

The six visions on our journey to be the Holy People of God.

Our first instinct is to seek God's Grace.

We welcome, know, and care for one another.

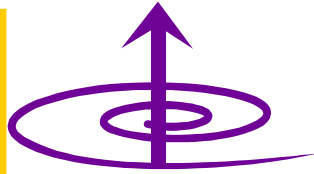
We are a church without walls.

St. David's is where you want to be.

Our youth are inspired, empowered, and equipped to serve.

We give abundantly.

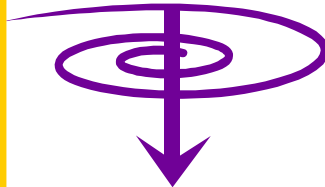
YOUNG PEOPLE EQUIPPED TO SERVE



Reaching Up



Reaching In



Reaching Down



Reaching Out

The St. David's

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REACH is the concept by which the vision of Saint David's will be communicated to the parish and activated within our faith community. We have taken the vision for the future and broken it down into six visions which each of these small brochures communicates. In order for our vision to become reality we will need to REACH in particular ways. For this vision of St. David's we celebrate that our young people are inspired, empowered and equipped to serve Christ and one another in the world. We will achieve this vision by **REACHING UP** and **REACHING IN** and **REACHING DOWN**.

OUR GROUNDING...

YOUNG PEOPLE EQUIPPED TO SERVE

With God's help, we will by our prayers and witness help our children grow into the full stature of Christ.

(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 302.)

OUR VISION...

In Holy Baptism we recognize that children are gifts given to the Church by God. We promise to lead children in the way of faith and the truth of the Gospel. Our vision of Saint David's reveals a positive, dynamic, vibrant, spirit filled, faithful, fun, service minded program for all the youth of the parish. It is our duty and firm commitment, indeed our vow, to prepare our young people for a life of Christian practice and witness.

Rather than a mere passing acquaintance with God, our youth program will invite each and every young person into a powerful, life changing encounter with the resurrected Christ. By creating a program that speaks to the minds, hearts and spirits of young people we can evolve the experience of Church for our young people to one of unbridled joy.

The steps necessary in order to nurture a community of Christian young people who are inspired, empowered, and equipped to serve are at least:

- a. Employ a full time Youth Minister, Christian Education Director and Director of Infants and Toddlers.
- b. Create and sustain a Youth Council to share in the shaping of Youth Ministry at St. David's.
- c. All activities of the Youth program will be designed to promote Christian community, invite and include ALL youth, be funded and affordable, and promote in youth sensitive ways the Mission of the Church.
- d. Fully integrate the young people into all the activities and ministries of the Church.
- e. Expose our young people to the larger Christian context, both locally and beyond.
- f. Mission trips, retreats, Camp Mikell experiences and outreach ministry are integral parts of the youth experience at St. David's.
- g. Routinely invite and encourage all adult members of the parish to participate in the Christian formation of our children and young people, in fulfillment of their Baptismal vows.
- h. Provide to the young people of our parish a physical place to call their own, their home away from home, to play, work, rest, and be nourished socially, spiritually and physically.
- i. Embrace the children of the parish as full members of the Body of Christ by providing a comprehensive, age-appropriate program of Christian formation.

YOUR INVITATION...

Children and Young people need space and time to grow – even spiritually – independent of parents. This is the work of the Church. This vision recognizes the need for outstanding staff, programs and facilities if we are to help young people in their formation into adults equipped to serve the Gospel of Christ. Proper Christian formation also calls for children, young people, and adults of all ages to worship, play and serve *together* as a healthy Christian community. We invite you, no matter your age, to fully immerse yourself into some aspect of youth ministry.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER...

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. Amen.

The Mission of St. David's Episcopal Church is to restore all people to God and each other in Christ.