Saint David's Episcopal Church

THE *Wild* ONION

OCTOBER, 2014

CELEBRATE LIFE WITH A PARTY

All of God's stories end in a party. What was lost is found. What was excluded is included. Life with God's love always moves toward a celebration!

The most famous story Jesus told about God's unconditional love and generosity is the one of the parent welcoming home the prodigal offspring. Before the son has had a chance to apologize, the father has thrown his arms around him. The father says, we are going to celebrate this miraculous return with a feast! Every single Sunday we celebrate God's miraculous generosity with a feast of bread and wine made holy.

Because our joyful responsibility is to pass on God's generosity to the world…through tangible programs that help others to lead fuller lives…we come together in community to give thanks, to celebrate the generosity of our faith community, and to make a new commitment of generosity for the coming year. St. David's has a tradition of proportional giving, giving in proportion to our living. Many work toward and beyond the biblical standard of tithing (ten percent) of their financial resources. Giving generously is a part of the spiritual journey of our community as a whole as well as the individuals who comprise it.

When you receive your pledge card (and a beautiful letter from parishioner Marc Pearson), it's my hope that you will *prayerfully* consider your commitment to generosity and to St. David's Church in 2015. Pledging is a celebration of being in community as well as sharing our life-giving energy with the world.

Life itself…and our life together…are pure gift. St. David's is about gratefully acknowledging the nature of life as gift and then sharing that gift with others. Our outflow determines our inflow. The more we give the more vital our lives, the bigger our spirits, and the deeper our living. And it all leads to a party!

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IN OUR PRAYERS

The following persons are being prayed for in our liturgies each week: ***Carl Tucker, Allen, Mabel McNeill, Ray Hawkins, Jackie Erwin, Paul Watts, Brittany Clifford, the Rev. Tom Hutson, Rob Cozby, Janice Schloss, Tom Mitchell, Norman Gillis, Marietta Cook, Dennis Smith, Carol Winton, Bob Frensley, Kathie Dougan, Mary McCallen, Heather Hill Gaspard, Marjorie Proctor, Ken McMaster,*** and ***Dr. Ray Fossick****. "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…"*

ADULT FORUM

The Rev. Ann Walling wraps up the final session on "Evangelicalism in America" on Sunday, October 5. This series has covered the public gestation of evangelicalism from the mid-1970's to the present, comparing and contrasting born-again Christianity and "liberal" Christianity.

On Sunday, October 12, we will welcome another "Ann(e)" to our Sunday morning schedule! The Rev. Anne Stevenson, who for twenty-two years served as Associate Rector, Canon Precentor, and twice served as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, will lead a two-week series on "Formation of the New Testament Spiritual Gifts (Charisms) in St. Paul."

Plan to be with us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in Sanders Hall, following breakfast.

INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Inquirers' Classes are offered every year in anticipation of the bishop's annual visitation, this year on December 14. They are taught by the rector and are a great way to learn about the theology and history of the Episcopal Church and life at St. David's. Confirmation, in a nutshell, is an adult affirmation of the Christian faith and the way to join the church "officially." All who want to deepen their commitment to Christ and this parish are encouraged to attend. The first class will be on All Saints' Sunday, November 2, and will run each week at 9:30 a.m. in the Henderson Room until Confirmation Sunday, December 14.

THE ONION RINGS

by Norman Gillis

Many thanks to those who hosted the Summer Lemonade & Cookies time after the late service this summer: the **Riebaus**, the **Troias**, the **Grimensteins**, the **Howrys**, the **Pearsons**, the **Sanders** family, the **Wilkinsons**, **Dotty Rogers**, and the **Cass** family.

Whitney McFalls, Suzie Shaw's daughter, will receive an award from Mayor Karl Dean on October 18, as "outstanding long-term service provider from the Nashville Coalition against domestic violence."

Former parishioner **Preston Lentz** has been accepted by his bishop in the Diocese of Hawaii as a postulant for the priesthood. So he has begun the process for ordination, first to the diaconate, and then on to the priesthood.

Shelley and **Gerry Gotterer** joyously traveled to Connecticut September 13, for the wedding of their son **Jonathan** and his fiancée **Maggie Reynolds**. Jonathan and Maggie live in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Jonathan is a 7th grade history teacher at Achievement First Middle School. He is in his third year of teaching at this charter school for under-served students and is certified through Teach for America. Maggie works at Wholesome Wave, a non-profit that strives to create a vibrant, just, and sustainable food system. She is senior manager of the fruit and vegetable prescription program and works with doctors and nutrition professionals in order to get fresh food to diabetic patients.

Madison Hamilton has moved to the maternity ward at St. Thomas Midtown Hospital. Although back on the night shift, she is happy and eager to hold some babies!

Alison Leathers gives a shout-out to **Bradley Leathers** on his 30th birthday, October 19!

Dear parents and children of the parish: I wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to take care of your children for the past 13 years here at St. David's. Because of recent changes within the nursery, I will not be caring for your children any longer. But I want you to know that it is not because I didn't love and care for them properly; it's because my vision and the church's vision on how the nursery should be run were conflicted.

I have been a part of St. David's family for half my life. For the 13 years that I was an employee, I didn't look at my position as that. I saw myself as the "mother-figure" who dedicated time, love, and attention to the children. I watched them grow from infant to teenager. I gave them the tender loving care they needed while their parents were in church. I earned their trust and the trust of the parents because they knew I would care for them as if each child were my own. I will miss their little voices, their tender moments, and the love they gave me while I was there. And I know that when they arrive on Sunday mornings, they will miss my big smile and the sight of my open arms that were there for them when they turned the corner and into my room.

Several caregivers have come and gone, but I was a constant in their tiny lives for many years. I will always think of them and the opportunity that was bestowed upon me long ago. I am truly grateful to have been a part of the St. David's family. Thank you for being a part of my life and my children's lives all these years, but it is time for me to move on. My children are grown and becoming adults themselves, so I feel I should spend this time with them before they leave me altogether. God bless you all… Heather Gaspard

Please Join us for an

All Parish Pot-luck Picnic

Sunday, October 19

Noon-3:00 p.m.

Shelter 5, Edwin Warner Park

Rain location: Sanders Hall

Bring a dish to share and clothes to play in.

Intergenerational games will abound.

Paper goods and drinks provided

SAVE THE DATES!

November 15: Advent Retreat, 9:00 a.m.
November 22: Holiday Bazaar

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 23.

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 for young people in grades 5–12 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.

Once-a-Month Events - On the third Sunday of most months young people in grades 5–12 meet for lunch after the 10:30 am service and then leaves from there.

Sunday Youth Group - For youth in grades 7-12, this gathering will run on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

CHANGES IN THE NURSERY

by Mary Leigh Rayhab

In the past year, a lot of growth has occurred in the Nursery. We regularly have 10-15 children each Sunday, with some Sundays topping 20 children, ages infant to 5 years. A Nursery Committee, Mary Leigh Rayhab, Allison Grimenstein, and Sarah Riebau, was formed to look at how best to serve the children and the parish with this growth. We have spent the past year looking at other church nurseries, our existing procedures, and updated programming opportunities as well as conducting informal parent surveys.

Many of you will have noticed in the past year that we have separated the classes into two groups by age/abilities between infants/toddlers and pre-school to kindergarten. We have added more staff; and now enter the church from the front instead of the back for communion. Additionally, the following has recently been developed or added: written job descriptions for nursery caregivers, a handbook for parents and caregivers, a schedule of activities including story time and age appropriate crafts, and snack time with prayer.

We have also started a new volunteer role of Nursery Coordinator to help support the staff on Sunday mornings with games, story time, crafts, potty time, and snack prep. By adding the Nursery Coordinator the caregivers can provide focused care to those children who may need a little extra attention and engage with the children in play activities.

We welcome you to stop by and check it out! If you have ideas, suggestions, comments, or would like to help out, please contact Allison, Sarah, or Mary Leigh. We also want to share our appreciation for the decade of loving service by Merri Patterson and Heather Gaspard. We know you join us in wishing them peace and blessings as they move on.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 2	Sommer & Marc Pearson
Oct. 7	Rahn & Greg Huber
Oct. 17	Amy & Darren Tidwell

WHEN HENRI NOUWEN TOUCHED ME

by Betty Lentz

In 1994, I was a deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. My own priest, Rick Greenwood, was also a deputy, and together we experienced a spiritual moment never to be forgotten by either of us.

It was the first evening gathering of the entire Convention, 2,000+ strong, and Henri Nouwen was the keynote speaker. The audience was electric – everyone was excited to hear this beloved theologian who had brought his actors from his community, "Larchmont," in Canada. A very tall thin man "floated" across the stage – he was the most graceful human I had ever seen on a stage that was not a musical! His speech was powerful – "you are only as strong as your most marginal members" is my paraphrase, and he demonstrated it as he had lived it by creating this lovely community where, indeed, everyone was included. You could have heard a pin drop.

Suddenly, near the front of the stage on the right, there was a hushed commotion – someone was having a seizure. Henri Nouwen stopped mid-sentence, and quietly floated to the edge of the stage and leaned over to talk with someone who was on site; without fuss or drama, he simply floated back to mid-stage. Without preamble, he raised his hands, and began singing, "Ubi Caritas," a Taize chant. In a trice, every voice in the auditorium could be heard, singing in four-part harmony, "ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est," even if they had never heard it before. The translation is, "Where true charity and love abide, God is there." He shortly turned from leading the song, though it went on, and checked back in at the stage front, and returned to center stage, signaled with hands down for the singing to cease and started exactly where he had left off.

Rick and I talked about it last Sunday because Molly Dale Smith will be having Sunday Suppers with Henri Nouwen as the subject. We wanted to give you this first-hand report about the world's largest goose bumps, and a spiritual moment of such import that twenty years later, we still have the same response.

ROOM IN THE INN

We will soon begin our new year of serving our guests from Room in the Inn November-March. This is another chapter in our over twenty years of service hosting homeless men overnight on the second Saturday of these five months. We, the people of St. David's Episcopal Church, will add warmth and caring to our always wonderful meals and fellowship and share this with our RITI guests.

Over the past months, I have been asked about people bringing their children to the meal. Certainly! Their laughter adds great warmth to our guest's evenings. We need more overnight INNKEEPERS; the dates are 11/8/14, 12/13/2014, 01/10/2015, 02/14/2015, and 03/14/2015. I will look forward to hearing from you. Your gift of one Saturday night to this great ministry will lighten the load for all of us. Respectfully, Jim Irwin, cell 830-9467.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 1	Dick Klausner
Oct. 3	Howie Fox, Jack Kirkpatrick
Oct. 4	Pierce Bennett Robison
Oct. 5	Susan Moore
Oct. 6	Rick Greenwood
Oct. 7	Scott Rayhab
Oct. 9	Bill Dougan
Oct. 10	Betty Lentz
Oct. 11	Bonnie Strickland
Oct. 12	Mary Agee, Josh Stewart
Oct. 14	Liz Napier, Connor McCracken
Oct. 16	Tom Mitchell, Rowan Wilkinson
Oct. 17	Betsey Duggan
Oct. 19	Bradley Leathers, Ann Riddle, Tara Cartwright
Oct. 21	Allen Huggins, Margie Proctor, Suzanna Wilkinson
Oct. 23	Judy Sweeney
Oct. 26	Justin Wear
Oct. 27	Mary Kathleen Puckett, Aaron Gaspard
Oct. 29	Carolyn Schmidt
Oct. 30	Nat Howry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER, 2014			*1* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*2* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 5:30 pm **A New Leaf Parent Meeting**	*3* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*4*
5 Pentecost XVII 8:00 am - **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am -**Breakfast** 9:15 am - **Children's Worship** 9:30 am - **Choir & Classes** 10:30 am - **Choral Eucharist** 4:30 pm - **Youth** 4:45 pm - **Children's Choir** 5:30 pm **Supper Club**	*6* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*7* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 7:00 pm **DOK**	*8* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*9* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:00 am **Writer's Group**	*10* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*11*
12 Pentecost XVIII 8:00 am - **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am -**Breakfast** 9:15 am - **Children's Worship** 9:30 am - **Choir & Classes** 10:30 am - **Choral Eucharist** 4:30 pm - **Youth** 4:45 pm - **Children's Choir** 5:30 pm **Supper Club**	*13* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*14* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 6:30 pm **Vestry Dinner** 7:00 pm **Vestry Meeting**	*15* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*16* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*17* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*18*
19 Pentecost XIX 8:00 am - **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am -**Breakfast** 9:15 am - **Children's Worship** 9:30 am - **Choir & Classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 12:00 pm - **Picnic** 4:45 pm - **Children's Choir** 5:30 pm **Supper Club**	*20* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*21* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 7:00 pm **Youth Committee**	*22* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*23* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*24* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*25*
26 Pentecost XX 8:00 am - **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am -**Breakfast** 9:15 am - **Children's Worship** 9:30 am - **Choir & Classes** 10:30 am - **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm - **Children's Choir** 5:30 pm **Supper Club**	*27* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study** 12:00 pm **Holy Eucharist & Healing Service**	*28* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 7:00 pm **Youth Committee**	*29* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*30* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*31* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	

OCTOBER 2014 – LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	October 5 Pentecost XVII	October 12 Pentecost XVIII	October 19 Pentecost XIX	October 26 Pentecost XX	November 2 The Sunday after All Saints' Day
ACOLYTES 10:30 a.m. - Crucifer	MOLLY DUKE	M. HAMILTON	J. DUKE	C. FOX	H. RAYHAB
Torchbearers	H. RAYHAB	Q. TROIA	C. JOHNSON	J. LITTLE	MATTHEW DUKE
	MATTHEW DUKE	J. DONETS	B. TROIA	J. TROIA	MOLLY DUKE
ALTAR GUILD	L. GUSTAVE	M. L. PIERCE	J. LEATHERS	A. McNAIR	J. LEATHERS
	L. CHRISTIANSEN	C. HINTON	D. ROGERS	M. ADAMS	L. CHRISTIANSEN
		B. DUGGAN	S. MITCHELL	S. RAYHAB	S. MOORE
BREAKFAST CHEF	J. LEATHERS	L. CHRISTIANSEN	tba	tba	YOUTH GROUP
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER/USHER	S. RIEBAU R. HUBER	SANDERS C. HINTON	AGEE E. SANDERS	GRIMENSTEIN CHESTER SCHMIDT	J. SANDERS E. SANDERS
CHOIR DINNER	SCHMIDT FAMILY	ROSS FAMILY	tba	tba	ROSS FAMILY
COUNTERS	D. AXFORD	H. RAYHAB	A. PILCHER	M. L. RAYHAB	N. HOWRY
10:30 a.m.	V. DONETS	M. McMASTER	D. ROGERS	C. AVERY	K. HOWRY
FLOWER GUILD	C. HINTON	L. CHRISTIANSEN	M. L. RAYHAB	D. ROGERS	C. HINTON
(Saturday)	C. AVERY	M. GARRETT	M. L. PIERCE	B. DUGGAN	C. AVERY
GODLY PLAY 1	C. & P. SCHMIDT	J. SANDERS E. SANDERS	H. & M. CASS	S. RIEBAU G. GARRETT	J. SANDERS ALL
GODLY PLAY 2	S. RIEBAU E. WEAR	J. SANDERS E. SANDERS	K. & M. AGEE	A. & O. GRIMENSTEIN	J. SANDERS ALL
GODLY PLAY 3	S. RIEBAU E. WEAR	S. & L. WILKINSON	C. & L. KIRKPATRICK	S. SPIVAK E. WEAR	J. SANDERS ALL
LECTORS					
8:00 a.m.	M. L. PIERCE*	M. CAVER*	C. FOX*	K. CARLSON*	M. L. PIERCE*
10:30 a.m.	L. CAMPBELL	M. CASS	M. GARRETT	C. FRASER	S. GISH
L.E.M.'S, 8:00 a.m.	M. L. PIERCE	H. JACKSON	C. FOX	K. CARLSON	M. L. PIERCE
L.E.M.'S, 10:30 a.m.	N. GILLIS*	K. LECHLEITER A. PILCHER*	S. GOTTERER C. SCHMIDT*	A. PILCHER M. L. RAYHAB*	C. SCHMIDT S. WILKINSON*
NURSERY VOLUNTEER	A. GRIMENSTEIN	S. RIEBAU	M.L. RAYHAB	A. GRIMENSTEIN	S. RIEBAU
USHERS - 8:00 a.m.	R. HUBER	R. LEATHERS	J. MAIBERGER	M. HAMILTON	P. LECHLEITER
USHERS - 10:30 a.m.	K. & M. McMASTER	V. TROIA J. ERWIN	N. & K. HOWRY	M. PEARSON D. KLAUSNER	J. HENDRICK C. SCHMIDT