

# Visions

*Building Bridges of Hope  
with the Living Christ*



## FEBRUARY 2019

*For Today*

*O God: Give me strength to live another day; let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties; Let me not lose faith in other people; Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness; Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them; Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity; Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things; Grant me this day some new vision of they truth; Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*- Phillips Brooks*

## Celebrating 59 Years of Caring & Sharing

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***From our Priest, The Rev. Jon M. Richardson***



Dear Friends,

February is the month when our culture turns to thoughts of love – in its most basic and least interesting form: the love that is defined by overpriced chocolates, and flowers, and cards, and all the rest... Children are indoctrinated into this cultural observance of expressing love through consumer habits in the earliest years in school. But it doesn't take much maturity to begin to learn that love is really more than all of that. It's richer and deeper than the sentiments that the now-absent Necco Conversation Hearts could ever convey. They were certainly sweet and delicious, but still lacking.

We, in the church, know that love is even deeper and richer than that. Love is the greatest gift we have from God and our greatest tribute to God, in return. As Christians, there is no better way to express our faith than to show signs of God's love to the people God has put in front of us.

But of course, none of this is news to any of us. We hear about love all year – in the stories we read from the Bible, in our reflections of how we're called to live our lives, in our efforts at exercising the mission of the church through our service to others and through spreading the good news of God's love...

The incredible thing about the month of February is not that it's about love – for us, every month is about love. But the amazing thing happens, in that the world around us – the people who know nothing about the church other than that they think they want nothing to do with us – this month, even they share our primary concern: love.

So it's a good time to talk about love. What does love mean for you? How is the church, this institution that too often shoots itself in the foot – how are we living lives of love? How is it that what we aim for each day and every month is right in line with what other people are focused on right now? And how can we communicate that better?

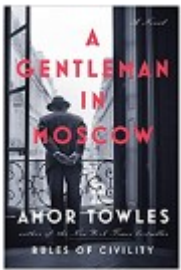
There's nothing wrong with the candy and the cards and all the rest. It's fun and it even brings to mind a word that often overused, but just as often a concept that's misunderstood. But while "love" is front and center – take this opportunity to make it about more than the superficial stuff. The truth is, it's about more than that for almost everyone, but almost no one talks about it. We can help take the lead.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon M. Richardson".

## ***Congratulations***

to the vestry  
who were elected  
at the annual meeting  
on January 13!



**THE READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019, SKYLIGHT ROOM, 7:00 pm**  
**A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW, Amor Towles**  
**DISCUSSION LEADER: SONDRA ODIAN**

In 1922, Count Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal. He is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Through the Count's eyes we will experience the many changes in Russia, from Stalin to Khrushchev, as the hotel is the home for many meetings and dinners of the top-ranking members of the politburo. A friendship with an eight-year-old girl, Nina, will bring color to his life that will last for over thirty years.

A Gentleman in Moscow evokes an era of the tsar when Moscow rivals Paris and London as a destination for elite classes throughout Europe. A member of the landed aristocracy prior the Bolshevik Revolution, Count Rostov is well versed in literature and history, and appears to be a true renaissance man. Through his relationships, Towles shows the Count to have a genuine soft spot in his heart as well, turning him into a truly memorable character.

This book has something for everyone; humor, food and wine pairings, amazing friendships, much history, literature, architecture and philosophy and even American movies.

St. David's Readers Circle meets each month at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of the month. Newcomers are welcome to join the Readers Circle at any time. For more information about The Readers Circle please contact Sondra Odian.

## **Vestry Meeting Highlights January 16, 2019**

John Simonelli led the opening prayer and Jon Richardson and various Vestry members shared what had inspired them lately.

We discussed receiving many favorable comments from parishioners on the 2019 annual meeting, particularly the inclusion of the vestry meeting highlights for the year in the booklet, and a concern on where to find the Vestry Highlights on the parish website (a new drop down menu containing them is now on the parish website). We also adopted a new policy that the Vestry will only deal with non-anonymous feedback at meetings, and that sensitive issues should be addressed one on one with the priest.

Stewardship reported that all plans are finalized for the food and wine pairing on January 26, the Fish & Chips Dinner will be April 13, and the Silent Auction & Beefsteak will be October 26. It was also noted that a donation resulting from pastoral care of \$100 was received, which will go into the Outreach fund.

Outreach reported that six \$200 checks will go out this week to the 5 food pantries we support and North Porch; that thank you letters have been received from Seaman's Church Institute and the pantries and North Porch; that the Vestry Christmas outreach letter resulted in generous donations which were divided between Episcopal Relief & Development, Family Promise, and Willing Hands. Jon Richardson also reported that the Outreach Page on the parish website has been heavily updated, showing in-kind, hands-on, and financial outreach.

We gave thanks for John Simonelli for hosting the pre-convention meeting; for Kathy and Steve Kent for the pairing event; for Nancy Moody for playing on Christmas Day; for Sal and the Choir for all their Christmas music; for the church 'greeners' and 'ungreeners', especially Mike and Deb Roehrer; for the new and returning Vestry members; for Mary Harbinsky for agreeing to be clerk AND a vestry member; and for Mary-Esther Arther and Bonnie Hook for joining us in new ways.

We reviewed the December Quickbooks reports, noting that we ended the year in the black, and voted to accept them.

The Property Committee reported that the sanctuary lighting job is complete, The sanctuary lighting upgrade has been completed; that the outdoor lighting problem has been resolved; that are seeking a second quote for air-conditioning the skylight room; that they are working to re-mount or replace the handicapped restroom door; that due to the weather there has not been any progress on driveway visibility; and that quotes will be obtained for replacing St. David's direction signs on area roads.

We amended and approved the February calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Simonelli, Senior Warden

### **ATTENDANCE**

January 2018    January 2019

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## Calling All Knitters, Crocheters, and Quilters!!

St. David's is taking on a new project, making blankets and afghans for children in need through Project Linus!

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need.

With chapters in all 50 states, Project Linus continues to grow. Blankets, collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug, are lovingly made by adults *and* children from all walks of life and many different sources.

Specifics can be found on [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) or contact Michael Kidney at [michael.kidney@gmail.com](mailto:michael.kidney@gmail.com) for information on patterns, materials and instructions. Our ingathering will be several weeks after Easter, so look for more details on that in the coming months.



**THE UNITED THANK OFFERING** this year totaled \$81.90. Why not take a box and fill it for next year?

## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptism -

Bryan Simm, Jr.

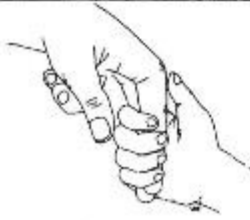
January 13, 2019





# WILLING HANDS

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91 Kinnelon Road  
Kinnelon, New Jersey 07405  
973-838-0400

January 08, 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church

91 Kinnelon Road

Kinnelon, NJ 07405

To All at St. David's,

Willing Hands would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$525.00 received from your Christmas Outreach. Your support of Willing Hands will help provide a greater opportunity to build and enhance all aspects of our program that serve the young developmentally disabled person.

We deeply appreciate your belief in our purpose.

Sincerely,

Eve Perini

Director, Willing Hands



With much thanks, our clients + staff

KAREN, Matthew, LINDA  
CARIE, Nick

Rose, SHETA

Thommas Shelby

Rygg, Andy, Lauren

My Mimi's, JIMMY

ALYSSA, KRISTIN  
TRAKEN

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Christie

To All My Friends

Please accept our deepest  
gratitude for your generous  
Christmas Outreach donation to  
Willing Hands.

Thank you for your support  
and belief in our purpose!

Our wishes to all of you for  
a healthy + joyful 2019!

Sincerely,  
Caren Wilking  
Director

## ***12th Annual Wine and Food Pairing Event***





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*Set up:* Scott Ashton  
Nancy Moody  
John Simonelli

*Kitchen:* Kate Banks  
Deb Roehrer  
John Simonelli  
Jennifer Trevisan

*Wine:* Jason Kent

*Sound:* Marty Stanton

*Clean Up:* Scott Ashton  
Kent & Mary Harbinsky  
Pat Hodde  
Lee & Nancy Moody

*Laundry:* Julie Dolci  
Michael Kidney

*Photographers:*  
Caroline Mossip  
Marty Stanton



### **Special Thanks to Steve and Kathy Kent!**

The net income from the wine and food pairing was \$2,980.38!





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

January 18, 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church  
91 Kinnelon Road  
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your Christmas Outreach grant of \$525.00 to North Porch dated December 31, 2018. We are so grateful for your generosity in support of this valuable ministry. For the past 30 years, gifts such as yours have enabled us to assist hundreds of needy families each year.

Your donations help to make it all possible. As a small, not-for-profit organization, we rely heavily on both financial and in-kind donations from individuals, organizations and parishes. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we are able to serve increasing numbers of children each year. We look forward to working with you in the future to continue our outreach to those in need.

Faithfully,

Lindsay J. McHugh  
Secretary,  
Board of Trustees  
North Porch Women and Infants' Centers

*This letter serves as your receipt for tax purposes. We certify that no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation.*

Donations can be mailed c/o North Porch Treasurer, 11 South Bergen Street, Dover, 07801  
Official Business Address, North Porch Women & Infants' Centers, Episcopal House, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ 07102  
*Website: [www.northporch.org](http://www.northporch.org) E-mail [northporch@gmail.com](mailto:northporch@gmail.com)*

## FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <b>DIOCESAN CONVENTION</b> <i>Office closed</i>	<b>2</b> <b>DIOCESAN CONVENTION</b>
<b>3) Epiphany 4</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 11:15 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Joyful Noise	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Readers Circle Book Group	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm Meditation in Church 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wednesday Group	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> <i>Office closed</i> <i>Priest's day off</i>	<b>9</b>
<b>10) Epiphany 5</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist* 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist* 11:00 am Boonton Care Center service 11:15 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Joyful Noise *With Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm Meditation in Church 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wednesday Group	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> <i>Office closed</i> <i>Priest's day off</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17) Epiphany 6</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Joyful Noise	<b>18</b> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> <i>Presidents' Day</i> 7:15 pm Stewardship Commission	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm St Paul's Shelter Meal 7:00 pm AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Meditation in Church 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA Wednesday Group	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> <i>Office closed</i> <i>Priest's day off</i>	<b>23</b>
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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 *The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes*

Priest-in-Charge *The Rev. Jon M. Richardson*

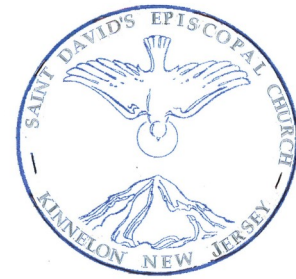
Senior Warden: *John Simonelli*

Junior Warden: *Marty Stanton*

*Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)*

*Bonnie Hook (Assistant Treasurer)*

*Mary Harbinsky (Clerk)*



Vestry: 2019

*Pat Hodde*

*Kathy Kent*

*Mike Roehrer*

2020

*Mary-Esther Arther*

*Mary Harbinsky*

2021

*Nancy Moody*

*Bonnie Hook*

