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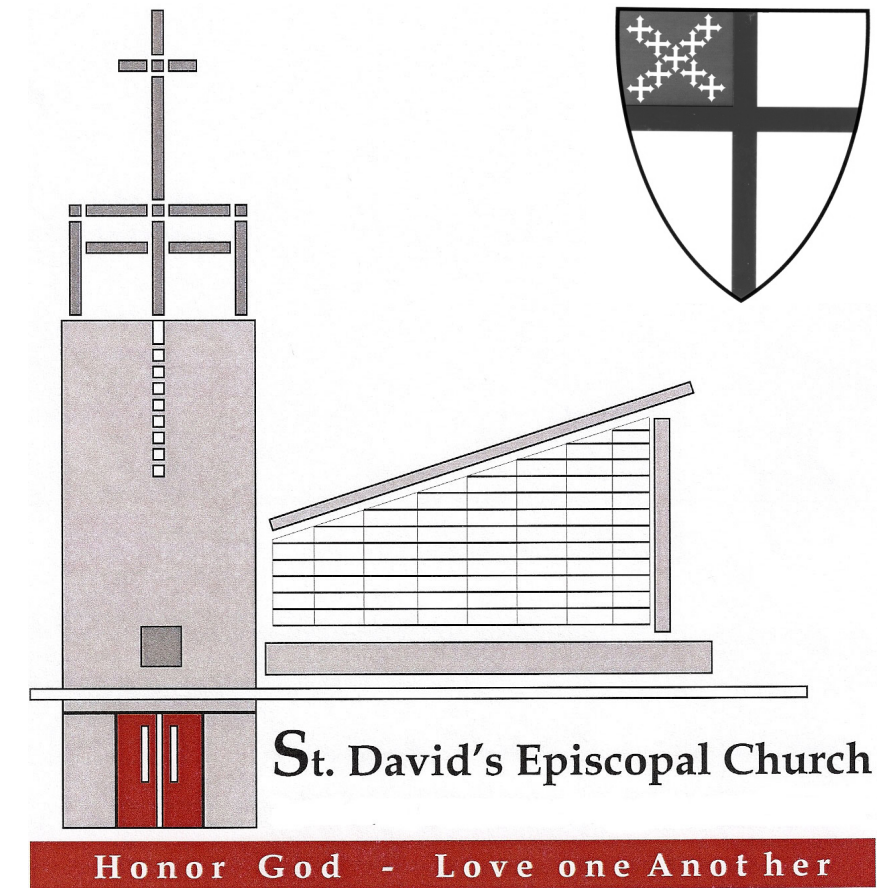
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**THE MESSENGER**

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**ANNUAL MEETING 2010**

**January 17, 2010**

**10:45 A.M.**

The meeting will begin with the Holy Eucharist which will include the Rector's Annual Address. The Annual Meeting will take place following the concluding hymn and before the blessing and dismissal.

Three vestry members will be elected. Their pictures and biographies are included in this edition. One delegate and one alternate will be elected to represent St. David's at meetings of the Northwest Convocation of Episcopal Churches and at the annual Diocesan Convention. Two members will also be elected to the St. David's Endowment Board.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Financials through Nov. 30, 2009  
These figures DO NOT include any fire related monies

**Income:**

Pledged:	\$345,387.65
Non-Pledged:	\$10,393.00
All Others:	\$66,687.78
Total Income:	\$422,468.43

**Expenses:**

Operations:	\$194,778.04
Salaries & Benefits:	\$182,738.89
Programs & Ministries:	\$17,508.06
Total Expenses:	\$395,024.99

**Publication Deadlines**

**"ATT" & Bulletin**  
Wednesday Noon of each  
week

**"Messenger"**  
the 20th of each month

**On-Line:**  
Information can be placed on  
the web anytime!

**Financial  
note:**

**Please remember to  
make out a separate  
check for your  
capital campaign  
contribution.  
Thank you-  
Christy**

## Youth Help Out at Doorstep And Welcome Kirsten Goodman New Youth Coordinator



The Youth of St. David's participated in assisting Doorstep in organizing their Christmas gift work. Attending were Lucy Hesse (left).

The Youth also welcomed our new Youth Coordinator Kirsten Goodman. Kirsten is a native Topekan who attended school in Denver CO. She later graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in Speech and Theatre.

She is a former radio air-personality and news reporter. She also worked in production and radio advertising. She is also a veteran of the stage.



Kirsten's will be in the office every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-2, plus Sunday morning. Her e-mail address is: [Kirsten@stdavidschurch.com](mailto:Kirsten@stdavidschurch.com) and you can reach her at the church office extension 105.

## Ten Welcomed in Rite of Confirmation on December 20th



Nine Teens and One adult were confirmed by Bishop Dean Wolfe on December 20th. The Confirmands were: Christopher Cruse, Tessa Duncan, Abby Fulton, Jensen Fair, Peter Hesse, Chloe Holman, Kelsey Haag, and Cara Wedeking. Also confirmed was Mike Typer.

## Daughters of the King NEWS

The Daughters of the King December meeting headlined Deacon Annie Hedquist telling us of "Finding the Joy in Christmas." Her inspiring message was so appropriate for this Advent season.

Our January meeting will feature our own Alice Johnston talking about her recent mission trip to Kenya.

The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King meets at 2:30 on the second Saturday of the month in the St. Phillips Prayer Room. For more information call Barb Waters (272-3067) or Louise Marvin (233-4532).

## JANUARY ST. DAVID'S MONTH TO SHINE!!

**January is our month to help stock the food pantry and staff the clothing room at Doorstep on Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28 as well as sort clothes on Monday, January 25. Last year we collected a little over 1,000 pounds of food. That's a lot but we can do better!!!** Items needed **all the time** in the pantry are: powdered and canned milk, egg noodles, pork n beans, tuna, jelly, canned fruit and veggies (especially **peas**), oatmeal, rice, pinto beans, boxed dinners, canned soups, crackers, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, cold cereal and baby food. **Please keep these items in mind each time you shop and be ready to donate as much as you can in January.**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for helping in the clothing room or call Mary Ann Jennings 273-1989 to volunteer.

### Who can vote at Annual Meetings?

**Section 1.** All baptized persons who, for the preceding year, have fulfilled the requirements of the Canon "Of the Due Celebration of Sundays", unless for good cause are prevented, are members of the Parish in good standing.

**Section 2.** All such members in good standing who, unless for good cause prevented, have received Holy Eucharist on at least three (3) occasions during the preceding year are communicants in good standing of this Parish.

**Section 3.** Constituent members shall be communicants in good standing as determined by the Rector, who are sixteen (16) years of age or older, and who in the preceding year have contributed financially to the support of the Parish. Constituent members shall have the right to vote on all matters presented at the Annual Parish Meeting or at Special Parish Meeting or at Special Parish Meetings.

a. Challenges to a person's right to vote shall be resolved by the presiding officer at the meeting.

b. Constituent members will not vote by proxy.

### Who is eligible to serve on the Vestry?

**Article 5 Section 1.** The Vestry shall consist of the Rector, who serves as ex-officio chair and nine (9) Vestry members, including the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden. All Vestry members shall be communicants who have the qualifications of constituent members at Parish Meetings and be certified by the Treasurer as having made a financial pledge for the upcoming year by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

*A complete copy of the by-laws of St. David's Episcopal Church is located on our website.*

## From the Parish Treasurer:

As we close out the financial books for 2009, we as a parish have much to be thankful for. We:

- Took in more in pledge income than had been anticipated.
- Staff kept control of expenses even with duplicative expenditures while occupying two buildings.

These two items allowed us to end the year with year-end operating revenues exceeding expenses. The Finance Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved, a plan to use the net to fund: 1) a \$6,000 block grant which can be used for expanded ministry and program expenditures during 2010; and, 2) the balance to be placed in a restricted account for St. David's building maintenance.

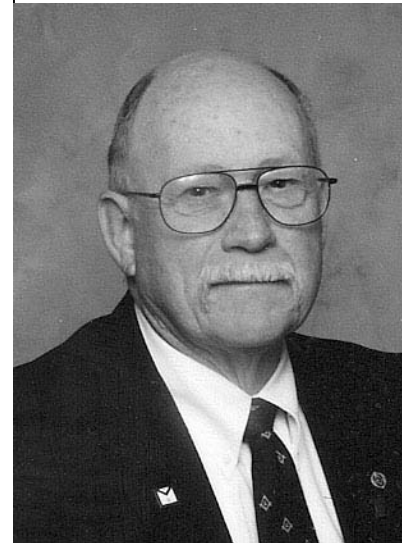
Speaking of the St. David's building, when construction began more than a year ago, your Vestry approved up to \$1.1 million in blended financing. Specifically, the Vestry approved up to a \$100,000 mortgage with a 15 year payoff and up to \$1,000,000 in a construction loan (to cover the commitments made to the Capital Campaign) to be paid over a 5 year period. Fortunately, because many parishioners prepaid their Capital Campaign commitments in the first year (close to \$750,000 of the projected total of \$1.2 million) St. David's will have NO mortgage on the building and will only carry a construction loan that must be paid off over the next 4 years. Because of these prepayments, we also will incur much lower interest costs over that period. Any additional prepayments will reduce these interest costs even more. The Finance Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved, a guide for the repayment of this construction loan (principal and interest) so that we may prevent cash flow issues while maximizing loan interest cost reductions.

To assist you in further understanding St. David's financial position, copies of the year-ending unaudited balance sheet, income & expense report and designated funds report have been placed on the St. David website. In addition, the 2010 operating budget approved by the Vestry at their December meeting is also on the website. And finally, a copy of a monthly report given to the Vestry to monitor Capital Campaign paid commitments as well as the guidelines for payment of the construction loan have also been placed on the website. All of these can be accessed by calling the church office to gain the login and password.

Thank you all for your commitments to St. David's.

Jim Edwards, Parish Treasurer

## Vestry Candidates Announced (continued)



Earl Olson was born IN Joplin, MO the son of a Registered Nurse who worked for Public Health and the VA he is 68 years old. As a young child he moved a number of times and lived mostly with his Grandparents.

Starting school in Springfield, MO he later graduated from High School in Garfield, Kansas. He attended Fort Hays State and Washburn University.

Raised as a Southern Baptist, he attended the Lutheran Church in Garfield, and later the Roman Catholic Church in Great Bend and Topeka. After the end of his first marriage he was looking for a church during which time he met Charmaine. She introduced him to the Episcopal Church and he ended up joining St. David's while Fr. John Nixon was serving as the interim Rector.

Earl and Charmaine were married in 1999. He has raised four children all adults, and Charmaine has two adult children. Together they have seven grandchildren. Earl retired from Ed Bozarth Chevrolet Parts Department and he now works part-time for NAPA.

R.E. Tuck Duncan is a candidate for a three-year term as a delegate, representing St. David's at meetings of the NW Convocation of Episcopal Churches and at the Diocesan Convention. Marcia Ransom is stepping down as a Delegate the last six-years and has accepted nomination as an Alternate for the next year filling the unexpired term of Mr. Duncan.

The Endowment Board will also present two names for ratification of the parish for membership on the board.

During the Annual Meeting the parish Treasurer will present the 2010 Budget as adopted by the Vestry (please see article in this edition). Other reports will be given by the retiring Senior Warden Wendy Bair-Loehr and retiring Junior Warden Jim Clowers.

Reports from the Vestry Committees, Parish Ministry Groups and other organizations will be posted on-line at [www.stdavidschurch.com](http://www.stdavidschurch.com). Members wishing to review the reports will need a login and password. Please call the office for that information, or pick-up an information sheet this Saturday or Sunday.

If you do not have an Internet connection and you wish a printed copy of the reports, please contact the office following the Annual Meeting and the requested reports will be mailed to you.

## MIQRA is Coming to St. David's, January 16-18, 2010.

MIQRA (meek-rah) is a weekend retreat that focuses on the Bible and allows teens to discover what's in it, why we should care, and how to read it.

### What's with the name?

"MIQRA" is a Hebrew word, which means "reading," and refers to the ancient Jewish practice of gathering at the local synagogue to hear a public reading of scripture.

### Is the Bible read out loud at MIQRA?

Yes. We read the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation in 72 hours! The reading is voluntary and participants take turns reading in shifts around the clock.

### What else happens along with the reading?

So many fun things happen at MIQRA! We play wacky games like Church Commandos and Nave Olympics. We have a movie night. We worship with the Mustard Seeds, our diocesan youth band. Participants attend engaging workshops on various biblical topics and hear clergy speak about the bible. Those who attend also meet with a small group several times to make friends and talk about what they're discovering about the Bible through the event.

### Why do we have this event?

The Bible is obviously important to the Christian faith, but many Christians may not know what's in it, may find it difficult to read, or may

not not know how it is relevant to their life. This event offers teens a chance to come together, make friends, ask questions, and learn about God's love letter to the world.

### When/Where do participants Arrive/ Depart?

Registration begins at Grace Cathedral for ALL youth participants at 12:30 pm on Saturday the 16th. Youth participants should eat before arrival. No lunch will be served on Saturday. The event ends at 10:30 am on Monday the 18th. ALL youth can be picked up Monday morning at Grace Cathedral.

Registration forms are now available on our website, or by e-mail. Please contact Kirsten Goodman at [Kirsten@stdavidschurch.com](mailto:Kirsten@stdavidschurch.com).



Andrea Blaauw assisting at Doorstep.

### Wendy's Wall

Well, here we are in January, 2010. Another year, let alone another decade, has gone by. We are in a time of transitions. At St. David's we are transitioning from an old church to a new church, an old way of worshiping to a new one, and an old role in our community to great potential for a new one.

More specifically, our vestry is in transition at this time; saying goodbye to 3 members and welcoming 3 new ones. The ministries and committees are in transition; adding new members and establishing their annual goals. Our programming, specifically our youth program, is in transition as well.

Transitions can be stressful and frustrating, but they can also provide new opportunities and new ways of doing things.

One of my resolutions this year is to not let my commitment to worshiping and being involved in church decrease. It's easy to think, "I've done my share as a vestry member and senior warden. The church is built. Others will step up." However, I know better. I know that others will not demand it of me, but I resolve to demand it of myself.

During this time of transition, I encourage you to not fall into the thinking that the work is done. There are new as well as familiar opportunities to be connected at St. David's. Now is a great time to set your spiritual course. Join me and consider resolving to stay connected, come regularly and be involved!

May God bless you with peace, love and humor.

Wendy Bair-Loehr  
Senior Warden

### MEET ALEX JOSLIN

Alex is a senior at THS where he is in Madrigals, Robed Choir, and Mixed Chorus. He has become part of St. David's Adult Choir, Hand Chimes, and Contemporary ensemble. He likes music!!

Now that Christmas is over with all its musical demands, we begin a new season which includes Easter. Please consider joining one of the musical groups we have here at St. David's. It's a wonderful way to give of your talents amongst a great group of people!

Rehearsals are the following:  
Contemporary meets Tuesdays 5:45 pm & Saturdays at 12 noon  
Hand Chimes meets Thursdays 6:00 pm  
Adult Choir meets Thursdays 7:00 pm  
Liturgical Dance prepares for special festive occasions and meets Sundays after the 10:45 service  
Contact Donna at 845-1342 or email [dosborne@stdavidschurch.com](mailto:dosborne@stdavidschurch.com) if interested!

### Office Phone Extensions

Lisa Beebe, Parish Secretary, 100  
Christy McMullen, Director of Financial Admin 101  
Fr. Don Davidson, Rector 104  
Kirsten Goodman, Youth Coordinator, 105  
Donna Osborne, Director of Music, 114  
  
You can call the office at anytime and leave a message for anyone above just by knowing their extension.

## Vestry Nominee's Announced

**Spencer Duncan** is a 34-year member of St. David's, having been baptized within its walls months after his birth. Spencer was a member of the Search Committee that recommended the hiring of Father Don;



Parish Life, Christian Education and Community Ministry committees; taught Middle School Christian education for several years; and is a founding member of the "Breakfast Crew."

Spencer operates Capitol Connection, LLC a governmental lobbying organization. He is also a licensed Private Detective and

works part-time at Hastings Entertainment. He is the author of the book "Historic Shawnee County: A History of Topeka and Shawnee County." Spencer holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Baker University, and a B.S. in Journalism and B.A. in English from the University of Kansas.

He is the son of parishioners Tuck and Kathy Duncan, brother of Ryan and uncle to Tessa Duncan.

**Anne B. Hesse** grew up in Topeka and is a lifelong Episcopalian, she is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in Fine Arts, with emphasis in graphic design & visual communication. Her background includes work

in the fields of marketing, advertising, sales management, and free-lance graphic design.

In 2001, Anne

earned her Real Estate license.

She is an active member of the Topeka Area Assoc. of Realtors®, and has served on several of their committees.

Currently she lists and sells real estate with Hawks Real Estate Professionals. A combination of her past work into her present real estate career provides the perfect balance for her love of design, sales and management, with her desire to run her own business.

Anne's free time is devoted to my family and their activities. Scott and Anne have been married since 1986. They have three teenage children: Lucy, Sam, and Peter, plus Ellie the cat, and Otis - the dog. In addition to tending to work and family, Anne has the volunteered for my St. David's family: as a Sunday school teacher, member of the endowment board, three years on the Stewardship committee, and as a member of, and current Chair of Parish Life and Welcoming Ministry. Her Other interests include cooking, photography, and gardening.



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