

**SAINT DAVID'S**

***Visions***



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October 2007

# **“TOGETHER INTO GOD’S FUTURE” CELEBRATION**

JOIN THE VISIONING GROUPS TO PLAN  
OUR 50TH “BIRTH” ANNIVERSARY IN 2010!

October 14 - 20+ year members

October 21 - 10 years or less members

October 28 - 11-20 year members



Commitment Card Ingathering  
November 4

Watch for the  
“Thanksgiving Tree”



**FROM THE RECTOR**

*Will Our Children Be Stewards?*

One of my earliest childhood memories of money has to do with giving my weekly offering to the church. I am glad that some of our children here at St.

David's have offering envelopes and give to the church when they are here on Sunday morning.

"What are we teaching our children about stewardship?" is a critical question for the Church. I am not sure we are teaching them enough right now. It seems to me that perhaps the baby boomers whose parents passed out nickels, dimes, and quarters for childish hands to place in offering plates are not passing that instruction along.

Why does it matter? A few of the stewardship witness talks I have heard from years gone by have mentioned something like, "my parents taught me to tithe." How many of our children could say that? If we are not careful, we will soon have a generation of gospel consumers who have not been formed to contribute something of their own time, talent, and treasure to the proclamation of that gospel to the world.

I believe you are never too young to be a steward. On that basis, I offer some wisdom from that workshop that identifies some of the specific lessons we want our children to learn about stewardship.

- Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work God has given us to do.
- Our giving is a thankful response to all that God has given us. Our lives and the manner in which we use our resources should reflect our belief that "All things come of Thee, O Lord."
- Part of the work God is calling each of us to do is to support the life and work of our congregation. Many times we involve children in giving projects that neglect or even subvert this important lesson. Collecting money to buy animals for third world families through the Heifer Project is an excellent learning opportunity, but it somehow leaves the feeling that the day to day support of the congregation is boring and can be left to someone else.
- God calls us to give of our substance, not a portion of our leftovers. Our gifts to God come first, before we spend on ourselves.

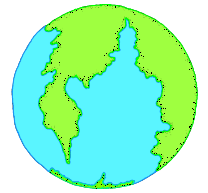
You will note that the lessons for children are identical to the lessons we try to teach each other as adults. So the answer to that question of "Will our children be stewards?" could be answered in the following way, "Well, maybe our children will become stewards, but it is up to us."

In the days ahead, as we embark on this year's fall commitment program, I will be meeting with our church school and youth group leaders to begin a conversation about this very question. I do believe that if we model good stewardship to our children, they will indeed become good stewards themselves.

As for us adults this fall, we will embark on a journey called "Together into God's Future." This is a visioning and dreaming process by which we will discern together what God is calling us to be and do over the course of the next five years as we prepare for our 50th year as a congregation in 2010. A special mailing about this will be sent to everyone. Please review it carefully and prayerfully consider your hopes and dreams for our congregation and how you will continue your journey of faith-filled stewardship. Let us remember that our children are watching and listening.

In faith,  
*David +*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**, is the start of our Creation Season. The words of our songs and prayers will help us to connect with and give God thanks for all of creation.



**COMMEMORATING ST. FRANCIS** and his love of all God's creatures, the 10:15 Service on the 14th will include the blessing of animals. Friendly, cooperative pets of all kinds are welcome. If your pet is not church friendly, please bring a toy animal or a picture for a special "proxy blessing". Remember donations to the local animal shelter!



**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

September 2006

September 2007\*

attendance figures does not include 9/30.



**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN AT THE BEEFSTEAK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20! ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS TO ATTEND!**

BIDDING: 4 -7:30 PM  
APPETIZERS: 5 PM  
DINNER: 6 PM

\$35.00 per person (BYOB) (Soft drinks provided)  
Children 12 and under:  
Beeksteak - \$20 or Pasta Dinner - \$5  
Childcard will be provided

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE after both services on Sundays and in the office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00.**  
The deadline is October 13!

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!

### **Silent Auction Donations Needed**

Here is 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
- Your own clever idea - use your imagination!

Please make sure all items are first quality and unused, unless it is an antique or otherwise specified.

**All donations must be received no later than October 13!**

There is a sign-up in the narthex.

Watch for a sneak preview of donated items coming soon!

**THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! We need everyone to participate in some way. Please consider donating an auction item, attending the dinner and bidding, or making a monetary donation if you can't be there. THANK YOU!**

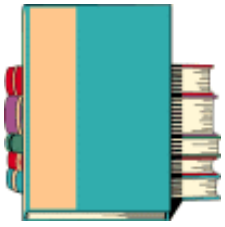
## MISSIONER a/k/a Jayne MUSINGS

Last month I spoke about the benefits of teens involved in church and youth ministry. This month I would like to share what it means to be “Involved in Church”. This is only a partial list, as I’m sure we could add many elements, but this is a great place to start thinking about how important our church and our faith truly are not only to us, but to the world at large. One drop of water will make a ripple effect in a lake; one person choosing to live out their faith can make a huge effect on our world.

- **Attendance**
  - Hear/Read God’s word
  - Fellowship – to be with other believers to share their faith and worship
  - Learning about faith, and how faith fits into their daily lives
  - Intergenerational along with peers
- **Prayer**
  - Prayers for others
  - Prayers for world
  - Prayers of thanksgiving
  - Prayers of communion
- **Doing – Action** *James 2:14, 17, 22, 26 “My brothers, what good is it for someone to say that he has faith if his actions do not prove it?... So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead... “His (Abraham) faith and his actions worked together; his faith was made perfect through his actions.... “So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, also faith without actions is dead.”*
  - Putting their faith into action – living and sharing God’s love with others
  - Taking ownership of faith
  - Learn better by doing
  - Stewardship
  - Better understanding of God in their lives
  - Better understanding of people and interactions between them
  - Advocacy
  - Justice & Service
  - Pastoral Care (reaching out to others)
  - Evangelization
  - Leadership development
  - Community Life
    - Church
    - Friends
    - Work place
    - Global community
    - Family/home
    - School
    - Local community

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Youth Group and Tweens** will be meeting certain evenings on a monthly basis for fellowship, putting our “Faith in Action”, and rousing games of Ping-Pong. Dates for evening events to be announced as we correlate availability of students vs school and other activities.
- **Church School** will have their evening event every other month – dates and activities to be announced.
- **Wednesday, October 10** – 7:00 Wonderful Wednesday , 7:30 Youth group – prepare for St. Paul Shelter visit
- **Sunday, October 14** –
  - Family worship – blessing of the animals
  - Youth Group Bike-ride – noon!!
- **Tuesday, October 16** – St. Paul’s Men’s Shelter – Youth group 5:00 pm – meet at St. David’s – car pool to shelter
- **Sunday, October 21** –
  - Children’s Sabbath,
  - all Youth, tweens and children along with their families to meet at 11:30am to discuss the future of St. David’s
- **Sunday, October 28** – **Tweens** Hikers classroom 8:45 am – more info to follow
- **Sunday, November 4** – **Church School** Hikers classroom 8:45 am – more info to follow



**WATER FOR ELEPHANTS**, by Sara Gruen, is the Readers Circle book choice for November. Jacob Jankowski is the novel's narrator and protagonist, whom we meet in old age. He narrates his life story from his early twenties, beginning during the Depression, when he drops out of veterinary school and joins a traveling circus. Thus begins his journey with a menagerie of people and animals. He becomes the only person with a moral compass and is the self-appointed protector of the downtrodden. The book is filled with fascinating circus lore and contrasts of reality and illusion, love and hate, cruelty and tenderness.

The Readers Circle meets on the first Monday of each month, 7:30-9:00 PM, in the large skylight room. All are welcome.

**THE MEN'S GROUP** program year began on September 17 with an informative and interesting presentation on international adoption by Brian and Linda O'Connor and Marty and Candace Stanton. They discussed their experiences in China and Russia respectively. The program on October 15 will feature an assessment of health care issues in Armenia by Mike Odian.



**Men's Group**



## WORKDAY

**IT'S TIME FOR THE** fall outdoor cleanup, to be held on Saturday, October 27, 9:00 - 12:00 noon. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex and Brian O'Connor will welcome all dedicated volunteers!

## HIKERS MASS AND OCTOBERFEST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

**TIME: 12:15 pm** Meet at Church  
**SITE: Shepherd's Lake, Ringwood**  
**TRAILS: One easy – 30 minutes**  
**one moderate – 60 minutes**

### OCTOBERFEST:

**2-5 pm at Skyland Manor House**  
**hayrides, food, beer-tasting**  
**fun for the whole family**  
**Sorry – no pets allowed**  
**some activities charge a fee**

**Sign up at the card table in the back of the church**

# RALLY/REUNION SUNDAY



Despite the record temperature, it was a wonderful day! Special thanks to the vestry for hosting the picnic: cooks Bob Hengeveld and Mike Odian; workers Brian Bussey, Nancy Hammaker, John Hitchings, Linda O'Connor and Judy Tattersall; helpers Wayne Hammaker, Brian O'Connor and John Simonelli.

Once again, the food brought by the parishioners was tummy yummy!





At the 10:15 service on September 3 we gave thanks for all the committed relationships. In thanksgiving for our 40 years of marriage this year, we invited our parish family to a brunch in the parish hall following the service in recognition of your ministry in our lives since we returned to Kinnelon in 1991.

We would like to thank everyone for the huge outpouring of love and support we have received. The experience was another affirmation of God's love through our community which continues to support each other in both times of celebration and challenge.

Brian and Ginny Bussey



Our heartfelt thanks to Cindy Grieshaber for the presentation of her mission work in Rwanda on Sunday, September 16! What a splendid kick-off for our Millennium Development Goals efforts!

# ATTENTION

**SAVE THE EVENING** of **Sunday, November 11 at 5 p.m.** for the **Foyers Kick-off Dinner**. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish to share and stories or experiences of previous Foyers events. Following the dinner we will share past experiences and form into small groups.

Foyers is a small group activity of St. David's that encourages individuals to gather, share a meal, and get to know one another. For one year they meet, share a meal and fellowship. It has been a very successful activity that everyone has enjoyed.

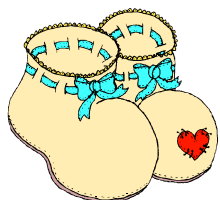
There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church. If you are unable to attend this evening but wish to be included, please indicate that on the sheet. Every year the groups are changed to give you the opportunity to meet new parishioners. **Come join and have great fun, food, and fellowship!**

For more information, please call Ginny Bussey at 838-1470.

**ALL SAINTS DAY** will be observed on Sunday, November 4. If there is anyone you would like to have included in the necrology (those who have died since last All Saints Day), please have their names to the office by October 30.



- \* **BELATED BUT HEARTFELT** to Harry Barker, who weeded at the front of the building all summer long.
- \* **FOR THE TRANSFORMED NURSERY** to Mary Fisher and Kristen Roehrer, who painted and stocked with new toys to meet the requirements for their Girl Scout Silver Badge Award.
- \* **THE YOUTH GROUP** thanks Polly Barker and Jayne Verdonik for scouting out hiking trails. On September 23 - with leaders Katherine Hahn, Rodger Pisani and Jayne Verdonik - Mary Fisher, Jason Hammaker, and Tracy Webb traveled the trails of the Apshawa Preserve and held a special prayer service.
- \* **ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE** are grateful to Rodger and Laurie Pisani and Marty and Candace Stanton for their generous gift of a new ping pong table.



## *Congratulations*

To Herb and June Grieshaber on the birth of their first greatgrandchild, Ryan David Grieshaber, grandson of Ken and Cathy.

# OCTOBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  7:30 pm Book Group	<b>2</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>3</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih <b>Wonderful Wednesdays</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm "Living the Question"	<b>4</b> 10 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> <b>Pentecost 19</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist ***** No Discovery Hour 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Youth Group 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>8</b> <b>Columbus Day (Office Closed)</b>	<b>9</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>10</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 4:00 pm Rector & Wardens Meeting <b>Wonderful Wednesdays</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm "Living the Question" 7:30 pm Youth Group	<b>11</b> 10 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  7:30 pm Visioning Committee	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:15 – 5:00 pm Hikers Mass at Shepherd's Lake, Ringwood, and Octoberfest at Skylands Manor
<b>14</b> <b>Pentecost 20</b> <b>"Commitment Witnessing Sunday"</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Discovery Hour 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Family Worship - Blessing of the Animals 11:30 am Coffee Hour & Visioning Group	<b>15</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  7:30 pm Men's Group	<b>16</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  St. Paul's Shelter	<b>17</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih <b>Wonderful Wednesdays</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm "Living the Question" 7:30 pm Youth Group	<b>18</b> 10 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Parish Fundraiser</b> 4:00 pm Silent Auction 5:00 pm Social hour 6:00 pm Beef Steak Dinner 8:00 pm Silent Auction Ends
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<b>28</b> <b>Pentecost 22</b> <b>"Commitment Witnessing Sunday"</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Discovery Hour 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Youth Group 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour & Visioning Group	<b>29</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>30</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	<b>31</b> 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer  4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih <b>Wonderful Wednesdays</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm Program			

# St. David's Leadership Team

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<b>Bishop:</b>	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
<b>Rector:</b>	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	<i>Brian Bussey</i>	<i>Parish Growth Chair</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 Chair</i>
	<i>Robert Hengeveld</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>John Hitchings</i>	<i>Stewardship, Technology &amp; 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>
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	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Dr. Susan McAdoo</i>
	<i>Missioner for Youth &amp; Families Ministries</i>	<i>Jayne Verdonik</i>
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