Saint David's Episcopal Church

THE *Wild* ONION

MARCH, 2009

STOP…AND LISTEN

Easier said than done. I suspect that we're all in the same boat, paddling as fast as we can…or revving up the outboard engines – infrequently anchoring ourselves. We're active, engaged, involved, moving fast. Thanks be to God for that…but once in a while we need to slow down, step back, and (the most difficult of all) stop.

By the time you read this, the contemplative season of Lent will be underway. How are you doing these first few days? Have you found any time for stillness, study, reflection, and prayer? Is there a space of inviolable refuge in your busy life? Do you need some assistance?

I encourage you to allow musicians to help you stop and listen. We tend to listen to music while engaged in other activities…shopping, talking on the cellphone, reading, emailing, and loading the dishwasher. But I really mean it: *stop*…and listen.

What music speaks to you in the deepest places of our heart and mind? For many, poetry set to music compels us; for others, complex counterpoint frees the mind; some are drawn to the single line of a flute recorded in the desert, or the pulsating beat of the drum.

Stop…and listen. Let the music of your choice draw you into a place of stillness where your spirit will be awakened. Let music help you to put on the brakes, at your own pace. As you're gently rolling to a stop, listen ever more deeply. Is the voice of God palpable in the music? Stop…and listen.

How is God calling to you this Lent? The path inward leads to the journey outward…and as you hold the world in prayer, music can be a powerful motivator. Perhaps music will facilitate your anger, agitating you to an even deeper intolerance of injustice and inspiring you to work with greater zeal to build the human family. Perhaps music will soothe your spirit into a place of serenity in which you truly become a peacemaker in all that you do.

Discover some music of your own choice that draws you closer to God's healing and transformative light. Stop…and listen.

E.S.G.

LENTEN WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays
March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1

Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 12:00 noon
followed by simple soup luncheon in Sanders Hall

LENTEN REFLECTIONS & CALENDAR

Remember to pick up a copy of Lenten Reflections, a booklet prepared by St. David's parishioners for St. David's parishioners to assist on the Lenten journey. Each day, Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, lists the day of the week, the date, the lections for the day, and notes any particular feast/fast or holy day. A personal reflection or poem or thoughtful devotion follows. On days which there is no reflection, you are invited to "write your own" for your personal spiritual edification. Copies are available on the tract tables. Please take one.

Separate from the Lenten Reflections booklet, a daily calendar has been prepared for us to follow, encouraging us all to give thanks for our blessings and calling us all to remember all those in the global village. These calendars, too, are available on the tract tables.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember those for whom our prayers have been requested: ***Terry Brubaker, Sandy Reese, Karissa Rasch, Betsy MacPherson, Jimmy Snapp, Joan Green, Juanita Anderson, Emily Jones, Elizabeth Bumbalough, Reese Payne, Gail Clanton, Brad Gibson, Grace Shotwell, Liz Burnstein, Darlene Fullerton, Sandy Sprague, Noel Painter, Frances Reid, Doyle Johnson, Ron Green, Joe Ferrelli, Jayne Bernard, Nancy Darr, Mary & Kent Rea, the Mooney Family, Nancy King*** and ***J.J. Meza.*** *"Minister to them, O Lord, of your healing gifts…"*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS EARLY THIS YEAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009 AT 2:00 A.M.

MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING

SPRING FORWARD: FALL BACK

ONION RINGS

by Norman Gillis

A huge thank you to everyone who made and purchased soups, sweets, breads, and snacks at our **Souper Sunday Sale**! And a second thank you to those who helped with the sale (especially Susan Gish and Johnny Erwin) $1,512.00 was raised for our Mission and Outreach Programs. *Bill Gish and Julie Erwin*

Congratulations to **Steve Cook** who apparently passed his dissertation defense on February 23 with flying colors! Of course, we were not really worried…

Rob Lentz, youngest son of **Betty** and **Joe Lentz**, will be having an art opening at Zeitgeist on March 21. A small group of old family friends are loosely looking at "Changing Landscapes" (*i.e.*, political landscapes) in different mediums. Rob is bringing drawings. It should be very interesting, and all are encouraged and invited to attend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, AND APRIL 1

Join us for a pot-luck supper at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday night in Lent (**except Ash Wednesday and Wednesday in Holy Week**) followed at 6:30 p.m. by a discussion of *The Misunderstood Jew: the Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* by Vanderbilt Divinity School Professor Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine will herself be with us on Wednesday, March 11, to speak and take any questions you might have. Copies of her book have been ordered ($14.00); let us know if you would like one.

RITE 13 MEETS JOHN

by Emily Jones

This Lent, our middle-schoolers will be working their way through the Gospel according to John. A very readable translation as well as a little workbook will the their tools as they take a few minutes each day during Lent to reflect on John's Gospel and begin to learn to read scripture on their own. Pray for them and give them some encouragement when you see them!

SENIOR HIGH NEWS

by Andrea Hale

Leonardo da Vinci painted the fresco, "The Last Supper," in a church in Milan. A very interesting story is associated with this painting.

At the time that Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper," he had an enemy who was a fellow painter with whom da Vinci had had a bitter argument. When da Vinci painted the face of Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of his enemy so that it would be present for ages as the man who betrayed Jesus. He took delight while painting this picture in knowing that others would actually notice the face of his enemy on Judas.

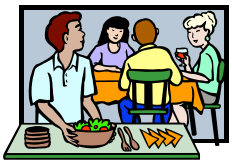
As he worked on the faces of the other disciples, he often tried to paint the face of Jesus, but couldn't make any progress. da Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time he realized what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with his fellow painter and repainting the face of Judas was he able to paint the face of Jesus and complete his masterpiece.

Think about this: one of the reasons we may have a hard time accepting the forgiveness of God is that we find it hard to forgive others. That's why Jesus said, "If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (Matthew 6:14-15) If you want your relationship with Jesus to be all that it should be, forgive your enemies and do all you can to demonstrate Christ's love to them.

JUNIOR WARDEN REQUEST

Please sign up for our "spring sprucing." The sign-up sheet is on the Sanders Hall bulletin board. Our first workday is scheduled on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Please arrive about 15 minute early so we can start at nine o'clock. A rain date/follow up plan is scheduled at the same time on Saturday, April 4. Stephan Jordan will be in charge of the outdoor crew. *Thanks, Debbie McDougall.*



JOIN A FOYER GROUP!

Small groups are vital to the life of a congregation. Foyer Groups provide an opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other and more about parish life in small groups. Groups gather to talk and share a meal in friends' homes, or they may decide to "dine out" as a group. Foyer Groups are made up of 8 – 10 members of St. David's who have expressed an interest in getting to know their fellow parishioners, usually meeting once a month. The format and time of the meetings are determined by each group. Fellowship is strengthened by the ties we form among ourselves, and Foyer Groups bring together a cross-section of parishioners that include old, young, married, single, new members, and long-time members of the parish. If you are interested, please sign up on the Sanders Hall bulletin board or call the office at 352-0293.

WELL, DOES PRAYER COUNT?

by Betty Lentz

Intercessory prayer, praying on behalf of another person or entity, is one of the many ways in which we pray. Monastic Orders often pray for others around the clock, our own chapter of the Daughters of the King prays regularly, the Associates and Sisters of St. Mary pray for individual persons and entities of peace and justice, and every Sunday morning we do the same in the "Prayers of the People."

When my cousin Anne's grandson, Jeremy Tillman, was sent to Iraq, we put him on the Prayer List with best hope that he would soon be home and whole. One morning in November of 2007, she called to report that he had been badly wounded. The fear was that he would never walk again, both legs having been horribly devastated by an improvised explosive device. It is awful when that news is reported on the airways, even if you have no personal connection to that individual. This was devastating in a more personal way. I called Rick, told him as much as I knew about the injury and about the person of Jeremy.

He had never left the Prayer List, where he stayed until about six weeks ago. We didn't take him off because he died; we took him off because he lived! His name may be familiar to some of you, for you have been with him through skin grafts and operations and endless rehabilitation for over a year.

The rest of the story, as they say, is that Jeremy is quoted in an article, "God has bigger and better things planned for me. I am going to stay in the Army." He also says, "This experience has forever strengthened my faith in God, and we've (he and his wife, Cassy) grown a lot as a family."

I have only met Jeremy a few times as a boy, and he doesn't really know me, or you, but we have been a part of something miraculous. So, yes, I'd have to say without equivocation, prayer does count.

ROOM IN THE INN

St. David's Room in the Inn program will host its final group of guests this season at St. Luke's Community House on March 14. Join us at St. Luke's no later than 5:45 p.m. or at St. David's for a brief orientation that evening at 5:15 p.m. There are still plenty of opportunities to serve. Please sign-up to help with food, set-up, or laundry.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Paul Hovious, Tony Howland
March 6	G'anne Harmon
March 7	Mary Leigh Rayhab
March 9	Betty Ferrelli, Rachael Howland
March 12	James Donets
March 13	Michelle Green, Joe Hendrick
March 14	Sue Strayhorn
March 16	Donald Cornelius
March 19	Andrea Herlong Hale
March 21	Jaci Kitch
March 24	Kathy Carlson
March 25	Dodie Nemcik, Selmon Whitaker
March 31	Diane Ruth, Jane Napier

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 8	Dot and Grady Williams

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent I 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*2* 9:30 am **Yoga Class** 10:45 am **Bible Study**	*3* 1:00 pm **Tai Chi** 7:00 pm **DOK**	*4* 10:30 am **Music Playhouse** 12:00 noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Lunch** 6:00 pm **Potluck Supper** 6:30 pm **Lenten Program** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*5*	*6*	*7*
8 Lent II 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 9:15 am **Annual Parish Meeting** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*9* 9:30 am **Yoga Class**	*10* 1:00 pm **Tai Chi** 6:30 pm **Vestry Dinner** 7:00 pm **Vestry Meeting**	*11* 12:00 noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Lunch** 6:00 pm **Potluck Supper** 6:30 pm **Lenten Program** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*12*	*13*	*14* 5:15 pm **Room in the Inn**
15 Lent III 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*16* 9:30 am **Yoga Class**	*17*	*18* 10:30 am **Music Playhouse** 12:00 noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Lunch** 6:00 pm **Potluck Supper** 6:30 pm **Lenten Program** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*19* 9:30 am **Music Playhouse**	*20*	*21*
22 Lent IV 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*23* 9:30 am **Yoga Class**	*24*	*25* 10:30 am **Music Playhouse** 12:00 noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Lunch** 6:00 pm **Potluck Supper** 6:30 pm **Lenten Program** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*26* 9:30 am **Music Playhouse**	*27*	*28* 9:00 am **Work Day**

MARCH 2009 – LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	March 1 Lent I	March 8 Lent II	March 15 Lent III	March 22 Lent IV	March 29 Lent V
ACOLYTES – 10:30 a.m.					
Crucifer	L. RAYHAB	A. MARTIN	M. GREEN	T. SWIFT	L. LECHLEITER
Torchbearer	J. JOLIE	M. MOORE	R. GREEN	J. DUKE	S. GASPARD
Torchbearer	J. LITTLE	R. HOWLAND	A. GASPARD	M. DUKE	H. RAYHAB
ALTAR GUILD	J. LEATHERS	C. HINTON	D. ROGERS	M. ADAMS	C. HINTON
(Saturday)	S. MOORE	M. L. PIERCE	H. SULLIVAN	L. McLEVAIN	M. L. PIERCE
	L. CHRISTIANSEN	M. HINTON	L. GUSTAVE, H. FOX	D. RAYHAB	M. HINTON
BREAKFAST	McFARLANDS	C. AVERY	tba	tba	tba
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	B. McELROY	J. SANDERS	K. NAPIER	R. & M. JOHNSON	H. & M. CASS
USHER		C. HINTON	S. SPECTOR	C. SCHMIDT	C. HINTON
GODLY PLAY 1	B. McELROY	S. & L. WILKINSON	K. NAPIER	M. & K. AGEE	S. & L. WILKINSON
GODLY PLAY 2	B. McELROY	J. SANDERS W. McFALLS	C. & L. KIRKPATRICK	L. CHILTON, J. LEATHERS	H. & M. CASS
GODLY PLAY 3	B. McELROY	M. L. RAYHAB	M. J. HOWLAND C. AVERY	R. & M. JOHNSON	B. & S. McELROY
COUNTERS - 10:30 a.m.	D. AXFORD	B. LENTZ	M. J. HOWLAND	A. PILCHER	D. AXFORD
	V. DONETS	J. LENTZ	S. JORDAN	D. WILKINSON	D. WILKINSON
FLOWER GUILD	J. ERWIN	D. ROGERS	M. L. RAYHAB	C. HINTON	M. BROWN
(Saturday)	S. SPECTOR	M. HINTON	H. GASPARD	K. DOUGAN	H. GASPARD
LECTORS					
8:00 a.m.	J. FERRELLI	M. L. PIERCE	B. BOWEN	K. CARLSON	B. BOWEN
10:30 a.m.	N. HOWRY	L. HOVIOUS	S. HOWELL	J. BROWN	K. AGEE
L.E.M.'S					
8:00 a.m.	J. FERRELLI	M. L. PIERCE	J. FERRELLI	K. CARLSON	K. CARLSON
10:30 a.m.	A. PILCHER M. L. RAYHAB*	J. HAMILTON N. GILLIS*	K. LECHLEITER B. LENTZ*	D. ROGERS A. PILCHER*	M. L. RAYHAB A. HALE*
USHERS - 10:30 a.m.	A. & L. HOVIOUS	S. JORDAN E. SANDERS	J. BROWN J. HENDRICK	D. MURPHY K. NAPIER	K. HOWRY N. HOWRY