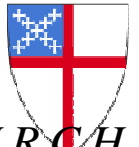




THE ILLUMINATION



NEWS FROM ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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NEW—St. Aidan's Guild

St. Aidan's Guild—What's That All About??

By now, we hope you have heard of the St. Aidan's Guild. If not, we hope this will give you an overview of a new ministry initiative at St. David's designed to enhance the health and growth of St. David's by growing our personal relationships with God, sharing the Good News about the power of God in our lives and inviting friends and family to share the joy and friendship we all experience at St. David's.

St. Aidan's Guild is a diverse group of approximately 16, both staff and parishioners, who have expressed interest in and commitment to the overall growth and well being of our parish.

Our short term goals are to enhance our program for invitation, hospitality and integration. Jan Georges and Linda Thomas are implementing excellent programs for community awareness and integration. When people visit St. David's, a remarkably high percentage become active members of our faith community already. So our goal is to increase the number of visitors.

Going forward, we will be promoting the concept of invitation—encouraging all members of the Parish to invite friends and family to visit St. David's. This was a part of the stewardship program for this year and we will be working to help parishioners find comfortable ways to extend the invitation.

For the longer term, we have been studying a process called **Natural Church Development** (NCD) and believe it is a viable approach to improving the overall health of St. David's. The research behind NCD is excellent. Its

premise is that healthy churches are growing churches, and the process is based on principles rather than models. Out of the research, NCD identified eight quality characteristics that are universal qualities present in all growing, healthy churches. They are:

- Empowering Leadership
- Gift-based Ministry
- Passionate Spirituality
- Effective Structures
- Inspiring Worship Services
- Holistic Small Groups
- Need-Oriented Evangelism
- Loving Relationships

The key in each characteristic is the *adjective*.

The implementation of NCD is a five step process:

- 1) Prepare
- 2) Diagnose
- 3) Plan
- 4) Implement
- 5) Evaluate



Invite a Neighbor

At the recommendation of St. Aidan's Guild, the Vestry of St. David's has not only approved this process, but given their enthusiastic commitment to its implementation.

In mid-February, 30 members of the Parish will be asked to complete a survey, which will then be analyzed by NCD and the results provided to St. Aidan's

Guild to begin the planning and implementation phases of the process.

Over the coming months, you will receive additional information about the process. We ask that you support this initiative with your prayers. If you have any questions about the process or about St. Aidan's Guild, please contact Ken Swanson (770-993-6084) or Janet Conrad (770 475-2097).

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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.

A Word about Incense:

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

The next issue of the
newsletter will be mailed
on Feb. 16, 2011. The
deadline for submissions
is Friday, Feb. 11, 2011.

CALENDAR

○a.m./●p.m.

JFH=Jeffords Fellowship Hall, PH=old Parish Hall

Saturday, February 5

- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 10:00 Scouts CPR—JFH classrm
- 10:00 AA mtg.-PH
- 6:00 Scouts District Banquet-JFH

Sunday, February 6

Scout Sunday

Super Bowl Sunday

- 11:15 1st Communion class-PH
- 5:30 Youth Super Bowl party—
offsite

Monday, February 7

- 4:00 Brownies-PH
- 6:30 Boy Scouts-Grace rm.
- 6:45 EFM-Bethany
- 7:00 Ballroom Dance-JFH

Tuesday, February 8

- 6:30 Bible Study at Dockery's
- 9:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
- 2:30 Cub Scouts-PH
- 6:30 Roswell Jr. WC—PH

Wednesday, February 9

- 10:00 H.E. Healing Service-Nave
- 11:00 Guild of the Christ Child—
Nazareth
- 11:00 Women's Bible Study-JFH
- 5:30 Wed. Night Dinners - JFH
- 6:30 Wed. Night Programs - JFH
- 7:30 Stephen Ministry-Bethany
- 7:30 Mission Board—Nazareth

Thursday, February 10

- 9:30 Ladies Thurs. Morn. Bible
Study—Bethany
- 6:00 Al-Anon Mtg.—PH
- 7:00 Grief Ministry—Nazareth
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal-Choir rm.

Friday, February 11

- 9:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH

Saturday, February 12

- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 8:30 DOK—JFH front half
- 10:00 AA mtg.-PH

Sunday, February 13

Youth Sunday

- 11:15 1st Communion class-PH
- 4:30 Youth 30 Hr. Famine Kick-
Off—House
- 4:30 EpiscoPALS—JFH back half

Monday, February 14

Valentine's Day

- 6:45 EFM-Bethany

Our church calendar is continuously updated
on our website at
www.stdavidchurch.org.

Worship Schedule

7:45 a.m.—H.E. Rite I
8:00 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 Feb. 6

Isaiah 58:1-9a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12,
Matthew 5:13-20, Psalm 112:1-9

Lectionary for Feb. 13

Deuteronomy 30:15-20,
1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37,
Psalm 119:1-8

Valentine Truffle Sale



St. Paschal's Hosts are once again
selling delicious homemade red velvet
and chocolate truffles to purchase for
\$10 on Sunday Feb 13th in the
mailbox hallway. The truffles come 6
in a bag and the proceeds will go to
purchasing some much needed
dishware for Jeffords Hall. They make
a wonderful Valentine treat for all
your special people!

The Career Transition Ministry...

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the old Parish Hall. We are looking for members of our parish who would be willing to be Industry Guides. Would you be willing to chat for 15 to 20 minutes about your industry with some of the members of our ministry--give some ideas for industry leads or contacts. Also, if you know of any job openings, please contact Marilyn at 678-409-6188 or email at marilyn.dougherty01@gmail.com.

Are you a Lay Leader or Ministry head?

Did you know about the Anti-Racism Classes offered by our Diocese? If you are a Lay Leader or a Ministry head, you are strongly encouraged to take this class. The next anti-racism training event sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Cathedral of St. Philip (rooms 380 and 381), 2744 Peachtree Road, Atlanta. All clergy and lay leaders are required to receive the training at least once. To register, contact Muriel Diguette, mdiguette@episcopalatlanta.org.

Grief Support Group

St. David's will offer an ongoing Grief Support Group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. 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, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Nazareth Room. For more information, please call or email Toni Cathcart at 404-358-0798 or toni.cathcart@yahoo.com

Cook-A-Thon thank-you's

Thanks to everyone who came out early Saturday morning to help prepare some wonderful food for our Caring Committee freezers. We couldn't have done it so smoothly and quickly without everyone's help! A special thanks to Cathy Flynn, Meredith Hay, Marion David and Virginia Fritts. We hope to see you the next time too! Look for information on our next cook-a-thon in *The Illumination*. There is no date yet, but it should be within the next 4 months or so. Thanks again for everyone's help!

Piano lessons being offered

Taught by parishioner Clarissa King, 770-881-0073. Clarissa was a piano and organ major in college, graduating from Ohio University. She has taught both children and adults in Atlanta for 15 years and has studied with many masters in music.

Donation of Used Cell Phones

Please donate your old cell phones not being used anymore. The donated cell phones must be in working order. If they are broken, please do NOT donate them—they cannot be used. Look for the donation box on a table at the end of the mailbox hallway for used cell phones and also old eyeglasses. We now have a resource that will pay us a small amount of money for the cell phones we send in. These cell phones will be utilized for 911 purposes in the USA, redeployed nationwide, and used in developing countries worldwide to improve quality of life through better communication. Every penny counts! Call Sally Batson for more information at 770-992-7736.

Do you know where to get purple, green, & gold Mardi Gras Beads?...

The Feast of St. David, Mardi Gras Style!

Saturday, March 5, 2011

6:00 pm—10:00 pm

Tickets are \$24 per person



Please join us for the Feast of St. David, Mardi Gras Style. It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, fun, and fellowship! Tickets go on sale February 19. Look for the ticket table in the mailbox hallway, or call Jan Georges in the church office at 770-993-1094, ext. 118. We accept cash, check, and credit cards.

Please invite family,
friends or neighbors to
join you!



Solar Light for Africa 2011 Youth Mission Trip to Tanzania July 18 – August 3

This summer, Solar Light for Africa will be taking ten American youth (ages 17-24) to Tanzania to install solar panels in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. The mission team will meet up with ten Tanzanian youth and will travel, train, live and work together. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience another culture, get to know your contemporaries halfway around the world, and do a good deed by bringing light and electric power to those who are without. If you have any questions or are interested in this amazing opportunity, please contact Judy Beecham (ext. 122) or Katie McRee (ext. 103) at St. David's (770-993-1094) or Charlene Turner (charlene@solarlightforafrica.org or 1-321-615-0206) at Solar Light for Africa.

Honduras Mission Team Members

Please pray for the following names as they embark on their mission trip to Honduras on February 5—February 12.



Wheeler Conkling
Don Baggett
Dan and Carolyn Powers
Carol Bowser
Jan Kramer
Al Thompson

HomeStretch News...

HomeStretch is anticipating a great 2011- all the adventures and blessings that it will bring. As we look towards the new year, we are extremely grateful for your support and your role in helping us achieve these milestones:

- We are at capacity in all our units.
- All of our families are fully supported by family mentor teams.
- Five families graduated from our program in 2010.
- In addition, 17 youth were recognized at their own graduation event.
- We kept a keen eye on expenses last year and reduced expenditures by \$300,000!
- We redesigned our website and now have a presence on Facebook and Twitter
- Using a \$155,000 government grant, HomeStretch upgraded our units with siding, gutters, and downspouts; replaced a retaining wall, some roofs and HVAC units; and repaired drainage and landscaping at several units.
- Other projects included exterior painting and adding insulation. HomeStretch guides homeless working families with minor children in North Metro Atlanta toward increased self-reliance and stability by providing life-skills training, mentoring, and supportive housing.

Save the Dates:

4th Annual Peachtree Tea

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, Atlanta Athletic Club
Lunch, Guest Speaker, Silent Auction. Lots of Fun!



10th Annual Run the River

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Runners & walkers will have a flat, fast, and scenic course, much of it along the Chattahoochee River.

Hola from Honduras! (from Amanda Scott)

I have been here 10 days and am really beginning to feel at home. Another missionary is here with me for 3 months. Leamarie True is a retired Kindergarten teacher from Holy Family in Jasper. We arrived together on January 20. The next day I met with LAMB's Finance Manager, a lovely young Honduran woman named Evelyn, and got a promotion right on the spot! I am now the "Directora" of Casa LAMB, the guest house for volunteer teams. It is a large lovely house in a "gated" community. I have been shopping all over Tegucigalpa getting the guest house ready for the first team coming on Feb. 5. I have a small but awesome car and have actually driven a couple of times! Driving in Honduras is like driving in Atlanta rush hour without rules, stop lights, or speed limits. Car ahead of you is too slow? No problema, cross the double lines to pass on a curve going up a hill!

We have gone to church at the Children's Home in San Buenaventura both Sundays. Think 9:00 service on steroids. The congregation is about 95% children with a few adults scattered about. I always have at least one child on my lap at all times. Several of the children make up the choir, Suzy plays guitar, young Moises (~11 yrs. Old) plays the bongo and most of the children in the congregation have tamborines, maracas or some rhythm band instrument. Suzy delivers the homily and the children are eager to participate.

Thank you so much for your prayers, your love and your support. **If you have a moment, please read my blog for much more detail and many more pictures** (look on the St. David's website at www.stdavidchurch.org). God is in this place so completely and so clearly. There is a sense of joy and hope that transcends the grinding poverty you see everywhere. As young Julio, age 12, said at church today, "I feel God's presence in every moment and every experience." May it be so for each of you.

Bendiciones, Amanda Scott
Amanda.vpscott@gmail.com (Write me!)
Skype: Amanda.vpscott (Call me!)

“BROWN BAG MONTH”

February is **BROWN BAG** month for NFCC at St. David’s!

Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! Psalm 41

North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) provides a “supplement” to over 130 families each weekday. This supplement is provided once every ten days.

- Granulated Sugar (one pound boxes)
- Oil
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent (dry)
- Soap
- Shampoo
- TP

This month we have some special requests:

- Grape Jelly (plastic jars please)
- Children’s cereal
- Children’s juices
- Diapers (specially sizes 4, 5, & 6)
- Pork & Beans
- Dry Black Beans

Please fill the brown bag, bring it back to church, and leave it at the very end of the mailbox hallway, near the big blue bin, during the month of February.



The brown bags are courtesy of Trader Joe's on Hwy 92 in Roswell.

ANNOUNCING...



The Tale of the Three Trees



The spring musical **“Tale of the Three Trees”**
Presented by the Treble Makers choirs on May 1st.

Based on an American folk tale, this musical tells the story of Jesus' life in a fresh and timeless way. The music is full of fun and inspiration! We need help in all areas — actors, singers, stage hands, set builders, costume designers — to make this come alive! EVERYONE can have a part, from 1st graders to grandparents! There are non-singing parts as well! If you can participate in any way, contact Susie Clements, 770-993-1094 x131, susie@stdavidchurch.org.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The work of the Rector Search Committee continues in faith and God's good grace.



Phone interviews with potential candidates were completed in mid-December. We then scheduled visitations with those individuals who will continue in discernment with us.

At this time we are in the middle of those visitations which should be completed by Feb. 13. These interactions give us a very personal perspective of the priests and their spouses, allowing us to see them in their home environment. Once completed, the committee will identify candidates to invite here to meet with the entire committee. Each encounter adds another facet to the overall picture of who they are and how they may "fit" with St. David's.

The committee feels very blessed by the tremendous individuals whom we remain in discernment with and their enthusiasm for the position of Rector at St. David's. We thank God for His constant presence in our process and invite the parish to continue in prayer with us.

Beth King, Search Committee Chairman

The Vestry Position

The Vestry acknowledges that there has been a great deal of "chatter" in the parish concerning the Search process. We want to unequivocally reiterate that as much as we are blessed by our Interim Rector's presence among us, he is not a candidate to become our next Rector. This was clearly understood from the beginning of this process, and it is also Diocesan policy. The Vestry is fully supportive of the continuing work of the Search Committee, and we look forward to meeting and interviewing the candidates they will present to us when their work is completed.

Lisa Puckett, Senior Warden

Charles McMillan, Junior Warden

From the Finance Office:

The **Year-end Tax Statements** have been uploaded to our online database for you to access and print for your records and tax purposes. Paper copies will not be mailed unless you contact Cathy in the Finance office to request a copy. She can be contacted by cathy@stdavidchurch.org, or 770-993-1094, ext. 120.

Instructions to go online and access your records are on the next page.

While you are checking your tax record, change the year in the little green box back to 2011 after you've looked at your tax statement in "My Giving History" and check to make sure your **Pledge for 2011** is loaded in and correct. It's a good thing to have you as our "extra pair of eyes!"

Year-End Tax Contribution Statements for 2010 Available Online now.

Please know that St. David's wants to be a good steward and save on postage and the cost of paper and envelopes. Your year-end statements are now available online on the St. David's web site.

You will not receive one in the mail.**

How do you get them? It's simple.

Log in with your own secure User name and Password on the home page of the St. David's web site – www.stdavidchurch.org. Click the "Access Member Info" purple bar and follow the instructions to use the online tools.

Steps to log in...

- ◆ Go the church web site at www.stdavidchurch.org.
- ◆ Click on purple bar "Access Member Info".
- ◆ If you have already logged in before, go to the green "Sign In" box and enter your user name or email address and password. (If you forgot your user name or password, go to the bottom of the green box and click on "password" or "user name" The system will email your password or user name to you. If you still can't log in, call Linda Thomas at the number below and she will administratively change your password for you and can tell you your user name.)
- ◆ Click on "SIGN IN"
- ◆ If you are a new user, please bypass the green sign in box and go below it to "Need a Login, click here?" line and enter the information asked for to create your new user login.
- ◆ Click on "Find Me" button.
- ◆ VERY IMPORTANT! FYI: We do need to have your correct and current email address in our in house database for you to be able to log in to "Access Member Info."
- ◆ If the system cannot find you, it will say on the screen "we were unable to locate a record matching the information you provided. Please verify that the information you entered is correct and resubmit." If you are unable to register, contact Linda Thomas at 770-993-1094, ext. 120, or you can click into the provided email linda@stdavidchurch.org and send it. No need to type any kind of message, we'll know what it is about. We will correct your email or enter your email in our database right away, then email you back. Then you should be good to go!
- ◆ Once you log in, click on "My Giving History."
- ◆ Make sure you have changed the year to look at to be 2010. It defaults to 2011, the current year. Click on the green box, "PDF Tax Statement".
- ◆ Then you can print your tax statement at home when you are ready for it. If you have any questions regarding your pledges and specific financial questions, call Cathy at the number below.

****** If you do not have a computer or internet access, please call Cathy Cheatwood directly at 770-993-1094, ext. 120, and ask her to mail your statement.

FYI: After you log in, you can click on "My Complete Profile" and see all the information that we have in our database for you and your family. You may edit the data as you see the need by clicking the little yellow pencil graphic. Please feel free to explore the site and look at all that is offered. Call Linda Thomas at 770-993-1094, ext. 104, if you have any questions.

While you are looking at "My Giving History," please also check your current pledge for 2011 (you'll need to change the year back to 2011) to make sure it is correct.

Greetings from the Nursery!

With the beginning of the new year, it's time to reflect and give thanks to all of the folks who helped with childcare in the Nursery, Toddler Room and Preschool Rooms by giving their time and love.

- The following parishioners gave up some of their family time on Christmas Eve to serve in the nursery at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Many thanks to adult caregivers **Orlon Daniels, Ellen Dickerson, Nell Fernandez, Susan Goss, Betty Mizell** and **Amy Smucker-Spann**, along with youth caregivers **Alex Dickerson, Maddie Dickerson, Samantha Mathis** and **Lauren Tracy**.
- There were many folks behind the scenes of the Epiphany Pageant on Sunday, January 9th, which included the caregivers in the nursery. A big thank you goes to **Jackie Ashman, GG Daly, Orlon Daniels, Susie Kaminski, Susan Patterson, Doris Paul, Susan Watts Ragsdale, Lori Toto, Samantha Mathis, Andrew Patterson** and **Ryan Toto** for taking good care of the infants – 2 year olds, while the rest of the children of St. David's were able to participate in the celebration and their families were able to enjoy watching them.
- Father Antonio Brito's Service of Reception was a joyous occasion. Thank you to **GG Daly and Orlon Daniels** for taking care of the infants and toddlers while others were able to attend the service.

Thank you to our many wonderful parent volunteers who faithfully and cheerfully serve on the Parent Rotation in our 2, 3, and 4 year-old classrooms during service hours:

2 Year Old Parents: Tim & Albanie Campbell, Pat & GG Daly, Lee & Millie Johnson, Bob & Rena Morgan, Steve & Suzanne Mueller, Steven & Rebecca Smith, Sean & Whitney Tauber, Matt & Martha Hays Weiss.

3 Year Old Parents: Jonathan & Kristen Acker, Norum & Stephanie Cannon, Tom & Suzanne Croteau, Nate & Susie Kaminski, Eric & Chris Miller, CaroleAnn Padgett,

Scott Phillips & Beth Yother, John & Tricia Quidley, Mike Spann & Amy Smucker-Spann, Mitch & Kelly Thompson, Robert & Mervat Watson, Elizabeth Winterer.

4 Year Old Parents: Richard & Christine Brady, Bubba & Stephanie Butler, Jack & Lynn Campbell, Damond & Susan Logsdon-Conradsen, Merrick & Laura Dameron, Ryan & Kimbie Grovijohn, Dan & Angel Jane, Chris & Sarah McVay, Niranjan & Michelle Perera, Ashley & Missy Petty, Dave & Angela Phillips, Zane & Kristy Pucylowski, Kevin & Laura Rexford, Ronald & Mandy Sattler, Steven & Rebecca Smith, Michael & Jill Sutton.

Blessings and thanks to our consistent weekly "lead" caregivers in the nursery: **Doris Paul, Amy Smucker-Spann, Mike Spann, Susie Kaminski, Kaye & Toby Davis, Jan & Tim Georges** and **Joanie & George Rhodes**. These nurturing souls care for our infants through 2 year olds each and every Sunday morning.

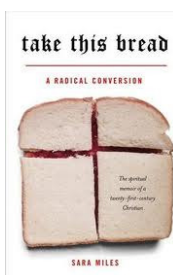
Likewise, we have 19 additional adults and 16 youth caregivers who minister to our infants through 2 year olds on a monthly basis:

Monthly Adult Caregivers: Jackie Ashman, Colleen Bast, Julie Cross, GG Daly, Orlon Daniels, Ellen Dickerson, Mary Eberhard, Debbie Erdmanczyk, Nell Fernandez, Chris McVay, Betty Mizell, Suzanne Mueller, Susan Patterson, Lynn Pitts, Debbie Rossignol, Lori Toto, Susan Watts Ragsdale, Helen Whittier, Christine Williams.

Monthly Youth Caregivers: Carlisle Christian, Maddie & Alex Dickerson, Becca Henderson, Janae Lunsford, Samantha Mathis, Emily Moroz, Adam & Maggie Neal, Renee Patrick, Andrew Patterson, Carly Reineri, Raymond & Ryan Toto, Lauren Tracy, Allie Vann.

When you see these kind and caring folks, be sure to thank them for their ministry to our youngest parishioners!

New Adult Sunday School class to be offered!



A new Adult Sunday School class will begin on Feb. 6th to study the book **"Take This Bread"** by Sara Miles, a story of finding sustenance and passing it on. Early one morning, for no earthly reason, Sara Miles, raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and found herself transformed – embracing a faith she once scorned. Miles didn't discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on real hunger, real food, and real bodies. This is a joyful memoir, rigorously honest but funny and highly entertaining, including many surprises and an occasional wrong turn. On Feb. 6th we will cover the first 50 pages of the book, her formative years, so pick up the book at your favorite bookstore and join us in the **Nazareth room** (a change in room from previous newsletter—upstairs back hallway). Tom Erdmanczyk and Edith Cobourn, facilitators