber, grandparents Steve and Jeanne Grieshaber and parents Daniel and Christina Grieshaber on the birth of Charlotte Marie on April 7, weight 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

ATTENDANCE

April 2014 April 2015

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The Ward J. Herbert Fund Grant

On February 12, 2015, St. David's Episcopal Church sent a 30 page grant application (with six Exhibits) to the Ward J. Herbert Grant Fund requesting matching funds for our sorely needed repair to the "Upper Roof" on the church. Though this portion of the roof did not have ANY leaks, it had severe wear and tear damage, pooling and "bubbling" and in some places, anyone walking on it could literally fall through! The joint effort of property, finance and building and grounds parishioners made the application a reality. There were MANY pieces of data to coordinate and present clearly.

The Upper Roof was repaired at a cost of \$28,900 which came from the St. David's Endowment fund. In 2012, the Vestry voted to invest our endowment funds with the Episcopal Diocese Investment Trust in 2012. Since then, the fund had increased by more than \$30,000. The Vestry voted in 2014 to repair the Upper Roof with the gains from that investment. However, there is a need to ALSO repair the "Lower Roof" and the Rectory roof. So, the Vestry approved the submission of a grant request to the Ward J. Herbert Fund.

We are allowed to apply for 50% of the project in the grant request. We applied for \$14,450 on February 12, 2015.

On March 9, 2015 Jim Caputo and Ronald Caras from the diocese conducted a "walk through" regarding the "Upper Roof" request. Rev. David DeSmith, Senior Warden, John Simonelli and property committee members joined them, discussed our property needs and concerns, our future plans and our Adopt-A-Project Program (which we documented visually with Carol Bianco's poster of items to adopt!). They cautioned us that we would likely receive a percentage of the request, not the entire \$14,450.

How truly ecstatic and excited and overjoyed we were to read John A. King's letter from the Episcopal Diocese of Newark on March 30, 2015. The Ward J. Herbert Fund Board granted us the full \$14,450 with their best wishes and appreciation (!!!) for allowing them to be part of our ministry. Funds should be disbursed shortly after the Diocesan Council meeting of April 15, 2015.

Next....we're on to the Lower Roof!

Property Committee: Bruce Watts, Chair; Irene Williams, Mike Roehrer, Herb Grieshaber and Julie Dolci.

ADOPT-A-PROJECT

In addition to the items reported in the April issue, the following items and projects have been donated rectory ceiling fan

rectory sliding door tree trimming

rectory kitchen floor

Thanks to the two "Mighty Mikes" (Bianco and Roehrer) for all their work on installing the church kitchen sink.

Have you picked your pet project?

Vestry Meeting Highlights – April 16, 2015

The meeting opened with prayer offered by Lee Moody

Stacey Ferraro led us in 'Dwelling On The Word' based on Luke 10:1-12)

We discussed praise, questions and concerns raised by the congregation, including

- positive feedback on the choir, particularly during Holy Week and Easter Sunday
- the presence of two large containers in the parking lot (one is for the debris from the roof repair which has been draining to facilitate disposal, the other is for excess Willing Hands materials)
- as part of 'going local' we should be supporting town events such as the pancake breakfast, the beefsteak dinner, and the Earth Day activities in Kinnelon
- the gluten free bread offered during Lent got mixed reviews
- * to facilitate visitors we should consider putting a sign in the narthex pointing to the restrooms and perhaps a notice in the service leaflet

It was reported that the women's group has resumed meeting this week and the Thursday bible study will resume next week.

Stacey reported that the Going Local guiding team is re-forming and that they are starting their second cycle.

David offered thanksgivings for all who participated in the Holy Week services

David reminded us of the Bishop's visit on Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day), and we approved a single 9:30 AM service that day. The Bishop will meet with the Vestry at 8:30 AM and will lead a forum during the coffee hour following the service.

We approved the treasurer's report as presented. With the exception of the snow plowing budget, income and expenditures are pretty much on track

The property committee reported that we have received a Ward J. Herbert Grant from the Diocese for \$14,450, which covered half of the upper roof repair.

We are waiting for additional bids for the rectory and lower roof replacement/repair before deciding how best to proceed

Julie Dolci reported that the Adopt-A-Project is going well, and that an update to the parish will be forthcoming

We discussed and will continue to investigate the water system requirements mandated by the State

Planned Giving packets will be mailed to the congregation shortly, as will a mailing about the David P Hegg (Senior Ministry) lifetime achievement awards.

Respectfully submitted, John Simonelli, Senior Warden

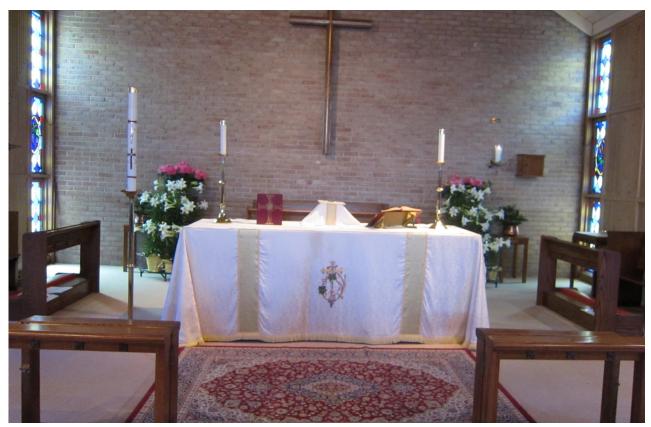
Maundy Thursday Worshíp



GOOD FRIDAY



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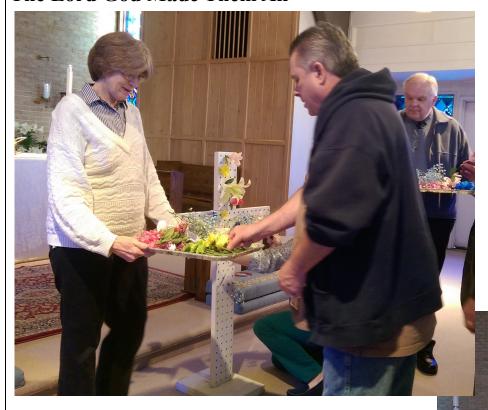




The groups and individuals who helped to make Holy Week and Easter special!

- The Maundy Thursday supper coordinator John Simonelli; the readers—Jay Ludwig, Joan Ludwig, Lee Moody, Nancy Moody; foot washing assistant—Jennifer Trevisan.
- The ministers of the Good Friday observance: prayer leader Stacey Ferraro; guest saxophonist Mike Mullan; the St. David's Players—Kathy Kent, Steve Kent, Jay Ludwig, Joan Ludwig, Lee Moody, Marty Stanton, Ellen Temple, Liana Witthoeft; the cross procession—Carol Bianco, Javier Nieves, Neil Snyder, Tom Snyder; music director Ian Witthoeft.
- The team leaders, team members and non-team parishioners for their extra service.
- The Altar Guild who prepared the church with such care and devotion.
- Ian Witthoeft and the choir for gracing our worship with wonderful music; guest trumpeters Mark Amodio and Matthew Hubner and guest timpanist Tim Malone.

Each little flower that opens -The Lord God Made Them All





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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| *MAY 31 Trinity Sunday Green Team 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Choir Warm up 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Joyful Noise 3:00 pm Senior Ministries Evening at St. Peter's Morristown | | | | April 30 Deadline for Plant Sale Orders | 1 Rector's Day off | 2 Spring Clean Up Day 9:00—Noon |
| 3 Easter 5 8.00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 9:30 am Choir Warm up 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Joyful Noise 11:45 am Parish Forum on Armenian Genocide by the Odians | 4 7:30 pm Readers Circle Book Group | 5 7 pm AA meeting | 6 1 pm Meditation in the Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Dream Group | 7 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:15 Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 8 Rector's Day off | 9 St. David's Plant Sale Collection Pre-orders only Pick up from 9 am—12 Noon |
| 10) Easter 6 Gold Team Bishop Visitation No Holy Eucharist at 8 am 8:30 am Vestry and Bishop 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Bishop 10:00 am Merry Heart, Boonton 10:45 am Bishop's Forum during Coffee Hour | 11 | 12 7 pm AA meeting | 13 1 pm Meditation in the Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih | 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:15 Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 15 Rector's Day off | 16 |
| 17 Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension Day Time and Talent Red Team 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Choir Warm up 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Joyful Noise | 18 7 pm Stewardship Commission | 19 7 pm AA meeting | 20 1 pm Meditation in the Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Women's Group | 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:15 Bible Study 7:00 pm Vestry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 22 Rector's Day off | 23 |
| 24) Pentecost 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Choir Warm up 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Joyful Noise | 25 MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed | 26 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest 7 pm AA meeting | 27 1 pm Meditation in the Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih | 28 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:15 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 29 Rector's Day off | 30 8-am -5 pm LifeLine Screen- ing Event in Parish Hall |

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: John Simonelli Junior Warden: Stacey Ferraro

Vestry: Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer, non-voting)

Rich Dobson

Julie Dolci (Clerk) Nancy Hammaker

Lee Moody Mike Roehrer

Dale Pappas-Wilhelm Jennifer Trevisan Irene Williams

Staff: Mary-Esther Arther Newsletter Editor

Ian Witthoeft Music Director

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