Saint David's Episcopal Church

THE *Wild* ONION

NOVEMBER, 2014

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

On All Saints' Sunday, November 2, we will celebrate and give thanks for all the baptized, the "saints" known and unknown, who have made up the body of Christ from the very beginning of the Church. All Saints' Sunday is one of the Church's baptismal occasions; we'll baptize new "saints" into Christ's body, the Church, celebrating their new birth into our ongoing life, which is even now the beginning of eternal life with God. We will also celebrate our ingathering of our financial pledges made to support St. David's in 2015. We'll remember and give thanks for those who have died and were buried from St. David's since last All Saints' Day: Tom Means, Ramsey Leathers, Joyce Garner, Jim Rayhab, and Tom Mitchell. Join us for glorious worship (and music as well at 10:30 a.m.) as we give thanks to Almighty God who gives us "grace to follow the blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living."

POST- RETIREMENT PLANS

Following the October 14 announcement of my intention to retire as St. David's rector and from active ministry as of December 31, 2014, many folks have inquired: "So, what do you plan to *do*?" The short answer is, "*Nothing*!" I want to fall into the rhythm of what retirement looks like without being encumbered by schedules, calendars, and events. For the first quarter of 2015, I will have absolutely no agenda. (But you can be sure that I'll be spending a lot of time in South Carolina where the children and grandchildren live.) Although Sharon and I will maintain our Nashville residence in the short term, I will not be available for pastoral ministry, i.e., baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital visitations, etc.

As I write, I look forward to attending a conference this month at the Virginia Seminary entitled, "Singing a New Song in a Strange Land: Ministry in Retirement." My hope is to gain new ways of thinking and living…and discern how God might be calling me in diverse kinds of ministry. Please keep me in your prayers. You are certainly in mine!

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TRANSITION AND RECTOR SEARCH

The Rev. Canon Pamela P. Snare, Canon to the Ordinary and Transition Officer in the Diocese of Tennessee, met on October 23 in a called meeting with St. David's Vestry to begin the process of transitioning from Rick Greenwood's tenure as Rector toward the calling of a new Rector. Plans are underway for Rick's leave-taking, and more decisions will be made in upcoming weeks in terms of supply clergy and a possible interim Rector. Canon Snare will also convene the Adult Forum on Sunday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m. in Sanders Hall to field parishioners' questions regarding the canonical processes involved in a vacant cure. Make your plans to come to the Forum that day.

IN OUR PRAYERS

The following persons are being prayed for in our liturgies each week: ***Henry Wilson, Emily Bryant, Mebane Robertson, Tom Cato, Charles Morgan, Asher Lentz, Gail Smith, Derek Riebau, Barbara Doyle Dorrell, Kelly Fiala, Bob Frensley, Doris Freeman, the Rev. Mary Anne Akin, Louise West, Steve & Kathy Thomas, Carmen Wallace, Lawrence Weber,*** and ***Mary Hinton***. *"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, Melissa Youngblood, Kate Pilcher, Michelle Arbogast, Lynn Casey, Natasha Duggan,*** and ***Kelsay Best Bentley***. *"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 a daughter, ***Lark Vaughan Robison***, born to Kristina and Vaughan Robison on September 24 and for the birth of ***Charles Henry Dougan***, great-grandson of Kathie Dougan. *"May God, the Father of all, bless this child…"*

We share in sorrow for those who have died, especially ***Thomas Alva Mitchell, Jr.*** who died September 25. His ashes were interred in the columbarium on October 4. *"Rest eternal, grant to him, O Lord…"*

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 26
Holy Eucharist with Hymns
6:00 p.m. in the nave

"Come, ye thankful people, come!"

THE ONION RINGS

by Norman Gillis

The 2014 Bishop's Barbeque will honor Shirley Lechleiter as one of St. Luke's Community Center's longest serving volunteers. The dinner will be held at St. Luke's, 5601 New York Avenue, on **November 6**, beginning at 6:30 p.m.; tickets may be purchased by calling St. Luke's at (615) 350-7893 or at http://stlukescommunityhouse.org/bishopsbbq.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2:

Please remember to set your clocks *back* one hour before retiring on Saturday night. *"Spring forward; fall back!"* We gain the hour!

JOY

Joy, a fruit of the Spirit. A fruit the Godly Play classes will concentrate on during the month of November. What a wonderful "Fruit" to concentrate on during this time of Thanksgiving. We will remember the reason for the season and give thanks for our blessings. And remember the gifts God has given us.

Our "Fruit" is good and plentiful with knowing God! Please join us each Sunday in the Ann Walling Chapel. Blessings, *Jennifer Sanders*

UNDER WRAPS: THE GIFT WE NEVER EXPECTED

"Under Wraps" is the name of a pre-Advent Retreat that will be held at St. David's on Saturday, November 15, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Monday Bible Class and led by the Rev Molly Dale Smith, the retreat is open to everyone.

"Under Wraps" offers the opportunity to explore the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ. At the retreat we will explore four key words that describe a characteristic of God that is evidenced in the Old Testament, and then seen more clearly through Jesus: *faithful, dangerous, expectant,* and *jealous*.
Please sign up for this event by November 10, either on the Sanders Hall bulletin board, or by contacting the church office, 352-0293.

STEWARDSHIP IN A TIME OF TRANSITION

by Annette Pilcher

On Wednesday, October 15, we received some shocking news. Rick Greenwood is retiring, and retiring very soon. After twenty-six years we will say good-bye to a passionate lover of God and the Episcopal Church, a fabulous preacher, a great liturgist, an excellent administrator, and one of the most caring individuals I have ever known. To say nothing of a sharp wit.

What will this transition mean for St. David's? We will go through a self-study highlighting our strengths and weaknesses, we might have an interim rector, and we will eventually call a new rector. There is no time limit in the process. We will also receive support from the diocese for the duration of our efforts. In addition, the lay community and remaining staff will have a tremendous responsibility in running the parish and keeping the church doors open. It is a learning process for all of us, but we will come through it with flying colors.

In addition there will be financial consequences. We will not be paying a full-time rector, although we might be paying an interim. We will have new line items in the budget for funding a self-study. As time moves on, we will have expenses for the actual search process and transition expenses for the new rector. In short, we may be saving some money, but there will be expenses as well.

We are dealing with these changes in the midst of a stewardship campaign. Stewardship is about thankfulness for our many blessings, NOT about keeping the church doors open and the staff paid. Although we love him dearly and are saddened by his loss, it is not about Rick's retirement. Please keep the focus of your pledge on thanksgiving, not the financial status of the church. God is a gracious and graceful God, and we all have much to be thankful for. With your help, St. David's will thrive, prosper, and grow.

ST. DAVID'S BEST-EVER HOLIDAY BAZAAR!

Saturday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sanders Hall

The bazaar is a great way to meet people and make new friends at St. David's. We would love to have you join us in making items for sale. We depend on contributions from everyone for sale at the bazaar. Please cook an entrée, bake something special for our freezer, or come to a craft day and help us make items for sale. Or perhaps you have a hobby and can donate some of your own handcrafted items for sale. Sign-up sheets will go up soon.

There will be a Craft Day at the church on Saturday, **November 8**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for fun and fellowship at one of our Craft Days where we create items for sale at the bazaar. No special skills are needed; just a willing spirit! We welcome your ideas and contributions, and we hope to see you at a Craft Day soon!

Vendors: we still need vendors. Perhaps you or someone you know is an artist or make handcrafted items and need a venue in which to market them. We especially like to help out those just getting started. There will be a $25 vendor fee with the vendor keeping the proceeds of their sales.

Junior Vendors: new this year there will be a junior vendor table with no fee. Please contact me if you have a young person wishing to participate. This will be separate from the church youth activities at the bazaar and should not compete with them.

St. David's bazaar gives us a great opportunity to pull together the many individuals and groups within our congregation. DOK, Choir, Blooming Onions, Youth, Godly Play, Room in the Inn are all active participants. If you or your group would like to be active in the bazaar please let us know. We welcome you!

We are looking forward to making new friends and renewing old friendships! We hope to include you in some of our activities. Mark Saturday, **November 22**, on your calendars and come to **St. David's Best-Ever Holiday Bazaar**! *Joan Green*, Jellisgreen@gmail.com

ROOM IN THE INN, 2014

by Jim Irwin

To all members of the St. David's Episcopal Church:

Welcome to Room In The Inn, Version 2014. This wonderful ministry will serve fifty-five homeless guests (11 each month) on the second Saturday nights: **November 8**, **December 13, 2014**, **January 10**, **February 14** and **March 14**, **2015**. Both the need and the opportunity to answer the call are there for our parish members. Sign-up lists are going up now to provide food for the dinner, breakfast the next morning, and sack lunches. We will need to build the menus for all of these dates. Also needed are volunteers to set up the St. Luke's gym, serve and clean up for supper, and a couple of men to serve as overnight innkeepers, keeping an eye on our flock of 11 guests and taking them back to RITI downtown the next morning in the St. Luke's van. With enough men serving as innkeepers, the load is more manageable. This year, we will need help getting the four tubs from St David's to St Luke's on Saturday and then back on Sunday, because I don't have my same "fill it to the brim" Ford Focus, so some pickup trucks, vans, or SUVs… please!

My cell phone is 615-830-9467, my name is Jim Irwin, and Deborah and I look forward to seeing you there, making the difference for someone from Room in the Inn!

In appreciation…Jim

Remember to contact the church office for account information before making year-end stock donations.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 7	Mary Jo & Dick Murphy
Nov. 15	G'anne Harmon & John Shatzer, Courtney & Christian Bahr
Nov. 22	Sara & Les Wilkinson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 2	Molly Dale Smith, Carter Stewart, Anna Chytil, Marc Pearson
Nov. 3	Madison Hamilton
Nov. 6	Austin Grace
Nov. 7	Michelle Adams
Nov. 9	Scott Gray, Sr.
Nov. 12	Meg Kirkpatrick, Peyton Wear
Nov. 13	Margie Gray
Nov. 14	Claudia Patton
Nov. 17	Mary Clark Schmidt
Nov. 18	Betty Little
Nov. 19	Jackie Little
Nov. 20	Sharon Greenwood
Nov. 21	Bonney Poremski, Diana Gray
Nov. 24	Bill Huggins, Lex Lechleiter
Nov. 25	Marlin Sanders, Ive Robison
Nov. 26	Evan Sanders, Caroline McNair
Nov. 28	Michael Cass
Nov. 30	Alexis Blake

SAVE THE DATE: The St. David's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 21, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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 leave from there.

Sunday Youth Group: For youth in grades 7-12, this gathering 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, hear a message from one of the leaders, older youth, or a special guest.

GET INTO YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT EARLY! Check your new E-ONION for details on how you, your family and St. David's group can sponsor a *Backpack f*or December's Room at the Inn.

MEKONG BLUE + THISTLE FARMS

and 11 other partners = Shared Trade

The idea for ***Shared Trade*** took root in 2012 after the Rev. Becca Stevens visited the Greenbelt Festival in the United Kingdom. The founder of Magdalene and its social enterprise Thistle Farms in Nashville, Becca and others discussed the injustice inherent in the value chain of the global market. ***Shared Trade*** was developed to connect women producers directly to customers through an e-commerce website and U.S. MarketPlaces.

As a coalition, ***Shared Trade*** partner enterprises create peaceful, healing, and empowering work environments for women survivors of addiction, trafficking, violence, and extreme poverty. Over 13 enterprise partners from 10 countries on 5 continents involve over 1,000 women in the Shared Trade community.

In collaboration with ***Shared Trade,*** partners gain access to a network of like-minded organizations, share knowledge**,** and benefit from being part of a global community. Partner enterprises can hire more women, increase wages, and reinvest in higher quality production. Spearheading the coalition, **Thistle Farms** was the first official ***Shared Trade*** partner and serves as the central distributor and seller of all *Shared Trade* products.

So what is the connection to St. David's? **Mekong Blue**, one of the partners in ***Shared Trade,*** was first hosted in the U.S. by St. David's. Thanks to the Rev. Ann Walling who brought the endeavor to the parish, we had a hand in the expansion of this project outside Cambodia. St. David's parishioners received merchandise from the artists in Cambodia, took orders, filled them out of the church office, and shipped the products across the country. And we had so much fun! Visit *Shared Trade* at http://sharedtrade.org/.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2014						*1* 10:00 am **DOK**
2 The Sunday after All Saints' Day 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**	*3* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*4* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*5* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*6* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:00 am **Writer's Group**	*7* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*8* 10:00 am **Bazaar Crafts**
9 Pentecost XXII 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**	*10* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*11* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 6:30 pm **Vestry Dinner** 7:00 pm **Vestry Meeting**	*12* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*13* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*14* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*15* 8:30 am **Advent Retreat** 5:00 pm **Youth Group Bonfire**
16 Pentecost XXIII 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**	*17* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*18* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*19* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Music Class** 1:00 pm **Tai Chi Class** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*20* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*21* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool**	*22* 9:oo am **Bazaar**
23 Last Sunday after Pentecost 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** 4:30 pm - **Youth** 5:30 pm - **Supper Club**	*24* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 10:30 am **Bible Study** 12:00 pm **Holy Eucharist & Healing Service**	*25* 8:15 am **A New Leaf Preschool** 7:00 pm **Youth Committee**	*26* 6:00 pm **Thanksgiving Eve Service**	*27* *Thanksgiving Day*	*28*	*29*
30 Advent I 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**						

NOVEMBER 2014 – LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	November 2 The Sunday after All Saints' Day	November 9 Pentecost XXII	November 16 Pentecost XXIII	November 23 Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 30 Advent I
ACOLYTES 10:30 a.m. - Crucifer	H. RAYHAB	M. HAMILTON	J. DUKE	MOLLY DUKE	S. RAYHAB
Torchbearers	MATTHEW DUKE	Q. TROIA	B. TROIA	C. JOHNSON	
	MOLLY DUKE	J. TROIA	J. DONETS	H. RAYHAB	
ALTAR GUILD	J. LEATHERS	M. L. PIERCE	L. GUSTAVE	A. McNAIR	L. GUSTAVE
	L. CHRISTIANSEN	B. DUGGAN	C. HINTON	M. ADAMS	S. MITCHELL
	S. MOORE	S. MITCHELL	D. ROGERS	S. RAYHAB	D. ROGERS
BREAKFAST CHEF	YOUTH GROUP	L. CHRISTIANSEN	tba	tba	tba
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER/USHER	J. SANDERS E. SANDERS	WILKINSONS R. HUBER	CASS J. SANDERS	S. SPIVAK C. HINTON	J. SANDERS CHESTER SCHMIDT
CHOIR DINNER	STEWART FAMILY	E. WILKINSONS	CASS FAMILY	SULLIVAN FAMILY	No choir rehearsal
COUNTERS	A. PILCHER	B. GISH	D. AXFORD	H. RAYHAB	A. PILCHER
10:30 a.m.	D. ROGERS	S. GISH	V. DONETS	M. McMASTER	D. ROGERS
FLOWER GUILD	C. HINTON	M. HINTON	L. CHRISTIANSEN	C. HINTON	M. L. RAYHAB
(Saturday)	C. AVERY	M. BROWN	M. GARRETT	C. AVERY	M. L. PIERCE
GODLY PLAY 1	J. SANDERS ALL	A. & T. BROWN	S. RIEBAU S. SPECTOR	A. & O. GRIMENSTEIN	J. & E. SANDERS
GODLY PLAY 2	J. SANDERS ALL	C. & P. SCHMIDT	H. & M. CASS	K. & M. AGEE	J. & E. SANDERS
GODLY PLAY 3	J. SANDERS ALL	S. & L. WILKINSON	C. & L. KIRKPATRICK	S. SPIVAK E. WEAR	S. & L. WILKINSON
LECTORS					
8:00 a.m.	K. CARLSON*	J. HAMILTON *	H. JACKSON*	M. L. PIERCE*	M. CAVER*
10:30 a.m.	S. GISH	C. FRASER	L. HOVIOUS	A. KLAUSNER	V. TROIA
L.E.M.'S, 8:00 a.m.	K. CARLSON	J. HAMILTON	H. JACKSON	C. FOX	K. CARLSON
L.E.M.'S, 10:30 a.m.	C. SCHMIDT C. FOX *	M. L. RAYHAB B. LENTZ*	K. LECHLEITER D. ROGERS*	S. WILKINSON S. GOTTERER*	S. GRAY M. L. RAYHAB*
NURSERY VOLUNTEER	S. RIEBAU	M. L. RAYHAB	A. GRIMENSTEIN	C. HORNBERGER	M. L. RAYHAB
USHERS - 8:00 a.m.	P. LECHLEITER	D. MURPHY	G. McNAIR	R. LEATHERS	J. HAMILTON
USHERS - 10:30 a.m.	J. HENDRICK C. SCHMIDT	J. IRWIN G. WILLIAMS	E. SANDERS J. BROWN	A. & L. HOVIOUS	L. KIRKPATRICK J. ERWIN