

Glad Tidings!



Saint David's Parish

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



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SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Fall is the time we focus our thoughts and energies on the annual pledge campaign...to share that which has been given us. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time, talent, treasure, in making St. David's a community of hope.

So much is going on here! Our Sunday school is once again active on all levels, Outreach is occurring throughout the community. We fill ditty boxes, make meals, visit the sick at home and in hospitals, collect school supplies for the needy, books for sick children, buy Christmas presents and mosquito nets! Plus, all the every-day activities that keep this parish in working order. Keep in mind that all this courageous activity took place during a recession!

During this economic period marked by fear and uncertainty, St. David's shines as

a beacon of generosity and hope in the community. Your pledge ensures that new households will be able to join our growing community and share in our common vision.

A letter explaining the church's budget, where we get (and how we use) our income will soon arrive in the mail, complete with a pledge card.

We ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2010. Please give from your heart. Remember, pledges can be adjusted if needed, and you can direct deposit your pledge through your bank!

Blessings,
Sue Taber,
Pledge Co-Chair



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Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Team Presents

Seeing is Believing

September 13, 20, 27

7:00 – 8:00 PM

The first of three presentations of Seeing is Believing begins on Sunday evening, September 13. The sub-title for this video and discussion The Challenge of the 2nd Commandment in the Early Church provides the theme of these presentations, which Paula Hartzell, our presenter and discussion leader, will develop on three September Sunday evenings.

Many of us are unaware of the agonizing tensions of the first Christians who, in

following Jesus, moved away from their synagogue and Jewish practices. A primary tension was how to reconcile the 2nd commandment, “You shall not make for yourselves any graven image” with their life in Christ. Could they make / use the image of the Cross?

Our recent General Convention issued a Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation which states **“Lifelong Christian formation in The Episcopal Church is growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.”**

On September Sunday evenings learn about our transforming tradition by participating in our discussions on Sundays, September 13, 20, 27 from 7pm to 8pm. SIGN-UP for these presentations on the PARISH BULLETIN BOARD.

-Mike Brandenburg



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The knitting group meets the second Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Room. Bring your current project, patterns, and ideas. Crocheting angels are also welcome. For all you wannabe knitters, come join us. We have teachers available to help you learn/re-learn.

Blessing the shawls: On the second Sunday of the month, bring your finished items to whatever service you attend to be blessed. Please mention to Brad before the service that you have something to be blessed. The blessing will take place after the announcements. Then put the blessed shawls on top of the mail boxes in the Memorial Room for me to collect and package for delivery.

Nancy Walsh (610-361-2090)

NEW FAITH FORMATION GROUP STARTING

A small group will form to discuss and reflect on books, DVD's or other media with a focus on our faith journey and discovery in a Christian context. All those interested are welcome! No experience required!

When: Tuesday Mornings, 9:00-10:30
Where: Nursery or Memorial Room
Starts: October 13th, 2009

Our first selection will be:

The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon

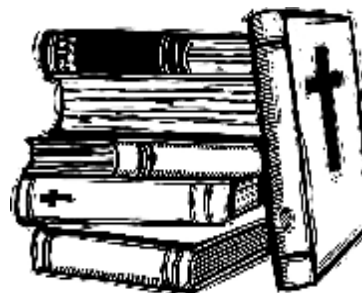
by Marcus J. Borg, John Dominic Crossan

Paul is second only to Jesus as the most important person in the birth of Christianity, and yet he continues to be controversial, even among Christians. How could the letters of Paul be used both to inspire radical grace and to endorse systems of oppression—condoning slavery,

subordinating women, condemning homosexual behavior? Borg and Crossan use the best of biblical and historical scholarship to explain the reasons for Paul's mixed reputation and reveal to us what scholars have known for decades: that the later letters attributed to Paul were created to dilute his egalitarian message and transform him into something more "acceptable."

Join us as we explore these world renowned scholars/theologians to discover the "real"

Paul. We expect this selection will take us approximately 8 weeks (*one chapter per week*). If interested, purchase the book from your favorite bookseller and show up on 10/13/09. Interested or have questions, please contact Tom Yohe at 302-477-1030 or email at tlyohe@gmail.com.



DOOR-OPENER

When the book of Acts (see 16:25-26) reports that Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail at midnight, it doesn't record whether they were basses or tenors. It doesn't even report if they sang on key. It simply says they sang. And as they praised God in song, there was an earthquake and the prison doors were opened.

Many of life's doors open more easily when we sing.
So why not open some doors by joining the choir?



WORK DAY ON THE HORIZON

On behalf of the St. David's Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Committee we hope the end of summer is finding you well!

With the end of summer in mind, it's time to get our St. David's Home in top shape. Therefore, B&G is sponsoring a "Work Day" on September 12th from 9 to 1pm. Coffee and Donuts will be provided AND if we have enough parents with children interested... we will provide child care.

St. David's Work Days provide an opportunity for everyone to provide a little of their time and talent to beautifying our home. We hope you will join us!

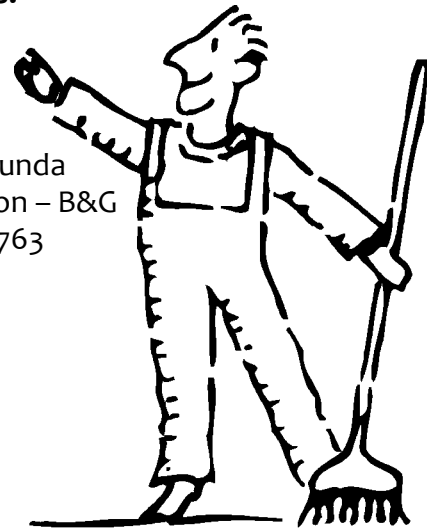
We always have a variety of jobs/chores to suit everyone's needs. From painting, cleaning, organizing, landscaping, moving, edging, power washing, and more... so there is always something for everybody.

I hope you will mark your calendars now as they do fill up quickly in our busy lives. If you are interested, just let me know what suits your taste. I'll make sure we have the supplies needed and hopefully other volunteers to help you if necessary.

Thanks for you time!

God Bless!

Bob Rhodunda
Chairperson – B&G
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The Parish & Diocesan
Offices will be closed on
Monday, September 7th
(Labor Day).

ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL—SEPTEMBER 2009

Welcome to your 54th year! Thanks be to God and those parishioners who had the foresight to create such a nurturing environment for the young children of our community.

On the September Calendar:

- 1-4 Maintenance & Teacher Preparation Days
- 7 Labor Day Holiday
- 8 Staff Orientation Day, Memorial Rm
- 9 Student Visitation Morning/Open House for Parents of 3's, 7pm
- 10,11 54th School Year Begins
- 18 PTPA Meeting, 9:15, Memorial Room
- 21 Board Meeting, Memorial Rm, 7pm
- 22 Open House for Parents of 4's, 7pm
- 26 Ice Cream Social, 6-8pm, Parish Hall/Gym

Coming up in October:
Fall Fundraiser, School Pictures

Chapels are held at 9:05 on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning on Wednesday, September 23rd. Please consider starting your morning with Fr. Brad and the children, staff, and parents – you'll enjoy our joyful noise to the Lord!

PTPA?? *What's that?* This is our version of the traditional parent association of a school, except that we've added a second P that stands for PARISHIONER.

This active group meets monthly, sponsors social, educational, and fundraising activities. Their members also help out on the "church side" – workdays, Pancake Supper, Walk to Easter. Interested? Call me!

On behalf of 137 children, their families, the 23 staff and your dedicated Board Members, thank you for all of the support and encouragement for all we do for the children – our future.

Janet D. Krishman

Early Childhood
Administrator



Words of Wisdom

"There is only one way to achieve happiness on this terrestrial ball, and that is to have either a clear conscience or none at all."

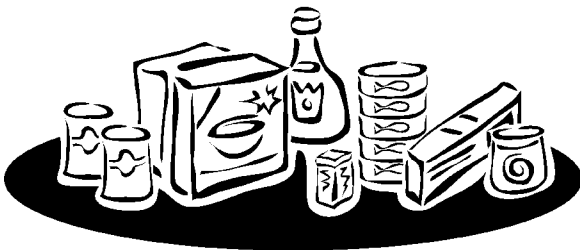
-Ogden Nash



GENERAL CONVENTION WRAP-UP

Many things were discussed and acted-upon at our General Convention held in Anaheim this past July. Simply browse YouTube with the keywords "General Convention Wrap-Up. The first video in the list is the correct one by the user Jimdela.

Father Brad is serving at the altar in this video. One can also find more **detailed information** about the events at General Convention at St. David's own website: www.stdavidse.org



FOOD SHELF NEEDS

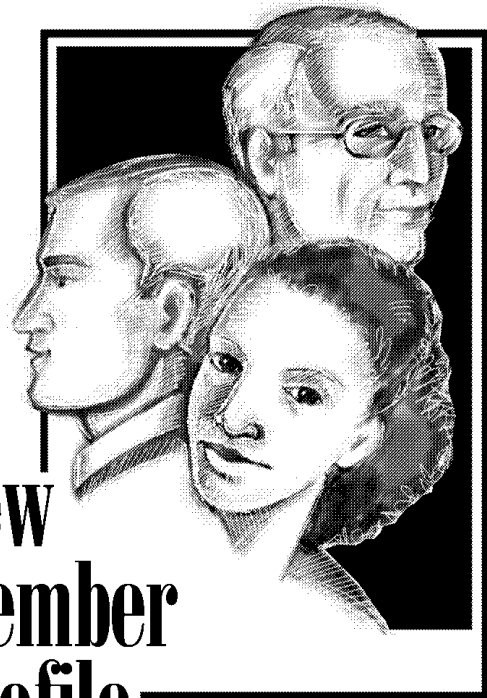
In today's current economic situation, there are more families making difficult choices: Buy food or get grandma's medicine, buy food or pay the heating bill, buy food or pay the rent. These are choices no one should ever have to make. Losing one's job, shortened working hours and shifts can cause great stress in the life of a family. **Please contribute as you are able.**

We Welcome... The Baddick Family!

We offer a special welcome to one of St. David's youngest members, Evan Baddick, who became six months old in August. His proud parents, Eric and Jolene, are two of St. David's newest members. Completing this family is their happy, four-footed companion, Quinn, the family dog. Quinn is a rescued Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Eric and Jolene are both originally from New Jersey. However, Jolene grew up in Delaware and currently works for AIG as a contract analyst. Eric's job is to keep the trains running, working for Amtrak as their mechanic. He also serves the community as a volunteer firefighter. When they're not at work, or at St. David's, or volunteering, the Baddick's can be found enjoying the great outdoors, taking trips to the lake for fishing and boating. They also both enjoy visiting wineries and spending time in their kitchen cooking.

When looking for their new church home, Jolene and Eric were thorough and took their time. They visited about **twenty churches**, searching for a worship community that felt like home. They were both raised in the Roman Catholic Church. So, they began their search with Catholic churches, and later visited Lutheran churches, knowing the worship service would be familiar.



New Member Profile

Eventually, thanks to friends Barbara Woods and Sheila Mc Jilton, they decided to try Episcopal churches and arrived here. They knew they were home, at last!

To this young couple, St. David's feels like an extended family. They've made "spectacular new friends" and really enjoy the fellowship. The Baddicks are especially grateful for the lunches and dinners brought to them when little Evan was born. Jolene and Eric would like the people of St. David's to know how much they love being new parents, and how happy they are to be part of the parish community.

THE 2009 CRAFT FAIR WELCOME YOU AND YOUR IDEAS!

The St. David's Craft Fair will take place on **Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 to 3:00**. Please mark your calendars now for this important parish event. The Craft Fair is our biggest fund-raiser with proceeds going to St. David's ministries and outreach.

This is a large event with many facets including approx. **40 crafters** of handmade items who sell their goods, Attic Treasures, Soup Sale and Luncheon, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Wellness Room, Buck-A-Bottle and Crafts for Kids!

A planning picnic was held this year and ideas are being formulated for this year's fair. Specifically, we want to **welcome new leadership** and new ideas to keep our fair **up-to-date and vibrant**. We encourage some of the new faces at St.

David's to volunteer to be **"APPRENTICES"**.

These people would work alongside those who have led various activities in the past and then would be ready to lead that part of the fair in another year with support. We thank Julie Sheehan and the Middler's Sunday School Class who will be helping with Buck-A-Bottle this year. Jamie Sheehan will be joining forces with Jeff Cook in the kitchen for soup and lunch preparation. We would welcome apprentices in the following areas:



Crafter Registration/Hospitality	Publicity	Set-up and Take-down
Day of the Fair Coordinator	Supplies	Children's Activities
Attic Treasures	Bake Table	Silent Auction
Parking Crew	Entertainment	

If you have expertise or interest in any of these areas and would like to be an **APPRENTICE**, we want to know. Many hands make light work! We also want new ideas and ways of doing things that will keep our fair fresh and inviting. We promise you will meet new people and make new friends.

For more information or clarification about any particular role, please contact Lynn Royal: 610-558-8286
 OR email: lynnroyal@msn.com
 or Courtenay Hoernemann: 302-798-5949
 OR email: hoernduck@yahoo.com

Come join our large, loving team!

DUST-OFF GRANDMA'S PUMPKIN BREAD RECIPE!

The 2009 St. David's Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 14** so mark your calendars and plan to bake some items for the bake table. Homemade goodies always sell well. In fact, we are frequently asked "is this made from scratch?" Many times we cannot answer that question. So, on made from scratch items, please put "**mfs**" in the corner of the bakery item label. This will give us a clue and help us to answer that frequently asked question. Of course, any items made from a mix are still very welcome.



Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex. We would like a large variety so please make your favorites. You might also volunteers to staff the bake table during the hours of the craft fair. It's a fun place to work!

Please wrap all items **securely** in plastic wrap or place them in zip-lock baggies. If you need a little structure for your item, paper or plastic plates can be cut to fit inside baggies. (Do not use any plastic trays that contained raw meat or poultry.) The items should be labeled and packaged attractively in small units. It would be helpful to have items such as cookies and cupcakes divided into packages of 6 or 12. Rich brownies, muffins, cupcakes and bar cookies can be individually wrapped and sold as a single item. The label should in-

clude the name of the item and, in the case of cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc., the amount. If the item is made from scratch, don't forget to put "**mfs**" in the corner of the label. Many bakers are now including an ingredient list on the label. This is very popular with our customers and helps people with **allergies** make a choice.

Please deliver the baked goods to the parish hall kitchen the day before the Fair. Please mark them "**for bake table.**" This will help us keep bake table items separated from the lunch desserts. If you need to deliver them on Saturday morning please deliver them to the bake table no later than 8 am.

The following items have always been big sellers at the bake table: rich, made from scratch brownies, chocolate covered pretzels, cookies of all kinds but especially chocolate chip and decorated cut-out sugar cookies, breakfast rolls/muffins, yeast breads, and homemade pies. Thank you for your help.

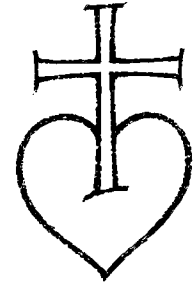
Happy baking!

Elise MacEwen and Janie Jersild,
Bake Table
Co-chairs



ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

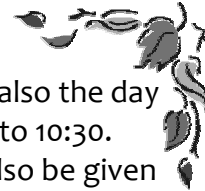
Bill Murphy	Steven Greer Jr.	Karen Bayless
Keith Powell	Pat Dowdy	Helen Bleakeney
Marie Marshall	Joe Bonvetti	Peggy Louie
Martha Stanley	Jack Casey	Vedavathi Bhat
Susan Shyman	Charles C. Ashton	Samantha Bunney
Grace Ellen Clark	Ed Smentkowski	
John Van-Catledge	Sam Bell Family	Martha Brennesholtz-
Steve White	Nicholas Macedo Family	deceased
Nicholas Brady	Aaron Leedberg Family	Barbara McVay –
Marie Marshall	Bill Bayless	deceased
Shirley Hubbard	Michael Bayless	



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.

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE IS ALMOST HERE!

On September 27, we will be celebrating Outreach Sunday. This is also the day of our Fall Clothing Drive - the truck will be in the parking lot 8 am to 10:30. Donated school supplies now being collected in the Narthex will also be given to the Foster Children program on that day. Thank you for your generosity.



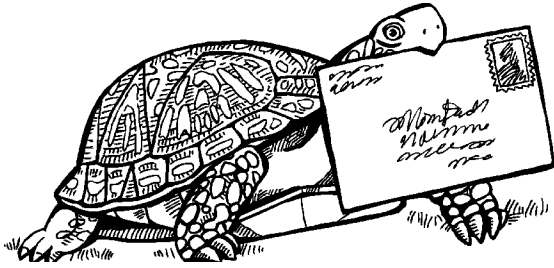
BIRTHDAYS

2 Liz Hadley	17 Stefan Yohe
3 Joan Reynolds	20 Aaron Cook
5 Harrison MacEwen	20 Gregory Myers
5 Heather MacEwen	22 Jacob Meisel
6 Merritt Tilley	23 Ralph Burdick
12 Jean Colbert	25 Fern Bunting
12 Nancy Doyle	26 Dave Vallee
12 Jonathan Touchet	27 John Donnelly
13 Juan Carlos Allred	29 Jim Anderson
13 Michael Louie	29 Hana Yohe
13 Robby Wilson	30 Garrett Hadley

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Garrett & Liz Hadley
4 Charles & Phyllis Conner
6 Aaron & Jackie Wilson
17 Scott & Nancy Doyle
19 Todd & Courtenay Hoernemann





A LETTER ABOUT CAMP

Okay, Alex Cook here. So, I was asked to write about my experiences at Camp Arrowhead this past summer. There's just so much to write about, so I'll talk about the cool things we do there, and how/why it means so much and why I keep coming back.

Camp Arrowhead is the coolest place

I've ever been for an extended period of time. There are so many fun activities the staff has planned. Some things are meant for us older kids, like compound bow archery, over-night camping, and eating out. But everyone can do other activities like climbing the rock wall, swimming, and the high-ropes course. The list just keeps going on!

First, we are separated by age, and are assigned a counselor. There are three groups, Homesteaders (8-11), Pioneers (12-14), and Pathfinders (15-16). **"Eating out"** is when a cabin group gets ingredients from the dining hall and cooks their own meal over a wood fire. Some of the things we made were pancakes, a breakfast sandwich thing made of biscuit dough/eggs/cheese, "camp pasta," hot dogs... all kinds of things.

This year, I was in the **Pathfinder** group, where our units are co-ed (but not our bunks!) and we are given more freedom, as well as responsibility. We got to go on over-nights to places like Cape Henlopen and even to remote locations. As you spend time together, you really begin to bond with your fellow campers and leaders. We would pitch up tents, and start collecting wood for the next meal. What I thought was very cool, was I could bring my guitar to camp. So, I brought it with us on over-nights, and we sat around our campfire singing songs and telling some creepy ghost stories.

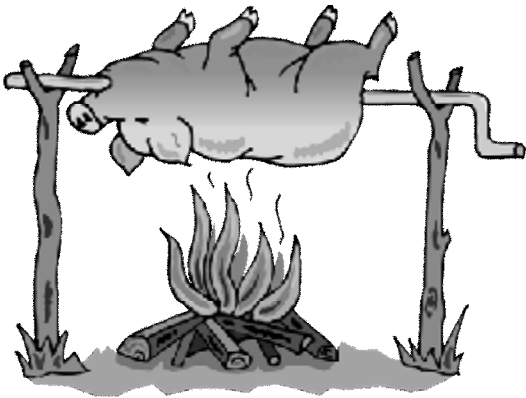
At camp, we studied the Bible and had discussions about how we interpreted the various stories. We also had Chapel each morning where all the campers came together to worship, sing songs, and pray. Camp spiritually touches everyone, and it makes them want to just come back every year. Kids have always left camp changed for the better. Counselors come back every year because of how the kids' lives are touched. Watching them grow a little bit every day, they know they've been a part of something greater than themselves.

This is the reason I go to camp, and it's why I will return to camp, even as a counselor. I love camp Arrowhead, and I wish everyone could go and experience the great time I had there."

Thanks,
Alex Cook

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Pig Roast

Saturday, September 19th
5 pm

\$15/Adult \$25/Couple

\$5/Child (13 and younger)

RSVP on the Bulletin Board, y'all!

Hot dogs and hamburgers are available for those who are NOT lovers of the pig.

Salads, baked beans, corn bread and ice cream are included.

BYOB (Yes, it is a good and joyful thing to be an Episcopalian!)