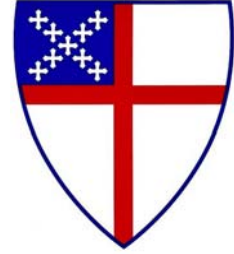


THE MESSENGER

October, 2011
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ASSET MAPPING OCTOBER 12th EVERYONE NEEDED



YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED, AND WE WILL FEED YOU!

On Wednesday, October 12 we invite all members of the Parish to participate in an Asset Mapping workshop to help with planning efforts. This is a hands-on, fun event led by Char Dewitt of the Dioceses. It will take place in the Parish Hall.

A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m.

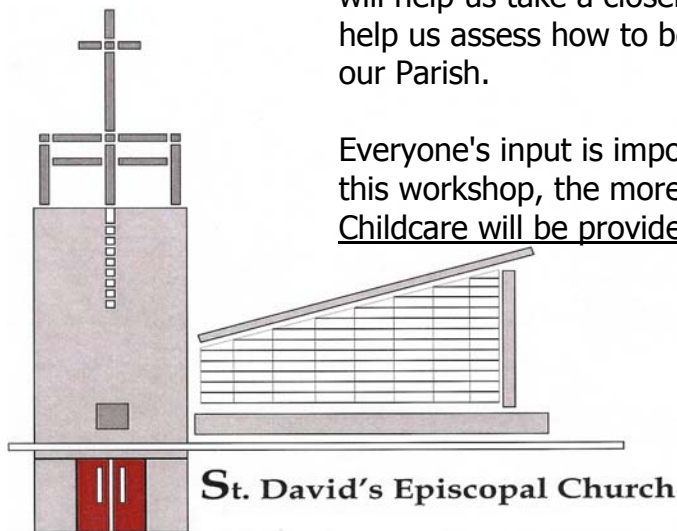
What is Asset Mapping, you ask? Think of this as a way to ponder the question Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have? Go and see." Mark 6. This concept is to help create a list of things we have vs. the tendency to create lists of things we don't have. This fast paced workshop is for discussing how you can put what you have, or could have, potentially to work.



As St. David's works to examine new projects and programming, your Vestry requests your input. This one-night workshop will help us take a closer look at the resources we have and help us assess how to better use those resources to strengthen our Parish.

Everyone's input is important and the more who participate in this workshop, the more effective it will be. Please attend.
Childcare will be provided!!!

This project is being sponsored by the Vestry Stewardship Committee. If you have questions, please contact Spencer Duncan, Chair. His e-mail address is listed on the back page of this edition.



Honor God - Love one Another



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Back to School Party

The middle and high school youth groups had parties this month to get reacquainted before Sunday School started on the 11th. Rob and Margaret Telthorst opened their home to us (and what a great place!) and we had a BBQ, played volleyball, basketball, and croquet. The Sr. youth group didn't let a little rain dampen the party! A good time was had by all!

Youth Advisory Group

The Youth Advisory Group needs you!!! The Youth Ministry at St. David's is an important group that helps plan events and activities for the whole group. We have a dedicated and active core group of adults, and now we're looking for more teens to get involved. We meet just one evening a month, on Ministry Night. That's the second Wednesday every month. The meetings last for about an hour. We would love to have you! If you are interested, contact [Kirsten](#) or just show up October 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center.

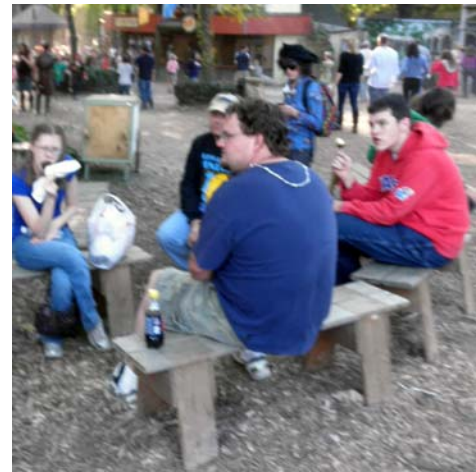
Senior Prom

Because we had so much fun at last year's Senior Prom, we decided we would do it again! So Saturday night, October 22nd, grab your sweetie and head to the parish hall, starting at 7:00 p.m. and let's cut the rug! We will have refreshments and music from the big band era right up through rock-n-roll! It is going to be a blast! You don't have to be a senior either. All adults welcome!

A Day at the Renaissance Festival

Saturday, October 1st, the St. David's youth group and supporters headed for the Renaissance Festival to raise some money for the youth group. We all worked

a three hour shift (and I do mean work!) and the Ren Fest is paying us \$500! That money will go



into our trip fund. Everyone worked hard and played hard. So I just want to send out a huge THANK YOU to all who made this possible: Sherri and Bill Newman, Sandra and Larry French, Christie Wedeking, Bryan Irvine, Wendy Pickell, Scott Smith, Rita and George Webb, Mariel Wedeking, Matt Goodman, Aaliyah Shannon, Sydney Webb, Andrea Blaauw, Ariel Smith, Sam Hesse, Jacob Goodman, and Karly Hanna. If we can, let's do it again next year!



*Senior Warden's
Bits of Wisdom
Ronda Hoss, Senior Warden*



Senior Warden's address to the Congregation at all Services

Lord of the harvest, send us into your vineyard as faithful workers;
free us from all idleness and envy;
let your grace be sufficient for all who are weak.
The things, good Lord, that we pray for,
give us the grace to labor for;
The things that human labor cannot achieve
we ask you to provide by your grace alone,
until your kingdom is fully established on earth
as it is in heaven..
Amen.

Now here's a story sure to offend everyone-from starchy uptights to t-shirters. An employer draws from the pool of village temps at 9 am, at noon, at 3 pm, and once again near 5 pm. That's cool. The guy needs as much help as he can get in his field. But here's the rub: not long after the last group arrives it's quitting time. Each group saunters up for their paycheck and when the newly arrived get a full day's wage-eyebrows rise. If these slackers get full price, just think of what's ahead for the rest of us who have worked through the heat of the day, they think! But alas, every temp gets the same darn wage. As grumbling temps threaten to call in the Better Business Bureau, Jesus cuts to the kingdom of heaven punch line: "Are you jealous because I am generous?" Grace can be unpredictable!

As a teacher, a mother and as Senior Warden I know a bit about unpredictable grace. I sure had no idea what this year was going to be like, and as one of the youngest people to serve in this position I had not had a lot of experience... and yet this parish is full of unpredictable grace. Our fire... people came together and made our unpredictable predictable. We all discovered what church was all about and it was not a building. Storms come and storms go and where they land no one knows. Every day new challenges some we cannot know others we know better than we would like... and we have dealt with all of them.

Let me share with you a few things about unpredictable, and yet wonderful grace:

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DOORSTEP FUNDRAISERS

Cinnamon rolls and Scentsy wickless scented warmers may be ordered at St. David's October 1 - October 16. Doorstep will benefit from the sales. ALL helping agencies are needing more and more funds to help offset grants and other sources of money that are drying up or already gone, some for at least a few years. Please keep them in your prayers and help out with donations when you can.

Cinnamon Rolls

The same **delicious** rolls many of you raved about last year are once again available. You will get a baking pan, the frozen rolls, homemade frosting and instructions with each order. Each pan costs \$8 and \$5 will go to Doorstep. Stock up for the upcoming holidays. The rolls need to be kept frozen until you are ready to bake them.

Scentsy Warmers

Scentsy is the brand name of a product that a consultant has offered to donate 20-25% of her proceeds to Doorstep, depending on how much is sold by church congregations. If the total order from all congregations is over \$2,000, 25% of the proceeds will benefit Doorstep. There are **many choices** and catalogs will be available for you to browse. Besides the warmers, there are 80 fragrances of wax to choose from and other products as well. **The warmers and other products make wonderful gifts.** For a preview of what you can order, go to www.WicklessRedhead.com and click on browse at the top of the home page. That takes you to where you can click on catalog. **Please do not order from the web site as Doorstep will not get credit!** There will be 2 samples of the warmers to see at church but you'll have to rely on the written descriptions of the fragrances. There will be catalogs available to browse as well but they can't be taken from the church. Also, you can order at Doorstep.

Both products will be delivered **November 4 in the church parking lot** and also will be available at each service that week end. **Since that is the week end for the Bazaar, if you can pick up on the 4th, please do. Freezer space for the cinnamon rolls will be at a premium.** PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME YOU ORDER. Cash or checks made out to Doorstep for the cinnamon rolls and cash, check (made to Doorstep) or credit card for the Scentsy products. Tax will be added to Scentsy orders.

Please remember **donations are always welcome.** There will be a collection box for donations or you can send a check directly to Doorstep at 1119 SW 10th Avenue, 66604.

Mary Ann Jennings will try to answer any questions at 273-1989.

Thank you from the Community Ministry Group

Christmas Bazaar Opportunity

To benefit St. David's Music Program of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Noah's Ark, along with Noah and his wife,

Plus seven sets of animals, including
Elephant, Giraffe, Zebra, Crocodile, Camel, Rhino, and Lion,

And a ramp so they can enter the ark.

Will be on display as soon as the display case is available.
(Display Case Not Included in the drawing)

We suggest a donation of \$2.00 for 3 or \$3.00 for 5 opportunities to
receive the ark, and they are available from Alice Johnston or
Kristi and Charles Baker.

I brought this set back from Kenya this summer. It was hand carved by Peter, whom I had the pleasure of meeting. He is the artist who carved three Nativity Scenes for me. Just show anything to Peter, and he can carve it. What a skill. --Alice Johnston





NEWS FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Our September meeting was a coffee to welcome prospective new members to the order. Carol Ballentine gave an overview of the history, purpose and responsibilities expected from members of the Daughters of the King. Several guests indicated they would be interested in the new class which begins on October 1 and continues until November 19th. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 until 11:30. If you are interested in becoming a member but have not yet signed up, please contact Carol Ballentine at 862-2128.

New officers were installed for the new term: Diane Bernheimer, President; Louise Marvin, Vice President; Betsy Hamm, Secretary; and Amy DuPuis, Treasurer.

Our October meeting will feature a representative from the Topeka Rescue Mission telling us of the services provided and giving an update on the situation there.

The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King meets at 10:30 am on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please call Diane Bernheimer at 232-1066 or Louise Marvin at 233-4532.

Music News

UPCOMING ORGAN RECITAL!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 13th at 4:00 pm when Dr. Elisa Bickers will play an organ recital for us. She teaches at UMKC and is principal organist at Village Presbyterian church in Kansas City. There will be a wine and cheese reception in the Parish Hall afterward.

Publication Deadlines

"ATT" & Bulletin

Wednesday Noon of each week

"Messenger"

the 20th of each month

On-line Information

Submit at anytime.

We really love pictures.

Financials through Aug. 31, 2011

Income:

Pledged:	\$271,747.00
Non-Pledged:	\$ 10,821.00
All Others:	<u>\$ 91,642.50</u>
Total Income:	\$374,210.50

Expenses:

Operations:	\$147,223.34
Salaries & Benefits:	\$140,078.42
Programs & Ministries:	<u>\$ 12,623.74</u>
Total Expenses:	\$299,925.50



Rector's Ramblings

Two Thoughts One Moment

Page One: Looking through a kitchen cupboard can be exciting, a sort of Christmas experience. I am never sure what is back there in the dark. Sometimes I find something that I actually remember purchasing but most of the time I have no idea why I got that can of chocolate covered grasshoppers for example.

Yet before anyone can create any culinary delight, they really have to know they have all the necessary ingredients and that usually requires a tactile examination of the inner cupboard space.

On October 12th, the Stewardship Committee has arranged an exploration of sorts. Every person has been given wonderful gifts for the growth of our relationship with God. Each gift is awesome in its own way, but before we as a community...a baptismal family can begin a new journey we need to know what we have in our gifts cupboard. That is the whole idea behind asset mapping. You will discover some of your own gifts and the parish will discover what we as a group have to give the world.

I truly need you to attend. The better the turn-out the better we will know what we have, and the more we will be enabled to move forward as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord. We will have a delicious dinner, childcare will be provided

and the evening will not be long nor boring. Your presence will give us a great deal of help.

Page Two: In the next few weeks I will be announcing the introductory meeting for confirmation 2012. We will have one or two classes depending on the number of folks interested. If you are a teen in grades 7 or 8 and have not been confirmed in the Episcopal Church, please consider attending. If you are an adult and are new to the Episcopal Church no matter if you have been confirmed in another church, please consider attending. Bishop Wolfe is scheduled to visit us on February 5, 2012.

Page Three: The Vestry has begun work on a five-year strategic plan. You will be hearing more and more about this in the next few weeks. The work is being facilitated by our own Tod Bunting and Mark Jensen. At the end of the work, we hope to have major goals and objectives as well as a consistent approach to our ministry as a parish over the next five year period.

Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in putting this plan together as we are very interested in your thoughts about moving forward. We have been deeply blessed these last few years and now we need to grow and share.

Finally, I passed my 7th anniversary as your Rector a few weeks ago. I am very proud of St. David's and excited about our future. I love this parish with my heart, and I am honored to serve our Lord and each of you. Thank you!

SUNFLOWER ORGAN INITIATIVE

Governor Sam Brownback has recently signed a proclamation called the SUNFLOWER ORGAN INITIATIVE which calls attention to the pipe and electronic organs within Kansas. This originated with the Wichita AGO (American Guild of Organists) chapter in order to promote the instrument to the younger generation as well as to those who have had little exposure to it. During the month of October, I will be deemed a "Sunflower Organist"!! and try to show-off the instrument in a worship setting. Please feel free to ask questions!



Organists with Governor Sam Brownback.



The 2nd Annual St. David's Bazaar November 5, 2011

The time is fast approaching!!! Have you started your crafts and/or picked out your cookie recipe?? It's time to get started! All items should be turned in the week before (Oct 31 - Nov 4).

Chances are available for the beautiful Heart Quilt in the hallway created by Diana Allen at a suggested \$1.00 per chance or 6 chances for a suggested \$5.00 donation. Donations for tickets can be made at the Servant's Shoppe or with any Community Ministry member.

Something For Nothing!! Free Lunch!!

Alan Fries

Not true you say? Well, I've found a way for you to actually give something for nothing. Thanks to the efforts of our Community Outreach committee, (Pam Tregemba and Betty Bowling in particular), St. Davidians have the chance to buy HyVee or Dillon's gift cards that are good for groceries or gas. These cards are available at all our services on the first weekend of each month. The Dillon's cards are also good at Kwik-Shop and other Kroger brand stores across the country. I've used my gift cards in Denver and Cincinnati!

So where's the something for nothing? You buy the cards at face value, nothing more. When you use them, HyVee or Dillon's sends our Outreach committee a rebate of 5 to 6%. You spend nothing more than you would anyway and St. David's Outreach gets money back to support and expand their ministry.

The cards are easy to use; even I can use them! And while 5 to 6% may not seem like much, the power comes from the number of folks that use them. With gas at \$3.50 a gallon, it doesn't take much to spend \$250 a month on gas and groceries. If 20 people bought \$250 a month in gift cards, our return from the merchants would be \$3,000 in a year. For no extra money, you've just given our Outreach efforts a tremendous boost!

If buying cards for the whole month on the first weekend is difficult, Pam and Betty always have cards available, just ask them. Please join me in this no-cost way to help our Outreach efforts grow!

Sounding a Thank You

Every Tuesday night, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning as I play the drums in the St. Davids Group, I marvel at how wonderful it is to have the sound system we have! Using the monitor that sits on the floor between Donna and me, I can hear all the voices plus the guitar and the keyboard just as the congregation hears them. That is extremely help to me in keeping the proper beat. The mikes help the congregation to hear each voice and the people running the wonderful sound panel at the back blends the voices and the instruments so the very best sound is produced.

Playing in this group is one of the joys of my life. I feel like I am truly praising God by making music. Because of the money raised for the new church we are able to enjoy this wonderful sound system and it helps both the musical group and the congregation to praise God and give thanks for the multitude of blessings of this life.

By continuing our pledges and creating a fund to maintain our beautiful building with its electronic gems we can all be a part of making sure that the wonderful things we have will continue in the future.

Ann Palmer

Anne served as the co-chair of the Construction and Architectural Committee during the various stages of construction after the fire. She also served as a member of the Capital Campaign Committee and is currently a member of the Building and Grounds Committee.

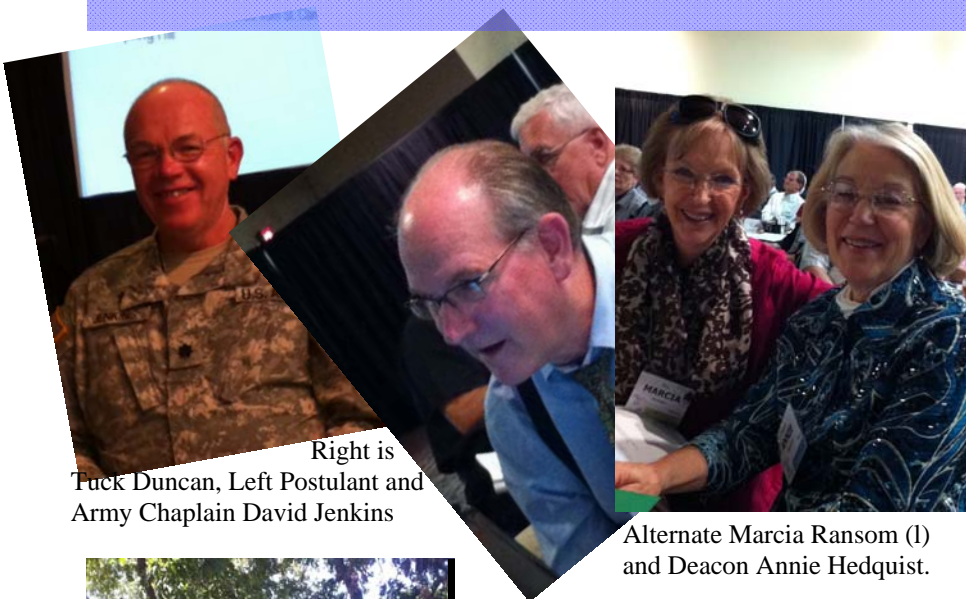
SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFF TO A GREAT START

So far we have registered 51 young men and women in our Sunday school program for 2011-2012. That includes:

- 7 Tiny Tots
- 7 Pre-K/K
- 9 Grades 1-3
- 6 Grades 4-5
- 10 Middle School
- 12 High School

We still have lots of room, and we know there a goodly number of kids who have not yet registered this year. Let's get going!



Right is Tuck Duncan, Left Postulant and Army Chaplain David Jenkins

Alternate Marcia Ransom (l) and Deacon Annie Hedquist.

St. David's was represented by Sherri Newman, Tuck Duncan, Ethel Edwards and Marcia Ransom at the 2012 Diocesan Convention. Also attending were Postulants David Jenkins and Charles Baker, Fr. Don, Mtr. Barbara, Deacon Annie, Karen Clowers, Kristi Baker, Mike Francis, Sydney Webb, Andrea Blaauw, Marcie Davidson, Bill Newman, Jim Edwards, Harvey and Mary Hillin. Thanks to one and all.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Annual Blessing of the Animals was held on Sunday, Oct. 2 at Gage Park. This was the 29th annual event founded by St. David's under the leadership of then Rector Fr. Bill Crews.

Fr. Don presided with 4 other

Sydney Webb, Meriel Wedeking and Julia Frühwein an exchange student from Germany. Over 150 dogs and owners attended this year.

Senior Warden's Bits of Wisdom Continued

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- For six years our membership has increased.
- For six years we have ended each year with more money in the bank at the end of the year than what we had at the beginning of the year.
- We have paid off our construction loan and we have no debt at all.
- Our Endowment Fund has more than quadrupled its size in seven years, and has made contributions back to the church and the community fulfilling its mission.
- We are closing-in on the \$100,000.00 amount on our way to building a fund to maintain our new building for many years to come.

Unpredictable Grace... Thanks be to God.

We have challenges and they are not that much different than the challenges each of us face in our own lives. In 2012 we hope to hold expenses as close to 2011 as possible. We will have some changes, mostly in health care costs. In 2013 we will be hit again and that will be even more significant. Stay tuned.

We all have to participate in this process and that involves sacrifice. I know I have heard this before... if your giving last year did not hurt a little, then you are not giving enough. Why should your church be in last place ... behind clubs and sports and all kinds of personal entertainment. It is not that those things are bad... nah, I love them too...you bet. My kids love sports... my husband loves hunting and fishing. But why should my church rank last in my giving behind them?

Before I came to St. David's I attended another church. They printed a weekly bulletin much like we do, however theirs was a bit different. Listed every week in red was what was not brought in for the weekly budget. I had always felt a bit of dread when the collection plate was being passed. Like many I was giving as much as my family could. However, that was not enough to cover the bills. I am so thankful that here at St. David's we have been blessed to be able to pay the church's expenses and to even help out our members who need a helping hand at times. We are able to do this due to our wonderful brothers and sisters of Christ who not only pledge but also fulfill their pledge. We have a lot to be thankful for as members of St. David's this is only one of them.

Ours is a changing world and we have many options that try to seduce us with all kinds of things and plans. Nothing on earth is like church because nothing is like God. Only God is God and your relationship with God is your own. St. David's needs you, and you know that when you need your church we will be here for you. Life is unpredictable, God's grace is not.

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