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NEWS FROM ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Tis the Season to Help Those In Need...

Special "Brown Bag" Week for NFCC



The week of November 7th, we are asking the families of St. David's to help replenish the food pantry at NFCC.

Currently, NFCC helps over 100 local families per day and the need continues to grow, so the pantry is in dire need of almost all non-perishable food items.

Please help out during this difficult time and bring in at least one bag of food on Sunday, November 14th. You can bring your donation to any of the church services that day and place it in the hallway at the back of the church in the narthex. We will take a few of the bags to the altar that day for a special blessing.

As you shop to fill your bag, please keep the following needed items in mind:

Dried Beans, Pasta / Rice, Canned Vegetables and Fruits, Soup, Ramen Noodles, Tuna and Canned Meats, Cereal, Canned Juices, Canned Meals (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli), Peanut Butter, Boxed Meals, Diapers or Baby food

Thank you for your support of this ministry....every little bit helps!



If you have any questions, please contact Jill Sutton at jillsutt@gmail.com or call 404-218-4895.



Kroger Certificates for Adopted Holiday families

St. David's is gearing up for its annual NFCC (North Fulton Community Charities) Holiday Family program and we want our parish family to know how it can participate. St. David's has committed to help over 35 families this year. For each of these families, we collect donations for Kroger gift cards at Thanksgiving and Christmas (\$40 each). Please look for the display in the parish mailbox hallway for the Kroger certificates from Nov. 7—27. There will be a box for you to drop in your donation checks to have certificates bought, or for you to drop in the certificates that you've already purchased. The need is very great!

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*Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist
6:00 p.m., in the Nave
Wednesday Evening, November 24*

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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 Nov. 17. The deadline
for submissions is Friday,
Nov. 12, 2010.

CALENDAR

○a.m./●p.m.

JFH=Jeffords Fellowship Hall, PH=old Parish Hall

Saturday, November 6

- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 10:30 AA mtg.-PH
- 6:30 Hearts for Honduras Art Auction in JFH

Sunday, November 7

Daylight Savings Time ends!

All Saints' Sunday

First Communion Sunday

- 4:30 Youth game day-JFH

Monday, November 8

- 4:00 Brownie Troop—PH
- 6:30 Boy Scouts-Grace rm.
- 7:00 EFM-Bethany

Tuesday, November 9

- 6:30 Bible Study at Dockery's
- 9:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
- 6:30 Roswell Jr. Woman's Club PH
- 7:00 Search Comm.-Bethany

Wednesday, November 10

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

Thursday, November 11

Veteran's Day

- 9:30 Ladies Thurs. Morn. Bible Study—Bethany
- 6:00 Al-Anon Mtg.—PH
- 6:30 Hispanic 1st Communion class-JFH front half
- 7:00 Search Comm.-Bethany
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal-Choir rm.

Friday, November 12

- 9:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH

Saturday, November 13

- 8:30 DOK-PH
- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-Bethany
- 10:30 AA mtg.-JFH classroom
- 5:00 New Horizons for Children Event-JFH

Sunday, November 14

Vestry Election today

- 4:30 EpiscoPALS-JFH
- 4:30 Youth Crazy Bowl-Brunswick Bowling Lanes

Our church calendar is continuously updated
on our website at
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 Nov. 7

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18,
Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31,
Psalm 149

Lectionary for Nov. 14

Isaiah 65:17-25,
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13,
Luke 21:5-19, Canticle 9

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. David's Annual
Advent Quiet Day



"Journey to the Stable"

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Old Parish Hall and the Nave

Speaker:
The Rev. Deacon Kathy Holman

Lunch Caterer: Betty Dunning

\$10.00 per person
Registration information forthcoming.

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, November 4th - 18th and December 2nd - 16th at 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Nazareth Room. To register, please call or email Toni Cathcart at 404-358-0798 or toni.cathcart@yahoo.com

St. David's Men's Club Annual Christmas Dinner and Elections

**December 5, 2010
Ladies are invited!**

Join us in Jeffords Fellowship Hall for social adjustments and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner of Lobster Tail w/drawn butter and Beef Tournedos w/béarnaise sauce will be served at 6:30 p.m.
Dessert of Bananas Fosters or Cherries Jubilee will follow.
Dinner is \$40.00 per adult.



Childcare is available for \$10 per child, and we will have hot dogs for the kids. Family maximum is \$100.00

Please make reservations to lloyd@bowenmcelrath.com or to Lloyd 404-680-6138, and your check which will

confirm your reservation can be dropped at Lloyd Bowen's parish mailbox in the church hallway.

Attention Ministry Chairs...

Annual Reports are due by Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010. We will email you a template/format to follow for your report. We are looking for some more depth to the reports this year. The reports need to be emailed as a WORD file/attachment to linda@stdavidchurch.org. If you do not have email, please call Linda at 770-993-1094, ext. 104, to make other arrangements. It is your opportunity to give, in writing, a report to the congregation of the accomplishments of your group to be included in the Annual Parish Report booklet. Call the number above if you have any questions.

Christmas Flower Dedications



Giving to the Christmas Flower Fund is a lovely way to honor loved ones as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord. The donations are used to purchase flowers, garland, wreaths, greenery, poinsettias, etc. which the Flower Guild uses to

decorate St. David's for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the fund for Christmas flowers, please fill out the special form on the last page of this newsletter.

Acknowledgements of all contributions will be published in the Christmas Service Leaflets. If you have any questions, please call Stacy Wilson, Flower Guild Chairperson, at 770-475-9940.

Men's Club selling Smoked Turkeys!

Smoked turkeys for sale!

The Men of St. David's will be preparing smoked turkeys for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday as a fundraising activity for Jeffords Hall. Turkeys will range from 10 – 12 pounds and will be available for pick up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 25th, between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The price is \$45 and will be available only through advance ticket purchase. Tickets will be available for purchase Sunday mornings in the mailbox hallway and Wednesday evenings, or you can contact Robert Ward via email at r_ward@bellsouth.net.

Quantities will be limited so buy your ticket early!

Welcome Committee needs Greeters!

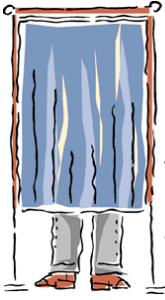
Help greet our visitors and get them off to a good start here at church. Call Teddi McIntosh at 770-781-9116 or email her at heathbar1959@aol.com if you are interested.



LOST & FOUND

We now have a "Lost and Found" basket located on the bottom shelf of the Visitor's table in the main hallway. There are several items in the basket at present, please check if you are missing glasses or a child's white sweater.

VESTRY ELECTION FOR 2011



**CAST
YOUR
VOTE!**

The election of the four new vestry members will take place on two Sundays - November 14 and November 21 in the main church hallway. This two week period should allow all members of St. David's the opportunity to vote for these very important vestry positions. You will be handed a ballot when you check in with the "poll worker"! You may also vote online by submitting your names in an email to "vestry.election@stdavidchurch.org".

**St. David's By-Laws, Article II, Section 2
"Eligibility and Quorum" as amended October 10, 2005**

"Those eligible to vote shall be all Confirmed Communicants of St. David's Episcopal Church, in good standing, not less than sixteen years of age. Those voters so qualified and being present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum."

If you want to check your "member status" to see if you are a "confirmed communicant," you can go to "Access Member Info" on church web site and check your status online. We will also have a hard copy of the list on the Vestry bulletin board at the end of the main hallway. Call Linda at 7-993-6084, ext. 104, for any questions or to clarify your status.

Preschool Open House

A favorite tradition of St. David's Preschool is to have our students become "tour guides" to their parents and siblings during our annual October Open House. During the evenings of October 18-19, the children's parents not only enjoyed viewing the classrooms' seasonal artwork, but were also treated to a gallery of black and white photo portraits taken of their little ones. The photos are used as the preschool's annual fundraiser.



EPIPHANY CELEBRATION!

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

All Children Can Participate!!

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

Three-year-olds through 3rd 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.

Audition Dates for Main Cast (4th-5th graders):

Because more than one child may be interested in a role, we will have no-pressure, "casual" auditions on:

- **Sunday November 14th** at 6:00 pm (immediately after PALS);
- **Sunday, November 21st** at 9:00 am, Bethany Room; or
- **Sunday, November 28th** at 11:00 am, Bethany Room (immediately after Sunday School);

Or call Susie Clements to set up a time for an audition!

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 8th.

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

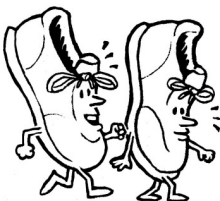
Dress Rehearsal for ALL

Saturday, January 8th: 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 to volunteer. THANKS!

Susie Clements and Judy Beecham, Children's Ministries



Results of the Virtual Walk to El Camino de Santiago...

First place with a total of 457.03 miles - **Tom Erdmanczyk** - what an inspiration and comeback after his awful bike accident earlier this year. - \$150 certificate for a custom pair of Reebok shoes

Second place with a total of 391.46 miles - **Mary Veal** - \$50 New Balance gift card

Third place with a total of 376.6 miles - **Dan Greene** - \$50 New Balance gift card

Fourth place with a total of 286.9 - **James DeLuccia** - Bike helmet from Roswell Bicycles

Fifth place with a total of 233.30 - **Peter Toy** - Bike helmet from Roswell Bicycles

Be proud of us as a group - 88 of us walked, biked, swam, ran, and in general traveled **11,505.47 miles**. That's phenomenal. We not only made it to Spain, but back again plus some. Submitted by Gail Greene, Parish Nurse

MISSION BOARD UPDATE

Welcome to the two newest members of the St. David's Family!

The Mission Board is pleased to introduce Maria Mercedes (1 yr) and Isaac (3 yrs) who live at LAMB's Children's Residential Home in San Buenaventura, Honduras.



Maria Mercedes and her blind sister, Yolany, came to us from Juticalpa, which is about two hours from Tegucigalpa. Their mother dropped them off at the city government building, remarking (presumably about Yolany), "I don't know why the little dog doesn't die!" Both children were malnourished and without emotion, but because of their young age, soon responded to love and ongoing stimulation. They are both doing well now.



Isaac is three years old. Siblings Emanuel, Noe, and Mirza are also with us. Their mother grew up in a children's home, and although she loves her children, she has never been able to care for them properly. Isaac was in our daycare in Flor as an infant. While they were still at home, older sister Mirza cared for the little ones much of the time and was upset that the boys were not getting good

care. The mother took the boys away and, eventually when they were found, Social Services sent them to LAMB. The boys were abused physically and malnourished. Isaac had pneumonia which wasn't improving because his mother wasn't giving him his medicine. They all have adjusted well, although Isaac gets desperate and anxious at times and bangs his head and moves a lot. It's thought that it's due to being left in his crib all day long. Isaac also has sleep disorders, and is in treatment for that. He is a quiet, sweet child. The mother faithfully visits them on visitation day, which is a blessing, but they will undoubtedly grow up with us at San Buenaventura (SBV). Mirza (12 yrs) still looks after her brothers with love.

It costs approximately \$300 per month to provide for all the needs of a child at SBV. The children live in family style cottages, receive nutritious meals and snacks every day, go to school on site through 6th grade, church at our Chapel, have daily devotions, get necessary medical and psychological treatment, and plenty of love. Their environment is centered around the Risen Lord and the entire staff is strongly Christian. The Mission Board, on behalf of the entire parish, has committed to providing \$100 per month for each child to help with the costs of raising educated, healthy, Christian children. We ask the parish to pray for Maria Mercedes and Isaac daily. If you would like to send them cards or notes, contact Amanda Scott at amanda.vpscott@gmail.com. The parish will receive regular updates and pictures so you can get to know Maria Mercedes and Isaac, love them, and watch them grow up!



Trunk or Treat Night!

UPDATED WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

“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.

- 11/3: Countervailing Religion: Sects and Communes, Part I
- 11/10: Countervailing Religion: Sects and Communes, Part II
- 11/17: Christian Humanitarian Reform
- 11/24: No class
- 12/1: Catholic Movements in American Protestantism
- 12/8: Urban Christianity
- 12/15: The Social Gospel of Liberal Protestantism

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

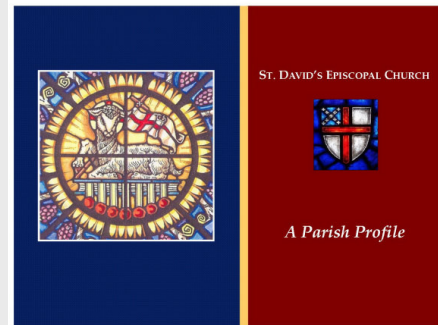
Dinner and childcare reservations are required by the Monday of each program week by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130.
All reservations can be made online at www.stdavidchurch.org.
Please tell us the names of the children and their ages when you register for childcare.

Parish Profile Now Online!

This is who we are and who we hope to be. The Rector Search Committee was pleased to present the Parish Profile during the Rector's Forum on Sun., Oct. 31, followed by an energetic question and answer session. The profile has now been made available on St. David's website (www.stdavidchurch.org) to view, download and print. This is done in the ongoing effort to always be good stewards of our resources. Hard copies will be made available to those without internet access by request through the church office.

The committee welcomes any questions or comments using the committee email address rector.search@stdavidchurch.org. A link to this email is also available on the Rector Search Committee Update page (<http://www.stdavidchurch.org/parish/rectorsearch.shtml>) on the church website. We ask for your continued prayers as we move in the next phase of the search process reviewing candidate documents and preparing for phone interviews.

Grace and blessings,
The Rector Search Committee



Thank you, thank you!

The Rector Search Committee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Linda Thomas and Stacy Wilson for their assistance in the creation and publishing of the Parish Profile.

Their overwhelming commitment of time and tremendous creative talent were an invaluable gift to us and to the parish in producing this wonderful document.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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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 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 no later than **Wednesday, December 8th** to be included in the Christmas bulletin inserts.

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____