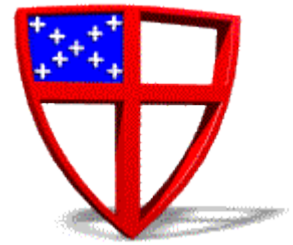


Visions



Mission Statement

As a visible sign 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

FEBRUARY 2011

JULIA CHILD LIVES!



MEET HER SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 6:00 PM
DETAILS INSIDE
“BON APPETIT!”

Celebrating 50 Years of Caring & Sharing
1960 - 2010



From the Rector:

On My Heart and Mind

Dear Saints of St. David's,

Thank you for your many beautiful and gracious expressions of honoring me on my 60th birthday last month. I was delighted that you chose to offer financial gifts to two of my favorite charities: Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, NY, remembering my father who loved children and died of prostate cancer, and New Jersey Peace, a political action group based in Bloomfield which advocates for the end of all war including nuclear weapons. These are two of the best birthday presents you could have given me.

Since hitting the big 6-0, I have done more reflection on my general health and wellness than I usually do. Along with my so-called advancing years, it was two comments that put me into this mode. One came from my physical therapist who said that "at my age" my body was now doing more tearing down than building up. I thanked him incredulously for that remark! The other comment came from a friend who said that now I was approaching "the end of mid-life." I laughed while remarking that I had passed that milestone a long time ago.

Taking stock of our physical health and wellness is an important aspect of our Christian stewardship that does not get much press. Two scriptural images come to mind. The teaching of Jesus in the Gospel of John likens the church to a vine. Jesus is the trunk of the vine and we, you and I, are the branches. The second image is also a description of the church. It is found in the Epistles of Paul. It is in those letters to the early Christian churches that we discover that the church is a body of which Jesus Christ is the head and we are the members. I find it noteworthy that both of these descriptions portray the church as a living organism.

To be truthful, I don't give much credence to that expression that "60 is the new 50." 60 is 60 and that is all there is to it! That's because I'm not always filled with energy and I've got aches and pains I didn't have when I was 50. Thus, the need for a physical therapist who is helping me with a knee problem (and then there's that excruciating pain in my left thumb – arthritis?) Nevertheless, I am still a part of the Body of Christ, a living organism that is the church. As such, I am challenged every day to keep myself both physically and spiritually fit. I do set aside time for exercise and time for meditation, prayer and reflection, for worship and study. All too often when left to my own devices, it would be much easier to let go of these practices.

My hope is that somehow each one of us as members of the Body of Christ can encourage each other to keep at this business of staying healthy both physically and spiritually. Someone once told me that an isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian. Living in the community of the church should offer ways of assisting one another in keeping track of our contact with God. The same thing can be said regarding our physical well-being as members of Christ's Body. Are we attempting to live out our lives in isolation? How can we shape a community that encourages us to keep ourselves as fit as possible and make faithful choices about how we live our lives? How do we approach one another in attempting to offer support for the spiritual and physical battle of sustaining life-giving practices?

Our congregation is 50 years old. We celebrated this big birthday last year. It has remained fit and energetic because more people than not chose to center themselves in the love of God that comes through its people and their mission. May this be true for our big 6-0 as we continue to reflect on ways of taking care of our general health and wellness as the branches of Jesus, the Body of Christ.

In Christ's Peace,

David+

Linda Kenyon
As
Julia Child
In
“Julia Says: Bon Appetit!”
Saturday, March 5, 2011—6:00 pm

Tickets are \$25.00 adults, \$5:00 children 12 and under

(Tickets will be sold after both Sunday services or by contacting the parish office at 973-838-6696 or parishadmin@stdavidskinnelon.org).

Linda Kenyon will be doing her one-woman presentation in the context of a **supper** featuring one of Julia’s signature dishes—namely boeuf bourguignon (beef burgundy) - which will be provide by our expert cooks and enjoyed by all. This entrée will be complemented with a salad, and with ‘potluck’ appetizers, desserts, and wine and soft drinks provide by the parishioners.

About the Play “Julia Says: Bon Appetit!”

Julia Child (1912-2004) was an American cook, author and television personality who introduced French cuisine and cooking techniques to America. She was in the vanguard of “foodies” who by changing Americans’ taste helped create modern American culture.

Her most famous works are the 1961 cookbook *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* and her television series *The French Chef*. While her public face and voice became familiar to all of us, this play focuses on her private side—especially the relationship with her husband, Paul Child. The play is a love story! Julia tells us about growing up in Southern California, her adventures during World War II (when she was not a spy), learning to cook French cuisine, learning to teach and write about the soul of cooking, and discovering her talent for being a public person and for being famous.

About the Playwright

Clay Teunis is a web, print, and sound designer. He has designed sound for Washington Stage Guild, Washington Shakespeare Company, GALA, Spooky Action, as well as for the Portrait Gallery’s *1776*, *Looking Over the President’s Shoulder*, and *Swift to My Wounded*.

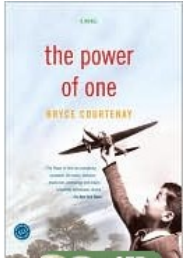
Clay’s playwriting projects include *The Bride Was in Stitches*, a radio-styled satire of *The Bride of Frankenstein*, and a submission to the Source Theatre’s 10-minute competition called *Antique Sideshow* (about two brothers fighting over collector plates from the Hindenberg disaster). A version of “Julia” was read at the Portrait Gallery in December 2008. Currently Clay is putting the polish on *Class Clowns*, about troubled youth (and troubled counselors) in a camp in Arizona.

About Linda Kenyon (Julia Child)

Linda can be seen screaming her head off as a society woman in Chris Rock’s recent movie *Head of State*. She has been seen as Charlotte, the Camp Director, in Venus Theatre’s production of *Ugly Duckling*, and as the Dutchess of York in *Richard III* with the Virginia Shakespeare Company. She has worked with the Washington Stage Guild, Source Theatre, and at the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Linda’s voice has appeared at the Postal Museum, the U.S. Holocaust Museum, the Civil Rights Museum at Memphis, and at the Gettysburg Visitors Centre. She can also be hard on the Discovery Channel in the *Last of the Czars* and *France’s Forgotten Shame*. She is the Dark Elf in the video game *Morrowind*.

Linda is a widow and the mother of five grown children and two stepdaughters. Her mother was an actress and her father was a scenic designer. She lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with her cat Isodoro and is a parishioner at Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury.

SEE YOU AT THE WINE TASTING AND DINNER ON FEBRUARY 5!



READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

March 7th Book Selection

THE POWER OF ONE by Bryce Courtenay
ST. DAVID'S SKYLIGHT ROOM, 7:30 pm

The Power of One is a sprawling memoir of an English boy's lonely childhood in South Africa, under Apartheid, during WW II. Peekay, is a small boy who grows into a forward-thinking young man who sees through racial blindfolds and follows his heart to fulfill his dreams. He learns some hard lessons early in life but still treats everyone with equal respect. *The Power of One* has everything: suspense, violence, mysticism, psychology and magic, as well as schoolboy adventures and drama in the boxing ring. You will cry and laugh with him and cheer for joy when he succeeds.

The Readers Circle meets on the first Monday of each month, October through June. Newcomers are always welcome to join in on the conversation. For questions contact: readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org.

ATTENTION

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE receive credit for their church donations. There is no way to identify loose cash in the offering plates. If this is your preference, please bring your offering in an envelope marked with your name. Thank you!



HOW CAN YOU HELP ME?

I'm nameless...I live in New Jersey...I live in Asia and Africa and Latin America. I'm hungry and don't have any hope. Will you help me?

Three years ago the Vestry of St. David's agreed to help. And, it has agreed to help for the last four years. Our BRAKE the HUNGER CYCLE TOUR has been responsible for providing the equivalent of \$120,000 to agencies dealing with the issues of hunger.



We have now begun preparations for our fourth cycling event (which, by the way, is the largest charity bike event of northern New Jersey), to be held on Saturday, May 7th. The question that each of us must answer is "how can I participate...how can I be part of the solution"???????????

Think it out, feel free to answer by contacting the team at HungerCycleTour.com.

ST DAVID'S DAY!

WILL BE CELEBRATED on February 27 (the closest Sunday to March, 1, the 'official' date). We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist from the Welsh Prayer Book and Welsh "goodies" will be served at coffee hour after both services.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Stewardship Minute
Sunday, December 19th, 2010
John Simonelli, Stewardship Commission Member

Time and Talent Can Be Treasure

What we give comes back abundantly! Often folks don't stop to think that time and talent can be treasure. For instance, several parishioners have been involved in making lap blankets that were given to residents at Van Dyk nursing home. Stella, one of the residents who received a blanket, wrote us this note:

Many Thanks to the People of St. David's Church for your great kindness. You're a blessing. Thank you all for the lap blanket. I will cherish it. It was so wonderful of you to think of me and the others.

And Stella included a contribution to St. David's with her note.

Another example of the stewardship of time and talent was our caroling at Van Dyk yesterday (December 18).

What we give does indeed come back abundantly. Thanks to our work and interest at Van Dyk nursing home, their activities director has given back to St. David's by contributing a number of donations to our silent auction—a true case of pay it forward.

LEGACY FUNDS

At the January 2011 annual meeting, the Stewardship Committee launched a new program named The Legacy Funds. This program was approved by the Vestry and is designed to allow anyone and everyone to make a planned gift to support St. David's programs that are important to them. There are five specific "Funds" in this program. Some ways to support this program are to include St. David's in your will, make St. David's the sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy or make a life income gift. The creation of this program will help ensure St. David's future in many areas: maintaining our buildings and grounds; supporting our education programs; supporting our worship, music fellowship and lay ministry programs; to name just a few. The Vestry and the Stewardship Committee are in the process of appointing a Legacy Committee, who will continue to update the congregation over the next couple of months with regard to the "next step" of this important program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the rector or any other member of the Stewardship Committee (Mary-Esther Arther, Pat Crane, Karen Dunn, John Hitchings, Brian O'Connor, John Simonelli). If you have not yet received a brochure about this program, please contact the church office and request one be mailed to you.

Attendance

January 2010
79

January 2011
59

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES AS OF FEBRUARY 2011

***denotes change of existing member**

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Name: RUDOLPHI, Christine
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*City: Parsippany, NJ 07054

Name: SIMONELLI, John
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*City: Paterson, NJ 07504
*Home Phone: 973-684-2239

Thank you!

To retiring worship team leaders:
(white) PAT CRANE;
(green) KATHY KENT;
(red) JOHN SIMONELLI;
and new team leaders:
(white) MIKE ROEHRER;
(green) CHRISTINE RUDOPHI;
(red) JAVIER NIEVES;
and STACEY FERRARO, who is continuing as leader of the gold team.

Thank you!

TO OUR VERY GENEROUS PARISHIONERS who contributed \$925 in honor of David's birthday and \$950 in response to the vestry's Christmas outreach appeal.



ANNUAL MEETING

The 39th annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 9. Heartfelt thanks go to retiring warden Caroline Mossip and vestry members Brian Bussey and Marty Stanton. Javier Nieves was elected junior warden, while Harriet Stewart and Bruce Watts were elected to three-year terms. Congratulations to them all!

From the children of Jim and Emily Mason

To All Our Family at St. David's—

January 15, 2011

You have all been a source of strength and compassion at this very difficult time. Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy and for your participation in Dad's funeral service. We have known many of you for over 40 years. Your friendships have meant the world to our parents and there has been a lot of fun and laughter at many church events.

To all the newer members of St. David's, thank you for your kind words and expressions of sympathy. We are happy you had the opportunity to get to know our father. He was a man of kindness and laughter. We were happy to hear that many of your children found him to be a special person also.

Keep our mother in your prayers as she struggles with the loss of her soul mate. Their devotion and expression of love to each other over the years has been a sources of great joy.

Warmest regards, Janet and Andy

Vestry notes

From the meeting of January 20 -

- Welcomed the new members and conducted vestry orientation.
- Reviewed the January 9 annual meeting. The consensus was that it was productive with good attendee engagement.
- Approved the formation of a group of parishioners to help plan adult education and spiritual formation programs in the parish.
- Discussed working on updating communications.

Budget vs. Actual for Period Ending December 31, 2010
Receipts—\$18,410 / \$23,268 Disbursements—\$21,055 / \$21,532



Our prayers and condolences are extended to Stacey Ferraro on the death of her father and to Emily Mason on the death of Jim.

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral—James Mason, January 14, 2011



The 2011 vestry calling list is enclosed in this issue. Please take a moment to identify your member. If you have any questions, concerns, compliments about our parish life, you're encouraged to be in touch with your member. They want to hear from you!

T'ai Chi Chih

**The free practice sessions of
this low impact
exercise and meditation
program continue
every Monday 4-5 p.m.
In the Skylight Room**



A moving meditation with twenty gentle, low-impact movements will relax your body and quiet your mind. These simple movements circulate and balance the Chi (Life Force) and can be done regardless of your age or physical ability. Health benefits reported as a result of regular practice of T'ai Chi Chih: relief of pain and stress; regulation of blood pressure; improved balance, circulation and stamina; stronger heart, lungs and bones; greater mental clarity and emotional balance; and strengthened immune system. For more information please contact www.taichichih@stdavidskinnelon.org.

VESTRY CALLING LIST 2011 – JANUARY 20, 2011

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Crane 973-838-5740
Foster 973-492-8092
Hawk 973-263-8809
O dian 973-838-5843
Snyder 973-838-2019
Temple 973-838-6658

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Heavener* (Toni) 973-728-6064
Hodde 973-728-3223
Lopez* 973-492-0232
Ludwig 973-838-6971
Morisseau (Bob/Caroline) 973-616-2711
Romano (Luise) 239-249-9382
O'Connor 973-728-1474
Walker 973-728-1595
Whitehead, A. 973-586-6270
Whitehead, J. 973-838-7291

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Williams, I* 973-838-7346

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Hahn 973-492-0528
Hammaker 973-492-8975
Mason* 973-248-3388
Roehrer 973-492-2854
Simonelli 973-684-2239
Smalley (Ken /Susan) 973-838-0850

*no email

FEBRUARY 2011

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 12:15 Noonday Prayer	2 No Holy Eucharist - Weather 7:00 pm Bike Tour	3	4 Rector's Day off	5 6:00 pm Wine Tasting and Dinner
6) Green Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School 11:30 am Coffee Hour	7 12:15 Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Book Group	8 12:15 Noonday Prayer	9 7:30 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel	10 12:15 Noonday Prayer	11 Rector's Day off	12 11:00 Prayers of the People Workshop with Lunch
13) Gold Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School 11:30 am Coffee Hour 12:00 noon Rector/Wardens Mtg	14 12:15 Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Women's Group	15 12:15 Noonday Prayer 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Franciscan Oaks Denville 5:00 pm St Paul's Shelter	16 7:30 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel	17 12:15 Noonday Prayer 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Van Dyk, W Milford 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	18 Rector's Day off	19
20) Red Team 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School 11:30 am Coffee Hour	21 OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENTS DAY 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	22 12:15 Noonday Prayer 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest	23 7:30 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel 7:00 pm Bike Tour	24 12:15 Noonday Prayer	25 Rector's Day off	26 9 am—2 pm Vestry Retreat
27) White Team St. David's Day Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/ Church School 11:30 am 'Welsh' Coffee Hour	28 12:15 Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Stewardship Commission					

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:	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
Rector:	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
Senior Warden:	<i>Christine Rudolphi</i>	
Junior Warden:	<i>Javier Nieves</i>	
Vestry:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer) Stewardship, Pastoral Care</i>	
	<i>Julie Dolci/Ed Horton (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Karen Dunn</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
	<i>Steve Kent</i>	<i>Communications</i>
	<i>Brenda Reinhard</i>	<i>Hospitality</i>
	<i>Bruce Watts</i>	
	<i>Harriet Stewart</i>	<i>Hospitality</i>
Staff:	<i>Barbara Zajac</i>	<i>Worship/Spiritual Formation</i>
	<i>Terry Armstrong</i>	<i>Sexton</i>
	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
	<i>Gill Otto</i>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
	<i>Kathia Nieves</i>	<i>Church School Director</i>

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.

