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Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ



OCTOBER 2019

OCTOBER 26!



DELICIOUS BEEFSTEAK DINNER

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From our Rector, The Rev. Jon M. Richardson



Dear Friends,

There's a certain grace that comes from having our Financial Stewardship campaign overlap as it does each year with our celebration of the Season of Creation in October. At St. David's we're good at thinking about our responsibilities as Christian stewards during more than just the financial campaign. In the Spring each year we focus on stewardship of our Time & Talent, and in fact, the Stewardship Commission is active year-round preparing social events and fundraisers. So we know that caring for the resources with which we have been entrusted isn't just a once-each-year thing. It's an ongoing responsibility that we take seriously.

But it occurred to me this year, as I was reading through some newer liturgical resources from The Episcopal Church about Creation Season, that so much of this season is about stewardship. We begin with the Blessing of the Animals on the first Sunday in October. In that service we pray for God to bless the animals themselves, but also for God to bless us as we engage in the responsibility of caring for these creatures who are such blessings from God to us.

Our focus starts in the home, but quickly spreads out beyond ourselves. Creation Season spurs us to think of the blessings of creation that we enjoy every day. Here around St. David's, we are blessed by the beauty of creation in more concrete and tangible ways than many others might be – we are surrounded by so much natural beauty. And with those blessings, as is so often the case with blessings, responsibility goes hand in hand. We have been given glorious gifts in creation, and we are charged to care for it as best we can.

That's the same reality we discover in our financial stewardship campaign. Our first focus is to look within our own homes and lives – how are we being called to give of ourselves and our resources generously? But that focus quickly spreads beyond just ourselves. We have so many blessings here at St. David's, and our gifts to the church and to the world spread farther than most of us probably know. And with so many blessings passed to us by all those who have laid the foundation of this community, it's important to remember that with blessings comes responsibility. We are charged to care for this place, these people, and this ministry.

As you consider the gifts of creation and our responsibility to care for it this month, try to recognize the same calling we share to give thanks for and to care for this church and our wider ministry. May God bless your discernment richly.

In peace,



**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN AT THE
BEEFSTEAK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26!
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND
NEIGHBORS TO ATTEND!**

BIDDING AND SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM

BIDDING ENDS: 7:30 PM

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE on Sundays and
in the office, Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or online.**

Tickets: \$40 (\$42 credit card) for adults, \$5 (\$6 credit card) for children (10 & under).

BYOB. Soft drinks provided.

THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 20!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION—
BASKETS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES

Reminders

If you aren't sure how to arrange the basket, just bring the supplies and one of our expert basket makers will put it together for you.

Provide list of items in basket

Provide total value of basket

Provide your name

Is your basket ready now?

Bring it to church on Sunday or to the parish office, Monday—Thursday 9:00—2:00 pm.

Questions? Call Mary Harbinsky, 201-650-9348.

Email: maryharbinsky@optonline.net

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20!

If you can't get the donated item to church by that date, call the office (973-838-6696) or Mary Harbinsky to arrange for pickup.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

To help make baskets; prepare bid sheets; help the day of the event; help clean up!

Sign up in the narthex!

**THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! We need EVERYONE to
participate in some way—donating an auction item, attending the dinner and
bidding or making a monetary donation if you can't be there.**

THANK YOU!

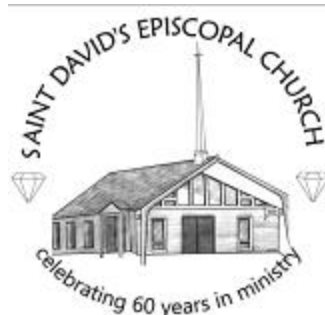
Cash, checks, Visa, AMEX, Discover and Mastercard will be accepted for auction items!



CREATION SEASON will begin on Sunday, October 6, with The Blessing of the Animals during the 10:00 AM service. Bring your pets who travel well and can handle strangers. Otherwise, bring photos, memories or even stuffed animals! On this day we bless those special members of our families who bless us all year! Invite your friends, family and neighbors to attend with their pets also.



On September 15, we had the pleasure of welcoming The Rev. Sharon Hausman, who preached at both services about the prison ministry we support. She gave us much to think about. We will be hearing more about the special Saturday program for families and how we can become involved.



Thanks to all the parishioners who attended the financial commitment brunch, to Rev. Jon and John Simonelli for their meaningful messages and the Stewardship Commission for the delicious food. Everyone has received their packets—the next step is studying the materials and making a decision.

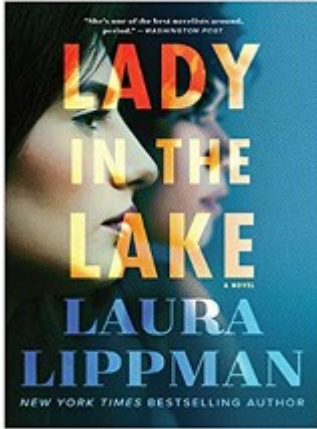
Remember—the Ingathering is on October 13.

IN MEMORY: ALL SAINTS' DAY will be observed on Sunday, November 3. If there is anyone you would like to have included in the necrology, (those who have died since last All Saints' Day), please have their names to the office by 9:00 AM, **Tuesday October 29.**



Winter coat drive: The Lakeland Hills YMCA is partnering with Homeless Solutions and Market Street Mission for their annual coat drive between September 28 and October 15 Please bring in any coats, clean and in good condition, and leave them neatly folded in the narthex. If anyone would like to help Gill Otto take them to the Y, please get in touch with her in the parish office.

ST. DAVID'S READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP 2019 -2020



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

SKYLIGHT ROOM, 7:00 PM

LADY IN THE LAKE, Laura Lippman
DISCUSSION LEADER: Doris Snyder

The revered ***New York Times*** bestselling author returns with a novel set in 1960s Baltimore that combines modern psychological insights with elements of classic noir, about a middle-aged housewife turned aspiring reporter who pursues the murder of a forgotten young woman.

In 1966, Baltimore is a city of secrets that everyone seems to know—everyone, that is, except Madeleine “Maddie” Schwartz. Last year, she was a happy, even pampered housewife. This year, she’s bolted from her marriage of almost twenty years, determined to make good on her youthful ambitions to live a passionate, meaningful life. (NY Times)

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, NOVEMBER 2

BREAKING BREAD WITH THE BISHOP

We will be hosting this special opportunity to meet with Bishop Hughes and parishioners from around the diocese.

Watch for directions for on-line registration.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

For September

Monthly – 50, Year to date - 52

Vestry Meeting Highlights September 18, 2019

John Simonelli led the opening prayer and Nancy Moody spoke of how the commitment of a Jehovah Witness client at the bereavement center where she works humbles and inspires her.

We discussed concerns from the congregation – the lack of a need for so much worship space; the poor congregational attendance at the celebration of new ministry; the quality of the “Celebration” invitations sent to the parish; and the general lack of support for each other at such events as the senior ministry recognition service. We also noted positive feedback about the Vestry Thanksgivings being included in the service leaflet and the new curtain screens in the parish hall.

The Stewardship Commission reported that we netted \$1,482.74 from the Thrill of the Grill, including a \$92.00 donation from Fairway Markets. They also noted that all tenant leases are current.

The Outreach Committee reported that the Celebration of New Ministry offering for Outreach was \$896.00 which was added to our outreach fund. They are intending to invite more guest “outreach” preachers in the future.

We gave thanks for the Bishop Hughes for officiating at the Celebration of New Ministry, for the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton for preaching, and for the Rev. Deacon Deborah Drake for serving as deacon; for Kathy and Steve Kent and the kitchen, serving and clean-up crew; for John Simonelli for his “Costco Catering”; for Bonnie Hook and Julie Dolci for hosting; for all the service participants; for all the parish photographers; for the altar guild, particularly new member, Vicki Lutz; for the Rev. Sharon Hausman for being our first outreach guest preacher; for Jon Richardson and Michael Kidney for donating the new chalice and paten; for Michael Kidney for his diligence with sign maintenance; and for Nancy Moody for getting publicity for church events out in a timely manner.

We reviewed and accepted the August Quickbooks reports.

We amended and approved the October calendar.

Respectfully submitted,
John Simonelli, Senior Warden

THRILL OF THE GRILL, SEPTEMBER 7

Thanks to those who attended!

Thanks to all those who worked so hard!

Steve and Kathy Kent

Scott Ashton, Kent and Mary Harbinsky, Michael Kidney, Lisa Masotta, Lee and Nancy Moody, Deb Roehrer, John Simonelli, Wade Wieczoreck, Ian and Liana Witthoeft

Special thanks to Fairway Markets for their donation of \$92!

We netted \$1,482.74!



THRILL OF THE GRILL, SEPTEMBER 7



CELEBRATION of a NEW MINISTRY, SEPTEMBER 12



Thanks to all the many service and reception participants and to Jon and Michael for their gift of the new chalice and paten.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 pm AA	2 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	3 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 <i>office closed</i> Rector's <i>Sabbath</i>	5 8:00 am Church Leaders University 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Town-wide Garage Sale
6 Pentecost 17: White Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing and Blessing of the Animals 11:15 am Coffee Hour	7 7:00 Book Group	8 10:30 am Outreach Committee 7:00 pm AA	9 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	10 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 <i>office closed</i> Rector's <i>Sabbath</i>	12
13 Pentecost 18: Green Team Financial Commitment Ingathering 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	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>office closed</i>	15 5:00 pm St. Paul's Shelter Meal 7:00 pm AA	16 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 6:00 pm Stewardship Commission 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA	17 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 <i>office closed</i> Rector's <i>Sabbath</i>	19
20 Pentecost 19: Gold Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour	21	22 7:00 pm AA	23 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	24 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 <i>office closed</i> Rector's <i>Sabbath</i>	26 5:00 pm Beefsteak Dinner and Silent Auction
	<i>Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference</i>					
27 Pentecost 20: Red Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Coffee Hour	28 7:00 pm Budget & Finance Comm. Meeting	29 7:00 pm AA	30 1:00 pm Meditation 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA	31 9:30 am Healing Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		

• 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

