

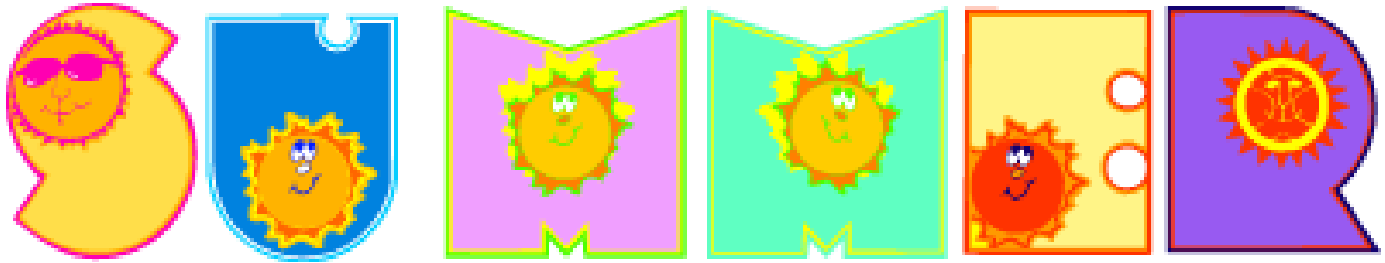
SAINT DAVID'S

Visions



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Midsummer 2007





From the Rector

“From Tourists to Pilgrims”

Below you will find words written by Diana Butler Bass from her book entitled, “Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith.” I commend them to you to add to your own thoughts and prayers about your own life of faith here at St. David’s and out in the world.

Trips and journeys are wonderful things. Every year I joyfully anticipate my family’s summer vacation at the beach. However, that trip lasts only a week, and its sole purpose is to remove me from the stress of life in Washington. We are not trying to find a new way of life. Rather, we seek a change of scenery that gives us a perspective on our normal lives; rest and play that strengthen us for things back home. Being a tourist takes us outside of daily life, and when we are at the beach, we know that we experience the place in an entirely different way than do the locals, the year-round people.

But what if, instead of making a yearly trip, we moved in? Becoming a pilgrim means becoming a local, a year-round person, who adopts a new place and new identity by learning a new language, rhythms, and practices. Unlike being a tourist, we embark on a pilgrimage, not to escape life, but to embrace it more deeply, to be transformed wholly as a person with new ways of being in community and new hopes for the world. Being a tourist means experiencing something new; being a pilgrim means becoming someone new. Pilgrimages go somewhere—to a transformed life.

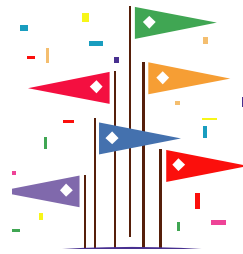
Nora Gallagher, a member of one of the churches I visited, once wrote that she came to her church as a “tourist” and wound up “being a pilgrim.” For her, becoming a pilgrim meant walking through the seasons of the congregation’s life, celebrating each of its festivals, living through its ordinary times, suffering at the dark moments. Although it was initially hard for her to imagine settling into a community, the quirky beauty and quiet passions of the congregation caught her imagination. She knew she could never really understand Christianity unless she lived it. As she connected to the church, she connected to the larger Christian tradition, and she changed. Settling in was not, however, dull or boring. She found that not only

was she changing but the church was changing as well, and they were touching the larger community with God’s transforming love. Becoming a pilgrim taught her that change is not just a journey of self-discovery and personal meaning. Rather, pilgrims find that transformation is communal and corporate. Changing the self empowers pilgrims to change the world.

Throughout my own pilgrimage, I met people like Nora whose lives had been transformed by embarking upon Christian pilgrimage. They testified to change—the transformation of the self, of their congregations, and of society by connecting to God, connecting to a story, a language, religious rhythms, and faith practices. By settling in, they had gone on a different kind of journey, one they would never have experienced had they remained tourists, one that became increasingly less self-directed and increasingly aimed toward God’s love and *shalom*.

In faith,

David +



RALLY SUNDAY with a few “New Twists” Coffee Hour First with Education Registration for All Ages Followed by Mass on the Grass and A Parish Reunion Picnic

We will rally back to church after summer vacations on Sunday, September 9th. Our later service will resume its normal time of beginning at 10:15 am. **HOWEVER, WE WILL START WITH COFFEE HOUR FIRST. THIS WILL GIVE US TIME TO RE-CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER AND REGISTER OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OURSELVES IN THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR.**

A SOMEWHAT SHORTENED WORSHIP SERVICE WILL FOLLOW AROUND 10:45 AM. AT THAT POINT, WE WILL MOVE OUTSIDE FOR OUR “MASS ON THE GRASS” WORSHIP SERVICE. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF SINGING AND PRAYING OUT IN GOD’S CREATION – WEATHER PERMITTING. AFTER OUR SERVICE, WE WILL STAY PUT FOR A PARISH REUNION PICNIC. ALL ARE INVITED TO BRING A DISH TO PASS. MEAT ON THE GRILL AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED. THIS WILL BE A DAY TO CELEBRATE OUR REUNION WITH ONE ANOTHER AND IF YOU TOTALLY VACATED THIS SUMMER, IT COULD BE YOUR CHANCE TO RE-CONNECT WITH GOD!



New “Discovery Hour”
and the Return of
“Wonderful
Wednesdays”

Highlight Fall and Advent Adult Education.

Two different adult education programs will be offered starting in September. A new “Discovery Hour” for adults will be offered starting on Sunday, September 23rd from 9 am to 10 am in the library. A simple continental breakfast will be available. Please register in church by September 16th. We will use a year-round program called “Lectionary Life Links” that looks at the Sunday readings and help us apply them to our lives. Your registration does not meet you’ll be there every Sunday, but when you can we’ll always be there. A special four-part Advent series will take place during the “Discovery Hour” beginning December 2nd and concluding on December 23rd. A book study on Bishop Spong’s book “Born of a Woman: A Bishop Rethinks The Birth of Jesus” will be the topic. Further details will be forthcoming.

Besides the “Discovery Hour” program, the “Wonderful Wednesday” program will be returning again beginning September 19th. The year long program is called “Living the Questions” a DVD series about all matters of faith – from God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to the Bible, the church, and current events. This is the “hottest” series in all progressive churches these days. The DVD offers ways into deeper discussion and knowledge about all facets of our life of faith. There is no need to register as this program will run all year and you can come to all or some as you are able. The topics of each session will be announced ahead of time. The program begins with a simple Communion service in the church at 7 pm. An opportunity to give a financial offering will be available at the service to support the Millennium Development Goals to eradicate world poverty by 2014. The service will be followed by the DVD program in the library concluding at 9 pm.

Looking Ahead: Paul Sansone, our biblical scholar-in-residence will return on “Wonderful Wednesdays” to offer a



four-part series on Isaiah, beginning November 28th. Each session will begin with a simple Communion service at 6:30 pm followed by a simple supper with the Bible lecture from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Registration information will

be forthcoming.



Fall
Retreat

Strategic
Planning,
Our 50th Year
Celebration and
Parish Retreat

By action of the vestry, the rector and wardens have brought together a group of members to form a **Strategic Planning Committee**. The purpose of this group will be to **retreat, reflect and report** on feedback from the entire parish membership **about what God might be calling us to be and do over the course of the next five years**. Part of this planning will be to gather ideas for **celebrating our 50th year as a congregation in 2010**.

The committee members are made up of present and former wardens, along with two vestry members, a cross-section of members from the congregation and the rector. These members are: **Pat Crane, David DeSmith, Brian Bussey, Bob Hengeveld, John Hitchings, Sondra Odian, Linda O’Connor, Susan Montgomery, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton and Bob Ward**. This group will begin its work in August and conclude with a report to the vestry in November. The vestry will make a full report to the congregation at the Parish Annual Meeting in January with implementation beginning shortly thereafter.

Everyone is encouraged to pray for and participate in this planning of our future. **Special prayer cards to take home are available in church on Sunday mornings**. All are also strongly urged to attend the kick-off event for the congregation which is a **parish retreat on Saturday, September 15th and Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center in Port Murray from 10 am to 4 pm**. You can sign-up in church. Further details will be forthcoming. You may contact the rector or wardens if you have any questions.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

June 2006
65

June 2007
68

July 2006
44

July 2007
51

Save the date!

On October 20, we will be holding a Beefsteak Dinner and Silent Auction. There will also be live music provided by Jersey Fresh, playing songs from the 60's through the present as well as their own creations. Bidding for items starts at 4:00 pm, Cocktail hour starts at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm and bidding ends at 7:30 pm. The cost for this gala evening is \$35.00 per person. BYOB. This is our major fun and fundraiser for the year.

DON'T MISS IT!

We are also looking for donations for the silent auction. Last year we raised over \$8000 with the auction alone. Just think what we can do this year!

Here are a list of ideas for items:

- Use of a vacation home for a period of time
- Tickets to sporting events
- Wine or Liquor baskets
- Food baskets
- Family entertainment baskets - movies, gift cards, popcorn, etc.
- Family game basket - Popular family games
- Book basket - some bestsellers, a curl-up blanket , a booklight
- Certificate for a service - For example - Do you have a pool? Offer a pool party for 4 kids in your home.
Are you a financial planner - offer a one hour consultation.
- High quality antiques or collectibles
- Gourmet meal or catering services
- Candle basket
- Death by Chocolate (no explanation needed!)
- A new baby basket



All donations must be received no later than October 13. Watch for more details about how to prepare the baskets.

We also need people who will help with solicitations to business in Kinnelon and the surrounding towns, excluding Butler and West Milford. Please contact Linda O'Connor at 973-728-1474, if you can help. There are about 30 businesses that we have targeted in these areas.

Spread the word to your friends and family!

This isn't a "St. David's only" event - the more the merrier!

Summer Church School

The Summer Church School classes are going very well using the one-room schoolhouse concept. All age levels are combined to learn about the fruits of the Holy Spirit, with the older students helping and leading the younger ones in crafts, games and take home activities. There is also personal sharing in the classroom from week to week. Stop by the bulletin board outside of the church school classroom to see the fruits of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control blossom on the tree of life as the dedicated students put the fruits into action each week.



Movie Night



On July 10 the Youth Group and Tweens (middle school) watched the movie “Evan Almighty” at Kinnelon Theater. This movie used the story of Noah and the Ark and updated it to modern times holding on to the similar message of trusting in God. All of us were reminded of three important messages: 1- Watch what you pray for – God may say OK; 2 – Trust in God at all costs; 3- Do acts of random kindness every day. Attending from the Tweens were EVAN Lutz (he liked the title!) and Abby Fisher. Mary Fisher, Jason Hammaker and Tracy Webb came from the Youth Group along with Sara Webb. Cathy Fisher and Jayne chaperoned. Fun was had by all!

On July 15th, Bob and Nancy Ward hosted our teens for a fun-filled afternoon of swimming and enjoying burgers and ‘dogs’ hot off the grill! Speaking of dogs, the Wards’ Baron had a blast playing with the teens in and around the pool! He doesn’t actually like going in the water but plays “fetch” and chases around the outside of the pool – except once! Yes, much to Baron’s surprise he fell into the water and wasn’t very fond of it! Doggie Lifeguard Mary Fisher dove in to save him and make sure he swam safely to the steps to get out! Well done! Along with Mary, we were joined by Rodger & Laurie Pisani and their niece Alaina, Kristen Roehrer, Tracy and Sara Webb, and Jayne. All extend thanks to their wonderful hosts Bob & Nancy Ward.



A special **THANK YOU** to all those involved in our pictorial directory! Ginny Bussey and Rodger Pisani and the amazing youth group took this project from start to finish – and what a great job they did! Ginny’s and Rodger’s words from the appreciation page say it all. “This pictorial directory was undertaken by St. David’s Youth Group for the People of St. David’s. The Youth Group would like to extend its thanksgiving to the entire community of St. David’s Episcopal Church for their cooperation and dedication. We especially thank those who took the time to come and get their pictures taken, Mike Odian for his ideas and contribution of pictures, and to every member of the youth group for their input in this

project. A special thanks to David Hitchings for developing the format, James Hitchings for development of the collage pages, and to Julie Dolci for printing the Directory. This is a pure example of what can be done when everyone works together. Thanks be to God for this community. “

NOTE: If you have not picked up your copy they are available in the office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Church School:

Teachers: *Laurie Pisani*

Teacher's Aide: *Sara Webb,
Linda O'Connor*

Students: *AJ Fanelli,
Dianna Fanelli, Ava Lutz,
Dominique Molee, Grace
O'Connor, Jacob Stanton,
Zackery Ten-Hoeve, Paige
Verroca, Neil Verroca*



Middle School:

Teachers: *Nancy Hammaker; Part time Teacher: Marty Stanton*

Students: *Dan Collins, Brian D'Agosta, Nick D'Agosta, Jamie Ferrara, Abby Fisher, Evan Lutz,
Eric Stanton, Brooke Verroca, Matthew Zajac*

RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Youth Group Class:

Youth Leaders: *Rodger Pisani, Ginny Bussey, Katherine Hahn*

Students: **Jack Dolci - graduating senior**, *Chris Dolci, Danielle Ferrara, Mary Fisher, Jason Hammaker, James Hitchings, Trevor Horton, Kaitlin Roehrer - graduating senior, Kristen Roehrer, Tracy Webb*



**THANK YOU!
THESE DEDICATED TEACHERS and
DAVID HITCHINGS FOR HIS SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION**

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC



**“IRON CHEFS” -
ST. DAVID’S STYLE**

**CHOICES!
CHOICES!
CHOICES!**



**MUSIC TO
EAT BY!**



IN THE COOL, COOL, COOL OF THE EVENING
 you can still enjoy our "backyard bargain
 barbeques" on Thursday August 2 and 9!
 Enjoy great cooking for a nominal fee
 6:00 - 7:30 pm - rain or shine!



Mere words are not enough to adequately express my gratitude to my dear parish family. Your cards, phone calls, e-mails and especially hugs are so very much appreciated. You are making a very difficult time bearable - you are all so special.

Mary-Esther



NET INCOME AMOUNTS
 from the May 12 events:

Food	\$145.25
Plant Sale	\$2,146.35
Grandma's Attic	\$2,305.00
Bake Sale	\$255.25
Light Sale	\$1,255.00

Bravissimo!!!!



TO THE LIGHT STICKS COMMITTEE, who again this year lit up the night! - Harry and Polly Barker, Ray and Pat Crane, Mary and Abby Fisher, Tina Hitchings, Mike and Sondra Odian, Kristen Roehrer, Tom and Chris Snyder.

Congratulations

JACK DOLCI and KAITLIN ROEHRER, members of the Class of 2007 at Kinnelon High School! Jack will be attending Kenyon College in Ohio and Kaitlin the University of Delaware.

DAVID HITCHINGS, who in is freshman year at Hartford College was on both the Dean's List and President's List.

JIM AND EMILY MASON on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

CAROLINE MOSSIP retired this year after a long and distinguished career as a school psychologist. She has presented at both the state and national levels on crisis intervention. One of the interns she trained as MSU will be taking over from her in Wayne.

Vestry Notes

From the meeting of June 21 -

- * Voted to become a sponsoring parish for the Oasis program.
- * Approved the seminarian position beginning in September.
- * Welcomed Paul Pusecker to the vestry.
- * The committee for the retreat in September is being formed.

SOFTBALL GAME



YEA, TEAM!



BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!



RECIPIENTS OF DIOCESAN DAVID P. HEGG LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Harry Barker

An active member of St. David's, Kinnelon since 1968, Harry Barker's offering of his God-given gifts in the service of our Lord has been extensive. These include the following ministries: choir member, acolyte, lector, managing building and grounds (an expert wood worker), stewardship leader, vestry member and various outreach activities (Willing Hands at St. David's, St. Paul's Men Shelter in Paterson and St. Anthony's Homeless Shelter in Butler).

Herb Grieshaber

An active member of St. David's, Kinnelon since 1966, Herb Grieshaber's offering of his God-given gifts in the service of our Lord has been faithfully diligent and enthusiastic. These include managing buildings and grounds, insurance consultant, vestry member, various committees and outreach participant in Willing Hands at St. David's

**REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN? TO BE PRECISE - 1981!
THANKS TO MIKE ODIAN (a/k/a OUR ARCHIVIST) FOR
TAKING US DOWN MEMORY LANE!**



Survey Says...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the grocery and gift card survey. The Stewardship Commission has been reviewing the great responses. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering the option of using credit cards (Visa/Mastercard) to purchase grocery and/or gift cards as well as make other purchases (garage/plant sale, silent auction, etc.). More details will be provided shortly, but there will be two levels of transactions. For grocery/gift cards, where we realize a percentage profit based on the face value, a 2% convenience fee will be charged. This means that if you use a credit card to buy a \$100 gift card, you will actually pay \$102. For other transactions, such as paying for silent auction items, you will pay the face value, with no convenience fee charged.

Regarding electronic giving, we have decided, based on surv results, not to offer it at this time, since there were only a few people who expressed an interest in it and it would cost St. David's a flat fee per month. However, if you are interested in it and did not indicate it on the survey, or did not complete the survey, please let Linda O'Connor know. If we get a larger number of people interested in it, we will revisit it.

Last but not least, the winner of the \$25 gift card is.....Joan Molee! Your grocery card (of your choosing) will be waiting for you.

Back-to-School Shopping!

Don't head out for back-to-school shopping without getting gift cards! New gift card lists are available. Remember that for every gift card you buy, we get 4% - 20% back! So, before you buy all those clothes and school supplies, see Linda O'Connor. As a special incentive, for every \$50 in gift cards you buy, you will get one entry in a drawing for a Borders \$10 gift card.



Winners will be announced on Rally Sunday.

Amazon.com

Need books? Point your browser to www.st-david.org, and scroll down and you will see a link for Amazon.com. Go through that link, and for every item you buy, St. David's receives a percentage of the sales price.



AUGUST 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Warden & Rector Meeting	2 10 am HE /Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 6:00 – 7:30 pm Dining at St. David's	3 Rector on Vacation through 8/18	4
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St. David's Leadership Team

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Bishop:	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
Rector:	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
Senior Warden:	<i>Brian Bussey</i>	<i>Parish Growth Chair</i>
Junior Warden:	<i>Linda O'Connor</i>	<i>Stewardship & Christian Formation</i>
Vestry:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)</i>	<i>Worship & Music, Pastoral Care</i>
	<i>Nancy Ward (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Nancy Hammaker</i>	<i>Christian Formation Chair</i>
	<i>Robert Hengeveld</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>John Hitchings</i>	<i>Stewardship, Technology & Systems</i>
	<i>Mike Odian</i>	<i>Growth, Outreach Chairperson</i>
	<i>Paul Pusecker</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>Kaitlin Roehrer</i>	<i>Christian Formation</i>
	<i>Judy Tattersall</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
Staff:	<i>Parish Administrator</i>	<i>Martha Ridsdale</i>
	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Dr. Susan McAdoo</i>
	<i>Missioner for Youth & 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>

