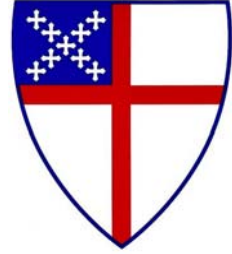


THE MESSENGER

September, 2011

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A GOAL REACHED!

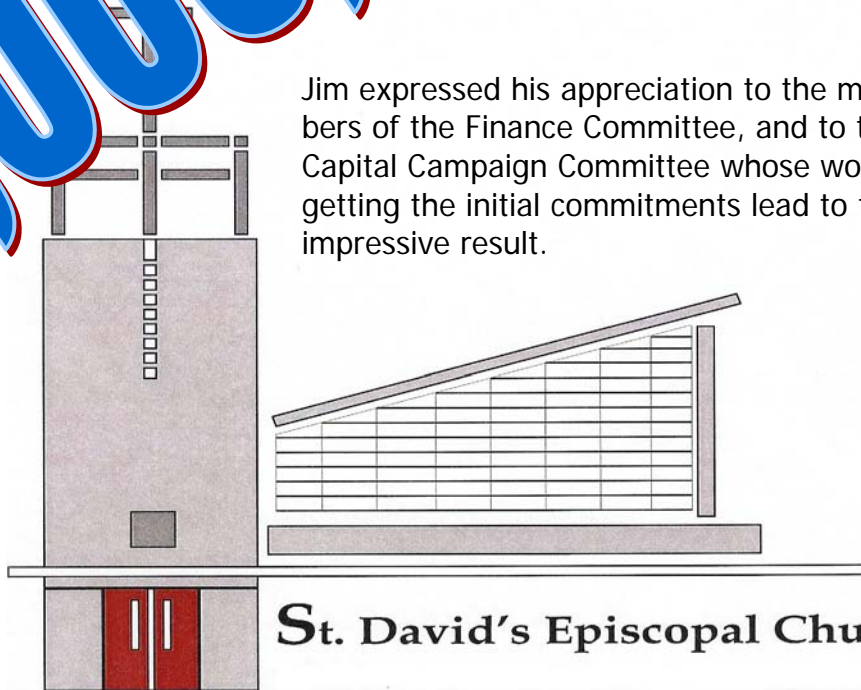


At the last regular meeting of the Vestry of St. David's Episcopal Church the Treasurer, Jim Edwards on behalf of the Vestry's Finance Committee reported that contributions to the Recovery Fund had topped the One Million Dollar Mark! This GREAT news comes just months after paying off the building loan. It allows us to raise a building major maintenance fund for the care of our building in case of emergencies for many years to come.

\$1,005,000.00

Jim expressed his appreciation to the members of the Finance Committee, and to the Capital Campaign Committee whose work in getting the initial commitments lead to this impressive result.

When all commitments are paid to the fund, total commitments may reach as high as \$150,000.00!



St. David's Episcopal Church

Honor God - Love one Another



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Let's Help



This summer, St. David's youth had an opportunity to participate in a valuable community service by helping serve lunch at Let's Help in June and July. The youth served hundreds of people and really stepped up to the plate, so to speak. So we give a big shout-out to all youth group members who helped this summer!!!

Sunday school starts September 11th!

To welcome youth back to Christian Education, we are having a party on Saturday, September 10th at the home of Rob and Margaret Telthorst, 6734 SW 69th St. We invite all middle school students, that's grades 6-8, to a party from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All high school students, 9-12 are invited to a party from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. We'll have a BBQ and play games. Please help us to welcome your youth back to Sunday school in style. See you there!

Cooler Fundraiser Ever

Hail and huzzah!! The combined Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups have an opportunity to earn \$500 for the group! We will be working a food booth at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any youth 14 or older and all adults are invited to participate. We need a team of at least 10 people. Team members receive free admission. If we get 20 people each person would only work a ½ shift and the rest of the day to enjoy the festival. Please contact Kirsten for more information or to sign up!

Back by Popular Demand

At the urging of last year's attendees, the Combined Youth Group will host our second Senior Prom on Saturday, October 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The youth will decorate our Parish Hall, and we'll be providing food and beverages, of course. This year, we'd like to extend the invitation to all St. David's couples! So mark your calendar, and grab your sweetie for an evening of fun, dancing, food and fellowship!

St. David's is hosting Happening for the first time in a looonng while

What is Happening? Happening is an event **by** youth **for** youth. It's a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. Happening is scheduled for November 18th through the 20th. See the Diocese youth webpage: <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth/>

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



Hard to believe that school has started and September has arrived. What is even more amazing to me is how fast the time has flown by since becoming Senior Warden. I do not believe I could say that it was uneventful. I am very thankful for the support I received from everyone so far this year. Even if you think you have done anything ... you have.

Sunday school will be up and running soon. Please consider the importance of a Christian Education for your children.

Everyone who has made a pledge this year or contributes to the offering each Sunday has helped. It is because of the financial backing St. David's has received that I was able to lean on others and our ministry groups for help.

As we approach the upcoming Stewardship Campaign I would like everyone to reflect on this year and imagine how it could have ended up had we not had the wonderful financial support from our families of St. David's.

Thank you all!

Ronda

Lectors (Readers needed)

We need four or five more volunteers. Specifically the need is for someone to read the Second Lesson at the 10:45 AM service on the 3rd Sunday of every month, someone to read the Second Lesson at the 10:45 AM service on the 4th Sunday of every month, and someone to read at the 9:00 AM service and someone to read the Second Lesson at the 10:45 Service on the 5th Sunday of every month (in which there are five Sundays).

Lectors are appointed by the Rector and then scheduled by our "Lector Lead" Robert Pfuetze. If you are interested and would be willing to assist, the lessons are posted each week on our website and you can contact Fr. Don and let him know of your interest.

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGGIES

During September the suggested foods to donate for Doorstep are canned fruits and vegetables. **Tomatoes, peas, mixed veggies and potatoes are often mentioned as veggies that are in short supply. Corn and green beans are almost always available so if you think of it, try to provide more variety. Any canned fruits are fine. HOWEVER, any non perishable, up to date food is always welcome.**

It doesn't appear the times are getting any better, so **whatever** you can donate will go to good use. Community Ministries thanks you for your generosity.

DOORSTEP REMINDERS

Continue donating clean, in season clothing-it's time to think of autumn! Buy bargain children's clothing including pj's and underwear sizes 6-16 for Doorstep's Christmas store. We will collect in November and early December.

Support the fall fundraiser October 1-16.

Cinnamon rolls and scentsy warmers will be delivered Nov. 5-6

Think of Doorstep when making charitable donations. All the money is spent locally.

Make out checks to Doorstep and send to:

Doorstep, Inc.,
1119 SW 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66604-1105.

Consider being a regular volunteer for Doorstep or The Dove Tail Shoppe. Call Christy at 357-5341 for more information

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!

Building Bridges, Not Walls

A memorial Service on 9/11/11

2-3 p.m., reception from 3-4

Mount Hope Chapel, 17th & Fairlawn



There is much that divides people of different races, religions, classes and creeds. On this decade marker of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01, many faith communities in Topeka will come together to affirm the human connections between us.

Some would have us increase our divisions and build walls of separation. At this memorial service we will come together as a strong human community to build bridges, instead.

Humanity will never forget the losses we suffered on that tragic day, yet in remembering we must ask: what legacy might be appropriate to honor those we lost? How can we honor first responders and others who lived lives of service, and gave their all on 9/11/01?

Faith groups and Washburn University have partnered in organizing acts of service throughout the weekend of 9/9 – 9/11. You are invited to bring canned goods to the service to help re-stock local food banks.



NEWS FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Marcia Ransom was the featured speaker for our August meeting, sharing with us her insights on spiritual gifts. She called on us to read passages from the New Testament which talked of spiritual gifts and she then illustrated how these gifts could be manifested in our actions today. Members were very interested in her topic and we hope to have her back for a longer period of time when we can go more in depth learning of our spiritual gifts.

New officers were elected for the new term. Diane Bernheimer, President; Louise Marvin, Vice President; Betsy Hamm, Secretary; and Amy DuPuis, Treasurer, will be installed at the September meeting. Our September meeting will be a coffee for all women of St. David's (men are welcome!). Those interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King and our classes which begin in October are given a special invitation.

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.

SUMMER'S MUSIC!

We at St. David's went from hearing Patrick Dittamo's early instruments and song, to the Capital City barber shoppers, to the many solo voices in between! What a privilege to be so blessed with such willing and able talent! My thanks especially to all who have participated in these summer worship services.

Now it's time to re-group and begin our Fall

Music Program!

HANDCHIMES begin Thursday, September 1st at 6:00 pm. This group plays preludes and offertories every 3rd Sunday for the 10:45 service. Handchimes are easier to play when compared to handbells, and we welcome anyone to try them out.

ADULT CHOIR also resumes on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 pm. This group sings anthems and leads the music on 2nd and 4th Sundays at the 10:45 service. We are always open to new voices joining us.

LITURGICAL DANCE will begin later this fall. It is open to those who enjoy creative movement as we interpret our worship music.

There will be another **ORGAN RECITAL** on Sunday afternoon, November 13th. Featured will be Dr. Elisa Bickers, recent KU graduate who spent a year teaching at Washburn University.

More on that later, but please save the date! For any questions, contact Donna 845-1342 or Donna@stdavidschurch.com

Financials through July 31,, 2011

Income:

Pledged:	\$235,234.00
Non-Pledged:	\$ 7771.00
All Others:	\$ 72,996.38
Total Income:	\$316,001.38

Expenses:

Operations:	\$129,038.17
Salaries & Benefits:	\$121,894.54
Programs & Ministries:	\$ 10,946.79
Total Expenses:	\$261,879.50



Rector's Ramblings

My first Sunday school teacher, that I can remember, was Mrs. Dorothy Moore. Mrs. Moore

was some kind of shirt-tail cousin (a term that I still do not fully comprehend, what does a shirt-tail have to do with relatives anyway) as my Grandmother's maiden name was Moore.

Mrs. Moore was strict, there was no funny business in her class. She came into class, sat behind her desk and never moved. In fact I thought she only existed in that classroom and was forever somehow magically attached to that chair forever. Later my Mother ran into her in the parking lot of the IGA store and I was shocked to know that she walked and talked and had a Nash.

Sunday school leaves important impressions on young minds. Significantly more than the one I shared. Our children need to know that there is a spiritual world in addition to the secular world of math, reading, and social studies. They need to know what it means to be and live and act as a Christian so that when they are presented with difficult questions they can rely on their faith as a foundation of their decision making.

Unlike the days of my youth, Sunday mornings are filled with options. Many groups hold rehearsals and practices not alone tournaments all conflicting with the one-two hours of re-charging ones faith batteries each week. Sadly, the reason

that kids do not come to Sunday school is that their parents do not come to church. Often that reason is simply because it is no longer a part of their weekly schedule. The most often used excuse for not coming to church that I hear is "I just got out of the habit" followed by I am out of town, I just don't care anymore.

Fifteen-twenty years from now your children and grandchildren will have no idea what church is about, not know the difference between the Episcopal Church and others, and have no idea what it means to base ethical decisions on personally held spiritual values.

So, I make this annual plea to get up on Sunday morning and make church and Sunday school a priority in your life and that of your children and grandchildren.

Connie Wold is our Chair of Christian formation for youth and she is ready for every child that comes to our program pre-k through high school. Sunday school runs from 9:45-10:35 every Sunday morning! Try making it a habit.

On another note, a big thank you this month to our Vestry and Finance Committee and our Capital Campaign Committee for achieving the One Million Dollar Mark on our Capital Campaign. Thank you all, and thanks to every family that made a commitment to bring us where we are today.

Christian Formation for Adults

WHEN: SUNDAYS 9:30 to 10:25

WHERE: ST. PHILLIP'S ROOM
(OFF PARISH HALL)

BRING: YOURSELF

(WITH COFFEE AND BREAKFAST
IF YOU LIKE)

CURRENT SERIES TOPIC:

HERESIES - WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY
DO THEY MATTER?

We are discussing heresies from the perspective of a book by the Right Reverend C. Fitzsimons Allison,

The Cruelty of Heresy: an affirmation of Christian Orthodoxy, Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1994.

We will examine each heresy from two lenses:

- 1) what is that belief? and
- 2) what are the personal life implications of behaving on that belief? For instance the Ebonite heresy rejects the divinity of Jesus, asserting that he was fully human, earning Messiah status after having lived perfectly. Today we might call it the "Roger Bannister or Jim Ryun" doctrine of atonement....Namely, if one just tries hard enough (example being a mile run under 4 minutes), one can accomplish what seemed impossible previously...

In this heresy, the Good News of the Gospel is reduced to a message "try harder." With effort, one might even achieve the "Gospel of Prosperity." Spiritually one then

may collapse under the weight of life's demands, or reduce those to one's can appear to righteously handle (with white-wash, mirrors, telling lies, and looking good....at least when folks are watching)... The path is either to despair or self-righteousness.....

Parish Notes:

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family of Ruth O'Riely who was buried from St. David's Church on August 1, 2011.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Judy Craig and family on the death of Jim Craig who was buried from St. David's Church on August 6, 2011.

The parish congratulates Brad and Brooke Allen on the birth of their son Evan Nelson. Evan is the grandson of Diana Allen.

The parish congratulates Jennifer and James Mayfield on the birth of their daughter Hailey Elizabeth. Hailey is the granddaughter of Sherri and Bill Newman.

The parish congratulates Tom and Lauren Webb on their wedding held in Kansas City on August 6th with Fr. Don officiating at the military wedding. Tom will be soon joining the United States Army JAG corps after graduating recently from Washburn School of Law. Lauren is a RN at St. Francis Hospital.

The parish congratulates in anticipation of the wedding of Miss Katie Vogue the daughter of Greg and Janell to Mr. Travis Renna son of Karina and Tony. They will be married soon in Nags Head, NC.

**ALL PARISH LUNCH
(pot-luck)
REALLY GOOD FOOD**

WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP

FANTASTIC PRICE

The Parish Life Ministry Group will provide Fried Chicken. Please bring a side-dish and or dessert to share.

Sign-up (tell us what you are bringing) on the bulletin board in the narthex.



**SEPTEMBER 18, 2011
Following the 10:45 service
Everyone Welcome**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' Matthew 19.14

Summer time is fun time but we are so excited that Fall Semester Sunday School will begin soon. Parents, please mark your calendars for the first day of Sunday School. In fact, mark your calendars for the whole semester! Sunday School starts at 9:50 sharp! This year it will end at 10:35 so that we may have the children for a full 45 minutes. It's so important that children attend each Sunday if possible. We have fewer total teaching minutes in one YEAR than they get in one WEEK of regular school. Even still, if they can't make every Sunday, bring them as often as you can.

Classrooms are divided the same as last year. Pre-K/K will be taught by Jenny Typer; Grades 1-3 will be taught by Kathy Morse; Terri Hodge and Connie Wold teach Grades 4-5; Pam Fair will again teach Middle School. The High School Sunday School is part of the Youth Program under the leadership of Kirsten Goodman.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Last year our goal was to enroll and engage 60 children and we did reach that goal several Sundays. This year, we would like have 60 children most Sundays. If you have any questions, contact Connie Wold at 785-806-4618 or Connie.Wold@cox.net.

We are super excited! Hope to see you soon!

Fall Semester Sunday School 9:45 to 10:35 September 11 – December 18

BE THINKING

The St. David's Holiday Bazaar
November 5, 2011

Be thinking about what you can
Make or bake for us
Or your Ministry Group to sell!

The Parish Life Ministry Group

The Welcome Ministry Wants You!!

Are you a friendly, outgoing person who loves St. David's and would like to share that with others?

If so, the Welcome Ministry would love to talk to you about an opportunity to exercise your spiritual gift of hospitality!

Please contact:
Marcia Ransom 273-9556 or
mransom@cox.net.
for more information.



Scenes from youth helping at "Let's Help"

JUNOR WARDEN's IDEA!

There is a critical need for assistance with lawn engineering at St. David's, specifically weeding around the trees in our front lawn. A professional service runs about \$400.00 per visit to our over-productive weed areas, and that cost is not in our budget. So, if you would be willing to give me a hand with this ... or would like to make a donation toward professional weeding, please contact me. Thank you!

Earl Olson, Junior Warden. juniorwarden@stdavidschurch.com

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Clergy appointments anytime.