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NEWS FROM ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 2010 Christmas Services

### *The Eve of The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

(Christmas Eve Services)

Friday, December 24

- 2:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy  
(with nursery: infants - 2's)
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy  
(with nursery: infants - 2's)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
- 8:00 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 p.m. Musical Presentation
- 11:00 p.m. Festive Choral Eucharist  
(incense will be used)

### *The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

(Christmas Day Service)

Saturday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### *The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

Sunday, December 26

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- No Sunday School today
- No Chapel Mass today

### *The Feast of The Holy Name*

(New Year's Day Service)

Saturday, January 1

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

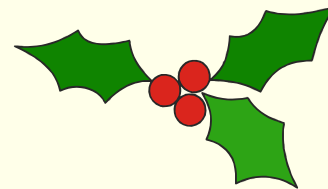
### *The Second Sunday after Christmas Day*

Sunday, January 2

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- No Sunday School today
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Mass

The Church office will be closed the week after Christmas and on Monday, January 3 for the New Year's Holiday.

On Sunday, January 9, the 9:00 a.m. service will start at 9:30 a.m., because of the Epiphany Pageant taking place that morning.



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### Green Tip:

We use over 80 billion aluminum soda cans annually. Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours---the equivalent of a half gallon of gasoline!

# SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Illumination

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of St. David's  
Episcopal Church

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In the event of a Pastoral Emergency after  
hours, call the church office at 770-993-6084,  
follow the voice prompt, hit the #6 on your  
keypad, leave a message, and the Priest on call  
will return your call.



The next issue of the  
newsletter will be mailed  
on Jan 5, 2011. The  
deadline for submissions  
is Friday, Dec. 31, 2010.

## CALENDAR

○a.m./●p.m.

JFH=Jeffords Fellowship Hall, PH=old Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 11

- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 8:30 DOK, JFH front half
- 9:45 St. Aidan's Guild-Bethany
- 10:30 AA mtg.-PH
- 1:00 Brownie/Girl Scout  
Holiday Party—PH

### Sunday, December 12

#### Advent 3

#### Blood Drive today!

#### Annual Parish Meeting!

- 10:15 Annual Parish Mtg.-JFH
- 2:30 Reception for Hispanic  
1st Communion-PH
- 4:30 EpiscoPALS-JFH back half
- 4:30 Youth Event-offsite

### Monday, December 13

- 4:00 Brownie Troop—PH
- 7:00 Boy Scouts Court of Honor  
JFH front half
- 7:00 Caregivers Support Grp-PH

### Tuesday, December 14

- 6:30 Bible Study at Dockery's
- 9:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
- 2:30 Cub Scouts-PH
- 4:30 Girl Scouts-JFH classrooms
- 6:00 Spiritual Direction-JFH
- 7:45 Search Comm.-Bethany

### Wednesday, December 15

- 10:00 H.E. Healing Service-Nave
- 7:30 Honduras Mission-Bethany

### Thursday, December 16

- 6:00 Al-Anon Mtg.—PH
- 6:45 Search Comm.-Bethany
- 7:00 Handling Grief-Nazareth
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal-Choir rm.

### Friday, December 17

- 9:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH

### Saturday, December 18

- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 10:00 AA mtg.-PH

### Sunday, December 19

#### Advent 4

- 2:00 BSA Venture Crew-House
- 4:30 Youth event-offsite
- 5:00 Advent Lessons & Carols

### Monday, December 20

- 6:30 Boy Scouts-Grace rm.

### Tuesday, December 21

- 7:00 Vestry Mtg.-Bethany

Our church calendar is continuously updated  
on our website at  
[www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org).

## Worship Schedule

7:45 a.m.—H.E. Rite I  
8:30 a.m.—Breakfast in Jeffords Hall  
9:00 a.m.—Family Svc., H.E. Rite II  
10:15 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.—H.E. Rite II  
1:15 p.m.—Mass in Spanish  
5:00 p.m.—Evensong (as scheduled)  
6:00 p.m.—Chapel Mass

## Lectionary for Dec. 12 Advent 3

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10,  
Matthew 11:2-11, Psalm 146:4-9

## Lectionary for Dec. 19 Advent 4

Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7,  
Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The Folkmassters will offer Taizé  
Music accompaniment at the  
Chapel Mass on December 12 at  
6:00 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATES!

2011 VBS...July 18—July 22  
"Fall" Start-up Sunday...August 21

## A Word about Incense:

- † Incense will be used on  
Christmas Eve at the 11:00  
p.m. service.
- † Starting in January, incense  
will be used on the 1st  
Sunday of every month at  
the 11:15 a.m. service.

## Handling Grief During the Holidays

St. David's will offer a 6 week Support Group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one and for whom Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's bring moments of pain, regret or sorrow. You are welcome to attend one or more of our gatherings and want you to know that each will be confidential, gentle and prayerful. We will meet Thursdays, December 2nd - 16th at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Nazareth Room. To register, please call or email Toni Cathcart at 404-358-0798 or [toni.cathcart@yahoo.com](mailto:toni.cathcart@yahoo.com)

## Congratulations to new Vestry members:

The following parishioners were elected to serve on the Vestry for the next 3 years, starting in 2011:

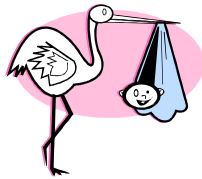
Chris Burpo  
Edith Cobourn  
Amy Evins  
Kurt Wilson

## Help needed on Christmas Eve

The Nursery is looking for warm and loving adults and responsible youth to help in the nursery on Christmas Eve. Services with childcare are at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you are able to help, please contact Sarah McVay, Asst to the Rector for Infant and Toddler Care, at 770-993-1094, ext. 123 or [sarah@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:sarah@stdavidchurch.org).

## Congratulations!

To Jeff and Caulie Hamling on the birth of their new daughter, Slade Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 2010, 7lb 20.5 in.



## Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays...

This study will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 11:00 a.m.—12 noon. Everyone invited!

## Year-End Reminders from the Finance Office...

The last date that contributions can be received in order to claim a charitable tax contribution for 2010 is Friday, December 31st. Checks and cash that are received by St. David's after the 31st will not qualify for a 2010 deduction, even if the check is predated to 2010. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked by December 31st will be deductible in 2010.

You may want to consider donating stock to fulfill your pledge. Gifts of stock can provide donors with a double tax benefit. First, you are able to claim a charitable donation on the current amount of the donated stock, not just the amount you originally paid for it. Second, you do not pay taxes on the appreciated value of the stock. Should you decide this is something you might want to do, please contact Cathy Cheatwood in the finance office at 770-993-1094, ext. 120, to get St. David's account number and DTC # required for a broker to broker transaction. This is a fairly easy way to make the transfer without all the paperwork.

Lastly, St. David's appreciates all your contributions. Each individual gift, financial and spiritual, will make a difference!

## Start the New Year with the Right Step!

You don't even need a dance partner to learn why a man always steps onto his left foot first while dancing, if you take the Beginners Ballroom Dance Classes offered at St. David's. The beginner class curriculum includes: waltz, foxtrot, rumba, and swing. No prior dance experience is needed for the Beginners I class which starts at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 17, in Jeffords Hall. Beginners II, for those who completed Beginners I, starts at 8:05 pm also on January 17. Both classes include a 25 minute practice dance time. \$60 per person for either series is due at the first lesson. The 7 class series runs through February 21. Sign up today at <http://www.ballroomdancecommunity.org/Roswell.html>.

## Baptisms on January 9!

Do you have a child or adult in your household that needs to be baptized? If so, please call Rev. Anne Elizabeth in the church office at 770-993-6084, ext. 124, to sign up for the Jan. 9 baptisms.

## St. David's Welcomes a new Deacon!



Kathy Holman, a former St. David's parishioner and deacon in the Diocese of Atlanta, will be joining our clergy staff on a half-time basis beginning in January. She has degrees in philosophy and religion, and is a graduate of the Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance program. She has held several leadership positions in the Diocese of Atlanta, including DOK Diocesan President, Chair of the Spiritual Formation Commission, and Founder and Co-Director of Omega Point, the diocesan Spiritual Direction Training Program. Her parish ministry among us will include teaching, preaching, pastoral care, and the development of a new ministry for young families with a specific focus on young mothers. Kathy has an existing ministry of Spiritual Formation called *Coracle*, which she will be continuing. She led our Advent Quiet Day on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming Kathy and her husband Bill as part of our parish family.

## Farewell to Julio Lema...



It is with a sense of sadness we announce that Father Julio Lema, who has led our Hispanic ministry for the last several years, will be leaving St. David's at the end of the year. He has served our community with great integrity and commitment, and will be sorely missed. Julio will be moving to New York City in the new year, to join his wife Dorita, their three daughters and grandchildren. He will continue his ministry among the eighteen Hispanic congregations in the Diocese of New York. We wish him godspeed and rich blessings in his future. There will be a reception in the old Parish Hall on Sunday, December 26, following the 1:15 p.m. Hispanic service. All parishioners are invited to come and wish Fr. Julio farewell!

## GO IN PEACE...



Catherine Peters joined St. David's staff in the mid-nineties and has devoted years of her time, talent, and service to both the preschool and church. She retires at the end of this year. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well as she enters this phase of her journey.

## You are Invited...



The students at The Cottage School have made a bench in honor of The Rev. Hendree Harrison, Rector Emeritus of St. David's, and they will be having a Bench Dedication Ceremony in his memory on Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 p.m. at The Cottage School, 700 Grimes Bridge Rd., Roswell. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to [Lesleym@cottageschool.org](mailto:Lesleym@cottageschool.org) or 678-250-5108. Hendree was the Rector of St. David's for almost 20 years until the spring of 2000.

## You are Invited...



David Wagner, age 29, son of longtime parishioners Nancy and Jack Wagner, will be ordained as a Deacon, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Philip. A reception will follow the service. David is attending General Theological Seminary in New York. David grew up at St. David's, and we are all so proud of him! You are invited to attend the Ordination and support David. He is a twin, so you'll have to guess which one David is in the photo to the left!

*Matt and David...or...David and Matt???*

# EPIPHANY CELEBRATION!

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## All Children Can Participate!!

It's time to prepare for the annual Epiphany Celebration! All Sunday School children, age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are included.

It's time to get ready for  
**Sunday, January 9, 2011**

Three-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have non-speaking parts, such as animals in the stable, angels in the fields, etc. There is no need to sign-up or put your child's name on any list. All Sunday School children who want to participate are welcome.

**However, we do ask that you make every effort to attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday, January 8 at 1:00 pm.**

Fourth and fifth graders can sign-up for the main cast with speaking parts (there are enough parts for all interested in participating!!). There are three *easy* ways to sign-up: 1) Put your name on the sheet on the bulletin board right outside the Nave; 2) Call Susie Clements at 770-993-1094 x131; 3) e-mail Susie Clements at [Susie@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:Susie@stdavidchurch.org).

**Rehearsal Dates (for main cast only)** Please note rehearsal times before you make a commitment to be in the main cast. Please try to attend two of these rehearsals *and* the dress rehearsal on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

- **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:15** in the Bethany Room
- **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:15** in the Bethany Room
- **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:15** (location TBA).

### Dress Rehearsal for ALL

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:** DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, 1:00-2:30 pm in the NAVE.

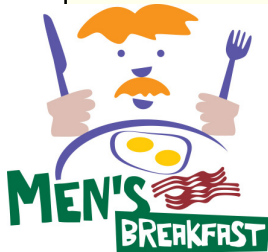
### Additional Volunteers Needed

We will also need parent volunteers to "direct" each age group, help with costuming, etc. Please contact Judy Beecham at 770-993-1094 x122, or email her at [children@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:children@stdavidchurch.org) to volunteer. THANKS!

Susie Clements and Judy Beecham, Children's Ministries

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## St. David's Men's Club Presents Free Breakfast through Jan. 9, 2011:



From now through Sunday January 9, 2011, the Men's Club will be providing Free Breakfast in Jeffords Fellowship Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Please come and join us for Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Cereal and various team specialties as well as plenty of Christian Fellowship. And bring your friends and family. Come to "Breakfast/Visit with Santa" on December 19<sup>th</sup> so bring your cameras and of course your kids.

- 12-12: Pancakes
- 12-19: Pancakes
- 12-26: "Best Grits in the South"
- 1-2: French Toast
- 1-9: Eggs Benedict



# STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

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Even if you are not a Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister, you play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers every week. The holidays are often difficult for people who are alone. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Our Stephen Leaders also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader.

For further information, contact one of our Stephen Leaders:  
Johnnie Hall – 770 993-5875  
Janet Conrad – 770 475-2097

St. David's Preschool asks you to:

***Do your homework!***

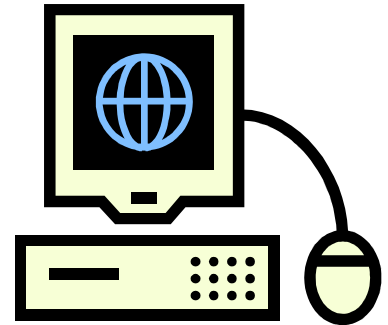
If you have a child who will be **18 months to 5 years old**  
in **2011** then:

Go online to [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org), click on the preschool tab,  
and learn more about classes offered.

Visit the picture gallery.

Email Peggy Fallon at [preschool@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:preschool@stdavidchurch.org)  
to set up a visit.

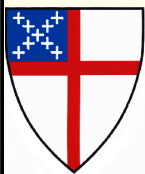
*Spread the word about your church's wonderful preschool!*



Parish Member sign-up is  
on **February 1st**

ST. DAVID'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

invites you to the



ANNUAL  
PARISH  
MEETING

**Sunday,  
December 12, 2010  
10:15 a.m. in Jeffords  
Fellowship Hall**

**Please plan to attend  
this important  
business meeting  
of our church!**

Please join us for



at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 19  
St. David's Choir  
Followed by a lovely reception in the old Parish Hall.

**There will be no Chapel Mass at 6:00 p.m.**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEGIN AGAIN IN JANUARY!

## “American Religion”

The Rev. Kenneth Swanson, Ph. D.  
Jeffords Hall, Wednesdays  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



In 1831, the French essayist and intellectual Alexis de Tocquerville went on an extensive tour of America, and later published his insights in the seminal work Democracy in America. Uncannily, his analysis of the American character has withstood the test of time, and rings true even today in world far different from that which he observed.

He wrote that no one can truly understand America without taking into account the huge role Christianity plays in shaping not only individual identity but the very fabric of our social and political life. Yet few contemporary Americans understand or even know about the patterns of our religious history. This course will examine how we came to be the people of faith we are today.

- 1/5: The Social Gospel of Liberal Protestantism
- 1/12: The Rise of Fundamentalism
- 1/19: The Pentecostal Explosion
- 1/26: The Christian Century

Please join us for the  
**Wednesday Night Dinners**  
from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Dinner and childcare reservations are required by the Monday of each program week by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130.

All reservations can be made online at [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org).

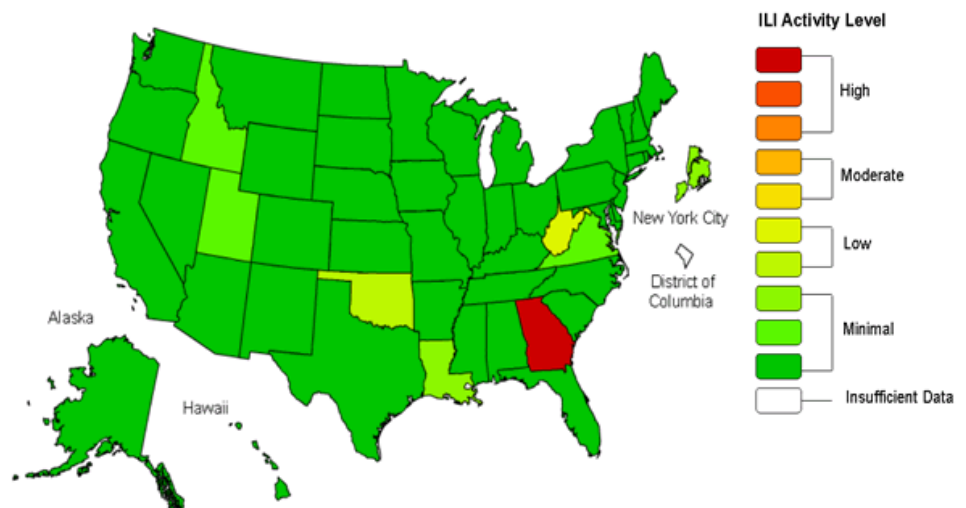
Please tell us the names of the children and their ages when you register for childcare.

## PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Parish Health Nurse, Gail Greene, wanted to share some recent information from the CDC and Georgia Public Health. These graphics represent the current level of "Influenza-Like Illness" (ILI) across the country, and specifically in Georgia. ILI means that patients have influenza-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat) but were not actually tested for influenza. Historically, ILI activity begins to increase in the weeks before actual influenza lab tests increase. In other words, it is likely that Georgia will have more and more confirmed influenza cases this month.

- Remember to frequently wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer when you can't. Hand transmission is the number one way we spread germs.
- Sneeze/cough into your elbow rather than your hand to minimize transferring germs via your hands.
- Get plenty of rest - that protects you from illness.
- If you do get sick, stay at home while you have a fever.
- Drink plenty of fluids.

**Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILInet**  
2010-11 Influenza Season Week 46 ending Nov 20, 2010



**Help Decorate the church  
for Christmas!**

**Help Wanted and  
needed!**

All parishioners are invited to help the Flower Guild decorate St. David's for Christmas. This is a wonderful time to gather in fellowship as we adorn the nave, hallways, entrance, parish hall and other areas in celebration of the birth of Our Lord. There are many tasks and all helping hands are appreciated— no flower arranging skills necessary! Decoration schedule is:

**Wednesday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23 in  
the old parish hall, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please call Stacy Wilson, Flower Guild Chairperson, at 770-475-9940.



St. David's Eucharistic Visitation Ministry will be at Chambrel (a senior living community at 1000 Applewood Dr., Roswell, 30076), where some of our parishioners live, on December 24, at 11:00 a.m., to offer a Christmas Eucharist. Anyone from St. David's is invited to come and join in!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



Flowers and greens for Christmas services are made possible by your generous donations. The amount is voluntary, but the usual contribution is \$25. You may use this form, **sign up online at [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org) in "Parish Life", then "Parish Services,"** or use the notebook on the chest in the church hallway to sign up in the special section for Christmas Flowers. Return this form with your check made payable to St. David's to the church office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Flower Guild cannot order Christmas flowers until they know how much money is available to spend! They will spend only the amount taken in by donation. Your donation and information below need to be **RECEIVED** in the church office now to be included in the Christmas bulletin inserts.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_