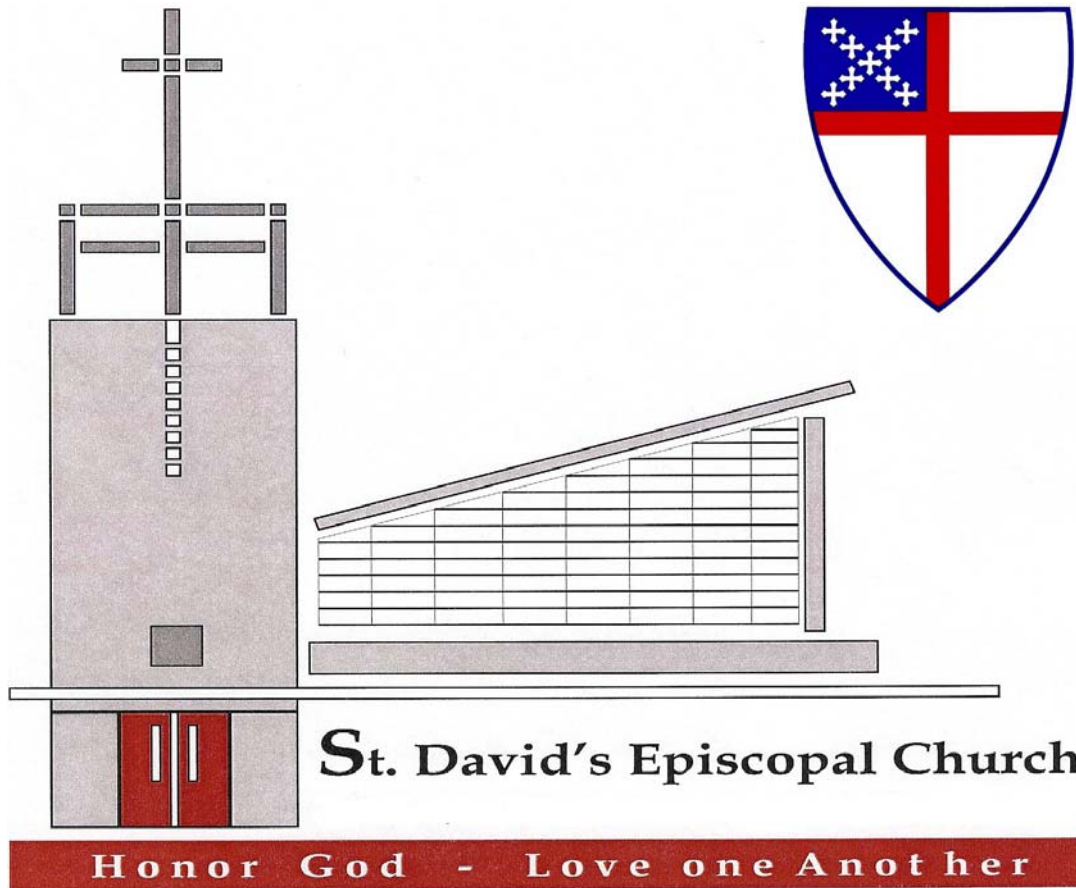


THE MESSENGER

December 2010

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CHRISTMAS AT ST. DAVID'S

Christmas Eve

5:00 P.M. Family Holy Eucharist

This service is designed for families with young children.

10:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Prelude
Carols and Christmas Music

11:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight
Christmas Eve Eucharist

Christmas Day

5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 26, 2010

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
(The First Sunday of Christmas)
Only one service this Sunday.

Saturday, January 1, 2011

5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

*This service will include the
reaffirmation of wedding vows.*

Sunday, January 2, 2011

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Only one service this Sunday Morning

*We need your help in providing music and
poinsettias for the Christmas season,
contribution pages are available in the narthex
or on-line at*

www.stdavidschurch.com

HELPING DOORSTEP

As you prepare for Christmas, please remember the individuals and families Doorstep is adopting for Christmas. Doorstep needs our help more than ever!

1. Continue to donate **children's pajamas sizes 6-16**. Place the items in the Christmas box located in the narthex by Sunday December 12.
2. Sign up to **volunteer in the Christmas Store**. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board or call Doorstep directly at 357-5341 to give a date and time you can help. This is a terrific way to see Doorstep in action!

Sunday, Dec. 12. Transport gift items to the store from Doorstep 2-4pm.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13-14. Sort items and set up the store 9am-4pm.

Wednesday, Dec. 15. Escort adoptees as they shop 8am-8pm.

Thursday, Dec. 16. Escort adoptees as they shop 8am-noon.

PLAN AHEAD FOR JANUARY

More than 40 years ago, St. David's made a serious commitment to Doorstep. Each January we along with three other congregations are responsible for filling the food pantry and helping in the clothing bank.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS are specific as certain items are included in each grocery order that is distributed. The following foods are needed in large quantities: **macaroni and cheese, boxed dinners (hamburger helper, etc.) jelly, peanut butter, canned veggies and fruits, canned tuna and meat, soup crackers, oatmeal, dry cereals, past, pasta sauce, pinto beans, rice and canned or powdered milk.** We will collect the food items in January but it isn't too early to buy items when you see bargains.

CLOTHING ROOM VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed to help sort clothes and assist clients as they shop on Thursdays January 6, 13, 20 and 27 as well as sort on Monday, January 24. There will be a sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board or you can call Mary Ann Jennings at 273-1989. Our past volunteers have quite an excellent reputation as being most helpful. It's a good fellowship time. Please join us!

December is Hat and Glove Month!!!

Remember the cold of last winter? Let's also remember those in need of hats and gloves for this winter. Please bring your contributions of hats and gloves to church each week and they will be delivered to Let's Help for their clients. We can use any and all sizes for men, women, boys, girls, and infants. The need is great and hopefully our contributions will be equal to it.

For many years, Let's Help has looked forward to these gifts, so please continue your support.

Parish Notes:

The Annual Meeting of St. David's Church will be held at 10:45 A.M. on January 23, 2011.

Bishop Wolfe will make his annual visit to St. David's on January 16, 2011. Only one service service will be held that weekend at 9:30 A.M.

The sympathy of the parish is extened to Mary Anna Jenkins and her family on the death of her father Otto.

Congratulations to Joshua and Stephanie (Glover) Buffington on the birth of their daughter Lillian Marie in Valdez, Alaska.

Congratulations to all the ministry groups for a extremely successful Holiday Bazaar. Over \$3000.00 was collected, and a great deal of fun was enjoyed. Special thanks to Barb Waters our coordinator.

Congratulations to Major General Tod Bunting on the announcement of his retirement as the Adjutant General of Kansas. (The Rector has many opportunities for him now that he will not be as busy, and Barbara too).

With sadness we announce that Don Beymer is stepping down as of the Annual Meeting as Chair of the Community Ministry Group. Thank you Don for all your work and steady leadership.



NEWS FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Lisa Beebe, our parish secretary, talked to our group at the November meeting about how a senior move manager can help when downsizing or making a move to another location. She had helpful hand-outs concerning this service, as well as information about the retention period of personal records. Her presentation was enlightening and enjoyed by all who were there.

A Service of Installation was held on November 21 for our two new Daughters, **Eva Chang** and **Marilyn Homan**. We welcome you to our chapter of the Daughters of the King!

At our December meeting, Mother Barbara Bloxson will present a program in keeping with the Advent season.

The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King meets at 1:00 on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please call Diane Bernheimer at 232-1066 or Louise Marvin at 233-4532.



The First Annual Holiday Bazaar was a huge success. Over \$3,000 was raised for parish and community outreach programs. A big “thank you” to everyone who participated by making a craft project, baking some delicious treats or shopping our booths. Thanks also to Spencer Duncan and his crew for the wonderful breakfast. We look forward to making this a St. David’s holiday tradition.

Barb Waters,
Parish Life Ministry



WE NEED YOU

Please make sure your pledge is
Up to Date
We are depending on you!

Men’s Group

Men, come and join us. The Men’s group meets every Thursday morning at 7:00am.



Fr. Herman Page Celebrates 58th Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest

The Reverend Herman Page was ordained a priest on December 13, 1952 by his father the Right Reverend Herman Page. Herman has served parishes in the Diocese of Upper Michigan, Western Kansas and Kansas as well as serving on the staff of the Episcopal Church Center in New York City. A graduate of Harvard University before attending seminary, Herman served in the United States Army.

He and Mary were married five days after his ordination as a Deacon.

Since being appointed by the Reverend Bob Layne, he has served as the Pastoral Associate of St. David’s and continues to lead the healing and Holy Eucharist service on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Herman will preach and celebrate on December 12th and a reception in his honor will be hosted by the Parish Life Ministry following the service. Congratulations Fr. Herman.

Fr. Page would like to let people know that the healing service on Dec. 22nd will have particular emphasis on the emotional difficulties some may have during the holiday season and prayers of healing will be offered to everyone.



Kirsten Goodman
Youth Coordinator
271-5144 or 580-7934
kirsten@stdavidschurch.com

Combined Youth Group Community Service/Christmas Party

On December 12th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at First Nazarene Church, 1001 SW Buchanan, the St. David's combined youth group will assist Doorstep with their Christmas Shop by helping to unload the trucks filled with donations for the shop. Afterwards, we will go back to St. David's, and have our Christmas party in the youth center. We invite all middle and high school folks to join us. If a kid needs a ride, please contact Kirsten at 785-580-7934. That's the text number too. Even if you can't participate in the whole afternoon, we would love to see you whenever you can make it. Please RSVP to Kirsten so she'll know how much food and how many gift bags to make.

Holiday Lock-in

An excellent way to kick off Christmas break! This is just an opportunity to get together over the holiday, watch Christmas movies and eat junk food. Tuesday, December 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and it's a combined youth group event. There will not be any big organized game time, it's very basic, hang out together and watch movies. Guys, I believe it's the girls' turn to have the downstairs, so please bring a sleeping bag and an air mattress if you have one.

Miqra

Last year St. David's hosted about 35 middle school kids from all over the diocese for Miqra. Miqra is a Hebrew term that means to "read scripture aloud." That's exactly what we're going to do the weekend of January 15-17. We're going to read the Bible from Genesis through Revelations! Yup. We did it last year, and we'll do it again. Kids sign up to read around the clock alone and/or with a buddy. High school kids will be at Grace Cathedral and middle school kids will be at St. David's. We'll camp out at the church, play games, participate in activities, and have time for reflection and meditation. It is a wonderful event and an great opportunity to solidify old friendships while creating new ones. Kirsten has mailed out the forms, so every parent of a middle or high school student should have them. If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Kirsten, kirsten@stdavidschurch.com or call 785-272-5144. Two St. David's kids went to Miqra last year and had a blast.

Let's see more St. David's kids this year and next!!!!

All Things Change

This edition of the "Messenger" will be the last to be printed and mailed to the entire congregation. The January, 2011 edition will be sent to you via e-mail. Sadly, our budget can no longer support the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter (about \$250.00 per month). If you do not have an Internet connection, we will be happy to mail you a copy of the Messenger each month, but you need to tell us.

The change will also allow us to include more information, color pictures, as well as information from the Diocese and National Church. A copy of this month's edition is available now on-line at www.stdavidschurch.com. Please make sure that the office has your correct e-mail address, write Lisa Beebe at lisa@stdavidschurch.com and let her know. Thank you!

Christmas Family Adoption — Please Help!

St. David's is adopting two of our families for Christmas this year. What an amazing way to make Christmas come alive, and the light of Christ shine.

Both families are part of our community and they are in need of some special help this year.

If you can provide any of the items listed below, or if you would be willing to make a financial contribution, please do so as soon as you can.

The financial contribution will go to items on the list that were not received or for items that the family may have found a little too personal to list. Thank you!

Family one is a young couple with a 9 month old son. Mom has a form of cancer and the medical bills are out-of-sight. Dad is working two jobs, but life is difficult.

Clothing for 9 month old boy

Footed winter pajamas – 12 mo and older
Winter hats
Socks and bibs
Pampers size 4 diapers
Sensitive wipes
Diaper genie II refills

Clothing for Father

Sweat Pants LG
Shirts L or XL
White ankle socks (size 13 shoes)

Clothing for Mother

Size med sweats

Baby's Room

Play rug
Crib
Crib sheets
Baby gates 2 or 3 (apt has stairs)
Humidifier
Parent's Choice Pedialyte – orange (Wal Mart brand)
Potty Chair
White blinds 78 x 48

Parent's Bedroom

Pillows
Queen size sheets
Plastic hangers
Stackable plastic drawers
Shoe rack for back of door
White blinds 78 x 48

Bathroom

Clear shower curtain liner
Laundry hamper
Bathroom rugs – something that won't show dirt
Bath towels & wash cloths
Toilet Paper – Angel Soft
Toothpaste – Crest Pro-Health Whitening
Tone body wash – orange bottle

Kitchen

Cookie sheets
Cake pans
Cooking pans
George Forman grill
Hand held can opener
Blender
Electric griddle
Hand mixer
Crock pot
Casserole dishes
Utensils for cooking
Silverware
Highchair
Vertical blinds 76 – 78 wide and 84 tall

Adopted Families continued.

Funds for Groceries

Family two is a single Mom with five children, three boys and two older girls. Mom is finishing her college degree.

Adopted Family #2

3 Boys: (none older than 3rd grade)

1 size large & 2 size medium

Socks, t-shirts, hats, gloves

Daughter: (aged 16)

Loves book/ true stories Nothing fantasy

Mom:

Size 6, small,

Pajamas

Colored socks

t-shirts

A collection point is available in the church, and a box for financial contributions is available on the right side of the water wall in the narthex.

Please make checks payable to the "Rector's Discretionary Fund" and put Christmas family on the memo line.

Thank you for helping this Christmas to be the best ever.

Christmas Message from the Rector:

What is your vision of Christmas? Our vision of Christmas comes mostly from our memory of Christmas first as children, then as young adults, as parents or maybe as Grandparents. Our vision of Christmas might be like picture post cards in our mind, or slides of events, people, and places of times gone by.

Christmas revolves around the giving and receiving of gifts. Each gift picked with great care. Although the malls and stores can be frightening, the parking lots even more so, the goal of finding just the right thing for each person on our list makes it worth the time. These gifts are symbols, they point beyond themselves to the love with which they are given. They represent more than just their own value, as they are worth so much more than money.

The gifts are wrapped; stockings made and hung in just the right places. Decorations, some with family history, find their way out of the attic or basement and are once again displayed with pride for this is Christmas.

Cookies, cakes and pies are baked, the feast prepared and all the delicious dishes not seen on any

other day of the year are ready. Hours of toil in the kitchen, minutes of consuming at the table. Hugs and kisses exchanged, tender looks we treasure. I love to hear the laughter and giggle of a child as a toy is launched and a dream has become real.

We celebrate the Christ Mass or the Feast of the Incarnation to thank God for the birth of Jesus. We gather together to rejoice and sing praises as the angels did in the sky over the town of Bethlehem. We give gifts because Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and he has given us the gift of life, his death, his resurrection and his promise of everlasting life.

Somehow through all the glitter we need to see the stark reality of Mary, Joseph and the cave where sheep would be led when it was too cold to remain outside. Somehow through all the tinsel we need to see a family oppressed by a government ruled by a dictator and a people brought to submission through the corrupt intermingling of the sacred and the secular. Somehow through the lit-up plastic statues we need to see a young unmarried teenage girl who was doing what God wanted her to do, but who must have been an outcast to her family and her community.

Continued...

Rector's Christmas continued.

We need to see the nativity for what it really was, without the help of the Neimans, Dillard's or the Waltons. Unlike our own day, it happened in almost total obscurity. No network coverage, no satellite trucks, no protestors or celebrity appearances. God's gifts are like that, they arrive at unexpected moments. While I am sure the Angels created quite a stir as the sky became bright with heavenly light, it was months and years before people in a very small part of the world ever heard of what happened.

May the Lord who was born in great humility remind us and instill in us the wonderful message of the gift of his life on earth, and the gift that in us keeps giving all year.

To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas

Don and Marcie Davidson.



The Greening of the Church for Advent took place after the 10:45 service on Christ the King Sunday. Included in the workers were Rob Telthorst above, and tree builders Don Beymer and Roger Byler. Our thanks to Christie Wedeking and all those who assisted in decorating the church for this beautiful time of year.



A new Advent wreath was dedicated on the first Service of Advent. The Wreath is a gift from Richard Stuckey and family in memory of Lucy Stuckey.

Congratulations to Cinnie McFarland who has been appointed the Parish Sacristan. She replaces Diana Allen who has served with distinction since last January. Thank you both!

