

Visions



Mission Statement

Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ

DECEMBER 2017



Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm - Festival Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day Service 10:00 am - Deacon's Mass with Carols
Sunday December 31, 9:30 am Service of Lessons and Carols
with Holy Communion

Celebrating 58 Years of Caring & Sharing

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Special Note of Thanks

To the Gaiser family (Lisa, Kurt and Steve) for four magnificent Advent banners given in honor and loving memory of Polly Barker. They will hang from the balcony, one being added each week.



***LAST CALL!** The Ingathering of the Prison Ministry gifts will be on Sunday, December 3. Remember to use gift bags—no wrapping.

***NORTH PORCH**—the box and cradle are ready and waiting for large-size diapers; all-size pull-ups; Enfamil 12.5 oz powdered baby formula and soy formula; wipes, jars of fruit, veggies, 1st foods.

***OUTREACH FAMILIES** - So they can have the joy of buying gifts, a special basket is on the cabinet in the narthex for store gift cards. Please put the name of the store (Walmart preferred) and the amount of the card on the envelope. They can also be brought to the office during the week.

North Porch and Outreach Families Ingathering—Sunday, December 10.



THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES for contributions toward the Christmas decorations will be in the pews **December 3, 10 and 17**.

Both memorials and thank offerings are appropriate—just be sure to clearly write the first and last names on the envelopes. They will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. The deadline is Monday December 18.

Outreach

AGAIN THIS YEAR the offering collected through the special Christmas envelopes included with pledge envelopes has been designated for our various outreach programs. The Vestry is sending Christmas greetings to those on their lists and included will be a special envelope for those who do not have pledge ones so everyone will have the opportunity to make a special gift.

Treasurer's Report

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN! As in the past the treasurer is counting on all outstanding pledge payments coming in during December so all the outstanding bills can be paid. The treasurer hopes to be smiling on December 31! **PLEASE NOTE:** The boxes of 2018 envelopes will be available before the end of the month.

CALLING ALL CAROLERS!

On **Sunday, December 17**, following the 9:30 Service, we will be caroling at some of the local assisted-living facilities, including Merry Heart in Boonton. Supper in the parish hall will follow. Please let sign up in the narthex if you would like to participate.



TO ENHANCE your observation of Advent and Christmas, there are seasonal pamphlets in the narthex tract rack. Help yourself!



Don't Miss

- **Sunday, December 10**—The Annual budget forum will be held immediately following the 9:30 Service. You will receive the 2018 materials for study prior to the event.
- **SATURDAY, December 23**—The annual Greening of the Church. NOTE DATE CHANGE! Many hands make light work and will be much appreciated! TIME TBA.



To EVERYONE who donated a total of 29 special food gift cards and 2 frozen turkeys so our clients could have a Happy Thanksgiving dinner.

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

WINE TASTING WITH MARDI GRAS PARTY!

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

Have you remembered St. David's in your estate planning?

ATTENTION

NO MORNING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, December 24 , Advent 4

December 3 Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Elizabeth Golub, celebrant and preacher

December 10 Holy Eucharist/Deacon's Mass, The Rev. Deacon Deborah Drake

December 17 Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Elizabeth Golub, celebrant and preacher

Christmas Eve December 24 5:00 pm The Rev. Elizabeth Golub, celebrant and preacher

Christmas Day December 25 10:00 am The Rev. Deacon Deborah Drake

December 31 Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion
The Rev. Elizabeth Golub, celebrant and preacher

CLEAN UP DAY– NOVEMBER 11

Thanks to you all for your dedication and enthusiasm!

Betty Campbell
Julie Dolci
Angela Joseph
Lee Moody
Caroline Mossip
Deb Roehrer
Mike Roehrer
Bill Speed
Catherine Speed
Marty Stanton
Dale Wilhelm
Irene Williams



Vestry Meeting Highlights

November 15, 2017

Mary-Esther Arther led the opening prayer.

We discussed concerns from the congregation: reluctance to pledge until we call a new priest; concern that there won't be enough support for an 8:00 o'clock service (there will be); better use of our outside sign; the need to wear name tags during this time of transition; the need for visible access to any room with children; including upcoming activities in the Sunday bulletin.

Stewardship reported that there are still 5 outstanding pledges for 2018, and that we are still down \$16,000 from the 2017 pledges even if those 5 come through with the same amount as 2017. There will be a budget forum on December 10th.

The Outreach Committee reported outreach plans through the end of the year, when there will be a number of changes made pending Vestry approval.

We gave thanks for Guy Baskinger; for all those involved in the Beefsteak Dinner & Silent Auction; for the property clean-up crew; and for Nancy Moody's return to the alto section.

Mutual Ministry Review takes place on Saturday, November 18th, with Fr. Keith Gentry as facilitator.

We reviewed and approved the October Treasurer's Reports.

The Property Committee reported on the fall clean up day. It was noted that the yellow jackets have disappeared with the cold; that the annual leaf clean-up will be in a few weeks; that we have contracted for snow removal; and that the Eagle Scout project is pending.

We voted to approve the Christmas Outreach Letter, the proposed signboard policy, the collecting of gifts for the children of inmates, and the collecting Wal-Mart gift cards to give to our client neighbors so they can buy Christmas gifts.

We voted to approve dispensing with the Advent IV service on Christmas Eve, and moving the greening of the church to Saturday, December 23rd.

In an Executive Session held Saturday, November 18th we voted to approve a new outreach policy that covers present and future practices.

We amended and approved the December calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden



Attendance	
November 2016	November 2017
54	37

ST. DAVID'S READERS CIRCLE READING LIST FOR 2017 – 2018

December 4, 2017 MY GRANDMOTHER ASKED ME TO TELL YOU SHE'S SORRY by Fredrik Backman Discussion Leader Mary Harbinsky

February 5, 2018 THE ALL OF IT by Jeannette Haien
Discussion Leader Chris Snyder

March 5, 2018 NO APPARENT DISTRESS: A DOCTOR'S COMING OF AGE ON THE FRONT LINES OF AMERICAN MEDICINE by Rachel Pearson
Discussion Leader Doris Snyder

April 2, 2018 DARK MATTER by Blake Crouch Discussion Leader Jennifer Trevisan

May 7, 2018 HILLBILLY ELEGY: A MEMOIR OF A FAMILY AND CULTURE IN CRISIS by J.D. Vance Discussion Leader John Simonelli

June 4, 2018 PLAINSONG BY Kent Haruf Discussion Leader Sondra Odian

OFFICE CLOSURES DURING DECEMBER

The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday December 25 through Friday December 29.

It will reopen on **Saturday December 30.**

The office will also be closed on Monday January 1 for New Year's Day.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact our Wardens
John Simonelli or Jennifer Trevisan.

No telephone or email messages will be answered during the office closure.

DECEMBER 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Advent 1 Gold Team Prison Outreach Ingathering 8:45 am Choir Warm up 9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 10:45 am Coffee Hour Short Vestry meeting	4 7:00 pm Readers Circle Book Group	5 7 pm AA mtg	6 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wed night meeting	7 9:30 am Healing Prayers Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 Advent 2 Red Team North Porch, Store Card Ingathering 8:45 am Choir Warm up 9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Deacon's Mass* 10:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Parish Budget Forum *Includes Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	11 7:00 pm Readers Circle Book Group	12 7 pm AA mtg	13 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wed night meeting	14 9:30 am Healing Prayers Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17) Advent 3 White Team 8:45 am Choir Warm up 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Coffee Hour No Dream Group 11:00 am Christmas Caroling at Assisted Living Residences followed by supper in the parish hall	18 7:00 pm Readers Circle Book Group	19 5 pm St. Paul's Shelter Meal 7 pm AA mtg	20 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA Wed night meeting	21 9:30 am Healing Prayers Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 Greening of the Church Time TBA
24 Advent 4 NO MORNING SERVICE Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Choir Warm Up 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed Christmas Day 10:00 am Christmas Day service- Deacon's Mass with Carols	26 OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm AA mtg	27 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wed night meeting	28 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 am Healing Prayers Service	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 Parish Office re-opens 9:00 am—1 pm
31 First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 am Service of Lessons and Carols With Holy Communion 10:45 am Coffee Hour	JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed.	January 2 Office re-opens				

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: *Vacancy*

Senior Warden: *John Simonelli*
Junior Warden: *Jennifer Trevisan*

Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer, non-voting)*
Mary Harbinsky (Clerk, non-voting)
Pat Hodde
Kathy Kent
Lee Moody
Mike Roehrer
Dale Pappas-Wilhelm
Marty Stanton
Irene Williams

Staff:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
	<i>Salvatore Mallimo</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Gill Otto</i>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
	<i>Guy Baskinger</i>	<i>Sexton</i>

