

# Glad Tidings!



## Saint David's Parish

A Community of disciples passing on God's love to all



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### A FORETASTE OF FALL

It's good to be 'back in the saddle again', having returned from The General Convention of the Episcopal Church and a personal vacation. We have only a few weeks before our fall lineup 'takes off' and I must admit I am looking forward to a great program year. This edition of "Glad Tidings" brings you news of many of those upcoming activities. I trust you'll find the contents both informative and interesting.

The fall array of worship, service and spiritual growth opportunities brings back many familiar offerings that are reliable staples of our parish identity: The Day School gets underway, Children's Chapel and Middler activities return on Sunday mornings. The choir resumes their ministry and the Tuesday Morning

formation group kick off their meetings. The Adult Spirituality Team and the Youth Group also restart their fellowship and fun. But wait, there's more!.. ...Making their return to our ministry matrix are youth oriented offerings which include Acolytes, J2A, and Confirmation Classes.

These renewed groups take their places alongside the year-round ministries and together they mark this parish as a lively and growing Christian Community. God's blessings be upon you as your complete your summer months even as the Spirit's power leads you further along the paths of discipleship.

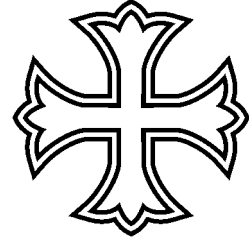
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FALL IS COMING... AND WITH IT ANOTHER NAME CHANGE. For many years the Sunday School Class for adults had been called Adult Education. While that name is definitively correct, it lacks a certain something...a sense of flair. So, that which was Adult Education will now be referred to as Adult Faith Formation. This change focuses more on what we most hope to facilitate...growing in faith.



## Adult Faith Formation

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Our mission statement commits us to nourish and strengthen each other in our open journeys, and to grow in new directions. To help us achieve this, The Adult Faith Formation committee is sponsoring a Sunday evening presentation:

*Seeing is Believing:*

*The Challenge of the Second Commandment in the Early Church*

Join us as we unearth the struggle of the Church Fathers to reconcile the 2nd Commandment banning 'graven images' with the gentile culture of the day which was steeped in a tradition of imagery and idolatry. Beginning with traditional Jewish theology and practice, we will examine how early Christian leaders wrestled with pagan idolatry while justifying Christian imagery. Our program will

examine the relatively small pool of pre Constantinian artwork and witness the explosion of imperial-sponsored Christian masterworks that appear within the first few centuries of Constantine's spectacular transformation of the church. Understand your Christian faith in an entirely new way by studying the power of Christian imagery.

The Speaker:

**Paula Hartzell** is director of the Interfaith Resource Center. She has served as an adjunct professor at Wilmington University and Goldey Beacom College and has been offering courses on Christian art to the local faith community for nearly 20 years. She earned a master's degree in Art History from Michigan State University and bachelor's degree in Art Education.

**Sunday, September 13, 20, 27**  
**From 7pm to 8pm**  
**in the Memorial Room**

Join us as "we grow in new directions" in the knowledge of our Christian Life.

## MORE KIDS! MORE FUN! MORE HELPERS!

There's one more month of lazy, hazy days of summer. But already plans are being made for September at St. David's – especially for our children and youth. As St. David's Sunday School has been growing throughout the past year, we are looking forward to adding another class this fall!

Our current "Rite 13" class will move on to confirmation classes and then into a new "Journey to Adulthood" class, a special program designed for teens which builds on their work completed these past two years in their "Rite 13" class. Our oldest "Middlers" are now ready to create their own new "Rite 13" class. Our younger "Middlers" will continue their work, focusing on Bible stories, prayer, crafts and outreach. Our youngest group, "Children's Chapel", will continue to use "Godly Play," a widely used program designed by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman with special ap-

peal for this age. And September will begin the second exciting year for our new Youth Group!

It's wonderful to see our family grow at St. David's! As a church community, we are blessed by our children and youth and their special gifts. As we grow, we continue to need more adults who are called to support each of these groups. If this is an area where you have the ability, or simply the desire, to serve, please give it prayerful consideration. Just give the church office a call and let them know – but, please call soon. We want everything to be ready for our children, and September is coming – fast!



~Pat Van-Catledge

### YOUTH ACOLYTES TO SERVE ONCE AGAIN



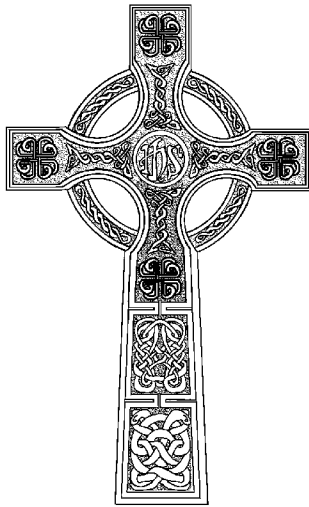
For many years, the youth of St. David's had served as acolytes in worship. During a decline in the adolescent population, that practice had been discontinued. Now, thanks to the presence of so many young people, Jeff Bennett has been called upon to train, lead, and corral this merry band of servants. More information will be forthcoming when Jeff realizes what he's gotten himself into.

## ENLIGHTENING EUCHARISTS

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.*

~ Hebrews 12:28

The summer months of June and July brought a steady and familiar cadence to



our worship services and because of that we have before us an opportunity to experience worship in a fresh and interesting way.

On the last three Sundays in August (16, 23, 30), we will offer

what we are calling an Enlightened Eucharist. These worship services will include explanations of the various components of our liturgy and an overview of how the different parts flow together. For example, Have you ever wondered why we stand for the reading from the Gospel but remain seated for the other readings? Have you ever wondered what the term ‘collect’ means? Why do we use ‘we’ in the confession and not “I”? Why does the priest bow during the words “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord...”? The result is to give the people the opportunity to have a deeper and more meaningful experience of worship.

You will want to arrive earlier than normal on these Sundays so you can soak in the printed material that is an integral part of the ‘enlightening’ experience.

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The Parish Administrator  
will be out of the office  
from August 2-7.

## ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL & CAMP—AUGUST 2009

This is our 4th year to sponsor a summer camp for our families and other families with young children. We are unique because we accept children who are 3 – most camps require campers to be five years old. Our camp is a great way for children who will be here in September to begin to transition to preschool., too.

We have had visits from animals and other creatures native to Delaware, a puppet show and ponies from Sunset Stables. We learned how to make cotton candy, launch a rocket and grow corn. We turned a banana into an octopus (thanks to 2 FatGuys) and even did some Jitterbugging! It was a great time.

We welcome to the Day School Board Jane Harvey, our new Vestry Liaison.

Many thanks to Mike Short, Steve Leishman and Michael Stanley, who replaced outdated lighting in our hallway and classrooms 1 – 4. What a HUGE difference it makes!

Our camp will end on Friday, August 21st. From August 24 to August 31, there will be some major cleaning and maintenance going on in the building – like shampooing carpets, cleaning floors and washing windows.

Our 54th annual “Back to School” mailing goes out this month, as we get ready to start the school year. This mailing contains a welcome letter from Fr. Brad

to our families, as well as information that is very important to know for the first day of school, which is Thursday, September 10th.

You are all invited to our “Back to School” picnic on Tuesday, August 25th. This picnic is held at Talley Day Park, at the dinner hour. Bring your own dinner – we’ll supply the dessert. Interested? RSVP by August 20th.

Thanks for your support of all we do for the children – our future.

*Jeneth Leishman*

Early Childhood  
Administrator



# Words of Wisdom

“God’s gifts  
put man’s best  
dreams  
to shame.”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning



## YOUTH GROUP PLANS A FULL YEAR

This coming year looks as if it will be full of fun and activities that youth (grades 8-12) will want to be part of. The school year so quickly becomes packed with activities, so, the leadership of the Youth Group would like to propose a preliminary schedule, subject to change, but filled with good intentions.

September 13—Trip to 2 Fat Guys (free of charge!) as a new year kick-off!

October 16—Nightwatch in NYC at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

November 8—Movie night (parent-monitored, of course)

December 13— Make casseroles for the homeless

January 10— Saturday snowboarding trip

February 14— Shrove Tuesday Dinner participation

March 14—Paintball

April 11— TBD

May 9— Blue Rocks with rest of church

June/July— One week work group

The Youth Group will be led this year by Jeff Cook, Vicki Cargill, Mike Louie, Chandra Allred, and Bill Sieber!

More details to come  
in future editions  
of Glad Tidings!

## AUGUST BAPTISM

On Sunday, August 9th, at the 8:00 am service, Eliana Bell Lawrence will be baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Please make every effort to be here on that special day when this child is brought into the household of faith. Eliana's parents are Doug & Ellie Lawrence, newcomers to St. David's.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE

Since the group's inception in March, twelve shawls, two afghans, and two baby afghans have been created. We have distributed ten of the shawls and two of the afghans. Seven items have gone to St. David's members and five items to the community.

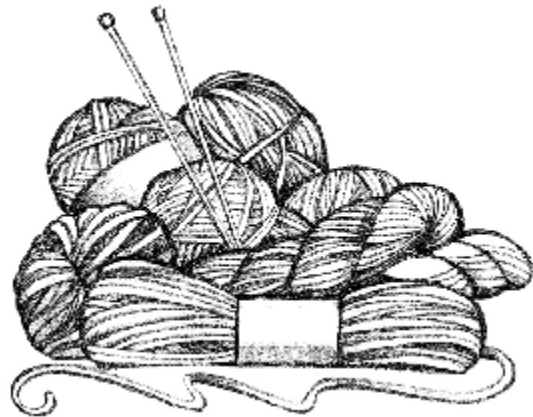
Our goal was to give shawls to those within St. David's AND to those in the community. Please let me know if you feel you know someone who would be comforted by a prayer shawl. The shawls are used for those undergoing medical treatment, suffering from grief or even depression. Depending on availability our group will be delighted to give you one to pass on. Each item is packed in a plastic bag with the date it was blessed written on the bag, a blessing/prayer bookmark included, and put in a recyclable shopping bag (in keeping with St. David's "green" goals).

We are making rectangular afghans for the men as these can be used either as a shawl or a lap robe. If you would like to

make one, the measurements are: for small throw/lap robe, 40" x 52" (101.5 cm x 132 cm); rectangular shawl 30" x 72" (76 cm x 183 cm). All materials must be washable. If you need a pattern, see Chris Yovino or Nancy Walsh.

Our group decided to make afghans for newborns at St. David's. These will be distributed shortly. The response to the shawls has been humbling. They seem to have brought comfort to all who received them. Thank you to all those angels who have been knitting away for this ministry.

~Nancy Walsh

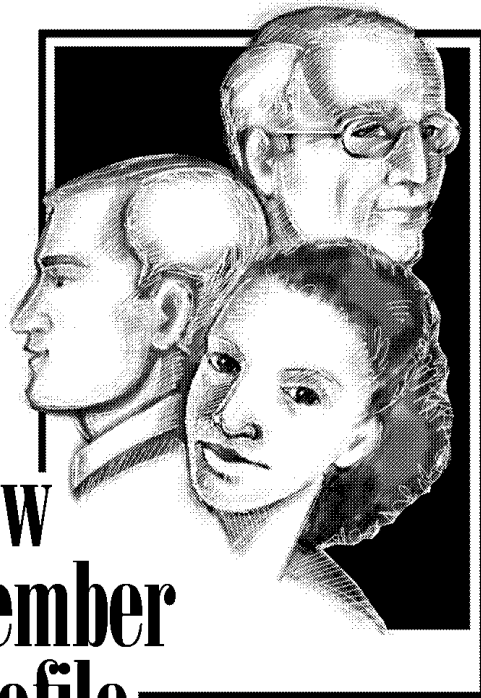


## Introducing... ...Nancy and Jim Anderson!

If you're part of the Breakfast Crew after the 8 a.m. service, you've probably met Nancy and Jim Andersen. They've been attending St. David's for about two years and have come to us from Trinity Church – big fans of Father Brad. They have found St. David's to be a welcoming community and especially enjoy the Sunday breakfasts and the way we pass the peace.

Jim is retired from Hercules (where he worked as a chemical engineer) and Nancy is retired from the A. I. DuPont School District (where she taught children with special needs). Their lives are blessed with four daughters, two sons, fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren!

Jim is a good handyman with computers and Volkswagons, and loves taking his wife out to dinner – especially at Del Rose. Nancy served as the head of the Altar Guild at Trinity with Jim helping out

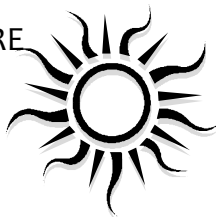


## New Member Profile

too. They may soon be part of this team at St. David's. Nancy also enjoys knitting, and Jim says she's a great cook. Welcome to the Anderson's!

### THE BENEFITS OF NATURE

As a boy, John Muir memorized the entire New Testament. As an adult, he became one of America's outstanding naturalists. Muir recognized the magic and mystery of God's forests, mountains, streams, waterfalls and animals. He founded the conservation group known as the Sierra Club.



Muir died in 1914, but his books are still widely read. "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul," Muir wrote.

This summer, take time to visit a national park, a state park or another wilderness area. The great outdoors is a perfect place to connect with God, as well as to build lasting family memories.

## STEWARDSHIP AS OFFERING

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. (BCP, page 377)*

Seeing is not believing. A collection plate and an offering plate may look the same – we often use the words interchangeably – but they are not. The difference is believing, believing that God's blessings deserve a caring and grateful response from us. The difference is not how much we put in the plate, but why. A collection is giving to a worthy cause, responding to a need,



out of a sense of duty, because there isn't enough to go around.

An offering is giving to further God's work in the world, responding to God's love, with joy and thanksgiving at the bounty of God's creation. Indeed, through believing, may we all see our roles in stewardship this fall more clearly.

~The Stewardship  
Committee

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## CRAFT FAIR PLANNING PICNIC

Interested in Craft Fair Planning? St. David's Craft Fair will be held this year on Nov. 14. Crafter registrations are arriving and we are actively looking for wider participation this year. If you interested in helping us, have ideas to share, or just want to have a good time, learn more about it, and get to know some great people, come to Craft Fair Planning Picnic at the Royal's house, Saturday, August 15 at 5 pm.

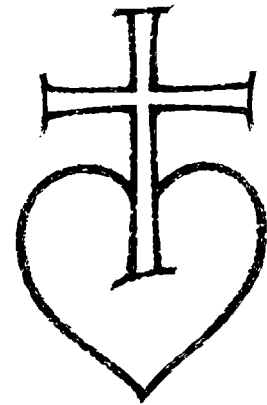
Bring a folding chair and a dish to share. We'll provide hot dogs and drinks. Kids are welcome. Let us know if you will be coming so we know how many hot dogs to get!

Address is:  
903 Naamans Creek Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
For directions and to RSVP, contact  
Lynn Royal: [lynnroyal@msn.com](mailto:lynnroyal@msn.com)



## ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Zee Parker	Pat Dowdy	Helen Bleakeney
Kenn Gardner	Joe Bonvetti	Bill Murphy
Emily DiMichele	Jack Casey	Keith Powell
Protik Mia	Carolyn Schiavoni	Andrea Zoladkiewicz
Dick & Jean Bewick	Charles C. Ashton	Ann & Steve Mikulcik
John Misogianes	Susan Jones	Sgt. First Class
Grace Ellen Clark	Ed Smentkowski	Sean Clifton
Barbara McVay	Sam Bell Family	Lawrence Davis,
John Van-Catledge	Bill Bayless	deceased
Steve White	Nicholas Macedo	Scott Zoba,
Nicholas Brady	Family	deceased
Marie Marshall	Aaron Leedberg	Peggy Louie
Shirley Hubbard	Family	Tim Karcher
Steven Greer Jr.	Michael Bayless	



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.

### BIRTHDAYS

1 Emily DiMichele  
 3 Jordan Humphreys  
 4 Todd Hoernemann  
 5 Mary Ann Conine  
 Ellie Shehan  
 7 Mike Brandenburg  
 11 Kyle Wilson  
 15 Joyce Kent  
 18 Lauren Phillips  
 20 Sarah Rhodunda  
 22 Alexander Bunting

24 Owen Bradford  
 Olivia Sansone  
 25 Diane Butcher  
 26 Katherine Levendis

### ANNIVERSARIES

5 Michael & Patricia Short  
 9 Dave & Karen Sansone  
 10 William & Kelly Rhodunda  
 16 Mike & Annalisa Hargis  
 21 Ralph & Kim Burdick



FALL "SNEAK PEEK" CALENDAR		
August	25	Back to School Picnic
September	9 & 22	Day School Open Houses
	10	School Starts
	12	Parish Work Day
	13	Children and Youth Programs Resume
	13	Adult Faith Formation Begins; 7 pm <i>Seeing Is Believing</i> in Memorial Room
	26	Ice Cream Social
	27	Outreach Sunday
October	3	Safe Church Training
	16	Youth Group: Nightwatch in NYC
	18	All Generations Sunday
November	1	All Saints' Sunday
	8	Day School Sunday
	13	Craft Fair Setup
	14	Craft Fair
	21	Parish Life Day-St. Anne's Middletown
	25	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	29	Advent I
December	24	Christmas Eve Services



We ask God's Blessings on those returning to college and lift them up in our prayers.

This is a particularly useful edition to share with those who may want to know more about us.

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**BE A SPEEDY CHEF**

Nothing is more energy efficient for cooking than your microwave. It uses two-thirds less energy than your stove.

**PUSH A BUTTON TO WASH YOUR DISHES**

Surprise! Your dishwasher uses less water than washing dishes by hand. Then let dishes air-dry to save even more!

**FILL UP THE FRIDGE**

Having lots of food in your fridge keeps it from warming up too fast when the door is open. So your fridge doesn't have to work as hard to stay cool.