



SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Visions

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



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A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

P836—Book of Common Prayer

Celebrating 59 Years of Caring & Sharing

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From our Rector, The Rev. Jon M. Richardson



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, the real estate office where Michael works opened a new location. I went with Michael to the Grand Opening celebration partly as a supportive spouse, partly because I had heard there would be a lot of delicious food (and there was!), and partly because it can be good for the church to have the parish priest around at occasions of community celebration like that.

I met a lot of Michael's colleagues, but one in particular was so excited to talk to me about the church she attends. She told me what worship was like. She told me about the ways that she serves on Sunday mornings. She told me about her pastor and about all the outreach ministries that her church was involved in. The thing that impressed me, however, was this clearly wasn't her first rodeo. She got started talking with me because she knew that I would be a receptive audience, but that's not why she was comfortable talking about her church. She was comfortable talking about it because she'd done so before. Many times.

While her particular church is certainly more "evangelical" than I would typically be comfortable with (I am an Episcopalian, after all...), I did find that I really admired her willingness and skill at talking about it with complete strangers.

I met with a couple recently who have been thinking about visiting St. David's and wanted to know more about the church. My conversation was a lot like the one I had with Michael's colleague. I went on and on about what to expect, and how kind the people are, and about all the different kinds of ministry we do at St. David's. But even being a priest, after it was over, I found myself almost feeling embarrassed. Had it sounded like a sales pitch? It was authentic, but did it come across that way?

Talking about the church isn't something most Episcopalians are comfortable doing. And while I don't think it would be genuine for us to try to emulate evangelical Christianity, I do think we could learn a bit from their willingness to engage in evangelism – which is really just about sharing good news.

And we have a lot of "good news" at St. David's. We're small, but we're strong. We do more to help others and to build up our own parish family than a lot of churches much larger than us do. We have a lot to be proud of and we shouldn't be embarrassed to talk about it.

I encourage you to try talking about St. David's with someone you normally wouldn't. I will, too. It may not be easy at first, but it could become easy with practice. And we have a lot of good news to share!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon M. Richardson". The signature is stylized and cursive.



You are cordially invited to
DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CLASSIC!

“A CHRISTMAS CAROL”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

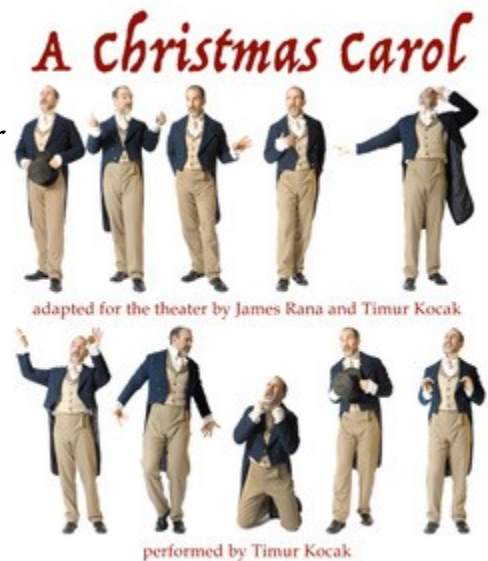
APPETIZER RECEPTION AT 6 PM. BYOB.
PERFORMANCE AT 7 PM.

TICKETS \$25
AFTER SERVICES OR
\$26 CREDIT CARD/ONLINE
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10

**ONE MAN
ONE TRUNK
25 CHARACTERS**
adapted for the stage by
JAMES RANA and TIMUR KOCAK
performed by **TIMUR KOCAK**

After successful engagements around the US, this one-man production for all ages comes to Kinnelon. With only the contents of a steamer trunk, Timur Kocak embodies 25 roles in this 75-minute version of Dickens' 1843 holiday classic delivered with physical humor and dramatic honesty.

*Bring your friends!
Sign up in the narthex if you can
offer an appetizer. Thank you!*



HOW TO BE A HOLIDAY HELPER

North Porch

Our voucher program will continue to provide funds for diapers and formula. Help fill the boxes and cradle in the narthex with these needs—wipes; baby food (jars, toddler finger snacks, cereal); toiletries (lotion, shampoo, body wash, diaper rash cream).



Diocesan Prison Ministry

This program is where children visit their incarcerated parents for a Christmas party. The children vary in age from toddler through 17.



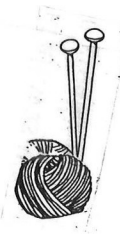
DO NOT WRAP!! You MUST use gift bags only

since everything coming into the facility is inspected. Each bag should have a large tag on it stating the age and gender of the child. This year basic clothing (pjs, slippers, hats, gloves) and for teens CVA or Target gift cards are suggested.

We need one or perhaps two volunteers (s) to deliver the bags. The two locations are either Grace Church in Nutley or St. James in Upper Montclair. Can you help? Please let Gill know if you're available the week of December 9. Thank you very much!

ATTENTION

Again this year we will be receiving mittens, scarves, caps and sweaters for the Seamen's Church Institute program for merchant seamen.



**The boxes will be in the narthex on
November 10.**

**The Christmas Ingathering will be in church on
December 8.**

**IT'S BACK! Clean up day—Saturday, November 16,
9:00 am—Noon,
Both inside and outside.**

**We need
YOU**

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Mike Roehrer.

Outside workers are asked to bring leaf blowers, loppers, pruners, or other favorite tools.

Inside workers are asked to bring swiffers, dusters, or favorite cleaning instruments. Donuts, bagels and coffee—and—soup and sandwich lunch will be provided.



This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 pm, at The Reformed Church of Kinnelon.

The new priest at Our Lady of the Magnificat will be the preacher.



THE ST. DAVID'S "saints" who met our commitment to St. Paul's Shelter on October 15: cooks—Jeanne Grieshaber, Mary Harbinsky, Kathy Kent, John Simonelli and Dale Wilhelm; drivers and servers—Marty and Candace Stanton.

Dear Michael and the Church Crafters,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blankets you made and donated to our chapter of Project Linus. They are gorgeous and so well made. The children will love to curl up in them and will feel the love that went into making the blankets.

And thank you for your support for Project Linus.

Leslie Maltz
Chapter Coordinator

Vestry Meeting Highlights October 16, 2019

Marty Stanton led the opening prayer and Mike Roehrer spoke on how he was inspired by Tom Lehmann, a man confined to a wheelchair since he was a teenager who overcame his difficulties, found Jesus, was always upbeat, and became a gospel message to those around him

We discussed concerns from the congregation – the condition of the rug in the large skylight room.

The Stewardship Commission reported that we netted \$320 from the parish yard sale; that many pledge forms have still not been received, which the Vestry will follow up on with personal notes; that things are set for the auction on October 26; that tickets will go on sale for A Christmas Carol on November 10; that the Community Service of Thanksgiving is on Sunday, November 24th at the Kinnelon Reformed Church; and that the 2020 Thrill of the Grill will be on Saturday, August 29th.

The Outreach Committee reported that with this month's disbursements we will have sent out \$6,000 in outreach donations this year; that Rev. Sharon Hausman's sermon and presentation on prison ministry was well received; and that the list of requested outreach Christmas gifts will be in the November newsletter.

We gave thanks for Nancy Moody for coordinating the garage sale; for John Simonelli for donating his garage sale profits to the church; for Mary Harbinsky for her help at the garage sale and for coordinating the baskets for the auction; for Marty and Candace Stanton for driving and serving at St. Paul's Men's Shelter; for Michael Kidney for painting the new Willing Hands TV room and new chapel; for Guy Baskinger for his help with the move; for the well-behaved animals at the Blessing of Animals service; and for Jean Boranian for joining the choir and volunteering to be a reader.

We reviewed and accepted the September Quickbooks reports.

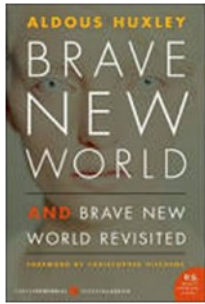
We agreed on Saturday, November 23rd for the Vestry MMR to be led by the Rev Canon Margo Clark, Canon for Congregational Life.

The Property Committee reported that plans for the Fall Clean-up Day are well under way; that the dampness issue in the basement is being addressed; and that they have been discussing a reboot of Adopt a Project in 2020.

We amended and approved the November calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden



ST. DAVID'S READERS CIRCLE 2019 -2020

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 - SKYLIGHT ROOM 7 PM

BRAVE NEW WORLD, ALDOUS HUXLEY

DISCUSSION LEADER – JENNIFER TREVISAN

BRAVE NEW WORLD takes place in a futuristic society in which people are grown as nearly identical embryos in bottles and conditioned to remove strong desires, the need for human relationships and strong emotions. BRAVE NEW WORLD, originally published in 1932, presents Aldous Huxley's vision of the future - of a world utterly transformed. Through the most efficient scientific and psychological engineering, people are genetically designed to be passive and therefore consistently useful to the ruling class. This powerful work of speculative fiction sheds a blazing critical light on the present and is considered to be Huxley's most enduring masterpiece.

Aldous Huxley's profoundly important classic of world literature, *Brave New World* is a searching vision of an unequal, technologically-advanced future where humans are genetically bred, socially indoctrinated, and pharmaceutically anesthetized to passively uphold an authoritarian ruling order--all at the cost of our freedom, full humanity, and perhaps also our souls. "A genius who spent his life decrying the onward march of the Machine, Huxley was a man of incomparable talents: equally an artist, a spiritual seeker, and one of history's keenest observers of human nature and civilization. Written in the shadow of the rise of fascism during the 1930s, *Brave New World* likewise speaks to today's world dominated by mass-entertainment, technology, medicine and pharmaceuticals, the arts of persuasion, and the hidden influence of elites. (The New Yorker)

St. David's Readers Circle meets each month at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month. Each year we read eight books; fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi and occasionally, memoirs. Newcomers are welcome to join the Readers Circle at any time. For more information about The Readers Circle please contact Sondra Odian.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

For October

For the month: 55

Year to date: 53

YOUR OUTREACH VOUCHERS AT WORK

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR DONATION
TO OUR FOOD PANTRY.

YOUR THOUGHTFUL GENEROSITY
HAS MADE IT A LITTLE EASIER
FOR US TO HELP THOSE
WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE
IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Thank you for
your kindness!

With grateful hearts,

St. Joseph Cares Food Pantry

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

We would just like to thank you once again for your recent check for our food pantry of \$200! We are grateful for your generosity! We have had donations from a farmer's market of fresh vegetables. This was done by some girl scouts working on their Silver Award. We all would like to keep this going as the patrons enjoy receiving this. We're working out the details, but it will probably be the girls doing the shopping using funds from

our food pantry acct. Your generosity will help us with this!

Thank you again!

BOROUGH YARD SALE—OCTOBER 5



Thanks!

Co-ordinator—Nancy Moody

Bakers—Jeanne Grieshaber, Mary Harbinsky, Kathy Kent,
Michael Kidney, Jeanette Meyer, Nancy Moody

We netted \$320!



THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS October 6



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Eat, Drink and Be Merry!
Beefsteak Dinner and Silent Auction 2019
DINNER



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SILENT AUCTION



Beefsteak Dinner and Silent Auction 2018

Church Members and Friends Who Made Donations

Mary-Esther Arther

Vicky Dawson

Jeanette DeVincenzo-Meyer

Rich Dobson

Julie Dolci

Herb Grieshaber

Steve and Jeanne Grieshaber

Nancy Hammaker

Kent & Mary Harbinsky

Pat Hodde

Bonnie Hook

Steve and Kathy Kent

Michael Kidney

Norm & Joanne Leser

Jay and Joan Ludwig

Nancy Moody

Caroline Mossip

Pat Murphy

Gay Newby

Sondra Odian

Jon Richardson

John Simonelli

Tom and Chris Snyder

Marty Stanton

Cheryl Stone

Jennifer Trevisan

Bob and Nancy Ward

The Stewardship Commission—Mary-Esther Arther, Scott Ashton, Pat Hodde, Kathy Kent, John Simonelli, Jennifer Trevisan.

Caroline Mossip for photographing the event.

Mary Harbinsky and her team for bringing all the baskets and donations together—Jeanette DeVincenzo-Meyer, Karen Dunn, Sandy Dunn, Jeanne Grieshaber, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Michael Kidney, Nancy Moody

Dinner and Auction Set up/Clean up team—Guy Baskinger, LaDonna Befort, Karen Dunn, Sandy Dunn, Jimmy Elmezean, Jeanne Grieshaber, Mary Harbinsky, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Michael Kidney, Lee Moody, Nancy Moody, Jon Richardson, John Simonelli, Irene Williams

Greeters—Sondra Odian, John Simonelli

Master of Ceremonies—Marty Stanton

Auction Cashiers— John Simonelli, Jennifer Trevisan

THIS YEAR WE NETTED \$5,148.04

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 office closed <i>Rector's Sabbath</i> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 am Breaking Bread with the Bishop
3 All Saints Day : White Team <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 11:15 am Coffee Hour	4 7:00 pm Readers Circle Book Group	5 7:00 pm AA	6 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	7 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 office closed <i>Rector's Sabbath</i>	9
10 Pentecost 22: Green Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist* 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist* 11:15 am Coffee Hour *With Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	11	12 7:00 pm AA	13 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	14 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 office closed <i>Rector's Sabbath</i>	16 9:00 am – Noon Fall Clean Up Day
17 Pentecost 23: Gold Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour	18	19 7:00 pm AA	20 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA	21 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 office closed <i>Rector's Sabbath</i>	23 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Vestry MMR
24 Last Pentecost: Red Team Christ the King 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Serv.	25 7:15 pm Stewardship Commission	26 7:00 pm AA	27 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	28 THANKSGIVING DAY office closed	29 office closed <i>Rector's Sabbath</i>	30

- Tuesday AA is an open meeting; Wednesday AA is not an open meeting.

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*
Rector *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

