Saint David's Episcopal Church

THE *Wild* ONION

SEPTEMBER, 2014

RALLY DAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast – 8:45 a.m.
Cribbery & Nursery – 9:00 a.m.
Children's Worship & Godly Play – 9:15 a.m.
Youth Classes – 9:30 a.m.
Adult Forum – 9:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m.
Choral Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.

ADULT FORUM "KICKS OFF" WITH NEW SERIES ON RALLY DAY

by the Rev. Ann Walling

Evangelicalism in America – America's Born-Again Years
September 7 – October 5

I have been puzzled by the political power and influence that evangelicalism has in American culture and politics. I finally decided to try to figure out how it became such a powerful and pervasive influence. That led to lots of reading and study. This Sunday morning series will cover the public gestation of evangelicalism from the Watergate scandal to our first born-again president, Jimmy Carter, to the then unlikely presidency of a divorced Hollywood actor, to the impeachment of Bill Clinton, and the evangelical excess of the George W. Bush years. It encompasses the doomsday prophecy of Hal Lindsey, the sex advice of Marabel Morgan, the preaching of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, along with Billy Graham and Tammy Faye Bakker, and an astonishing number of people in places of political and judicial power. I will spend three sessions covering evangelical history from Nixon to Obama and spend the fourth session comparing and contrasting born-again Christianity and "liberal" Christianity. Please join us for this rich and provocative series!

IN OUR PRAYERS

The following persons are being prayed for in our liturgies each week: ***Seth Tinsley, B.J. Posey, Brad Hensley, Beth Domholdt, the Rev. Sister Lucy Shetters, Betty Lentz Gray, Davis Lentz, Bob Frensley, Ann Dunlap, Emily & Ed Bryant, Kay Landers, Jackie Erwin, Jane Fabian, Clayton Reeve, Julia Charles, Louise Armstrong, Dennis Smith, Martha Platte, Maggie Bowden, Melton Hood, Jackson Smith, Bill Sonricker, Aggie, Deborah Irwin, Brittany Clifford, Asher Lentz,*** and ***Pam Reeve****. "Comfort and relieve your servants, and give power of healing to those who minister to their needs…"*

We lift up those who are expecting children, especially, ***Rachel Walsh, Ashley Dougan, Kristina Robison, Melissa Youngblood, Kate Pilcher, Michelle Arbogast,*** and ***Lynn Casey****. "Grant to these unborn children a full term of nurture, the joy and mystery of life, and the blessing of your love…"*

We give thanks for the birth of ***Logan Thomas Grace***, born on August 10, to Amanda and Josh Grace, great-nephew of Judy and Snake Grace; and for the birth of ***Asher Robert Lentz***, born on August 26, to Brittany Clifford and Marley Lentz; he is the great-grandson of Betty Lentz. *"May God, the Father of all, bless this child…"*

We share in sorrow for those who have died, especially long-time parishioner ***James Rayhab***, on August 2, 2014; and ***Robert Francis Armstrong***, father of Lezette Thomason and Annette White, on August 13, 2014. *"Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord…"*

LIFECYCLES

The diversity of my ordained ministry is what I find most fulfilling about it. Since my return from vacation in August, I have pronounced God's blessing over two people at their deaths, over two people as they married, over a couple of dozen children at our communion rail, and over our congregation as a whole. This sacramentally rich experience has served to underscore for me the Church's special role in our society. As the Church, we embrace whole people for the whole of their lives, and we never let go.

Why is the Church important? The Church is important because we specialize in "real life" here…cradle-to-grave…body-mind-spirit…and we never stop. No conversation is off-limits here; no reality to too challenging for us to name. God is big enough to handle it all. God is present with us at the beginning of our lives, at the end of our lives, and at every point in between. The Church is important because as members of God's family, we never have to walk alone. Jesus always walks before us, and we always have brothers and sister pilgrims to walk alongside us. Thanks be to God for St. David's Church!

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THE ONION RINGS

by Norman Gillis

Molly Dale Smith, Rick Greenwood, and **Connor McCracken** have "done" the ALS ice bucket challenge. Check out their Facebook pages to see some sporting and **very** cold ministers.

St. David's has husband and wife members celebrating back-to-back birthdays: **Angela Klausner** on September 29, and **Dick Klausner** on October 1. Happy, happy!

Daryl Wilkinson has published a new book entitled *Art Beyond Eyes: A Handbook for Visual Art Teachers Working with Students with Visual Impairments*, designed to help Visual Art Teachers make accommodations for students with visual impairments addressing the needs of children with low vision and those are blind. It is now available on Amazon, and she has had great response from her live presentations.

Thank you to the **Daughters of the King** for organizing such a fun mid-summer pot-luck lunch for the parish. We have some amazing cooks! It was a great time to visit and eat!

Terry Bulger interviewed **Betsey Duggan** and **Gabrielle McDonald** in a story about the This 'n That Thrift Shop which aired on WSMV on August 20. Click here to view the story.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 1	Jaci & John Kitch
Sept. 3	Sharon & Rick Greenwood
	Alison & Bradley Leathers
Sept. 9	Heather & Michael Cass
Sept. 11	Gail & Tom Miller
Sept. 17	Susan & Bill Huggins
	Jennifer & Raymond Leathers
Sept. 18	Mary & Kent Agee
	Julie & Jack Lunn
Sept. 20	Alison & Tony Brown
Sept. 24	Nikki & Vince Troia
Sept. 30	Carol & Jim Hornberger
	Susan & Bill Gish

FOYER GROUPS ARE BACK!

by Sarah Riebau

After a year's hiatus to focus on celebrating St. David's 50th, we are pleased to bring back Foyer Groups! Foyer Groups are small groups that meet monthly, primarily for social occasions. Open to all parishioners, Foyer Groups bring together a cross-section of parishioners that includes old, young, single, married, new members, and long-time members of the parish. Please join by signing up on the Sanders Hall bulletin board.

IT'S TIME FOR CHOIRS TO BEGIN

by Donald Cornelius

Our children's choirs are for singers from kindergarten through sixth grade and meet for rehearsal and dinner on Sunday evenings from 4:45 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. beginning ***September 14,*** and continuing through Youth Sunday, which is traditionally the Sunday after Easter. Our choirs use the Royal School of Church Music model which includes studies on the *Hymnal, 1982*, the *Book of Common Prayer*, music theory, playing instruments, and, of course, singing.

The adult choir meets on Wednesdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on a weekly basis and sings for the 10:30 a.m. service and for other special services from Rally Day through the Day of Pentecost.

Participation in choir is a wonderful opportunity to serve St. David's, to get to know other members of the parish, and to have a good time learning and singing. If you or your children would like to be a part of our choir program, please contact Donald Cornelius, at DECOrgan@aol.com or 352-0293.

SUNDAY SUPPER CLUB RETURNS

by Molly Dale Smith

The popular Sunday night study and supper will return to St. David's on October 5. This fall we will be examining the life and work of Henri Nouwen. The programs will meet from 5:30-7:15 p.m., beginning Sunday, October 5, and will meet every Sunday night through November 2.

Nouwen, has been described as the spiritual writer who most influenced our generation. The Henri Nouwen Society website writes

> *"By sharing his own struggles, he mentored us all, helping us to pray while not knowing how to pray, to rest while feeling restless, to be at peace while tempted, to feel safe while still anxious, to be surrounded by a cloud of light while still in darkness, and to love while still in doubt."*

During the first three sessions we will watch a video, *Journey of the Heart: The Life of Henri Nouwen.* The rest of the sessions in the fall series, we will read and discuss Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son.* If you would like a copy of this book, contact the church office immediately. It may be possible to get used copies for about $5.00 per copy.

Each evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the program, followed by supper at 6:30. The suggested donation for supper will be $5.00 per person. While it is not necessary to attend every session, it is important to let the office know by Wednesday if you will not be able to attend the following Sunday.

Sign up on the church bulletin board or call or email the church office. If you have any questions, contact Molly Dale Smith: mollydsmith@yahoo.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMS THIS FALL

by Connor McCracken

Sunday School: Sunday school runs on Sunday mornings between the morning services. It starts at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room on the ground floor and runs till 10:15 a.m. This is a time for the young people to get together and interact with one another through games and activities and the word of God during our lessons. Sunday school is open to all youth in grades 5 - 12.

Sunday Youth Group - This is a new program starting this fall; it is for everyone from 7th grade - 12th grade and it will run on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Youth group is a space for young people to come, chill out, play games, relax, and at the end of the night, we will get to hear a message from one of the leaders, older youth, or special guest. It is the perfect space to invite your friends.

Once-a-Month Events - The youth will be able to come together once a month a go on an activity, last year some of these activities included; Sky High Trampoline, bowling, Mammoth Cave trip and carol singing. These activities will happen on the third Sunday of every month; the group normally meets for lunch after the 10:30 am service and then leaves from there, but this is subject to change some months depending on the event.

Fall Retreat – On October 3-5, the youth are planning on going on a fall retreat. We will be going to All Saints' Episcopal Retreat Center in Leitchfield, Kentucky. At this retreat, we will be spending time in worship and fellowship together and looking at scripture in a number of different devotionals. This event is open to all youth. Permission forms will be handed out on Rally Day, September 7, but please make a note of this date on your calendars now.

ICONS: WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN

by the Rev. Molly Dale Smith

Icons are images that point towards God. While the iconographer uses paint and brush, prayer is the foremost of the tools used in "writing" an icon. Icons are a form of prayer that uses the medium of art. The icon is not meant to display the creativity of the writer but to proclaim the kingdom of God. The goal is not to depict how the subject of the icon actually looked but to draw the observer into spiritual reality by conveying the unseen reality of the Holy.

In his book *Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons*, Henri Nouwen writes:

> "…icons are not easy to 'see.' They do not immediately speak to our senses…. At first they even seem somewhat rigid, lifeless, schematic and dull. They do not reveal themselves to us at first sight. It is only gradually, after patient, prayerful presence that they start speaking to us. And as they speak they speak more to our inner heart than to our outer senses. They speak to the heart that searches for God."

Two icons, one of St. David and one of St. Mary Magdalene, will be placed in the chapel near the altar. This past July, a small group of people met for an Icon Workshop every Monday afternoon in Sanders Hall. The two icons were written in this community of prayer and silence.

These icons invite our prayer, reflection and growth in God. Take the time to sit before one of the icons and gaze with complete attention and prayer. Gazing at an icon leads to a deep seeing not just looking at the object with your mind. Icon gazing is a seeing of the soul and heart that involves letting go of your thoughts and expectations to simply be with the image.

The Icon of Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene is one to the most misinterpreted of all Biblical characters. Today we have penetrated the layers of tradition and know the Magdalene to be the apostle to the apostles, a woman of independence, courage, action and faith. One of the many traditions surrounding Mary Magdalene, depicted in St David's icon, is the legend of the red egg. According to an Eastern Orthodox tradition, Mary was invited to a banquet with Tiberius Caesar, emperor of Rome. At the banquet she explained about Christ, his mission and resurrection. To illustrate she picked up an egg that was on the banquet table. Caesar laughed at Mary and said Jesus could no more rise from the dead than the egg could turn red. The egg in Mary's hand immediately turned red, giving rise to the Greek Orthodox tradition of exchanging red eggs at Easter.

The Icon of David of Wales

David was a 6th century Welsh Archbishop who was canonized a saint in 1120. He founded many monasteries, and he died on March 1, 589. In his last sermon, he said, "Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about..."

Once, when David was preaching to a crowd, the hill on which he was standing rose higher so that all could see him. A white dove representing the Holy Spirit flew down and sat on his shoulder. Leeks are a popular sign of St. David and Wales; however, daffodils have also been seen to represent the saint and his country.

LET'S RALLY ON RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

by Jennifer Sanders

It's a wonderful time to gather in the Rev. Ann Walling Chapel each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for Children's Worship and Godly Play. We pray, sing, hear God's stories, and grow spiritually.

This year we will focus on "The Fruit of the Spirit" that God produces in us. *Galatians 5:22-23:* "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

Many wonderful activities are planned for the up coming year, so please join us each week!

9:15 a.m. - Children's Worship
9:30 a.m. - Godly Play
10:15 a.m. - Dismissal: "Go Now In Peace"

ST. DAVID'S VISITED ART STUDIO

The Monday Morning Bible Class visited with artists Scott Zieher and Mike Womack on Saturday, August 9. Artists Womack and Zieher are recipients of a fellowship from Seed Space, a lab for site-specific installation, sculpture, and performance-based art in Nashville. The two artists created "By the Steeple Bell Rope," a social practice project that will engage the public.

The St. David's group visited their workspace at Track 13, Cummins Station and learned about both artists' unique approaches to making art in the mediums of collage, sculpture, drawing, and photography. In addition, the concepts of social practice and installation art were discussed.

LAP DESKS FOR OUR CHILDREN

by Molly Dale Smith

Thank you to Jennifer Sanders for picking up the lap desks we ordered for children's use during church. And thank you to members of the Monday Bible Study for the initial stocking of the desks with things to color, stickers, etc.

Currently the lap desks are in a cabinet in the Henderson Room, to the left of the door from the narthex. Supplies for parents to re-stock desks used by their children are in the cabinet below the mirror in the Henderson Room. We also have some desks without names on them for use by families who did not order monogrammed desks.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to facilitate our younger members' transition to church from the nursery.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 2	Peter Donets, Jackie Hamilton
Sept. 4	Matt Sweeney, Patrick Gray
Sept. 5	Dotty Tucker
Sept. 6	Eleanor Gibbons, Rahn Huber, Collin Ballance
Sept. 7	Brynn Jackson, Kate Riebau
Sept. 8	Whitney Sanders, Wilma Watts
Sept. 9	Daryl Wilkinson, Sherry Winecoff
Sept. 10	Lynne Gustave, Alison Leathers, Florence Greenwood, Christian Bahr
Sept. 11	Gail Miller
Sept. 12	Heath Jackson
Sept. 16	Lauren Rayhab
Sept. 17	David Livingston
Sept. 18	Sydney Gaspard
Sept. 20	Les Wilkinson
Sept. 23	Jack Lunn, Sarah Riebau
Sept. 25	Allen Hovious,
Sept. 26	Mary Hinton, Sara Wilkinson
Sept. 27	Gretchen Purcell Jackson
Sept. 29	Angela Klausner

AUGUST 2014 – LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	September 7 Pentecost XIII	September 14 Pentecost XIV	September 21 Pentecost XV	September 28 Pentecost XVI	October 5 Pentecost XVII
ACOLYTES 10:30 a.m. - Crucifer	J. DUKE	H. RAYHAB	B. LEATHERS	C. FOX	MOLLY DUKE
Torchbearers	MOLLY DUKE	Q. TROIA	B. TROIA	J. LITTLE	H. RAYHAB
	MATTHEW DUKE	C. JOHNSON	J. DONETS	J. TROIA	MATTHEW DUKE
ALTAR GUILD	L. GUSTAVE	M. L. PIERCE	J. LEATHERS	A. McNAIR	J. LEATHERS
	L. CHRISTIANSEN	C. HINTON	D. ROGERS	M. ADAMS	L. CHRISTIANSEN
	S. MOORE	B. DUGGAN	S. MITCHELL	S. RAYHAB	S. MOORE
BREAKFAST CHEF	L. CHRISTIANSEN	tba	tba	tba	tba
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER/USHER					
CHOIR DINNER	NA	tba	tba	tba	tba
COUNTERS	A. PILCHER	M. L. RAYHAB	N. HOWRY	B. GISH	D. AXFORD
10:30 a.m.	D. ROGERS	C. AVERY	K. HOWRY	S. GISH	V. DONETS
FLOWER GUILD	D. ROGERS	L. CHRISTIANSEN	M. L. RAYHAB	M. BROWN	C. HINTON
(Saturday)	B. DUGGAN	M. GARRETT	M. L. PIERCE	M. HINTON	C. AVERY
GODLY PLAY 1	J. SANDERS	H. CASS M. CASS	A. GRIMENSTEIN O. GRIMENSTEIN	A. BROWN T. BROWN	CHAD SCHMIDT P. SCHMIDT
GODLY PLAY 2	J. SANDERS	K. AGEE M. AGEE	S. RIEBAU S. SPECTOR	J. SANDERS E. SANDERS	S. RIEBAU S. SPECTOR
GODLY PLAY 3	J. SANDERS	S. WILKINSON L. WILKINSON	C. KIRKPATRICK L. KIRKPATRICK	S. SPIVAK E. WEAR	S. RIEBAU S. SPECTOR
LECTORS					
8:00 a.m.	K. CARLSON*	M. L. PIERCE*	M. HAMILTON*	M. CAVER*	M. L. PIERCE*
10:30 a.m.	V. TROIA	A. KLAUSNER	L. HOVIOUS	J. BROWN	L. CAMPBELL
L.E.M.'S, 8:00 a.m.	K. CARLSON	M. L. PIERCE	M. HAMILTON	C. FOX	C. FOX
L.E.M.'S, 10:30 a.m.	S. GRAY N. GILLIS*	C. SCHMIDT B. LENTZ *	D. ROGERS S. GOTTERER*	K. LECHLEITER S. WILKINSON*	A. PILCHER N. GILLIS *
USHERS - 8:00 a.m.	P. LECHLEITER	G. McNAIR	J. HAMILTON	D. MURPHY	R. HUBER
USHERS - 10:30 a.m.	A. & L. HOVIOUS	J. IRWIN C. SCHMIDT	L. KIRKPATRICK J. BROWN	E. SANDERS G. WILLIAMS	K. & M. McMASTER