

Visions



FEBRUARY 2016

*See you at the
WINE and FOOD PAIRING EVENT
Saturday, February 6th!*



**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
February 9**

**ASH WEDNESDAY Services—
10:00 AM
7:30 PM**

A SELECTION OF LENTEN
devotional booklets will be available in the narthex tract rack.
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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

(It's not just pancakes!)

FEBRUARY 9th, 2016

6:00-7:30PM

At Saint David's Church

**Please come and join us as the youth of St. David's
and the Reformed Church of Kinnelon
cook and serve delicious
Pancakes, sausages & other breakfast foods**

Tickets

\$7.00 Adults

\$4.00 12 & under

Tickets on sale after Church services, at the Church office, and at the event.

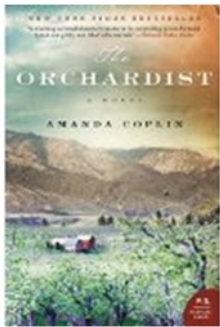
All proceeds go to support the RISE mission trip this summer. This is a team of adult and youth volunteers from our church who spend a week in the summer helping others in need. Please help to sustain this worthy cause.

**If you are interested in participating in the mission trip or have any questions please contact Debbie Roehrer 973-492-2854;
droehrer@optonline.net**



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READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP



MARCH 7, 2016

THE ORCHARDIST, by Amanda Coplin

Discussion Leader: Doris Snyder

The characters in Amanda Coplin's debut novel, *THE ORCHARDIST*, are deeply rooted in the history of the American west. At the turn of the twentieth century, in a rural stretch of the Pacific Northwest, a reclusive orchardist, William Talmadge, tends to apples and apricots as if they were loved ones. A gentle man, he's found solace in the sweetness of the fruit he grows and the quiet, beating heart of the land he cultivates. One day, two teenage girls appear and steal his fruit from the market; they later return to the outskirts of his orchard to see the man who gave them no chase. Feral and scared, the girls take up on Talmadge's land and indulge in his deep reservoir of compassion. Just as the girls begin to trust him, men arrive in the orchard with guns, and the shattering tragedy that follows will set Talmadge on an irrevocable course not only to save and protect but also to reconcile the ghosts of his own troubled past.

Coplin's writing is beautifully poetic, compelling and haunting. Her understanding of abuse and the lasting effects of fear and loss on the individual psyche are deeply resonant. *THE ORCHARDIST* has been compared to Emily Bronte's *WUTHERING HEIGHTS*, Charles Frazier's *COLD MOUNTAIN*, Pat Barker's *ANOTHER WORLD*, and Marilynne Robinson's *GILEAD*, with echoes of John Steinbeck. It's a page-turner.

St. David's Readers Circle meets once 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.

April 4th: *THE STORIED LIFE OF A. J. FIKREY*, by Gabrielle Zevin,
discussion leader Sondra Odian

May 2nd: *KINGSBLOOD ROYAL* by Sinclair Lewis,
discussion leader John Simonelli

June 6th: *THE FORTUNATE PILGRIM*, by Mario Puzo,
discussion leader Mike Odian

ST. PAUL'S SHELTER

Our next outreach service to deliver and serve food at St. Paul's Shelter in Paterson is **Tuesday, February 16th**. If you can provide the main course, bread and butter, salad, vegetable or dessert, or if you would like to volunteer to help deliver and serve the food at the shelter, please contact **Joan Molee**, mrsmolee@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR PRESENTATION BY THE GOING LOCAL GUIDING TEAM

On January 17th, Members of the Guiding Team, Doris Snyder and Mesrob Odian, and Vestry Member Jenn Trevisan updated the congregation on the Going Local Congregational Meeting that took place in November, 2015. They shared a visual representation they were asked to create on what St. David's was thankful for and where God is calling us to be missional. It is currently hanging on the Going Local bulletin board. Doris asked for input from the coffee hour attendees which was added to the visual display.

Doris shared another assignment that was given at the Congregational Gathering. The Guiding Team and Vestry in attendance were asked if you went away for 5 years and came back to your church what would you want to see. Doris shared the following answers from the GT and Vestry:

- More young people
- Mixture of tradition & modern service
- A place where something is happening every day
- Success with going local
- Community garden/center
- Worship that evolves & changes with the community
- A place where we are physically and spiritually maintained
- A community center where love is present, seen and obvious

Doris asked for input from everyone. A lively conversation ensued and the following points were made:

- Exciting & chaotic
- Un/predictable
- Stability
- Taking risks
- Meta-stable

Doris then explained that the next phase of Going Local is the experiment phase where we test different ideas out within the community. She shared that GT originally agreed to a community garden as an experiment but they did not feel this was spirit led. As a result of a simple conversation another idea for the first experiment has taken hold. The GT is refining the experiment right now and will be meeting with the Diocese's Going Local Representatives soon. Stay tuned!

Doris Snyder

Vestry Meeting Highlights - January 21, 2016

Following the opening prayer led by David we reviewed the norms governing vestry functioning.

Working in small groups, we determined our primary goals for Membership, Discipleship, and Stewardship for the upcoming year.

We discussed issues brought up by the congregation, including the cold church and restrooms, welcoming and assisting those who might be visiting, especially at Christmas and Easter, making the church more handicapped-friendly, and a possible knitting ministry.

Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, representing the Guiding Team, reported on their progress on coming up with an 'experiment'.

We voted to remove the so-called grocery card 'loan repayment' line item from the books.

We agreed that this year's annual meeting went very well, many saying it was the best they ever remembered.

We discussed various options for a Lenten program, including a possible speaker.

We approved the Treasurer's report for December as presented, and offered a suggestion for making the Treasurer's notes more meaningful.

We approved the formation of an 'ad hoc committee' to explore ways to expand and make our outreach more relational.

We amended and approved the church calendar for February.

We agreed to write a letter of support to Bishop Beckwith and Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop, commending them for their 'grace under fire' following the recent decision of the Prelates.

Respectfully submitted,
John Simonelli, Senior Warden

St. David's DREAM SHARING GROUP will meet on Sundays at noon

Do you dream at night and wonder what messages may be contained therein? Dreams have been studied for centuries and many books have been written about them. This wisdom is available to all.

St. David's Episcopal Church is offering a **Dream Sharing Group on Sunday February 21 at 12 Noon in the Large Skylight Room**, led by Spiritual Director Doris Snyder. Please contact her if you would like to take part.

This is a time for dreamers to obtain personal insight without anyone interpreting their dream. It's a wonderful process that leaves the dreamer to be free to take or leave what is shared in the group. Guidelines will be provided and there is no fee. All dreamers are welcome. *Doris Snyder*

Attendance

January 2015 January 2016

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With much gratitude - Our willing hands
clients + staff

Thank you
for the
contribution

Dec, 2018

Gene LIPA

MEGUA F.

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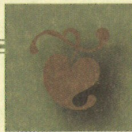
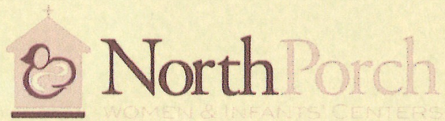
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...for making life

a little bit more awesome.

Thank you for your generous
donation of \$530.00 from
your Christmas Outreach.

Your support of our purpose
is most meaningful to
us!



*Helping to provide critical supplies
for babies and toddlers in need.*

January 10, 2016

St. David's Church
The Rev. David DeSmith
91 Kinnelon Road
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Dear Friends:

I am writing on behalf of North Porch Board of Trustees to thank you for your generous donation of diapers. Our centers depend on the generosity of our donors and we are grateful to those who make the effort to help the families we serve. If they could, we know the moms would like to thank you personally. But since they can't, we are doing it for them.

As a small, not-for-profit organization we are almost entirely reliant on in-kind donations and financial contributions from generous individuals, committees and parishes. Yet, with our modest means, we continue to serve more people each year and to stretch our resources to provide a larger emergency supply to each individual. We hope we can continue our partnership with you in serving others in 2016.

Please keep our ministry and those we serve in your prayers.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cary R. Brooks".

Cary R. Brooks
Board Member, North Porch Women and Infants' Centers

Donations can be mailed c/o North Porch Treasurer, 11 South Bergen Street, Dover, NJ 07801
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CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. DAVID'S, 2015



FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30 pm Readers' Circle	2 11 am Going Lo- cal Guiding Team 7pm AA meeting	3 1 pm Meditation in Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	4 9:30 am Holy Eucharist With Healing Prayers 10:15 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Rector's Day off	6 11:00 am Youth Time 6:00 pm Wine and Food Pairing Event
7) Last Epiphany Green Team 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	8	9 SHROVE TUESDAY 3:45 pm Kids' Time 6:00 pm RISE Pancake Supper	10 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Service 1 pm Meditation in Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Service	11 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:15 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 Rector's Day off	13 11:00 am Youth Time
14) 1 Lent Gold Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist* 9:15 am Choir 10:00 am Merry Heart, Boonton 10:15 am Holy Eucharist* 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Joyful Noise *Includes Birthday and Anniversary Prayers	15 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents' Day	16 3 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest 5 pm St. Paul's Shelter Meal 7pm AA meeting	17 1 pm Meditation in Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	18 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:15 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Vestry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 Rector's Day off	20 11:00 am Youth Time
21) 2 Lent 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 12:00 Noon Dream Group	22 7 pm Stewardship Commission	23 7pm AA meeting <i>Rector on retreat through 2/25</i>	24 1 pm Meditation in Church 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih <i>Rector on retreat through 2/25</i>	25 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Rector on retreat through 2/25</i>	26 Rector's Day off	27 11:00 am Youth Time
28) St. David's Day Sunday White Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Choir Warm Up 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am 'Welsh' Coffee Hour 11:45 am Joyful Noise	29					

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: *Jennifer Trevisan*

Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer, non-voting)*
Rich Dobson
Julie Dolci (Clerk)
Lee Moody
Mike Roehrer
Christine Rudolphi
Dale Pappas-Wilhelm
Irene Williams

Staff: *Mary-Esther Arther* *Newsletter Editor*
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