



Visions

Mission Statement: As a visible symbol of God's presence in the world, St. David's Church is a welcoming and diverse community of disciples, actively serving Christ in one another and all those beyond our doors

Mid-Summer 209



Deacon Shane

Is it summer yet? The weather has been so lovely and cool, I can't be sure. I give thanks for that. It may not be great for swimming, but it's wonderful weather for wearing vestments in church. And speaking of vestments . . .

Thank you all for your part in making my ordination wonderful. Some of you came on the bus or in cars, and made a joyful noise in the cathedral (and a memorable sign!). Some of you came to the convent that night and brought a fabulous fajita barbecue and salad feast. Some of you knitted or quilted. Some of you donated money toward my new clerical clothes and stole. All of you smiled and rejoiced with me. Thank you all. I can't imagine a more blessed, spirit-filled day, and I can't think of anywhere I'd rather be than with you all. Some people go to church; you all do church. You know how precious your worshipping community is. You know how to care for each other. You are a blessing to me, and to everyone who enters our doors.

Now we're in the lazy days – I think! I've changed clothes and moved into David's office for the next few months. I'm learning what clerical life is like – busy and rich. And that makes me blessed.

For so many, these days are lazy not because of summer vacation but because they've lost their job or had their hours cut back. They are not days of relaxation, but of anxiety. For someone who is used to going to work, unemployment means not only losing income but losing identity and purpose. Many wonder who they are if they can't take care of themselves and their families. Even when we know that job loss is part of a global phenomenon, people can feel shame at such times.

What can we do to help? Of course we need to share what we have, to put as much as we can in the food pantry basket. Our parish really includes West Milford and Butler, and these communities are drawing from the Kinnelon pantry when there is enough. Let's make sure there is enough.

ATTENDANCE

July 2008

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July 2009

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DINING AT DAVID'S

IN THE COOL, COOL, COOL of the evening you can enjoy our “backyard bargain barbeques” on Thursday, July 30; Wednesday, August 5; Thursday, August 13. Enjoy great cooking beginning at 5:30 pm rain or shine. There will be a basket for donations to cover the costs.

MISSION

GODSPEED AND GOOD LUCK to Mary Fisher, Johanna Goergen, Jason Hammaker, Mike Odian and Mike, Deb, and Kristen Roehrer, who will travel to the New York State Southern Tier, July 26 - August 1. As in the past, they will join with a group from the Kinnelon Reformed Church on the R.I.S.E. summer mission trip. Special thanks to all the parishioners who have been so generous in their donations to cover the cost of the trip.

ATTENTION

- * The Kinnelon Fireworks Display again this year will be held in September - Friday, the 4th - at the high school field. The rain date is the 5th. We will again sell light sticks and energetic and radiant volunteers are needed to help light up the evening! Call John Hitchings at 973-283-4366 to sign up.
- * Forward with Foyers! This special program for socializing and fellowship is being fine-tuned for next year. Watch the next issue of Visions for all the details!

READERS CIRCLE

Summertime.... and the reading is easy!!! The Readers Circle group has chosen a great summer read for the first book in the fall, World Without End. This is Ken Follet's long-awaited sequel to The Pillars of the Earth, the novel based on the building of a cathedral. World Without End picks up two centuries after the completion of the Gothic cathedral, where the book's characters find themselves at a crossroad of new ideas about medicine, commerce, architecture and justice, and with the devastating backdrop of the Black Death. Review of this book will take place on October 6th, 7:30 PM, in the large skylight room.

Some of the other book titles chosen for the coming year are The Glass Castle, Time and Again, Peace Like a River, and Three Day Road. Line up your bookshelves for another great year of reading and plan to join the Readers Circle on the first Monday of each month for some wonderful discussion of great books.

Welcome

WE WERE DELIGHTED to welcome new members on May 31! At 8:00 am John and Janice Fogg; after the 10:15 Service, Tom and Stacey Ferraro and their children Johanna and Andres Goergen; Pat Hodde; Chuck and Brenda Reinhard and her mother Barbara Negus.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

WHAT A SPECIAL DAY JUNE 14 WAS!

Children's First Communion Class

AJ and Deanna Fanelli, Jacob Hurd, Brooke and Neil Verroca

Church School

AJ and Deanna Fanelli, Jacob Hurd, Dominique Molee, Grace O'Connor, Jake Stanton, Neil and Paige Verroca

Teacher - Linda O'Connor

Middle School

Dan Collins, Nick and Brian D'Agosta, Abby Fisher, Eric Stanton, Brooke Verroca, Matthew Zajac

Teachers - Nancy Hammaker, Marty Stanton

Choir - George and Margherita Davis

Coffee Hour "Angel" - Emily Mason

Congratulations

Andrew Collins, who graduated from Ramapo College.

Sarah Grieshaber, studying for a Ph.D in Material Science, for receiving the University Graduate Fellowship Award at the University of Delaware.

Herb and June Grieshaber on the birth of their second great-grandchild, Connor William Grieshaber.

Confirmands Mary Fisher, Jason Hammaker, Kristen Roehrer, Sara Webb, Tracy Webb.

Senior Ministry Honorees Brian and Ginny Bussey.

Bob and Nancy Ward on the birth of their second granddaughter, Morgan Michele Sauder.



TRACTRACK? WHAT'S THAT? You will find it hanging in the narthex with an assortment of CareNotes on various subjects, pamphlets with information about the Episcopal Church, and the next quarterly issue of "Forward Day by Day". Help yourself! There's no charge.

DEACON SHANE'S DAY - JUNE 6, 2009



RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 14





Kudos and thanks to the picnic committee - Ray Crane, Steve Kent, Caroline Mossip, Brian O'Connor, Christine Rudolphi, and Marty Stanton - and everyone who brought the delicious food!





CONFIRMATION DAY
June 7, 2009

ST. DAVID'S FRED AND GINGER!
(Leser/Webb Wedding Reception)
July 4, 2009



SENIOR
MINISTRY
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TOASTING "A TASTE OF SUMMER"



SABBATICAL SEND-OFF!





Good Shepherd Home Orphanage
Abangoh - Bamenda.
P.O. Box 975.
Cameroon.

Dear Sponsors of St. David's Church,
It is wonderful writing to you.
Greetings and good wishes from the children of Good Shepherd Home Orphanage. We express our sincere gratitude for all the support we have been receiving from you. We acknowledge your love and concern for us. We are very grateful and may the Almighty God replenish the source from which you have provided. You are always in our prayers. We love you.

Yours sincerely in Christ.

Children of the Good Shepherd Home orphanage.



AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 PENTECOST 9 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	3 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Stewardship Commission	4 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	5 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:30 pm Dining at David's	6 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	7	8
9 PENTECOST 10 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	10 5:15 pm Meditation Group	11	12 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	13 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:30 pm Dining at David's	14	15
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St. David's Leadership Team

Empowering all our members to build bridges of hope with the living Christ through worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach.

Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith*
Rector: *The Rev. David J. DeSmith*
Deacon: *The Rev. Shane Margaret Phelan, CSJB*
Senior Warden: *Linda O'Connor*
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Nancy Ward (Clerk)
Brian Bussey
Nancy Hammaker
Steve Kent
Christine Rudolphi
Marty Stanton

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Mary-Esther Arther

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Sexton
Vision's Editor

St. David's is a sponsoring congregation of The Oasis, the outreach ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Newark to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

St. David's is a member of Greenfaith: Interfaith Partner in Action for the Earth.

