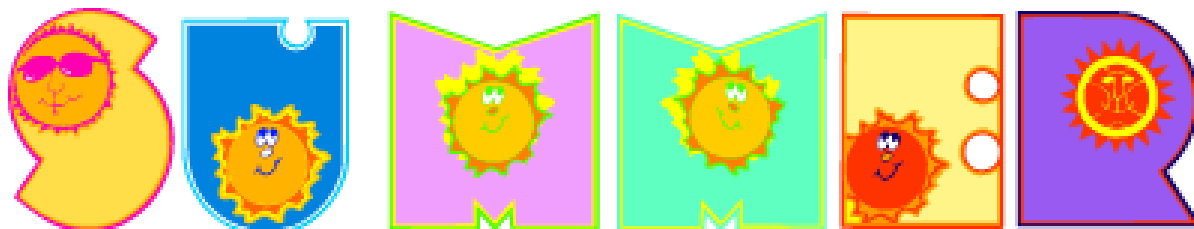


Visions



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 2008





Dear Members and
Friends of St.
David's:

If someone were to ask me what the most important ministry at our parish is, I would be unable to choose one. Like the many parts of a human body, *each* of our ministries is necessary to maintain good health and wholeness. Unless we pay attention to and nurture *both* the hidden and highly visible ministries among us, we cannot be whole.

Often, the more visible ministries or parts of our body in Christ catch our attention. Whenever we see people in leadership during worship - reading, praying, preparing the altar, singing, teaching, serving - we are witnessing ministry in action. But I can also look out into the congregation and see among you faithful people who are called to a hidden ministry which is called prayer. I believe that their devotion and daily prayers help ground us in God's abiding love and care. Without this particular ministry in place, we would experience a far different level of health as a parish.

Recently I have invited members of the Prayer Chain Ministry to meet with me. Many of them have been a part of this ministry for years. I know that each of them is absolutely committed to praying daily for individuals and situations that come to their attention. They stay in contact with each other to make sure that the list of names is current. What they are doing in their quiet and unassuming way is called *intercessory prayer*. You can be any age to pray this way. You can be zooming around in a car transporting children to school or bedridden in the final days of earthly life and still pray for others. You do not have to learn to compose or memorize prayers in order to be effective in this ministry. You simply pray that the healing light of Jesus Christ surround and enfold people or situations that are in need of God's grace. And then you let God be God.

Perhaps that is the hardest part of all, isn't it? It is one thing to pray for and surrender to God someone we do not know. But when it is a dear friend, a parishioner, a loved one who needs our prayers, we are more prone to ask of God a particular outcome. Intercessory prayer teaches us out of time that what we pray in the Lord's Prayer is so very true: "Thy will be done." This is not

about resignation to God, but rather, about turning a person or situation over to God, believing that there is a wisdom beyond ourselves that will ultimately bring healing in ways that we cannot imagine.

It seems that the list of people and situations in need keeps increasing. The Prayer Chain Ministry, while a hidden part of our body in Christ, is in constant action. You will find lists of names and sometimes situations in the Sunday bulletin requesting our prayers. Some are members and friends of St. David's; many are people beyond our parish whom we will never meet. I would like to add congregations in our various communities and throughout the diocese that we pray for including our Bishop, Mark Beckwith, who need our prayers. Situations around the world that erupt through natural disaster or violence also call us to intercessory prayer. Displaced, grieving and war-torn people - regardless of their faith - deserve our prayers for God's healing grace.

While there are people called to the particular ministry of intercessory prayer, I believe we are each being called upon by God to daily prayer. If you have never prayed before, begin today. Thank God for whatever blessings you have received in your life. Then add prayers for people you love or people who are hurting. Keep your eyes open during the day. Sometimes we cross paths with people who we know are in need and can learn to say a silent prayer for them in passing. Take your Sunday bulletin home and pray the lists with the Prayer Chain Ministry in their hidden praying. Ask others to pray for you when you are in need. Offer prayers to others when they are in need. In all things, do not worry about praying the "right way" because that is not important to God. What matters is that you are turning your heart and attention toward the One in whom all things live and move and have their being. "Thy will be done."

Peace to you -

David +

Average Attendance

June 2007
67

June 2008
74

July 2007
51

July 2008
68*

*figures does not including July 27th

Save The Date!

Everyone is invited

To attend St. David's end of summer fundraiser

Fine Potent & Non-potent Potables* Tasting

Saturday, September 6, 2008

At the Parish Hall

6:30 – 9:00 PM

\$40.00 for wine tasters * \$25.00 for non-wine tasters * \$10.00 for kids 12 and under

hors d'oeuvres * pasta bar * salad * desserts

Tickets available after both Sunday services beginning August 3rd

* a selection of fine wines and interesting non-alcoholic beverages will be offered

DINING AT DAVID'S

IN THE COOL, COOL, COOL of the evening you can enjoy our "backyard bargain barbeques" on Thursday July 31, August 7 and 14. Enjoy great cooking for a nominal fee beginning at 5:30 pm, rain or shine. Contact Nancy Hammaker if you can help in hosting.

ATTENTION

OUR RECTOR will be away on vacation for August 8 through the 20th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Martha in the office (Monday through Thursday, 9:00 - 2:00) or senior warden Linda O'Connor at 973-728-1474.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE will be the topic of a presentation by Bishop Beckwith on August 7 at St. Agnes Church in Little Falls. He will speak 10:00 - 12:00 (plus lunch) and 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Contact

MISSION

GODSPEED AND GOOD LUCK to our limber ladies - Mary Fisher, Caroline Mossip, Deb and Kristen Roehrer, Jayne Verdonik - who will travel to the New York State Southern Tier, July 27 - August 2. As in the past, they will join with a group from the Kinnelon Reformed Church on the R.I.S.E. summer mission trip. We will commission them all at the 8:00 Service on July 27. Bless you all!

FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST - HEALTHY SNACKS FOR KIDS

REUNION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 14**

8:00 am - Worship
10:15 am - Coffee Hour First!
with
Ministry Fair and Education Registration
followed by Worship at 11 AM
and
Potluck Brunch

Family reunions are always a time to re-acquaint ourselves with loved ones whom we may have not seen for a while. That will be the purpose of our Reunion Sunday on September 14th as the St. David's family gathers after what invariably will be a summer quickly spent.

Our regular worship schedule will resume with services at 8 am and 10:15 am. However, we will start with Coffee Hour at 10:15 am so we can reconnect with each other and have time to register by way of our Time and Talent Commitment cards for this year's education and ministry opportunities. Look for more information about this registration in a separate mailing.

Our later service will be somewhat shortened and followed by a potluck brunch.

**Changed to second Sunday because Kinnelon schools do not begin until the 15th.

READERS CIRCLE

The votes have been cast! Below is the reading list for the entire year, 2008-2009, for St. David's Readers Circle Book Group. You will also find these books listed on our new website www.stdavidskinnelon.org. So, fire up your library card and enjoy your summer reading. The Readers Circle will resume meeting on the first Monday of each month, beginning in October.

October 6th:	<i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i> by Junot Diaz (a recent Pulitzer Prize winner)
November 3rd:	<i>Atonement</i> by Ian McEwan
December 1st:	<i>The Thirteenth Tale</i> by Diane Setterfield
February 2nd:	<i>Winter's Tale</i> by Mark Helprin
March 2nd:	<i>The Power of Now</i> by Eckhart Tolle
April 6th:	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee
May 4th:	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i> by Greg Mortenson & David Relin
June 1st:	<i>The Namesake</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri

WE HAVE MOVED TO A NEW WEBSITE!!

Have you wondered about all the picture-taking in church over the past year? And where ARE all those pictures? Many of them can be found on St. David's new website. The development of this new website has been a two-year project, which began by studying over 100 church websites. Determining what worked on each of these sites was the prime objective. Next was deciding what would work for St. David's new site and determining a budget based on our requirements.

Thanks to several large donations and at-cost development fees by Mark Odian, a web designer, we now have a first-rate, secure, high-tech 21st century website! Take a look at the site and really prowl through the many pages. There is a lot of information available, and still more to come on the pages that are still "under construction." Thanks go to the committee for their many, many hours of work: Ray Crane, Julie Dolci, Sondra Odian, Mark Odian, Rodger Pisani and John Simonelli. Ray Crane and Peter D'Agosta have formed a team as co-webmasters. Put the new web address on your "Favorites" list: www.stdavidskinnelon.org

UPDATE

THE WORSHIP TEAMS COMMITTEE is meeting over the summer preparing for the October 5 start-up. The response has been very encouraging - thank you all! There will be a special mailing; in the meantime, mark September 20 for the kick-off event.

Save the Date



Silent Auction And Beef-Steak Dinner Saturday October 18th, 2008

NEEDED

- * People to solicit donations and advertisements in Kinnelon, Butler, Bloomingdale and surrounding areas
- * People who want to work on the program book - we're selling ad space this year for the first time
- * People to put up flyers around the towns and contact local newspapers



There is no specific time commitment - give as much time as you can. The more people we get, the less time each person needs to put in! Interested in helping? Contact John Hitchings or Linda O'Connor.



Senior Ministry Honoree

Mary-Esther Arther
June 8, 2008

St. Michael's Church
Wayne, NJ

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

WHAT A SPECIAL DAY JUNE 8 was at the 10:15 Service for all the recognitions!

Church School

AJ and Deanna Fanelli, Jacob Hurd, Dominique Molee, Grace O'Connor, Anna and Nina Santy,
Jake Stanton, Zackery Ten-Hoeve, Neil and Page Verroca, Anthony and Kyle Weaver

Teachers - Laurie Pisani and Linda O'Connor

Teacher's aide - Sara Webb

Middle School

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

Teachers - Nancy Hammaker and Mary Stanton

Youth Group

Danielle Ferrara, Mary Fisher, Jason Hammaker, James Hitchings, Kristen Roehrer, Tracy Webb

Leaders - Rodger Pisani, Katherine Hahn

Graduating Seniors - Chris Dolci, James Hitchings, Tracy Webb

Choir - Chris Dolci, Sacha Iskra, Steve and Kathy Kent

Acolytes - John Hitchings, John Simonelli

CONGRATULATIONS

High School graduates Chris Dolci and James Hitchings (Kinnelon) and Tracy Webb (Butler).
Chris will attend the University of Richmond; James the College of New Jersey; Tracy the Morris
County Vocational Tech.

College graduates Adam Hammaker from Ramapo College and Kara Temple from Montclair State
University.

Jeanne Grieshaber who for the third time was name "Teacher of the Year" at the Martha Day School
in Bloomingdale.

Dan and Mary Christian on the birth of Noah Charles Walter on July 10, weight 7 pounds, 15 ounces,
19 3/4". Noah is receiving mail at 356 High Crest Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480. Don and Mary
Christian have recently become members here at St. David's.

James Hitchings for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.





JOY REIGNS



JOY REIGNS is off to a great start!! Our new contemporary worship service made its debut on June 1 with the “St. David’s Power & Light Co.” band/praise team leading the music and prayers. The Service was very casual, “come as you are” with song, scripture, prayers, Eucharist and fellowship. About 20 people, including the praise team, enjoyed this new type of service.

On July 6 the Service was on the front lawn and included a celebration of our country’s birthday, attended by 30+ people. It was a hot & muggy day and everyone appreciated the shade supplied by tents erected earlier by Rodger Pisani - what a lifesaver! Thanks to Kathy Kent, bottled water was handed out with every service bulletin. Thanks also go to Steve Kent, who share his personal testimony on Loving Your Enemies. In keeping with the contemporary theme, the music was upbeat, the Service & dress was casual, and those attended were invited to share their own joy’s and concerns.

God Bless you, Andy Bussey, who drove all the way from Pittsburgh to supply and set up a wonderful sound system! Following the Service and being sent into the world to “Go Make a Difference” (last song), everyone enjoyed a lively BBQ filled with much talk and laughter as frisbees were thrown and balls tossed around. Thanks to grill masters Mike Odian and Tom Synder and everyone who supplied the delicious food.

A huge “thank you” is due the team - David DeSmith, Christian and Jen Frentzko, James Hitchings, Steve Kent, Tom Snyder, Mike Spoer, Christina and Jayne Verdonik - for sharing their time and talent in a new way to praise God.

The next Joy Reigns Service will be Sunday evening, August 3, at 5:00 on the front lawn. Bring a lawn chair, a salad, and a friend or two!





THE DIOCESAN BUDGET SUPPORTS LIFE-GIVING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

The **Diocesan Youth Ministry**, headed by Kai Alston, includes retreats for middle school and high school, confirmation retreats, and even the opportunity for a few to go to a national conference in San Antonio this year!

These retreats bring together youth of different backgrounds—social, ethnic, racial, and economic—forming, becoming, living into one community in Christ. The youth have fun, develop friendships, and find they are not alone in their commitment to serve. We are aware of how young people are a vital ministry for our individual churches; they are also a vital ministry to the Diocese as their service at Diocesan Convention demonstrates.

Diocesan Youth Ministry does much more, and Kai would really like to visit your church or district and tell you all that is available. What a joyful opportunity we have together in serving the youth of our church!

The **Diocesan Senior Ministries Commission** serves the older members of our congregations with equal commitment to bringing them hope and support. Senior Ministries has recently held a gathering that celebrated seniors from a number of churches who have made a lasting impact on the life of their congregation and who continue to serve. This gathering not only honors individual seniors but also lifts up the ministry of seniors that is so important to our congregations and the Diocese.

The Senior Ministries Commission also provides information on living wills, senior housing, and hospital cards to invite your priest to come visit, and much, much more. Members of the Senior Ministries Commission will visit your church or district and present what is available through this Diocesan ministry.

Together we can do, as a Diocese, what we could not do as individual churches. Please pray for these ministries which your pledge helps support.

AUGUST 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 PENTECOST 12 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade 10:30 am Pastoral Care Team 5:00 pm "Joy Reigns" Praise Service	4 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Stewardship Commission	5 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	6 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	7 10 am – 12 noon Bishop's Reflection at St. Agnes, Little Falls 5:30 pm "Dining At David's" 7 – 9 pm Bishop at St. Agnes, Little Falls	8 Rector away on vacation through August 20th	9
10 PENTECOST 13 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	11	12	13 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	14 5:30 pm "Dining At David's"	15	16
17 PENTECOST 14 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	18	19 St. Paul's Shelter	20 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	21 Rector back from Vacation 10:00 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg.	22	23
24 PENTECOST 15 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	25 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 6 – 8 pm District 2 Gathering @ St. Gabriel, Milton/Oak Ridge	26 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	27 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 7:30 pm Healing Service	28 10:00 am HE/Healing 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	29	30
31 PENTECOST 16 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade						

Rector at Stewardship Conference,
Binghamton, NY

St. David's Leadership Team

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

Bishop:	<i>The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith</i>	
Rector:	<i>The Rev. David J. DeSmith</i>	
Senior Warden:	<i>Linda O'Connor</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
Vestry:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)</i>	<i>Worship & Music, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Finance & Budget</i>
	<i>Nancy Ward (Clerk)</i>	
	<i>Nancy Hammaker</i>	<i>Christian Formation Chair</i>
	<i>Robert Hengeveld</i>	
	<i>John Hitchings</i>	<i>Finance & Budget, Stewardship, Technology & Systems</i>
	<i>Caroline Mossip</i>	<i>Christian Formation, Willing Hands</i>
	<i>Mike Odian</i>	<i>Christian Formation, Finance & Budget</i>
	<i>Marty Stanton</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>Erin Tufaro</i>
	<i>Vision's Editor</i>	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>

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