

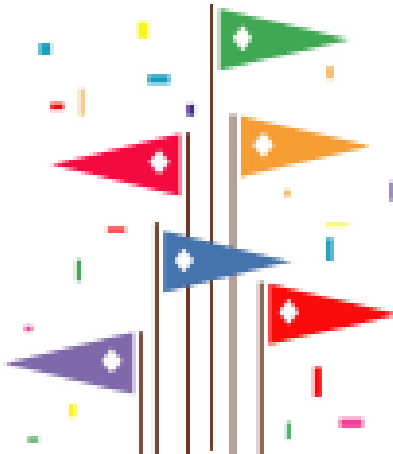
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Diverse People + Inquiring Minds + Open Hearts:
Building Bridges of Hope with the Living Christ

SEPTEMBER 2018

THRILL OF THE GRILL! - September 8, 5 pm
Tickets still available September 2



REUNION SUNDAY

September 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist*

- including Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir*

11:15 am Coffee Hour

**** **PICK UP YOUR PACKET** ****

2018-2019 Calendar

Up-to-the-Minute Parish Directory

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From our Priest, The Rev. Jon M. Richardson



Dear Friends,

Later this month we'll be launching our annual financial Stewardship Campaign. One of the things that I love about how we do things here at St. David's, is that we have two major Stewardship Campaigns every year: one in the spring for Time & Talent, and one in the fall for Financial Stewardship. Even between these major campaigns, the Stewardship Commission is meeting regularly throughout the year to plan the campaigns, along with a host of other smaller events related to our common stewardship of the resources with which we've been entrusted.

This means that for the people of St. David's, stewardship isn't just something we think about once each year, or even episodically a couple of times each year, but it's a principle focus of our ministry day in and day out.

When people hear the word "stewardship" in churches, we very often replace it in our minds (even if only subconsciously) with the word "fundraising". While it is true that making sure we collect enough money to continue our ministries is an aspect of stewardship, it's only one aspect among many. The real focus of stewardship, as a concept, is about taking care of the gifts and blessings we have inherited from the generations of faithful people who have come before us, both in this parish, but also in Christianity more broadly. It's not merely about making sure we have enough warm bodies to accomplish tasks and enough cash to pay bills, but about making sure that we have the capacity to keep doing and supporting the important ministries of this church and to keep answering our collective calling as Christians.

As you read and hear about financial stewardship at St. David's in the coming weeks, try to remember that this isn't like the kind of pledge drive like you hear about on public radio or television. It's not fundraising like the bell-ringers and kettles you find at Christmas time, or Girl Scout cookies, or Boy Scout popcorn. While you may choose to support those projects and campaigns, they are fundamentally different from participating in the ministries of the church and living good stewardship in the church. While we, like all those other campaigns, have fundraising goals, the real goal of stewardship is changing lives: the lives of the people we serve through our ministries, but also the lives of the people who worship and serve in our church. It's about bringing people – both ourselves and those we serve – closer to God through Christ. It takes money. And it takes people's time and talent. But most of all, it takes a mind set on stewardship.

Peace,
Jon+

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon M. Richardson".

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, September 23
11:15 A.M.



*"Be generous
with your lives
by opening up
to others, as
you will prompt
people to open
up to God"*
from Matthew 5

The Launch of Our Financial Commitment Program
Brunch provided and hosted by
Stewardship Commission
Commitment materials will be handed out.
Sign up in the back of the church starting
September 2.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 27 is the date! Bidding and social hour start at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:00; bidding ends at 7:30.

A beefsteak dinner will be served!

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE September 30!

The cost is \$40 for adults and \$5 for children (10 and under).

BYOB. Soda and water will be provided.

You can purchase tickets on Sundays or in the office Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR
AND WE NEED EVERYONE'S SUPPORT!**

Things that could be “auctioned” off: items for a basket, a stand-alone item, or a week or weekend stay in your “vacation” home,. You can also consider donating a service or experience such as a dinner party, a series of desserts or anything else your imagination can conjure up. Gift cards and baskets of cheer are very popular! Put on your thinking cap!

There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.

**All donations must be received no later than October 21!
You can bring them to the office from now until October 21.**

When putting together baskets, please keep the following in mind:

Attractive baskets/items bring in the most money.

Please provide a description of the items in the basket , the total value, and don't forget to include your name!

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.

If you are donating something that is for pickup or use later, please be sure to include a detailed description and pictures!

Make sure the items are first quality, new or an antique.

Get creative—handmade items are always a plus!

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Cash, checks, Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover will be accepted.

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Can you donate extra empty baskets; large or medium-sized containers; medium/large bows?

Is your donation ready? Bring them in this month, on Sunday or during the week.

Any questions—call Mary Harbinsky 201-650-9348 or maryharbinsky@optonline.net.

PEOPLE ARE NEEDED!

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

Sign up in the narthex!

October 27 will be here before we know it!

2nd Beer and Food Pairing Event
THE THRILL OF THE GRILL
Saturday, September 8

Grilled Romaine with Charred Tomato Vinaigrette
Assorted Smoked Sausages
Grilled Hawaiian Pizza
Trip-tip with Grilled Mango Cabbage Slaw
Skillet S'Mores Brownies with Ice Cream

CAN YOU HELP? The sign up sheets with all the details are in the narthex.
Many hands make light work!

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

PARISH YARD SALE—OCTOBER 6

Blessing of the Animals—October 7—10:00 AM

FOYER GROUPS

THERE IS STILL TIME to join this special fellowship program! The 2018-2019 sign up sheet is in the narthex.

If you can't commit to being a regular participant, which includes hosting or co-hosting one dinner, then sign on the 'Guest' list and one of our hosts will invite you for a specific date.

If you have further questions about this enjoyable fellowship event, please contact Nancy Ward, nancy_ward@anserve.com.

NORTH PORCH

North Porch is the Diocesan Outreach ministry that supports women and children.

Contributions towards this ministry may be left in the cradle in the narthex.

The following items have been requested:

Diapers—Size #4, #5 and #6.

Pull Ups—Size #4-5T

Wipes

Formula—Enfamil Premium, Enfamil Gentlease, Enfamil Prosobee

Baby Food—Jars, Squeezable, Toddlers Finger Snacks, Cereal

Toiletries—Shampoo, Body Wash, Lotion, Diaper Rash Cream

Monetary donations

Thank you all for supporting this ministry!
Questions? Want to get involved? Speak to Pat Hodde.

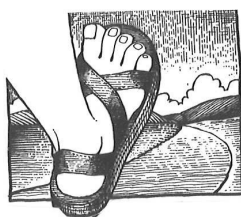


* THE ST. DAVID'S "Saints" who met our commitment to St. Paul's Shelter on August 21: cooks—Mary Harbinsky, Kathy Kent, Sondra Odian and Doris Snyder; drivers and servers—Rich and Bonnie Hook. Not forgetting Guy Baskinger for lighting the stove!

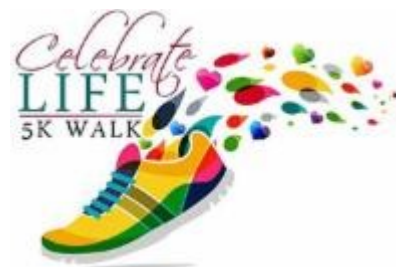
- EVERYONE who provided us with iced tea, lemonade and delicious "nibbles" following the 10:00 Service during the summer.
- OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS—vocal soloists Mary Harbinsky and Joan Ludwig; Nancy Moody, both for her piano solo and serving as guest music director.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to Betty Campbell on the recent death of her sister, Shelba Cook.

With Sympathy



On Saturday, September 29, Nancy Moody will be participating in a "Celebrate Life 5K Walk," for the benefit of the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center.



The Center, located in Augusta, NJ, is an arm of Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice. The Center provides grief education and emotional support to all persons who have suffered a loss by death, including pet loss. No one is turned away because of inability to pay. Nancy is a bereavement counselor employed by the agency. If you would like to be a monetary sponsor of Nancy as she walks that day, please see her at coffee hour.



KINNELON DAY/K-FEST

**Saturday September 29 (Rain Date September 30)
We need volunteers!**

Volunteers are needed to set up our table at 11:00 am; answer questions and distribute information/materials (1-3, 3-5); take down the table. If you can help with some of this or have any questions, please contact Irene Williams, 973 838-7346 or irenewilliams39@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Clippers in her capable hands, Catherine Speed spent countless hours this summer trimming and weeding around the church. The results speak for themselves! Thank you so much!

NEW PHOTOCOPIER

The new copier is password-protected. You can no longer make b/w copies without logging in. Please ask Gill, Fr. Jon or the Wardens if you need to make copies.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP BBQ

Thank you to the Committee!

John Simonelli (chair)

Steve and Kathy Kent

Michael Kidney

Jon Richardson



Special thanks to Jon and Michael for welcoming everyone to the rectory—in New Jersey you never know when it might rain!





Dear Dale,
Thank you so much for the continued support our food pantry. We are so blessed by the generosity of others. May God continue to bless you all.

PEACE & ALL GOOD

Fr. Fr. Frantz

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May the
Lord
reward
your
Kindness



With gratitude, we acknowledge
your generous donation.

May the Lord bless you
and keep you in His care.

As a special Thank You,
your intentions will be
remembered in our prayers.
Thank you for
your generosity
to our food
pantry.

God Bless

Vestry Meeting Highlights August 15, 2018

Pat Hodde led the opening prayer and Irene Williams spoke about conversations she's had with a number of friends about the presence of God in their lives.

The Stewardship Commission and the Outreach Committee presented written reports. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners so far this year we have distributed \$3,000 to the 5 local food pantries as well as supporting the former Kinnelon facility with food and supplies.

We gave thanks for the new worship team participants, the new property committee members, the church's air conditioning, Gill Otto's efficiency, Jon & Michael's hospitality, and the church photographers.

We reviewed the June and July Quickbooks and Treasurer's Reports and voted to accept them.

Jon Richardson reported that the monitoring of PayPal and Square credit card charges is now being done in the parish office.

We voted to ratify the previous email vote to cover half the cost of Jon's new laptop, and to ratify the replacement of the hard drive on Gill's computer.

We approved the Financial Stewardship letter and tri-fold.

We approved obtaining debit cards for Jon Richardson and Mike Roehrer at PNC Bank, with Vestry approval required over \$200, and Jon Richardson agreed to draft a written policy for debit card use. We also re-authorized the three checking account signers.

The Property Committee presented a written report, a major highlight of which was the new chairs, additional round tables, and the reorganization of the storage closet.

We amended and approved the 2018-2019 parish program year calendar.

We amended and approved the September calendar.

We announced that the Vestry Mutual Ministry Review will be Saturday, November 17th and will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton.

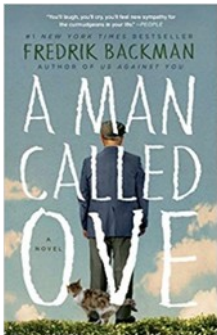
Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden

THE READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

SKYLIGHT ROOM, 7:00 PM



A MAN CALLED OVE, Fredrik Backman

DISCUSSION LEADER: CHRIS SNYDER

St. David's Readers Circle meets from October to June. Members of the readers group submit book titles from which to choose and votes are taken. Eight books are selected for the coming year's reading list. A very diverse reading selection has been chosen for this year ranging from classic fiction to modern fiction, to non-fiction, to sci-fi, with the first book being A MAN CALLED OVE, an international best-selling novel.

Ove is the quintessential grumpy old man next door, with strict principles and a short fuse. Still grieving his late wife, Ove has largely given up on life until a boisterous young family moves in next door and forces him out of his shell. This heartwarming tale reminds us that life is sweeter when it's shared. Fredrik Backman's novel about this angry old man is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

St. David's Readers Circle meets each month at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of the month. 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

August 2017 August 2018

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THE VALUE OF DREAMS

by Doris Snyder

People tend to discount the value of dreams because they do not understand their messages. Yet sufficient sleep and dreaming matters for our emotional well-being. According to Dr. Naiman, dreaming is a kind of "psychological yoga" that contributes to emotional wellness. He says that dreams "in the first part of the night appear to process and diffuse residual negative emotions from the waking day; dreams later in the night then integrate this material into one's sense of self."

As a certified dream leader and interpreter, I can attest to the fact that dreaming matters. I have seen time and time again the benefits of sharing dreams and dream work.

Working with dreams can help us improve our emotional lives, solve difficult waking life challenges, inspire creativity, diagnose possible illnesses, deepen and improve relationships, provide new perspectives and even spur new inventions. They can even shape our life purpose. The bottom line is that there are cognitive, emotional and creative benefits to recalling and sharing dreams. If you want to hear first-hand about the value of dreams, just ask the following church members, Sondra Odian, Rich Dobson, Jenn Trevisan and Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, who attend our church dream group. Feel free to ask me, Doris Snyder, the dream facilitator. Or better yet, come join us. We meet every third Sunday after church.

TIPS for Improving Dream Recall

If you're hesitant to join us because you don't recall their dreams, don't let that stop you. The good news is that we all dream every night and with a little practice, you can learn to capture the details and substance of your dreams. At first you may recall only a piece or fragment of your dream. Don't be discouraged, you may be surprised by the deeper messages and inner wisdom that can be learned from even just a small or fleeting image from a dream.

Here are few tips for improving dream recall:

Set your intention

Before you close your eyes to sleep, tell yourself that you will remember your dreams. If you start with the belief that it can happen, it will. It may take a week or two but trust that your dreams will begin to reveal themselves to you.

Select a method for recording your dreams

Place a pad of paper and pencil by your bed so you're ready to capture the images that come to you. If you prefer, some people use tape recorders or cell phones to record their recollection.

Don't get out of bed until you have recorded the dream

Dreams fade quickly, which is why it is important to record them as soon as you are awake.

Lastly, don't judge your dreams. All of us have dreams we do not like or are afraid of. We may dismiss or worse repress them. Remember they are your dreams; they have messages of healing specifically for you. Let them speak!

To learn more, here's a link to a great article on empirical support for the value of dream sharing.

<http://dreamstudies.org/2014/01/24/new-empirical-support-for-the-value-of-dream-sharing/>

I hope to see you at our next dream group meeting!



From the family of
Harry and Polly Barker

Hi Jon,

St. David's was a vital part of Mom and Dad's life. It was a community of love and acceptance which gave them life. My brothers and I want to share our gratitude with the enclosed donation. It isn't much but we hope it will help continue the work of St David's.

Thank you for all the support given to us as we sent both Mom and Dad on their heavenly journey.

All my best,
Margaret

SEPTEMBER 2018						
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2) Pentecost 15 Red Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing* 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing* 11:15 am Iced Tea & Lemonade *Healing Prayers	3 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	4 7 pm AA meeting	5 1 pm Meditation in Church 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wednesday night group	6 9:30 am Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 <i>Office closed Priest's day off</i>	8 5 pm Thrill of the Grill Beer & Food Pairing Event
9 Pentecost 16 REUNION SUNDAY White Team Collect your packets! 8:00 am Holy Eucharist* 9:15 am Choir Warm Up 10:00 am Holy Eucharist* 11:15 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Joyful Noise *inc. Birthday and Anniversary Prayers	10	11 7 pm AA meeting	12 1 pm Meditation in Church 2:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 8:00 pm AA Wednesday night group	13 9:30 am Healing Eucharist 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 <i>Office closed Priest's day off</i>	15
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Empowering all our members to build bridges of hope with the living Christ through worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach.

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Priest-in-Charge *The Rev. Jon M. Richardson*

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Junior Warden: *Jennifer Trevisan*

Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer, non-voting)*
Mary Harbinsky (Clerk, non-voting)
Pat Hodde
Kathy Kent
Lee Moody
Mike Roehrer
Dale Pappas-Wilhelm
Marty Stanton
Irene Williams

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