

# THE Wild ONION



## **"A" Stands for Andy Griffith in August!**

*Sundays in August*

*9:15-10:15 in Sanders Hall*

Yes it's true: the Andy Griffith Show will be screened at Saint David's Sunday mornings in August. All ages are invited to come to Sanders Hall from 9:15 to 10:15am each Sunday in August to watch one of the original episodes and then to talk about how these modern day parables help us understand Christian faith. While the youngest children (5 and under) will want to be in the nursery, grade schoolers, youth and adults will enjoy the stories as well as the opportunity for discussion.

### ***What happens to the monies earned through Saint David's fundraisers?***

Saint David's raises money throughout the year in various ways. The following is a list of such ways over the past three years:

- Souper Sunday
- Pancake Supper
- Saint David's Best Ever Bazaar
- Gift from the Allen Foundation
- Gift Alice Jew Foundation
- Interest from the Endowment Fund
- Interest from the Flo Jenkin's Scholarship Fund

From these sources, Saint David's has gifted various organizations such that we gave the following totals in the last three years:

- 2015: \$3,740
- 2016: \$6,950
- 2017: \$6,679

Finally, what are these organizations we have helped through these contributions? Your Vestry has voted to contribute these funds. Look at the following list and you may see a pattern, which

tells a story about where our commitments are.

2015

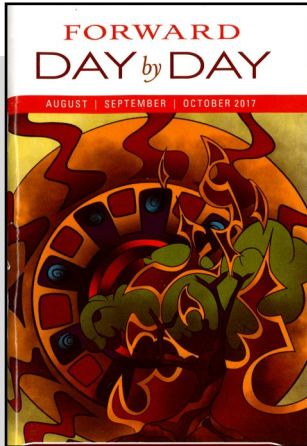
- Saint David's Mission Fund
- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Episcopal Day School
- Rooftop, Inc.
- East Nashville Hope Exchange

2016

- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Saint Luke's Community Center
- The Contributor
- Episcopal Day School
- Rooftop, Inc.
- East Nashville Hope Exchange
- Dolly Parton Foundation

2017... so far

- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Saint Luke's Community Center
- Episcopal Day School
- Rooftop, Inc.
- Kiva.org
- End Slavery Tennessee
- Room in the Inn

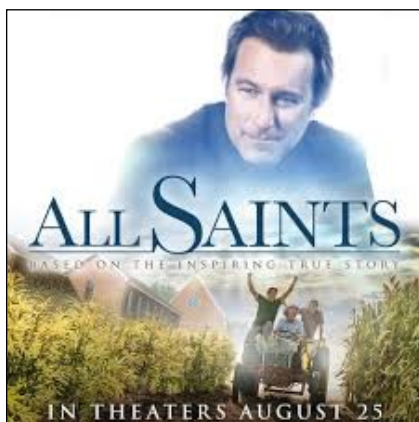


## Forward Day by Day Booklets Available

Saint David's provides regular print and large print editions of *Forward Day by Day* for your use. *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Inspiring readers since the first issue was published in 1935, *Forward Day by Day* remains a significant resource for daily prayer and Bible study to more than a half million readers worldwide. Published quarterly, copies are located at the entrances to the nave. Please take one!

## SAINT DAVID'S GOES TO THE MOVIES...

...we just don't know when because Regal Hollywood does not know when the movie company is sending the reel. Be watching for more information on this event.



## Summer Stories 2017

During the months of June and July some very special Saint David's members read books and shared stories with the children during a portion of the 10:30am service. Thank you to the 2017 Summer Stories leaders: Betty Lentz, Caroline and Greg McNair, Martha Ross and Snake Grace, the Duke family, Diane Ruth (twice!), Anne Swift, and Shelley Gotterer. And a special thank you to Betty Lentz who organized this year's Summer Stories and led off the series on June 11.



*Birdie the pug assists with Summer Stories on July 16*

## Make A Joyful Noise and Join One of Saint David's Choirs

If you like to sing and would like to join the choir, please contact Organist Choirmaster Donald Cornelius at [DECOrgan@aol.com](mailto:DECOrgan@aol.com) or his church phone 615-352-0293. EVERYONE is welcome and your musical contribution will be greatly appreciated. The Adult Choir returns to weekly rehearsals on **August 30** and the Children's Choirs begin weekly rehearsals on **September 17**. **Children's Choirs** welcome singers from kindergarten through sixth grade, meeting for rehearsal and dinner on Sunday evenings from 4:45pm to 6:10pm, September through Youth Sunday. The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:45pm, and sings for the 10:30pm Sunday service and other special services, Rally Day through Pentecost.





## Icon Writing Workshop

by Daryl Wilkinson

The tinkle of a brush in a glass of water. A sigh... of pleasure? Of frustration? Of satisfaction? An ambience of quiet contemplation, silent prayer, and focused creativity.

For the past three summers on Mondays in July, this has been the experience in Sanders Hall. A group of people assembles in prayerful community

to write icons, employing techniques that date back, as legend has it, to Saint Luke, credited with the first icon of the Virgin Mary. We *write* icons, because as we work, we are essentially writing our prayers into the image. The subjects vary, from saints, to Mother and Child, to Christ Himself, all evoking a sense of continuity, peace, and light. There is an infinite variety from which to choose. As we explore through the process, the object is not to create something brand new, nor to be the “best” artist, but to join with those who have gone before us in a spiritual journey of love, reverence and light.

These Mondays in July provide a respite from all that clamors and pulls at us out in the world. For just a little while we are intentional in our separation from everything “out there,” engaging with the divine and allowing us to explore our own spirituality in another way.

Icons were blessed during a Eucharist of thanksgiving on Monday, July 31. The group invites you to consider taking part in this lovely time of renewal and exploration next summer.

## What the heck does “ASA” mean?

by The Rev. Carolyn Coleman

On September 5, 1538 The Church of England separated from the Holy Roman Catholic Church and became its own entity. On that same day, minister to King Henry VIII, Thomas Cranmer, supplied an injunction to all churches that “parish registers” be kept for baptisms, marriages and burials as a means of keeping account of the population of England. Some priests refused, believing the order to be a precursor to taxation. Between 1538 and 1812, ravages of war, dampness, rats and bugs all but destroyed existing church records. In 1812,

a new order was passed that reinstated the need to keep parish records straight and orderly. To this day, the Anglican Church, of which our Episcopal Church is a part, keeps parish records on its people in terms of baptisms, marriages, confirmation/reception, and burials. The purpose of this is first and most obviously to have a record of who the people are. The rector is in charge of this record keeping (although Saint David’s parish administrator does an amazing job of this!) and knowing who the people are helps the priest attend to their needs as well as assists them in their own ministries.

*I’m getting to ASA... hold your*

*horses!*

Who are *the people*? Within the many parish registers that live in Saint David’s vault are names of parishioners, past and present, who have joined Saint David’s in three ways: by baptism, by confirmation or reception and by letter of transfer from another church.

Yet, there are other people that make up Saint David’s: members of other churches who regularly join us, baptized members who are not confirmed or received, unbaptized members and folks who are in the parish register, but who rarely attend because of distance, age or infirmity. While

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# FORMATION

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Dear Saint David's Family,

As you may know, I joined the church family in July. I am very excited about meeting you and growing a bond with you and your family.

My family has recently moved to Nashville from the coast of Mississippi. We have visited Tennessee for years and finally decided to make the move to this beautiful area. My wife, Katie, is an interior designer and works for Office Furniture and Related Services here in Nashville. I have a soon to be 3 year old son, Sullivan Reed, and a 6 month old son, Francis Louis, or as we call him "Frankie Lou." I myself, work as a

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**T**o the youth of Saint David's... this message is for you: Let's work together and change the world. Together we can develop a youth group that will not only bring Saint David's together, but also the community that we live in. Together we will develop prayers, play games, share meals, feed God's people, and share love with the people we meet. I look forward to building this group together and can't wait to get started. Find me the next couple of Sundays and let's talk. I welcome all calls and emails.

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special education teacher at Bellevue Middle School. I have a true passion and skill set for working with kids with and without disabilities or as I like to call them "diversabilites." I love the outdoors and I am very passionate about Mississippi State Football (Hail State) and Saints Football (Who Dat!).

This new venture in our lives is a big change for me. I am in a new state. With that comes a new diocese and new people. Although this is a new world for my family and me, working with youth groups is not. I have been a youth director off and on since 2003.

In Mississippi, I worked as a summer camp director for the past ten years. Pioneer Camp is a camp for high school age students. In a Christian environment, we take the students camping, sailing, kayaking, fishing, and much more. During Pioneer Camp we overcome our challenges using fellowship and friendship. I also have worked as a

camp director for kids with diversabilites at Camp Able. Camp Able is a vacation, Disney World, Christmas morning, birthday party, and family reunion all rolled into one. Camp Able is a gift of mutual respect and compassion wrapped up in silliness and love. I plan on bringing the same passion and love to Saint David's that I have shared with the churches and camps that I have worked with in the past. I leave behind my last church, Saint Marks in Gulfport, Mississippi. There we built a youth group that fed over 4,000 meals to the homeless. We also held fundraisers to support families in the community at Christmas time, and we worked with the children's shelter to insure all of God's children knew someone loved them. I can't wait to see how much love we can share here in Nashville and at Saint David's.

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Warm Regards,  
Luke Gautier, Youth Director  
[Joseph.gautier@gmail.com](mailto:Joseph.gautier@gmail.com), 228-617-0905

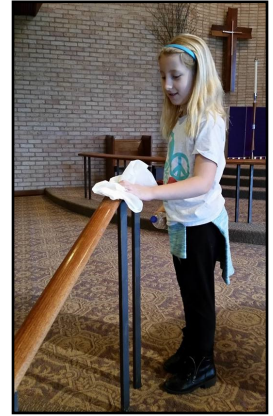


## PARISH WORKDAY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12!

*So much happening this fall: festivals and rallies and visitors-OH MY!*

*Come help Saint David's get ready!*

It's all going to happen, so let's get ready! On Saturday, **AUGUST 12 FROM 9:00-NOON**, join in the fun of sprucing up Saint David's, inside and out. There will be plenty to do for all ages. Green thumbs are always appreciated. If you like a good physical challenge, there's more to do on the hill. Perhaps, you would like to help re-imagine/recycle/clean up the space vacated by *A New Leaf* preschool...you can be a member of the team! If you are a talented, or just a willing, spray painter, we need you! The more the merrier, as "they" say. Refreshments provided by John Hamilton.



### THE PARISH VOICE

*The Parish Voice offers a means by which parishioners can get to know other members in a new way.*

#### **Sommer Pearson (Interim Youth Director)**

1. **What is your favorite thing about Saint David's?** *The people. We love our church family. Especially the youth (wink, wink).*
2. **What do you do for fun?** *Traveling is my favorite, but my perfect day would include copious amounts of coffee and reading and napping, followed by uninterrupted time to cook while drinking wine and then eating a delicious meal with Team Pearson. In this fantasy, the children are clean and polite and would eat whatever they're served.*
3. **What is your greatest strength and your greatest weakness?** *I supposed organization is my strength (Monica Geller is my spirit animal). My greatest weakness, without question, is impatience.*
4. **Name a time in your life when you felt God's presence in a profound way.** *My grandfather, who was my Superman, passed away a few years ago. I was lucky to spend a lot of time with him at the end. We would sit on his screened porch for hours. He slept almost exclusively, and I just watched him. It was so peaceful and beautiful, and I felt enveloped by both Granddaddy's and God's love.*

5. **What do you want to hear God say to you when you enter heaven?** *"Thank goodness you are here. We need someone to sort out the closets."*

#### **Jennifer Sanders (Coordinator of Godly Play & Children's Ministries)**

1. **What is your favorite thing about Saint David's?** *the people! Family in every sense. They will laugh with you, cry with you, celebrate all aspects of life. Couldn't get any better than that!*
2. **What do you do for fun?** *Spend time with my family, Run/exercise, and anything crafty.*
3. **What is your greatest strength and your greatest weakness?** *Strength—I'm easygoing (most of the time), honest, creative. Weakness—Being hard on myself, try to please everyone, and CHOCOLATE!*
4. **Name a time in your life when you felt God's presence in a profound way.** *I feel His presence... through people's kindness and during my runs in the park*
5. **What do you want to hear God say to you when you enter heaven?** *Anything but "Hmmm...."*

# COMMUNITY

## Onion Rings...

*These little reflections offer us insights into the lives of our brothers and sisters in the pews. If you would like to contribute, please submit your "ring" to the Parish Office by the third Sunday of the month.*

**Kudos!** Former Senior Warden **Susan Huggins** is one of four persons selected as 2017 Sage Award Honorees for their outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life in Middle Tennessee. The honorees will be presented the Sage Award at a luncheon on Monday, October 30.

### **Kroger's Community Rewards**

Saint David's enrolled in the Kroger's Community Rewards in March of this year and the church has already received a check for \$42.20, earmarked for Mission and Outreach ministries, such as Room in the Inn, Saint Luke's Community House, etc.

Through the Kroger's Community Rewards the grocery chain sends a portion of their earnings to service organizations that customers assign to their Kroger cards. Joining the program has no effect on a customer's grocery bill or personal rewards points.

To date, 13 Saint David's households have

enrolled in the program. The more of us who enroll, the greater the benefit to Saint David's, without any extra contribution! **Thank you to those who have already enrolled.**

If you have not yet enrolled, please consider participating as the Kroger's Community Rewards program allows us to support Mission and Outreach ministries at a greater level for no cost to shoppers. If you have a Kroger Plus card you may enroll at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. Saint David's NPO number is **72897**.

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. If you have any questions or problems registering, please contact the parish office.



## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

*So that we can offer a prayer of blessing to yet another spin around the sun, we will take a moment after the announcements on the first Sunday of each month to recognize anniversaries and birthdays. We'll invite folks to come to the front so that we can pray over them and ask God's continued blessing for another year. We will also print names and dates here so that you may remember them in your daily and weekly prayers.*

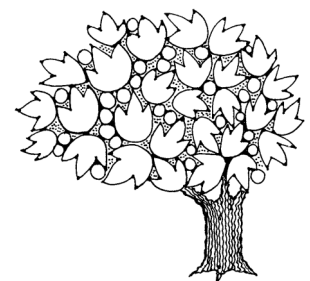
### **August Birthdays**

Aug 6: Susan Huggins  
Ethan Garrett  
Aug 7: Molly Duke, Nikki Troia  
Aug 11: Margie Garrett  
Aug 12: Wayne Gibbs  
Aug 13: Johnny Erwin  
Amanda Gibbs  
Aug 14: Haley Gray  
Aug 15: Lucy Hovious  
Aug 16: Hannah Rayhab,  
Abigail Riebau  
Aug 17: Sally Pierce, Henry Wear  
Aug 18: Ken McMaster  
Aug 19: Debbie McDougall  
Aug 20: Allison Grimenstein  
Aug 22: Eli Zangri  
Aug 24: Kit Lechleiter  
Wylie McDougall  
Aug 26: Peggy Halperin

Aug 28: Price Lechleiter  
Sommer Pearson  
Aug 30: Leah Grace Stewart

### **August Anniversaries**

Aug 4: Kit & Price Lechleiter  
Aug 6: Kay & Bill Sonricker  
Aug 10: Marilyn & Joe Brown  
Aug 15: Linda & John Campbell  
Aug 17: Charlotte & Jack Farrar  
Aug 18: Michelle & Rob Johnson  
Aug 20: Lori & John Kuenneth  
Aug 23: Jackie & John Hamilton  
Aug 27: Anna Chytil & Bill Brewer



## A Thank you from Molly...

By Molly Dale Smith

The new entertainment center in Sanders Hall was purchased in honor of the Rev. Dr. Molly Dale Smith and in thanksgiving for her many contributions to Saint David's. Below is the note Molly Dale wrote to thank the parish for honoring her this way:

"My dear friends, I am both touched and honored that you chose to remember my ministries at Saint David's with an amazing new TV. As many of you know, I have used video as a way to encourage conversations about our faith. Those of you who have participated in Supper Club or Adult Forums have experienced the benefit of learning from some of the important theologians of our time. You have also observed the struggles with old equipment! This new TV will enhance our use of videos—no more tech trauma!

Thank you, thank you for your special remembrance of the time we have spent together. I value each and every one of you at Saint David's. I am blessed to be among you.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!"

With love and prayers of gratitude, Molly+



## Saint David's Women's Group

by Allison Grimenstein

I am hoping to get a monthly women's fellowship group for the women of Saint David's started, beginning in September. The goal of these gatherings is to socialize and have fun with one another outside of Sundays.

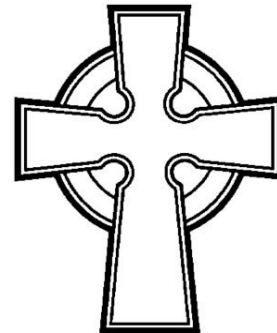
We want the get-togethers to be at a convenient time for as many people as possible; so we are asking the women of the parish to take the 30-second survey below so we can get an idea of when works best. We appreciate your time and look forward to getting this group off the ground! E-mail me with any questions/comments.

Thanks,

Allison Grimenstein (aogrim@yahoo.com)

Link to survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQFP9BB>



### Securing Our Future Loan Update!

Since Mary Leigh Rayhab issued the challenge at the annual meeting to pay down the Securing Our Future loan in 2017, \$48,989 has been given toward the principal of the loan above and beyond the church's regular monthly payments.

Current SOF balance: \$63,176.

This is down from \$121,441 where we started in January 2017!

# SERVICE



## Saint David's Best Ever Bazaar: November 18, 2017

by Joan Green

It's Christmas in July! And August too!

The Holiday Bazaar elves are very busy individually making things to sell and we have already hosted two summer craft days. **The next Craft Day will be August 10, at 10:30 in Sanders Hall. Everyone is welcome. No special skill or talents necessary** and there will be something for everyone to do. If you are new to Saint David's we want to welcome you, **please come to a craft day.** This is a great way to make new friends and to catch up on everyone's summer.

In addition to our Craft Days, several of us have been busy working on our own projects. Highlights to watch for are:

Judy Grace's Reindeer and mosaics

Lezette Thomason's Aprons with an Attitude, Santa paint brushes and ornaments made using cedar reclaimed from Saint David's hillside.

Julie and Johnny Erwin have also been very busy working on their own projects, some of which are also being made with cedar from Saint David's hill. (I have been told that there is more cedar up there if you want some for your own projects.)



Eleanor Gibbons has already crocheted enough items to fill a large bin. There are 2 adorable pink pigs and also plenty of hats, pot holders, scarves, and lap blankets.

Mary Carl Roberts taught a small group how to make pinecone elves. Susan Moore graciously hosted them at her home, Annette White and Lezette Thomason helped organize the workshop and provided lunch; and I went just to visit and catch up with everyone!

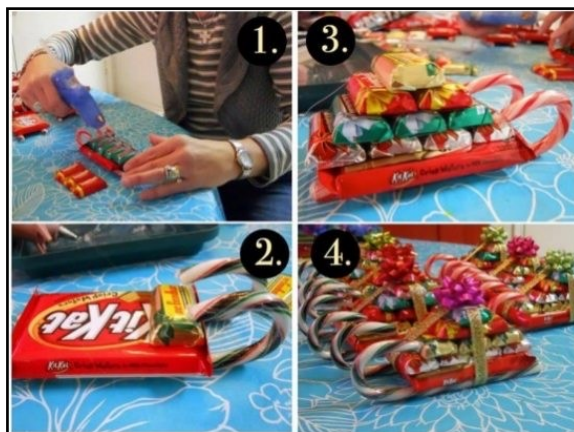


Soon our bulletin board will change. Pictures of past bazaars will be replaced with new ones and news of Bazaar 2017. I encourage everyone to **send me pictures** of what they have made so that I can share them on our bulletin board.

On another note, I have already been contacted by some very promising community vendors who want to participate. **I encourage you to sign up on the bulletin board now if you are interested in being a vendor.** You will not be committing to do so at this time but just letting me know that you are interested. It is important that I know the number of spots to hold for Saint David's own vendors before I release any to outside vendors.

***Saint David's Best Ever Holiday Bazaar will be November 18!***

***And it will be wonderful!***





**SOLICITING SUGGESTIONS FOR  
REVERSE ADVENT BASKET  
RECIPIENTS**

*by Marilyn Leathers*

As many of you will remember, last year's reverse Advent Basket event was a singular success and beyond any expectations. In fact, it was such a success that we want to do it again this year but with a twist that hopefully will make it more personal to us.

We are asking parishioners to suggest the names of organizations whose clients could benefit from receiving the baskets. Then we will submit these suggestions to the Vestry for a vote regarding the organization which will distribute the items collected. Last year the baskets were given to a group that assisted Nashville homeless persons as well as their pets.

Filling a Reverse Advent Basket is a great way to get everyone in your family involved in the true spirit of Christmas! Simply find a box or basket in your home, then each day or week during Advent, add an item to your box or basket. Bring it to Saint David's (date to be announced) and volunteers will see that your gifts (unwrapped please) are distributed.

Again this year we hope to give the baskets to a group that is "under the radar"; a group that does not typically receive donations from the larger groups like the United Way. We are hoping the entire parish can participate and make this year even better than last year.

Please send suggestions to Marilyn Leathers at [marilynleathers1148@gmail.com](mailto:marilynleathers1148@gmail.com) or 615-414-3603.

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these folks may not be in the parish registers, they are counted as members of Saint David's community, ministry and mission. Indeed they are part of "our people."

Now, finally... ASA stands for Average Sunday Attendance. Out of the 52 Sundays in 2016, Saint David's averaged an ASA of 136. That's an average of 136 persons—regardless of whether or not their name is in the parish register, regardless of their baptismal status, regardless of their denominational affiliation—who attended either the 8am or 10:30am service. These numbers are recorded in a "register of church services" book that stays in the sacristy. This register contains not only principle Sunday Eucharist, but any and all services we celebrate here, including Morning Prayer, home communions and healing services, to name a few.

Our ASA traces the ebbs and flows of the calendar year (lower attendance in summer, for example), but it also demonstrates other facets of church life: how our liturgy feeds spirits shows up in the numbers and connected our people feel to each other shows up in the numbers. Furthermore, how well we are telling our story, how we evangelize, shows up in these records. In short, ASA speaks to how grateful we feel for all that God has provided for us it details how many people came to this sacred space to say Thank You in the special way that we do each Sunday.

ASA also determines certain factors on the diocesan level: how many delegates we have at convention and what our "fair share" offering is. (Fair Share Giving is effectively our tithe to the diocese, which is based on ASA and annual budgets.) We report our ASA annually in something called "the parochial report," which goes to The Episcopal Church's headquarters in New York. On the national level, ASA helps General Convention, the governing body of our church, prioritize foci of mission and evangelism in addition to providing information to those who oversee spiritual formation.

ASA is important to Saint David's because it tracks growth as much as it does commitment. I happen to be an ASA nerd and keep track monthly of these numbers because of the stories they tell. The ultimate story this little statistic tells, however, is the story about "the people of Saint David's," our population. That's something I like to keep track of.

Now, aren't you glad you asked what ASA means?

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## RECTOR'S NOTE

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**D**ear Good People of Saint David's, It seems that change just keeps rolling around Saint David's and the world. A new deacon. A new youth director. A new group of newcomers to Saint David's. A new Sunday School hallway. A new school year. A new news cycle seems to emerge every 72 hours. New policies, new political names and faces, new agendas. New houses and buildings *everywhere* around Nashville.... Change happens.

I'm reminded of a few famous quotes about change. The famous one, of course, from Gandhi: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Then there is the cautionary but comforting quote from Frederick Douglass: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." Finally, the ancient and wise from Heraclitus (mid-6th century BC): "There is nothing permanent except change." And "No one ever steps into the same river twice."

We say that God is changeless, and yet all that God creates changes. It must be alive. To be itself a plant must change from seed to sprout to plant to flower and back to seed again. To be human, one must be born, grow, decline and then die. The shorelines change, forests change, cities change, schools change—the world is rife with constant, never ending change.

In fact, our human bodies are hardwired for change. God structured our brains in such a way that when change happens we can adapt and grow into the new that evolves around us. Think about children: if given the opportunity to explore and grow in relative safety, they grow into independent, secure adults. Think about elderly adults: if given the opportunity to grow old with dignity, they age gracefully and continue their generative phase of life by allowing others to accompany them on this journey.

Affirming that "there is nothing permanent except change" does not, however, make change more comfortable. Change, by its very nature, can be unsettling and anxiety provoking. Sometimes it makes us want to take the option of crawling under a rock to deny the change around us. At other

times, we welcome change and the shifts it can bring.

So how do we live? How do we engage change in our lives, in other's lives and in our world? With God's help is always the answer, but here is less of a Sunday School answer: we weather change in communion with one another, and God is with us while we live this way. Here is another quote, this time by playwright Lillian Hellman: "People change and forget to tell each other." Let's do the opposite, shall we?

What *is* changeless about God is God's love, God's presence and God's ceaseless promise of creativity in working to spin the world right again. In the midst of all the changes whirling about our worlds—our planet, our nation, our city, our families, our church—let us remember to connect with each other. Let us talk with one another about what changes are happening in our lives and how it is making us feel. Are we flustered? Are we invigorated? Are we challenged? In what ways? Do we welcome or resist these changes?

In June and then again in July, I took some time off to visit with family and friends. One on of these weeks, I floated down 40 miles of the Buffalo

National River in northwest Arkansas. My canoe partner was The Rev. Katie Hargis, rector at Saint Cornelius in Dodge City, Kansas. We fished and swam and sat in the river trying to catch minnows when our worms got too hot and died. On the last two days, we sat in our hammocks that were strung between two sycamores at the river's edge and napped, chatted, read books and waved to passing boats. It was so good to stop.

It was good to stop from the daily grind of setting up and taking down camp. It was good to stop from the constant paddling on a slow river (except for a few rapids that made us panic and pray). It was good to stop the rhythm of parish work—prepare, plan, preach, repeat. I stopped again in early July when I met my brother and his family for more fishing and riding bikes for 17 miles down a Virginia mountain. All this stopping helped me rest from these labors and these



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changes. But it also prepared me for more change—the new year, new pastoral situations, newcomers, new events to dream up and new ways of doing and being at Saint David's. As I go along, I'm learning that some of these so called "new" changes are actually "renewed" elements of our life together. And isn't that what God does in this life after all? Doesn't God take old, broken things and restore them? Renews them to new life? Heading into this fall, I certainly feel renewed. What about you?

Change happens. It must. God ordains it as part of this insanely complex and utterly magnificent creation God has concocted. Could change be God's way of devising a means by which we reach out, reach back to our Divine Source to grasp hold of

the changelessness that dwells there: love, presence, promise? Does that then mean that change enables a relationship with God? It is an interesting suggestion.

Whatever changes come our way individuals, families, Americans, Saint David's parishioners, let us make the effort to stop from labor of weathering change and connect with one another. Share what you are feeling. Listen to how others are encountering or resisting change. Engaging change in the midst of loving community invites God's love, presence and promise into the inner workings of our lives and the life of our parish. That, my friends, is an assurance that will never change.

In peace,



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

11:45 a.m. IN SANDERS HALL

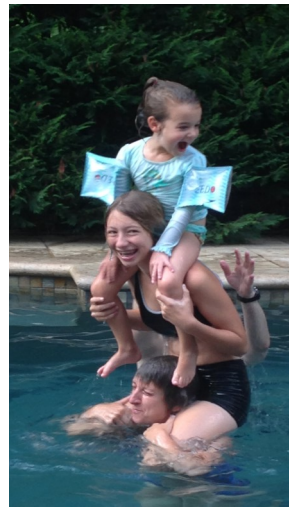
Missed your Saint David's family during summer travels?

Want to catch up before the busy fall begins?

Please plan to join us after the 10:30 service for an Ice Cream Social!

You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy prior to having ice cream, if you wish.

## SAINT DAVID'S SUMMER FUN



SWIM AND SUPPER PARTY AT RICHARD & MOLLY DALE SMITH'S HOME ON JUNE 27



AND CANOEING ON THE HARPETH RIVER ON JULY 1



## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

### *Saint David's Festival of the Arts,* *Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

By Julie Erwin

#### **THE WHAT:**

The Arts Festival Committee is working hard to insure this event will start our Rally Day Weekend with a **BIG, BEAUTIFUL, AND FABULOUS FESTIVAL** full of family friendly activities.

We have scheduled three **FOOD TRUCKS**...Drum roll...the names are; **ROAD HOUSE GRILL (BBQ), CRANKEE'S (PIZZA) and CALIFARMIA (VARIOUS SELECTIONS USING LOCAL PRODUCE,** with some vegetation options)

There will be planned activities for children and adults that really are engaging, challenging and sure to bring laughs, giggles as well as inspirational thoughts.

There will be **PERFORMANCES** both inside and out from a variety of folks you may know and some surprise guests as well. In addition, on display inside the church will be the most amazing and varied collection of **ARTS AND CRAFTS** ever assembled under our roof! We are such a talented parish. You will be truly blown away! I know it has been said before, but I'm stealing it because it fits.... this will be **THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!**

**Other than the food, we will not have anything for sale.**

#### **OUR NEEDS:**

Of course you may still sign up to **PERFORM OR EXHIBIT YOUR TALENT**. Children are heartily encouraged to share their talents as well. Please look for the posters in the Narthex and Sanders Hall. We can never have too much of a good thing! **Also, participants need to pick up a form in Sanders Hall to fill out and return.**

We will have a **POETS' CORNER** honoring our members who have been published, in books, periodicals, professional journals...whatever. Please bring a copy of your work to display, and if available, indicate where items can be purchased.

We need a variety of **BAKED GOODS** for our **BIG BAKE WALK**. Sign up what you would like to contribute.

We need **DINING CANOPIES**, and you can decorate your canopy if you'd like. **Let us know** and bring to church after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> so we can set up the next evening.

We need **BAGGED SAND OR PEA GRAVEL to put in buckets to secure the canopies. Let us know** and bring to church after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> or after noon on Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will be **PAINTING "SAINT DAVID'S ROCKS"** and need rocks to paint... will you collect a few for us? Bring to Sanders Hall anytime and place in donation box.

#### **THE WHO:**

**VOLUNTEERS:** We still need a few good folks to serve as hosts and hostesses, for 1-2 hour shifts inside. And a few outside.

We need folks **to check-in the exhibitors and donors on Thurs Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and Fri Sept 8<sup>th</sup> evenings.** ALWAYS need **help setting up Friday evening and early Saturday morning.**

AND the ever popular volunteers to **clean up after the event on Saturday.**

**Please mark your calendar and SIGN UP to help when and where you can. This is Saint David's Day to SHINE!**

**VERY IMPORTANTLY....TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,  
INVITE THEM TO COME OUT AND PLAY.**

**LAYMEN'S BREAKFAST**

All men of the Diocese are invited to a FREE breakfast at Church of the Good Shepherd on August 5, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. The Rt. Reverend Paul Lambert (Former Bishop Suffragan of Dallas) will be the guest speaker. This event will also serve as a rally/final push for the 71<sup>st</sup> Laymen's Conference that will be held from August 18-20 at the Dubose Conference Center. **All men are welcome.** Please RSVP to Sean Root at [s17root@aol.com](mailto:s17root@aol.com) or 615-202-7365.

**71<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Conference**  
of the **Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee**



“Don't be afraid; from now on  
you will fish for people” - LUKE 5:10

**SPEAKERS**



**INKY JOHNSON**



**REV. BRIAN McVEY**



**NATHAN LEE**

**THE BISHOPS OF TENNESSEE**

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt  
The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson  
The Rt. Rev. George Dibrell Young, III



**Join us on the mountain!**

- Great Fellowship • Wonderful Food • Relaxed, Casual Atmosphere •
- Activities: Golf, Tennis, Hiking, Cycling, and more!! •

**AUGUST 18-20, 2017**  
**DuBose Conference Center**  
**Monteagle, Tennessee**

register online **<http://tnchurchmen.org>**

For Details Contact

Parish Keyman \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

or DuBose Conference Center 931-924-2353

**Conference Brochures Available in the Parish Office**

# LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	August 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord	August 13 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 20 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	August 27 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	September 3 The Thirteenth Sun- day after Pentecost
<b>ACOLYTES,</b> 10:30 am - Crucifer	MATTHEW DUKE	MOLLY DUKE	H. RAYHAB	B. LEATHERS	S. RAYHAB
<b>TORCHBEARERS</b>	C. SULLIVAN GABBY ROSS	WOOD S. PEARSON	WHITNEY SANDERS WILL SANDERS	O. CASS S. CASS	J. DONETS H. TAYLOR
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	D. ROGERS L. CHRISTIANSEN S. MOORE	M. L. PIERCE C. HINTON M. LEATHERS	L. GUSTAVE J. LEATHERS S. MITCHELL	B. DUGGAN M. ADAMS S. RAYHAB A. McNAIR	J. LEATHERS M. LEATHERS S. MOORE
<b>ANDY GRIFFITH DISCUSSION LEAD- ER</b>	M. PEARSON	V. TROIA	A. CONNOLLY	D. KLAUSNER	na
<b>COOKIES &amp; LEMONADE</b>	RIEBAU	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	McNAIR	RIEBAU	CASS
<b>COUNTERS</b>	JACI KITCH	D. TUCKER D. ROGERS	D. LIVINGSTON A. PILCHER	V. DONETS B. GISH	B. LEATHERS JACI KITCH
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> 8:00 am	J. HAMILTON	J. HAMILTON	K. NIERMANN	E. PIERCE	H. FOX
10:30 am	C. FOX C. SCHMIDT*	K. LECHLEITER B. LENTZ*	J. ERWIN G. HARMON*	S. GOTTERER J. RAJ*	B. LENTZ L. HOVIOUS*
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>	M. L. RAYHAB	D. ROGERS L. CHRISTIANSEN	C. HINTON L. CHRISTIANSEN	D. ROGERS L. CHRISTIANSEN	B. DUGGAN M. L. RAYHAB
<b>LECTORS</b>					
8:00 am	J. HAMILTON	J. HAMILTON	K. NIERMANN	E. PIERCE	M. L. PIERCE
10:30 am	M. CASS	V. TROIA	J. BROWN	S. GISH	A. KLAUSNER
<b>NURSERY</b>	M. BROWN	S. RIEBAU	A. GRIMENSTEIN	M. BROWN	M. GAMBREL
<b>USHERS - 8:00 am</b>	R. HUBER V. TROIA J. ERWIN	L. CHRISTIANSEN J. DONETS M. GALLAGHER	P. LECHLEITER M. PEARSON O. GRIMENSTEIN	G. McNAIR A. & L. HOVIOUS	D. MURPHY N. & K. HOWRY

# AUGUST CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:15 am- <b>Morning Prayer</b>	3	4	5 9:30 am - <b>DOK</b>
6 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 8:00 am - <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 9:00 am - <b>Inquirers' Class</b> 9:15 am - <b>Cribbery &amp; Nursery</b> 9:15 am - <b>Andy Griffith discussion</b> 10:30 am - <b>Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism</b> 11:45 am - <b>Lemonade &amp; Cookies</b> 12:00 pm - <b>Festival of Arts Meeting</b>	7 10:30 am - <b>Bible Study</b>	8  6:30 pm – <b>Vestry Dinner</b> 7:00 pm – <b>Vestry Meeting</b>	9 8:15 am- <b>Morning Prayer</b>	10 10:30 am – <b>Holiday Bazaar Crafting</b>	11	12 9:00 am – <b>Parish Workday</b>
13 <i>Pentecost X</i> 8:00 am - <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 9:00 am - <b>Inquirers' Class</b> 9:15 am - <b>Cribbery &amp; Nursery</b> 9:15 am - <b>Andy Griffith discussion</b> 10:30 am - <b>Choral Eucharist</b> 11:45 am – <b>Back to School Ice Cream Social</b>	14 10:30 am - <b>Bible Study</b>	15	16 8:15 am- <b>Morning Prayer</b>	17	18  <b>Laymen's Conference</b>	19  <b>Laymen's Conference</b>
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