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...a community of disciples passing on God's love to all.



## Capital Campaign Update

On May 31, 1970, the bishop of Delaware officially opened and dedicated the nave of Saint David's in a festal worship service. The brand new worship space was remarkable in design and expressed the enthusiasm and hope of a still fledgling congregation. Saint David's was only 16 years old at the time! Fast forward to the present day and one will find the same worship space still providing a hallowed and welcoming place for God's People to gather, pray, praise, celebrate, grieve, serve, and learn — albeit with a worn look and a need for repair and renewal.

The 50th anniversary of the dedication of the nave will be here in 2020. In preparation for that event, and as a way of renewing the property for us and those who will come after us, Saint David's has embarked on a **Faith Building for Generations to Come** campaign. This parish-wide effort seeks to replace wobbly and worn chairs in the nave, refurbish the aged and dingy nave flooring, stop years of leaks in the bell tower, replace an unsteady electronic organ with a state-of-the-art digital instrument, repaint the walls in the nave, as well as replace single pane windows in the Great Hall with today's safe, modern, and energy efficient models. The estimated cost for these projects is \$310,000. Every household is being asked to pray for and contribute a financially meaningful pledge to this effort. Using the metric of "financially meaningful" encourages each household to participate in a way that fits their situation and budget. Pledges to the campaign are payable over three years.

\$247,685 has been pledged to this effort as of June 5th. That is an incredible figure that reflects the generosity of the people of this parish. As we move into the heart of summer, a mailing will be sent to every household who has not yet had the chance to complete a pledge form via house or church based gatherings.

Model chairs will soon be in the narthex so folks can sit in them and give written feedback. The vestry will soon discuss the recommendations of the steeplejacks on their proposal to renew the bell tower and arrest the leaks. Meanwhile, various digital organs are under consideration. All of this, made possible because God's Love has inspired the people of this community to commit to a Divine future!

Questions? Need a pledge form?

Contact Chip Snowden [charlessnowden1944@gmail.com](mailto:charlessnowden1944@gmail.com)  
or The Rev. Canon Jim Von Dreele [dvondreele@gmail.com](mailto:dvondreele@gmail.com).

They'd be glad to assist you!

## Capital Campaign Presentation from May 13, 2018 by Rebecca Ford

Good Morning.

Although many of you know us by now, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Rebecca Ford and my husband Michael, and I started attending St. David's with our four daughters in 2014, shortly after our youngest was born. We landed at St. David's after some on again off again church shopping.

A few weeks back I received a call from Chip Snowden asking if I would be willing to speak to the congregation about my experience at Saint David's. To be honest, Michael and I were mere hours away from a flight to Key West for our first vacation without our girls and I had mentally checked out, but I had lots of time for reflection and here I am today.

As some of you may know, I spend most of my days looking at numbers and spreadsheets, so I decided to do it by the numbers.

**My first number today is 4**, for my four daughters, Madeline, Natalie, Gabrielle and Nora. Having a large family, we were looking for a place that would welcome all of us...even when we drop clipboards during the sermon or run down the halls like we own the place. We were looking for a place where our kids could grow and learn not only about God, Jesus, and Scripture, but also about community and being a good person.

**My next number is 26**, which is the number of equipping hours we had during the 2017-2018 school year. We saw a really positive change this year with the redevelopment of the 9:00 hour. The new model is intergenerational and it has been wonderful watching kids and adults learn from one another. There have been many creative presentations and events to help all of us see the lessons in a new way. I think we have all grown and benefitted from each experience. I would like to say a special thank you to Pat Van-Catledge, Kathy Hanna and Fr. Brad for spearheading the change.

**Next...Z**. It would be remiss of me to not mention the amazing day school program we have here at St. David's. Z is the amount of amazing teachers our younger two girls have had here at school. The teachers here truly embody the spirit of St. David's. When we run into past teachers around town, my girls run up to them and hug them...and the teachers never seem to forget a name. The teachers are loving and nurturing and teach young people how to share and play nice – lessons sometimes we all need.

**1 – Fr. Brad**. Michael and I were honest with ourselves when looking for a new church. If the church was more than a few miles away we wouldn't go. Getting ourselves and the girls out the door on a Sunday morning would never happen. Our first Sunday here we were welcomed with open arms. Linda Owens invited us to hospitality hour after the service and Fr. Brad approached us and welcomed us and really tried to determine what we were looking for in a church home. We truly appreciated the time he took to discuss **all** the churches in the area. I started to wonder if it was a challenge... was he daring us to find a better fit??? So we kept coming back...week after week. And he is forced to endure the sound of every dropped clipboard during his sermons (although he takes it in stride).

**My last number...120**. The real reason, and the biggest reason we are here. 120 is the number of families at St. David's. Everyone here was warm and welcoming from the moment we walked in the door. The strong community has allowed us to develop friendships and given us a church home. The people here have become part of our village. St. David's isn't just a spot on the map. It's a close-knit group of people who came here to find a place to love and serve. What we all found is community and friendship and a place to be ourselves.

I encourage all of you to contribute to the Capital Campaign as we have. Let's keep Saint David's an amazing church family...  
...for generations to come.

## So, Who Are These Bishop People and What Do They Do?

Questions about bishops have been popping up lately. Most of them arising after Presiding Bishop Curry preached at the recent royal wedding. Others arising over the election of Delaware's new bishop. Perhaps this might be a good time for a little refresher on those folks who wear funny hats!

### What is a Presiding Bishop?

Chief Pastor of the Episcopal Church. In 1919 the office was made elective and invested with executive responsibility for all departments of the church's work. As "Chief Pastor," the Presiding Bishop is charged with initiating and developing church policy and strategy, speaking God's Word to the church and the world, and visiting every diocese of the church. The Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Washington, D. C., is the official seat of the Presiding Bishop. The office of the Presiding Bishop is located at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City. The present term of office for the Presiding Bishop is nine years.

## Who is our Presiding Bishop?

**The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry** was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church on November 1, 2015. He was elected and confirmed at the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City, UT, on June 27, 2015. He is the Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

Throughout his ministry, Presiding Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice, speaking out on immigration policy and marriage equality.

Presiding Bishop Curry has served on the boards of a large number of organizations, including the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church (TREC) and as Chair and now Honorary Chair of Episcopal Relief & Development. He was a member of the Commission on Ministry in each of the three dioceses where he has served. He has received honorary degrees from Episcopal Divinity School, Sewanee, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Yale.



## May was quite a month to be an Episcopalian!

For the week leading up to the royal wedding, people across the world wanted to know everything about Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, including why the leader of the Episcopal Church would be preaching in the presence of the queen of England. Then on May 19, nearly 30 million TV viewers in the United States alone watched Curry's sermon on the power of God's love

## What is a Diocesan Bishop?

One of the three orders of ordained ministers in the church, bishops are charged with the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the church. Bishops represent Christ and his church, and they are called to provide Christian vision and leadership for their dioceses. The BCP (p. 855) notes that the bishop is "to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry." Diocesan bishops hold jurisdiction in their dioceses, with particular responsibility for the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the church. Since the bishop's ministry is a ministry of oversight, the term "episcopal" (derived from the Greek *episcopos*, "overseer") is applied to them.

There are other kinds of bishops too. Two prominent examples are: suffragan (assist diocesan bishops but do not necessarily succeed the diocesan bishop at his/her retirement), coadjutor (elected to serve with and succeed the diocesan bishop). Delaware is small enough that we have need of only one bishop.

## Who is Our Diocesan Bishop?

**The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown** was elected as the 11th bishop of Delaware on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Kevin grew up in Asheville, North Carolina, and has been an Episcopalian since the age of five. He is a 1991 graduate of Duke University with a double major in Psychology and Mathematics. Following graduate studies and working as an Acquisitions Officer in the United States Air Force and later for FedEx, Kevin discerned his call to the priesthood and received his Masters in Divinity from The General Theological Seminary in New York.

He then accepted the call to become Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Paris, Tennessee, in 2007. He was called to serve as Rector at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2010. Kevin's wife, Caroline, is also a Duke graduate and is an accomplished artist. Kevin was ordained and consecrated the 11th bishop of Delaware on December 9, 2017, by the **Most Rev. Michael B. Curry**, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, at Delaware State University in Dover.

at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. For a week afterward, Curry was interviewed or profiled by seemingly every major media outlet, from the BBC to ABC's "The View" to the celebrity gossip site TMZ.

Episcopalians, who have long known of Curry's talent as a preacher, responded with a mix of joy at "one of us" receiving such attention and hope that Curry's rising profile would boost the church's profile – and maybe even help fill the pews.

## Once We are Done High-Fiving, What are We Going to Do?

The Rev. Scott Gunn, executive director of the Episcopal evangelism resource ministry Forward Movement, puts it this way: "Churches often think that they're going to advertise their way into church growth or that the presiding bishop will do our work for us," Gunn told ENS. "But the reality is people hear about Jesus because one person invites another person."

## Brad at General Convention



I am excited to be a Deputy to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas this July (3-14). Over 800 Deputies and 200 + bishops from the 109 dioceses of

the church will gather to address a host of matters and materials whose wide range and sometimes daunting detail will not fit in this small article. I encourage you to visit the convention website

### **generalconvention.org**

to see for yourself the proposals and opportunities that will be considered.

I am honored to chair the group of 14 priests, deacons, and laity that hail from Delaware! I will also serve on the Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music committee that will consider, among other things, updates to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, additions to the Calendar of Commemorations (the people whose names appear on the liturgical

calendar), *The Book of Occasional Services*, as well as the possibility of updating the Baptismal Covenant with language that reflects our unity with creation. The entire convention will also decide the timeline for revising the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. This should prove to be a rich and full time together. After the convention I plan to take a week away from the parish on vacation with Thomas!

The Revs. Henry Chan and Anna Waid will cover Sunday liturgies while I am away. Sandy Frazer will also manage pastoral care requests connecting on-call clergy with those in need. Please join me in praying for our beloved Church as we take council together and ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration!

BAH +



## Outreach Mission Opportunities

On July 1st, "Group Mission Trips" is partnering with St. Barnabas Church to bring a home repair youth mission project to Wilmington! All over the country, Group Mission Trips has been partnering with church organizations and youth volunteers to repair thousands of homes of needy residents. Visit the parish webpage to read more about this program and how you can get involved in this wonderful program in our own backyard! [stdavidsde.org](http://stdavidsde.org)

## Signing-Up Options

Sign-Up Genius is the most convenient, quickest way to sign up for any event from the comfort of your dentist's chair or grocery check-out lane on your handheld device. But if you wish, you may always call the Parish Office (302-475-4688) and talk to Jackie Somers! If she's not there, simply leave her a message about which event you'd like to sign-up and what you'd

## Vestry Highlights for the June/July 2018 Glad Tidings

At the May 14, 2018 meeting, the Vestry . . .

- welcomed Day School Board members to share ideas about our shared ministry.
- approved the 2017 Parochial Report, a yearly digest of ministry, attendance, and financial data that is required of every parish.
- reviewed financial updates (month and year to date) from Treasurer Karen Olmstead.
- affirmed the selection of Jolene Baddick as Sr. Warden and April Starkey as Jr. Warden for the year beginning June 1st.
- discussed the **Faith Building for Generations to Come Campaign** in detail. Details included pledge updates, project organization, prioritization, and vendor information.
- received quotes on completing work on sealing the parking lot/filling cracks (phase II of the parking lot project).

The complete and approved minutes of each Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board opposite the copier room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Leishman, *Clerk of the Vestry*

### Community Outreach Garden Update

Plants are starting to sprout and new seeds have been added! Take a look. We are looking for folks to water on Saturdays and Sundays – all it takes is five to ten minutes! You'll be glad you did. Proceeds from the Garden will be taken to the food bank at Lutheran Community Services! Contact Scott Doyle to participate! shdoyle18@hotmail.com

### Looking for Lay Weeders

The Trustees of the Legacy Fund and Memorial Garden continue their summer volunteer program of weed deterrence. Contact Kevin Kane citizen4kane@gmail.com for information about the Memorial Garden and how you can help this summer.

*Oh Beautiful for smoggy skies, insecticided grain, For strip-mined mountain's majesty  
above the asphalt plain. America, America, man sheds his waste on thee,  
And hides the pines with billboard signs, from sea to oily sea.*

~ George Carlin



Carlin's well-known parody of one of our nation's most beloved national songs brings to mind the ways in which we have squandered the riches of "America the Beautiful." Check out [www.practicalenvironmentalist.com](http://www.practicalenvironmentalist.com) to see simple things you can do to preserve the natural beauty of our country and God's world.

# DAY SCHOOL NEWS

## On the June/July “Splash into Summer” Calendar:

June 5	CPR/AED & First Aid Class, 6pm, Room 4
June 14	Flag Day
June 17	Father’s Day
June 21	First Day of Summer
June 28	Full Moon “Strawberry Moon,” aka “Rose Moon”
July 3	Pre 4th of July Family BBQ
July 4	Happy Fourth of July – Camp Closed
July 10	CPR/AED & First Aid Class, 6pm, Room 4
July 27	Full Moon “Buck Moon,” aka “Thunder Moon”

## Happy Father’s Day!

With love, we celebrate our father’s who give love, guidance, and support throughout our lives!

## Summer Birthdays

Happy early summer birthdays to Janet Leishman, Traci Raftovich, Wendi Mako, and JT Walton!

## “Splash into Summer” 2018 Staff News

Doing much of the planning for “Splash Into Summer” is Priscilla Cathcart.

We welcome to our camp staff the following: Bev Igo, Hali Hoernemann, Nyaire Jeffers, and Aiden Lewis for their first summer.

Back for another summer are Marisa Cayer, Rebecca Henretty, Caroline Koval, Gina Zarrilli, Wendi Mako, Elaine Osman, Pam Nagle, Jackie Berchtold, Kelly Suppe, Marcie Jorgensen, Ashley Nagowski, Michelle Iacono, and Sandy Pierce.

Spaces are still available for children between the ages of 3 and 5. Call the school office for more information.

**Have a fabulous start  
to your summer!**



Happy Birthday to our Nation  
May we all enjoy and appreciate the freedoms  
born on Independence Day, July 4th.





**Milestones & Transitions** features updates about that which is happening in your lives: graduations, retirements, changing jobs, moving/change of address, birth of a child/adoption, going off to college...all those major things that the community would want to know about and lift up in prayer for God's blessing. If you have an item please contact the Parish Office at 302-475-4688 or email at [stdavidschurchoffice@verizon.net](mailto:stdavidschurchoffice@verizon.net).

- **Maria Blasucci's** daughter, **Caneel Radinson-Blasucci** graduated from Widener Delaware Law School on May 19, 2018 with a JD Degree with honors.
- **Robb Mahan** graduated from Wilmington University with a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science. He continues his studies pursuing a Masters in Administration of Human Services at Wilmington University.
- **Allison Olmstead** is graduating from Ursuline Academy in Wilmington Delaware. She will attend the University of Delaware to study Engineering.
- **Kelsey Olmstead** is graduating from Ursuline Academy in Wilmington Delaware. She will attend Catholic University in Washington, D.C. to study Nursing.
- **Bobby Rhodunda** is graduating from Concord High School. Family and friends will be present to witness the festivities. He ran cross country, played baseball, was member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. Last October, Bobby earned rank of Eagle Scout Rank. He will attend the University of Delaware in the fall studying Biology/Medical Laboratory Science.
- **Sydney Sobczyk** is graduating from Padua Academy. She participated in Blue Gold Club and was a member of the Business Leadership Class her Senior year that ran the school store. She will be attend Alvernia University this fall where she will study Marketing and Business.
- **Julia Wright** is graduating from Mount Pleasant High School's International Baccalaureate Program. She will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. She has not yet declared a major.

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## Wherever You Go

Graduations bring a commencement, or beginning, of new things.

In 1990, Dr. Seuss published *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone.

Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Karin Fang  
Sam Bell  
Carol Clark  
Renee Tilley  
Kay Bennett  
Bill Waid  
Hugh Bryan  
Marcia Wight  
Alex Walsh  
Bob Ransom  
Sheila Coffin  
Charlie Courtney  
Carissa Krawchuk  
Carron Ingham  
Kathy Meehan  
Colleen McGill

Bobby Robinson  
Olivia Kirby Thomas  
John Van-Catledge  
Scott Harra  
Meghan Harra  
Daniel Taylor  
Joan Murphy  
Betty Hemric  
John Yovino  
Maryanne O'Connor  
Barbara Mount  
Madeline Deveney  
Lee Manns  
Sandra  
Lydia Colon De Rean  
Hirsch & Amelia

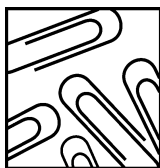
Jackie Weaver  
Louise France  
Dorothy Gibbs  
Damian Sanbe  
Tenney Wheatley  
Anita Wheeler  
Charles Canning  
Jennifer Hughes-Miller  
J. Michael Tomme  
Maureen Brickley  
Dan Mulveney  
Jo Van-Zoeren  
Jean Jackson  
Howard Horne  
Paul Worriow

Mitchel  
David Mastro  
Vivianne Meffen  
Liz Porter  
Dan & Mary  
Wayne Snavelly  
Phil Kay  
  
*Deceased*  
Patrick  
Anderson Gonzalez

Please call the Church Office to put someone on the Prayer List or to remove a name from the list. Each person on the list remains there for one month unless the office is notified that an additional month is desired. The name is read during Intercessory Prayers in worship the first week of the listing. We remember these people in our prayers and in our hearts.

### This is the Combined June/July Issues of Glad Tidings!

Just a quick reminder that the Saint David's Office prints a combined June/July issue of Glad Tidings! in the slower, hazy, days of summer. The deadline for the next edition will be July 15th and will arrive in early August.



FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jared Schultheis	16 Janet Leishman	2 Daniel & Tracey Mulveny
3 Steve Leishman	16 Karen Sieber	3 Kim & Barbara DeHaven
3 Lances McKnight	18 Patrick Schweiger	4 Jim & Janie Jersild
4 Richard Harra	-Schultheis	5 Blake Bichlmeir & Joan Von Feldt
4 Neil Himelein	20 Pauletta Clemens	6 Bill & Helen Geimeier
5 MacKenzie Sobczyk	21 Suzanne Taber	13 Della & Jared Schweiger
6 Dean Allred	21 Jay Wheeler	25 Fred & Liz Wehle
6 Jim Flesch	23 Scott Andrews	27 Jeff & Deana Cook
6 Bernie Glavin	23 Grace Waid	30 Hank & Sheila Dowdy
7 Ruthie Brown	23 Edwin Phillips	
8 Janet Walton	24 Lynn Royal	
9 Jolene Baddick	25 Lindsay Roux	
9 Cate Lawrence	26 Bill Geimeier	
11 Doug Lawrence	27 Sandy Frazer	
11 Josh Siegel	27 Richard Roux	
13 Sheila Dowdy	28 Jane Harvey	
13 William Rhodunda	29 Gen Van-Catledge	
13 Theodore Walters	29 Fred Wehle	
14 Janet Marcin	30 Julie Carryer	
15 Kevin Roux	30 Joan Von Feldt	

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3 Sydney Sobczyk	21 Annalisa Hargis	4 Dennis & Lynn Royal
5 Charlotte Walters	22 Kate Siegel	5 Brad & Thomas Hinton
6 Ann Schneider	23 Rose Morris	5 Chip & Sara Snowden
11 Morgan Brown	24 Kate Wilson	9 Judith & Bruce Gwaltney
11 Henry Zimmerman	26 Karl Kaliher	12 Thomas & Judy Byrne
12 Robb Mahan	27 Barbara DeHaven	14 Amy Myers, & Jim Flesch
13 Courtenay	27 Jim Jersild	14 Chris & John Yovino
Hoernemann	28 Erica Diehl	22 Craig & Diane Camarote
13 Mary Rhodunda	29 Marie Stringfellow	
14 Rod Turner	29 Randal Yoncha	
15 Travis Turner	30 Deana Cook	
16 Carlene Deschaine	31 Vivianne Meffen	
18 Reilly Siegel		
19 Bill Rhodunda		
19 J.T. Walton		

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**As we celebrate...** with flags and festivities, the 4th of July, let us also turn our thoughts and hearts to God in thanksgiving for this nation.

### **A Prayer for the Nation from the Book of Common Prayer**

Lord God Almighty,  
in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us,  
and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people  
of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

