



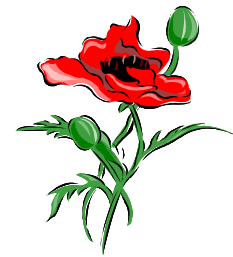
The Mission of St. David's Church is to nurture all who are seeking to make the teachings of Christ meaningful in their lives so that our love and caring for one another through God extends into the community and the world.

Saturday, May 12th 9.00am – 4.00pm (Rain or Shine)

20th Annual Plant Sale



Meet and Consult
with
CHRIS SNYDER
Master Gardener



Top Quality Plants
Annuals – Hanging Baskets – Planters – Veg. & Herbs

Grandma's Attic



Huge selection of gently
used, quality items

Bake Sale



St David's Youth Group



Refreshments





From the Rector

Setting Fractures

The words “setting fractures” bowled me over when I first heard of Governor Corzine’s serious injuries sustained in that horrific car accident while he was traveling to the reconciliation meeting between Don Imus and the Rutgers women’s basketball team. Just recently, I read those same two words that had been used to describe the work of reconciliation. Their meaning and irony were not lost on me.

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians (5:16-21), St. Paul charges us to be ambassadors for Christ. The specific ministry we are called to as his representatives is one of **reconciliation**. The best description of reconciliation that I’ve come across is the one that uses those words “setting fractures.” The author is Eugene Peterson who writes:

What we know about God and what we do for God have a way of getting broken apart in our lives. The moment the organic unity of belief and behavior is damaged in any way, we are incapable of living out the full humanity for which we were created...These become fractures throughout the work which God, like a skillful surgeon, goes about setting so that the bones of belief and behavior knit together and heal.

Once our attention is called to it, we notice these fractures all over the place. There is hardly a bone in our bodies that has escaped injury, hardly a relationship in city or job, school or church, family or country, that isn’t out of joint or limping in pain. There is much to be done...

Not only is the work of setting fractures (or reconciliation) taking place in our lives; we are participants in this most urgent work. The energy of reconciliation is the dynamo at the heart of the universe and it is imperative that we join in

vigorously and perseveringly convinced that every detail in our lives contributes (or not) to God’s plan. The Message, page 404.

It’s a tall order, isn’t it? The Don Imus debacle reminds us all too well about the seemingly countless ways in which our world is crying out for reconciliation. We hardly know where to begin. So we start with ourselves and take stock of the healing power at work in our souls, our families, our church, our work place. We learn to recognize the presence of the risen Lord who calls us to help in setting the fractures between belief and behavior. This does not mean telling others what to believe so that they act properly! Most often it requires of us that we listen carefully, acknowledge our role in the fracture and seek healing through asking or offering forgiveness. It is hard work and we often do not like the process it leads us to, especially when it involves giving something or someone over to God.

This Easter season that propels us into Pentecost and Jesus’ gift to us of the Holy Spirit gives us hope of being reconciled and healed by God’s grace and power working in us. It also invites us to engage with vigor and perseverance the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called. Through the person of Jesus as the Christ, we are each a new creation, being brought out of error into truth, out of sin and righteousness, out of death into life. (The Book of Common Prayer, page 368). In the midst of the many fractures in our world – some of which are very close to home – may we recognize God’s healing work in our lives and say “Yes” to the ways we might be called to set fractures in the world as ambassadors for Christ!

Let us continue to pray and work for reconciliation among all peoples both near and far.

David+

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

April 2006
93

April 2007
110
(not including April 29)

Virginia Tech

The words written on the preceding page were going to be my newsletter message to you for this month, but now we find ourselves trying to deal with still more horrific news: the shootings at Virginia Tech. In the midst of planning a prayer vigil for this to take place here in about twenty-four hours, I write to you these thoughts which I also hope to share at the vigil:

Even a diseased mind can follow the logic of committing a second crime nearby in order to focus everyone's attention on the first one. Now we know, it worked – just well enough for a shooter who didn't mind dying himself – at Virginia Tech's Norris Hall.

Investigations of procedures and policies have begun along with the endless American argument about gun control, a discussion so puzzling to people from other parts of the world. When something this large, this awful, this senseless happens, people want to find something concrete to fix, so that it will never happen again.

But "never" is a long time. There is only so much protection we can give ourselves against insanity.

It is normal to try to organize thoughts and assign blame, but there is other work to be done first, the terrible work those concrete activities help us to avoid: the terrible work of grieving the dead. This is one primary purpose of an interfaith prayer vigil for the community. The dead we grieve were young people with everything to live for. We also stand in solidarity with all those whose grief most of us cannot even imagine. We stand with our entire nation that mourns.

Sons. Daughters. Husbands. Wives – mostly students – brand new adults who will never have the chance to experiment with their hearts' desire who left behind loved ones who never had the chance to say good-bye.

We scream and weep and pray:

Oh, beloved! Oh, dear and funny ones, the serious young ones, the confused uncertain ones and confident young ones – may the holy angels lead you into paradise and may you be there, in some mysterious way, everything God intended you to be here! Oh, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, grandmas and granddads! Oh, aunts and uncles and cousins and friends – you all deserved so much better than this.

In faith,

David+



“WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS” ARE COMING

Food + Fellowship + Faith

**The Adults will join the Youth Group for worship and supper.
Separate “short courses” are offered for adults
No reading! No homework!**

**Register in the back of the church on the easel
or**

E-mail: david.desmith@st-david.org

**Simply give us your name, number attending and which course you
will be attending –
May Course, June Course or Both**

May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

A Short Course on the Bible

“Reading the Bible Again for the First Time”

based on a book by Marcus Borg

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

A Short Course on World Religions:

Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Guest speakers will be offering lectures (Wed. only)

Worship and Supper begin at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
Short Course session runs from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the Library

PLEASE NOTE

Each short course session is being offered during the day on Thursdays of the same weeks
from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. All are invited to bring a bag lunch.

That is: Four Successive Thursdays,
May 10, 17, 24 & 31; June 7, 14, 21 & 28



SPRING DID ARRIVE (you knew it would)! That means the annual plant sale and you can still sign up to help. Just call JoAnn Hahn (973-492-0528) or Mary Stuart Hawk (973-263-8809). They will be delighted to hear from you!

GRANDMA'S ATTIC NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS! Now is the time to do your spring cleaning! Grandma is looking to sell gently used items such as jewelry, scarves, antiques, linens, silver, glassware, kitchen items, lamps, small appliances (make sure they work!), furniture, musical instruments, tools, baskets and seasonal items. Grandma's kids want to sell gently-used toys and games, puzzles with all the pieces, sports equipment, and bikes. Don't even think about donating books, clothing, or any items in poor condition! Bring donations May 6 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm and May 9 - 11 from 9 am - 1 pm. Pick-up for large items can be arranged - call Brian O'Connor, Marty Stanton, or John Hitchings.



Grandma can't do this all by herself, so she is going to need help! It's not too late to sign up!



NEW THIS YEAR - YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE! Bring your baked goods on the 12th - cookies, cakes, pies, cupcakes, breads, rolls, muffins, coffee cakes - all yummy treats will be appreciated! The Youth will be selling throughout the day to satisfy your sweet tooth or to complete your dessert menu. Support them as they support our fundraising budget!

OUR BISHOP, THE RT. REV. MARK BECKWITH will preside at a Service of Confirmation at The Church of the Savior in Denville on Sunday, May 20th, at 3:00 pm. Two members of our parish will be involved. Nan Barry will be received into the Episcopal Church and Gabrielle Thomas will be confirmed. Both will be recognized at our services on May 13. Congratulations to Nan and Gabrielle!



THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS of Easter end with the Feast of Pentecost, this year on Sunday, May 27. This is the day when Jesus gave the disciples the Holy Spirit which empowered them to go out into the world to preach and teach. Traditionally this day has been called "the birthday of the Church."

As it is our custom, everyone is invited to wear **red**, which is the liturgical color of the feast and symbolizes the Holy Spirit within each of us. Also, we will be holding a potluck "Red Brunch" after the 10:15 am Service. Please bring something red to eat (just no raw meat, please!) or any color will do, of course. We will have a birthday cake as well. It will be a very "spirited" day!

Since this Sunday falls on the Memorial Day weekend, during both services special commemorations will be offered for all those who have served in the armed forces. We're asking that all men and women of St. David's who have served in any branch of the armed forces in any conflict let the office know by e-mail (st-david@st-david.org), phone call or note by May 23. Thank you!



**Hosanna In
The Highest!**

**Sanctifying
The New
Fire - Great
Vigil of
Easter**



**Sweets and
Savories in
Abundance!**



**The Golden Egg
Winners:
Ava Lutz and
Zackery TenHoeve**



**Children's Communion
Program Recognition:
Grace O'Connor and
Dominique Molee**

**Each Little Flower That Opens
The Lord God Made Them All**





**The Lord is
in His Holy
Temple**

We Love To Eat!



**Swing Your
Partner!**

OUTREACH



THERE WAS JOY and satisfaction in serving the residents of St. Paul's Homeless Shelter in Paterson on April 17th. Approximately 35 men were treated to a delicious and hearty meal followed by tasty desserts, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and friends. The overflowing rivers may have hindered the trip but were unable to prevent Joanne, Sara and Tracy Webb from delivering and serving the meal.

Special thanks go to the "Ladies Fisher" (aka Cathy, Mary and Abby) for preparing three different vegetables and the dessert. Abby enlisted members of her Girl Scout Troop 1963 - Sarah Green, Kristen MacDonald, Maranda Micciche and Victoria Parisen. Mary Stuart Hawk provided the wonderful mixed green salad and Mike Odian took care of the main course.

It is difficult to describe the heartfelt gratitude of the men at the Shelter. They were most appreciative and send that message to all of their friends, known and unknown, at St. David's. Contact Mike Odian if you would like to experience this joy through participation in the program.

Our next Outreach commitment is on Wednesday, May 2. The Interfaith Council of Morris County hosts a homeless group of families at various churches. We will provide a meal and companionship to 10-12 people at St. Anthony's Church in Butler. Contact Mike Odian if you would like to participate in any way.

There is joy in receiving but it is dwarfed by the exhilaration of giving. That is what OUTREACH is all about; in that respect, it is a selfish activity! Join the effort and be blessed with the experience.



*Just a
Reminder...*

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING on Sunday, May 6, following the 10:15 Service, to vote on the revised parish bylaws. Copies of both the current and proposed one are available in the narthex.

REPONSES to the gift card survey sent our last month are due back by Sunday, May 13.



T'AI CHI CHIH

The free practice session of this low-impact exercise and meditation program continue every Wednesday afternoon, 4:00-5:00 pm, in Classroom 2.



THE READER'S CIRCLE BOOK GROUP meets on the first Monday of each month in the Large Skylight Room. The selection for May is *FOR ONE MORE DAY*, by Mitch Albom. This short novel is the story of a mother and son and a relationship that lasts a lifetime and beyond. What would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one? This is a book that touches the heart and soul of everyone. All are welcome to join in the discussion on May 7th at 7:30 PM.

In June, Anthony Molle, will lead the discussion of one of his favorite books: *I'M PROUD OF YOU: MY FRIENDSHIP WITH FRED ROGERS*, by Tim Madigan. This is the tale of an unlikely friendship between children's television host Fred Rogers and Texas journalist Tim Madigan. It is a moving memoir that examines how their friendship helped Madigan pull out of a depression, save his marriage, and give him a completely new perspective on life. Madigan teaches all of us the healing nature of friendship and how important it is to tell the people you care about that you are proud of them. Fred Roger not only hosted "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood," but he was also a Presbyterian minister. This is the remarkable recounting of the life-changing, spiritual friendship that developed between two men. If you have been thinking about joining the Book Group, this is definitely the time to start: June 4th, 7:30 PM. Bring a friend!

Vestry Notes

From the meeting of April 19 -

- * Voted to transfer our investment funds from Merrill Lynch to Johns & Sexton and invest only in socially-responsible companies.
- * Acknowledged, with regret, Laurie Pisani's resignation from the vestry.
- * Reviewed the quarterly missioner grant report.
- * Voted to apply for a financial grant to close the below-ground oil tanks and install above-ground ones.



THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS who helped make Holy Week and Easter special -

The Altar Guild who prepared the church with such care and devotion

The Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and acolytes for their extra service

The committee - Pat Crane, Jim & Emily Mason and John Simonelli - and everyone who provided the varied and delicious sweets and savories at the Great Vigil reception

Susan McAdoo and the choir for gracing our worship with wonderful music, especially trumpeter Andrew Scarpelli; Rutgers University (Newark) Chorus members Rebecca Benitez, Caroline DeFreitas, Edward Iskra, Sacha Iskra, Denise Mitchell, Janine Pezzlino; and St. David's members David DeSmith, Chris and Jack Dolci, John, Tina and James Hitchings, Kaitlin Roehrer and John Simonelli.

Harry Barker for subbing for Terry & Mary Armstrong when they were on vacation

Brian O'Connor for painting the men's room and Monahan Paint Company for donating the supplies.



Men's Group

THE MEN'S GROUP April meeting featured Marty Stanton on the issues of computer security. Marty works for Cisco Systems, and supports resellers who provide Cisco Information Technology Security Solutions to corporate customers in the NY/NJ region. His presentation provided us with:

- A primer on basic computer security
- Some basic online scams
- What you can do to protect your home computer from basic threats

The Q&A period was highly interactive with the audience asking many questions. If you missed the program, ask Mike Odian for a copy of the presentation.

THE MAY 21ST meeting will feature our own Linda O'Connor as guest speaker Director of Quality Assurance for Teva Pharmaceuticals, the world's largest generic drug manufacturer, she will speak on the issues surrounding generic drugs.

Linda earned a BS in Biochemistry from Carnegie Mellon and an MBA from Rutgers University and holds a Certification as Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence from the American Society for Quality.

She will speak on the following topical issues:

- Facts and myths about generic drugs
- The pharmaceutical application and approval process
- The role of the FDA
- Internet pharmacies and drugs from Canada

Please let Linda know if you have any questions or areas of special interest so that she can research to provide any additional information.


THE JUNE 18TH meeting will be a Belgian-beer-tasting event that will be held at the Wine in The Wood In The Woods store in West Milford. Designated drivers will be available and a small fee will be charge to cover the cost of libations. More details will follow. Thanks are in order to Brian O'Connor for setting up this session.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

DO YOU KNOW what will be taking place at St. David's from July 16 through July 20? You're correct! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!! This is a fee-free event. Registration forms and sign-ups for volunteers are in the narthex. This fun and faith-filled week is for all pre-schoolers through sixth grade. Teens and adults - consider volunteering to help teach, do crafts, theater/skits, publicity, food. Jayne Verdonik will answer your questions or sign you up! Drop a note in her church mailbox, call her at 973-838-6696 or email at jayne.verdonik@st.david.org. Take "A Wild Ride Through God's Word"!

THE CHRISTIAN BAND needs supplies! They can use a start-up drum kit, microphones with cables, a small Mixer (no, not the kind for cakes - mixing music), speakers, monitors, and music stands. Also needed are a drummer, guitarists, and singers. See Jayne for further info. Monetary contributions are always appreciated!


Do good deeds


Impress Jesus 

Story tellers

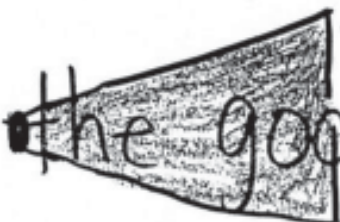
Catching fish for others

I  love God 

Pray for others 

Loving people 

Examples of how we should act

Spread  the good news!

MAY 2007

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		1 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	2 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 4:00 pm Youth Group 7:30 pm Finance Comm.	3 10 am HE /Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	4	5 9:00 am Clean-up Day
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St. David's Leadership Team

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	<i>Robert Hengeveld</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
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