

**SAINT DAVID'S**

# *Visions*



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June 2007



## **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 11:30 AM**

***SIGNUP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX***



**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soda will be provided**

**Bring Salads or Desserts**



**Games for all Ages**

**Softball**

**MEN'S GROUP vs. YOUTH GROUP  
3:00 PM SMOKE RISE FIELD**

**FOOD!**

**FELLOWSHIP!**

**FUN!**



## From the Rector

### **Pentecost: Being Drunk on God New Enthusiasm for Re-birth and Renewal Abounds at St. David's**

I know you're probably sick of me saying it, but I am so impressed with our new presiding bishop. She is so smart and lively and articulate. She is a pilot and former oceanographer. So she knows the heights and depths of creation and as a priest and bishop she knows those things of the human spirit as well – a perfect resume for leading our Episcopal Church during these tumultuous yet inspiring times.

Here are some of the words she wrote in the introduction to her new book called "A Wing and a Prayer":

*Our task, and the task of every community of the spirit, is openness and eagerness to receive spirit, whether it feels like surfing or battling upwind. Our task is willingness to be surprised, an openness to those accusations of drunkenness—being drunk on God, which is what enthusiasm means. Our task is to be open to being changed, and being re-created, and being filled with boldness. Our task is to be willing to partner with this inspired community to change the world.*

Evidence of our being drunk on God—of possessing a great deal of new enthusiasm to be open and renewed abounds here at St. David's. Here is my list of what I am celebrating about our being drunk on God—about how the spirit of Pentecost is moving us to be reborn and renewed:

- + I celebrate the enthusiastic and gracious way in which the leaders of our parish engage each other in discussing both challenging and inspiring matters.
- + I celebrate the new enthusiasm of our youth and family ministries programs – teachers

meeting in small groups both during the morning and evening hours to plan enthusiastic lessons and activities – adding a third class to our church school—the formation of a praise band—our youth changing their busy schedules so they can get to "Wonderful Wednesdays"

- + I celebrate the new enthusiasm shared by all as newcomers tell of our warm hospitality.
- + I celebrate an emerging vision of team work in worship, outreach, pastoral care, fellowship and education.
- + I celebrate the Vestry's vision of strategic planning for our future by involving all of us in a parish retreat scheduled for September 15th. This planning also includes how we might celebrate our 50th year as a congregation in 2010.
- + I celebrate the hard work by those who guided us through another successful plant/garage/bake sale—what great team work and fellowship!
- + I celebrate our efforts in making a public witness of consolation and reconciliation at a prayer vigil for all the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy and the subsequent memorial service we hosted for Caitlin Hammaren, one of the victims.
- + I celebrate our willingness to join our Episcopal Church in achieving the Millennium Development Goals which hopes to eradicate world poverty.

There is so much more to celebrate. I hope you can celebrate with me—celebrate the many ways in which we are being re-born and renewed—celebrate being drunk on God.

The enthusiasm is building. The future looks very, very bright. Thanks be to the spirit of Pentecost that is swirling in us and among us.

In faith,  
*David*

### **AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

May 2006  
81

May 2007  
73



## Summer Worship Includes Some Experiments

We will continue our successful summer worship times of having Sunday services at 8 am and 9:30 am. Some experiments for the later service are in store in order to continue to refine our appreciation for good liturgy. Most things for the earlier service will stay in place for those who need a more traditional service.

Don't worry—these are only experiments to see if our worship life can be enhanced - to be more spiritual—to have a greater sense of God's presence in our midst. We won't know unless we try. There will be some introduction and orientation to various things before we attempt them. No one should be surprised or uninformed.

Here is a list of things we hope to try:

1. ongoing editing of our worship bulletin not only to save paper but to rely less on the printed word (heads in bulletins) in order to listen and pray better.
2. we will use simpler forms of the Eucharistic prayer—again, to help us focus on listening, praying and more fully participating in the various liturgical actions that the liturgy offers.
3. we will replace the creed with a shorter, more contemporary affirmation of faith.
4. no processions for the summer in order to practice silence before the service so that we are better prepared to do those things in #1 - listen and pray better.
5. no processions means we will only be using one acolyte at the later service to light and extinguish candles and serve at the table for the Holy Communion portion of the service; this will also alleviate the problem of never having enough acolytes around for the summer.
6. we will try moving the altar against the back wall of the chancel and having a "Communion table" set up at the front of the center aisle in order to have a better sense of the whole gathered community around the table; we will try coming to the table and standing to receive Communion rather than kneeling at the altar rail.
7. A few other things will be tried, all designed to make our worship experience more contemplative, meditative and meaningful.

One final point: Liturgy is the work of the people. That's the root meaning of the word. So, let's be open as the people of God in order to try some new things so God might continue to feed and renew us as we gather for worship. We might just find some of these things more enriching for our souls and bodies. I invite you to tell me what you think. I know. Not to worry. You will.

In faith,

David +

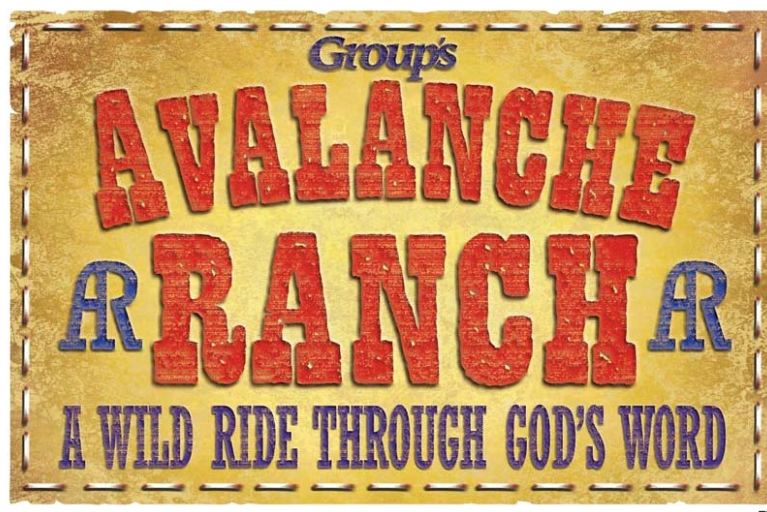


# WANTED

**CHILDREN LOOKING FOR  
A ROOTIN' TOOTIN' GOOD  
TIME!!**

**If found bring children to Vacation Bible School at  
St. David's Episcopal Church in Kinnelon, N.J.  
July 16-20, 2007 from 9a.m.-High Noon**

**Contact 'Sheriff' Jayne Verdonik  
973-838-6696      [jayne.verdonik@st-david.org](mailto:jayne.verdonik@st-david.org)**



**PRESCHOOL THROUGH SIXTH GRADE  
REGISTER BY JUNE 20 - NO FEE  
VOLUNTEER "DEPUTIES" NEEDED**



**CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION** of the students and staff will take place during the 10:15 Service on June 10. We will also honor Harry Barker and Herb Grieshaber, who will receive the diocesan David. P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Award for faithful ministry on Sunday, June 17, at 3:00 pm, at Calvary Church, Summit. Come and support ALL these very special members of our parish family!

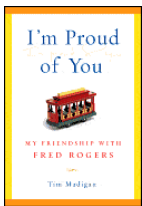


**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** and until September 4, Martha's office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

**THE "ICED TEA AND LEMONADE"** hours will begin on June 17. The signup sheet is in the narthex - won't you volunteer? All the supplies are provided, so it couldn't be easier.

**NURSERY CARE** during the 9:30 Service is provided throughout the summer. The signup sheet for that is also in the narthex.

**NOW IT CAME TO PASS** that summer finally arrived and Mr., Mrs., and Ms. Parishioner made plans for their holidays. Before departing, a large number of them heeded the plea to pay their pledges and all was well for the good name of St. David's Church. Verily, the treasurer was able to rejoice greatly and gives hearty thanks for all their generosity.



**THE READERS CIRCLE** will finish up the year of discussions with I'M PROUD OF YOU: MY FRIENDSHIP WITH FRED ROGERS, by Tim Madigan. Anthony Molle will lead the discussion of this book, which is on his short list of favorites. If you have been thinking about joining the Readers Circle Book Group, feel free to join the discussion on June 4th, 7:30 PM in the Large Skylight Room.

The Group meets on the first Monday of each month. The reading list for next season will be compiled over the summer. If you have a short list of favorite books or one that you would like to read and discuss, please submit the title and author to Sondra Odian. The Reader's Circle will meet again in October.



**THE KINNELON FIREWORKS DISPLAY** will be held at the high school field on Tuesday, July 3. We will again sell light sticks and energetic and radiant volunteers are needed to help light up the evening! Call Ray Crane at 973-838-5740 or John Hitchings at 973-283-4366 to sign up.

**NEEDED: THE NAMES OF MEMBERS** of our parish families who are graduating from high school/college or receiving advanced degrees/special honors or beginning retirement. We want to honor them in our midsummer issue, so please call Mary-Esther Arther at 973-838-3539 before July 15 with all the details. Thank you!

## DINING AT DAVID'S

**It's BAAACK!** Dining at David's will be held on July 19 and 26, August 2 and 9, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, salads and desserts are provided for a reasonable fee. Watch for the signup sheet in the narthex - let St. David's do the cooking for you.



**DRINK UP!!**



**A BLOOMING DAY IN MAY!!**



**SOLD !!**



**BARGAINS GALORE!!**



**SAVE SOME FOR THE SALE!**



**SWEETS FROM THE SWEET!!**



**THE DYNAMIC DUO!!**



**THOSE DOGS HIT THE SPOT!!**



## **BOWL-A-THON FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS**

On Saturday, April 28, 2007 many of our amazing teens and fantastic adults joined in a Bowl-a-Thon to benefit Cystic Fibrosis at T-Bowl Lanes in Wayne. The six teens who attended were James Hitchings, Kaitlin Roehrer, Kristen Roehrer, and her friend, Bruce, Tracy Webb and Sara Webb. The six adults who attended were Mark Odian, Rodger and Laurie Pisani, Jayne Verdonik, Joanne Webb and her friend, Norm. A friendly competition quickly formed between the under 21 years of age and those over 21. A fun night was had by all celebrating strikes and spares and making excuses for those nasty gutter balls! Along with the fun came an understanding of helping out the extremely worthy Cystic Fibrosis Fund; helping those in need of supplies, support and medical advancements. Great job, faithful servants of Christ.

## SPOTLIGHT ON:



"We are the Molees - Anthony, Joan, Dominique and Francesca. We've lived in Kinnelon about 10 years and moved here from Nutley shortly after we were married. Anthony grew up in Bloomfield and is now in sales in the semiconductor industry. Joan grew up in Wayne and was a teacher before deciding to become a stay-at-home mom. Dominique is 8 years old and will be attending Stonybrook School next year. Francesca is 4 years old and will start preschool in the fall. We are happily busy with many sports activities, mostly revolving around the kids. We all like to be active, especially with our newest interest in martial arts. When we do have some free time we really enjoy almost anything as long as we're together! Our time at St. David's has been relatively short, but we've felt welcomed from our first visit on, and are happy to be here each week."

## GOOD JOB!!!



The rake-and-broom brigade who did such a splendid job on May 3 cleaning up the grounds - Ralph Aceti, Harry Barker, John Hitchings, Brian O'Connor, John Simonelli, and Mary Stanton.

JoAnn Hahn and Mary Stuart Hawk - 20 YEARS! of plants - and their faithful helpers: Terry Armstrong, Harry Barker, Brian & Ginny Bussey, Joan Carpenter, Mari Collins, Julie Dolci, Dina & Deanna Fanelli, Steve and Katherine Hahn, John and Tina Hitchings, Caroline Mossip, Mike Odian, Rodger Pisani, Chris Snyder, and Irene Williams.

Grandma - and the sun - smiled on these dedicated workers who set up, sold, and moved unsold items back inside the church: Mary-Esther Arther; Harry Barker; Elizabeth Bammel and Paul Pusecker; David DeSmith; Julie, Chris and Jack Dolci; John and Tina Hitchings; Jim and Emily Mason; Brian, Linda, and Grace O'Connor and their friend Nicole Pullins; Sondra Odian; Rodger Pisani; John Simonelli; Chris Snyder; and Marty Stanton.

Your editor can testify to the efforts and time of those magnificent moving men - Harry Barker, Brian O'Connor and Mary Stanton - who hauled furniture from as far away as Fair Lawn. Ben-Gay for all!

And how about that Youth Group! From those who baked - Danielle Ferrara, Katherine Hahn, Rodger Pisani, Sara Webb and Tracy Webb - to those who sold the "goodies" - Mary and Abby Fisher, Katherine Hahn, Sara and Tracy Webb, and advisors Ginny Bussey and Jay Verdonik - to all the parishioners who contributed the splendid variety - thank you very much!

Kudos to "Duke" Snyder, Mike Odian, and their now-legendary hot dog stand (courtesy of John Simonelli), for a second successful year. To mix a metaphor, Mike's "Armenian Sauerkraut" was the icing on the cake!

Special thanks to all the parishioners who donated items to the garage sale and bought plants, "treasures", desserts and "dawgs"! Desserts - \$255.00; "Dawgs" - \$145.00.

Items and plants are still being sold, so final income amounts will be announced as soon as possible. Would you believe someone bought the church's umbrella stand!?!



## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

Our amazing teens were not done with living out their faith with the bowl-a-thon but continued in dedicating their time and talents to help the eleven homeless who were guests of St. Anthony's Church through the Interfaith Hospitality Ministry. Thanks to Mike Odian, who invited our wonderful Youth Group to help out in this very worthy cause - to simply feed the hungry and give them comfort through fellowship.

Wednesday, May 2, was a beautiful spring day, warm and sunny, yet our amazing teens chose to work inside our parish kitchen to cook a meal, transport food, and spend time in serving, visiting, then cleaning up. Talk our priorities!! The teens who dedicated their time and talents were Danielle Ferrara and her friends Joanna and Brianna, James Hitchings, Kaitlin Roehrer, Tracy and Sara Webb. The "older teens" who helped were Mike Odian and Jayne Verdonik.

After the guests were served, the teens enjoyed dinner also. As much as the delicious meal was appreciated, the laughter and chatter between the guests and teens were amazing. They celebrated one of the guest's birthdays, as he turned two years old that day! Afterwards the youth group talked about serving the homeless, extending themselves to benefit another, putting their faith into action as Jesus commands us.

## “THE POWER & LIGHT CO. BAND”

**THE WALLS OF ST. DAVID’S** rocked this past Wednesday, May 30, with our new praise and worship band, “The Power & Light Co.” Many of our parish family joined together to share in Eucharist and to worship God through His amazing gift of music! Leading us in song were our amazing vocalists James Hitchings, Kaitlin Roehrer, Christina Verdonik, Tracy Webb; ticklin’ those ivories (keyboard) was our very own David DeSmith; keeping the beat on drums was Tom Snyder; holding the bass line tight was Mark Odian; and pulling it all together with lead guitar and voice was Mike Spoer!!

“The Power & Light Co.” began with “Open the Eyes of My Heart” as we focused on preparing our ‘hearts’ to hear and witness God’s word and love. The song “One Bread, One Body” supplied a beautiful meditative time to reflect on God’s great love through the gift of the Eucharist and that we are all one in the Lord. As worship time drew to a close we were called to share God’s healing love with others through a rockin’ song entitled, “Go Make a Difference!”

Congrats to all in the band who are sharing their time and talents to praise God in this new and exciting manner! Thanks to our parish family for supporting the band and being willing to experienced different styles of worship and praise! “The Power & Light Co.” will be performing for us at our parish picnic on Sunday, June 10. Come and “plug into” the power of God’s awesome love through this very enthusiastic, intergenerational band! See you on the 10th!!



# Vestry Notes

From the meeting of May 17 -

- \* There was preliminary planning on the parish retreat day scheduled for September.
- \* Paul Pusecker was elected to fill an unexpired vestry term.
- \* Reports on the various fund-raising events of May 12 were presented.
- \* The scope and content of adult education programs were discussed.



**HOW SPECIAL** it was to have Rob Houghton, son-in-law of Jay and Joan Ludwig, as our guest musician of May 20 and 27! A music teacher at Barnstable Academy in Oakland, Rob shared his guitar, piano, and vocal talents. Bravo!



**Men's Group**

**THANKS** to Linda O'Connor, who spoke to the Men's Group on May 21 about the issues associated with the generic pharmaceutical industry. We all benefit from the entire drug industry, whether it be the innovative products or their generic counterparts. It is comforting to know that such capable people as Linda are there to provide us with quality and efficacious items.

**ON SUNDAY, MAY 27TH**, in conjunction with Memorial Day, St. David's honored those in the congregation who have served in the military. We have at least ten members of the United States Armed Forces in just about every branch - Army, Navy, Air Force, National Guard and Marines.



Thank you Ralph Aceti, Harry Barker, Ray Crane, Herb Grieshaber, Al Joseph, Jay Ludwig, Jim Mason, Paul Pusecker, Tom Snyder and Bob Ward for protecting the country and all of us.

By the way, Harry Barker served twice, first in the Navy and again in the Army. Ann Hambright, whose ashes rest in our memorial garden, was a member of the Navy during World War II.



**TO** Robert Ward, III (son of Bob and Nancy) and Kaitlin Lutz on their marriage on May 5 in Virginia.

## SYMPATHY

**WE EXTEND** our condolences to Peter D'Agosta on the recent death of his mother.

## PARISH REGISTER

Memorial Service - CAITLIN HAMMAREN, May 11, 2007  
Confirmation - GABRIELLE THOMAS, May 20, 2007  
Reception - NAN LOUISE BARRY, May 20, 2007

# JUNE 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3 Pentecost 1</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Youth Group 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Pastoral Care Team	<b>4</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 6:00 pm Christian Formation 7:30 pm Book Group Discussion	<b>5</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>6</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Youth Group	<b>7</b> 10 am HE /Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	8	9
<b>10 Pentecost 2</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Church School Recognition 11:30 am Parish Picnic 3:00 pm Softball Game at Smoke Rise Field	<b>11</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  7:30 pm Growth Commission	<b>12</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>13</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Youth Group	<b>14</b> 10 am HE /Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	15	16
<b>17 Pentecost 3</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade 3:00 pm Senior Ministry Recognition	<b>18</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Men's Group	<b>19</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer <b>St. Paul's Shelter</b>	<b>20</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Youth Group	<b>21</b> 10 am HE /Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg.	22	23
<b>24 Pentecost 4</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	<b>25</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer Mission & Ministry Night: 6:30 pm Christian Formation 7:30 pm Church Growth, Stewardship	<b>26</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>27</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Youth Group	<b>28</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	29	30

# St. David's Leadership Team

*The Mission of St. David's Church is to nurture all who are seeking to make the teachings of Christ in their lives so that our love and caring for one another through God extends into the community and the world.*

<b>Bishop:</b>	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
<b>Assisting Bishop:</b>	<i>The Rt. Rev. Carol J. Gallagher</i>	
<b>Rector:</b>	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	<i>Brian Bussey</i>	<i>Growth Chairperson</i>
<b>Junior Warden:</b>	<i>Linda O'Connor</i>	<i>Stewardship &amp; Christian Formation</i>
<b>Vestry:</b>	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Music, Pastoral Care</i>
	<i>Nancy Ward (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Nancy Hammaker</i>	<i>Christian Formation Chairperson</i>
	<i>Robert Hengeveld</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>John Hitchings</i>	<i>Stewardship, Technology &amp; System</i>
	<i>Mike Odian</i>	<i>Growth, Outreach Chairperson</i>
	<i>Paul Pusecker</i>	
	<i>Kaitlin Roehrer</i>	<i>Christian Formation</i>
	<i>Judy Tattersall</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
<b>Staff:</b>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>	<i>Martha Ridsdale</i>
	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Dr. Susan McAdoo</i>
	<i>Missioner for Youth &amp; Families Ministries</i>	<i>Jayne Verdonik</i>
	<i>Sexton</i>	<i>Terry Armstrong</i>
	<i>Nursery Supervisor</i>	<i>Kara Temple</i>
	<i>Vision's Editor</i>	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>

