

St. David's Episcopal Church

Love God, Love one Another

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December 10-11, 2022

Worship Opportunities

Worship service:

Saturday: 5:00 pm service ZOOM and in-person

Sunday: 10:30 am service will be **ZOOM** and in-person

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GENERALLY, ON ZOOM, IF YOU CAN SEE AND HEAR US, WE CAN SEE AND HEAR YOU. PLEASE MUTE AND/OR TURN OFF YOUR VIDEO APPROPRIATELY

To join these services by desktop, laptop, tablet, iPad or smartphone with video, simply click on the following link ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4405751640?pwd=YmZMT09LMm1hVDhpbEdKMxpTTHVWQT09>
Meeting ID# 4405751640



Greetings Fellow St. Davidians

As we are finishing up 2022 and looking forward to 2023 and the welcoming of a new Rector to St. David's, your Finance Committee is planning for the new budget year.

They, and I ask that you take time to complete your pledge document for 2023 if you haven't already done so. As of this week, we have not heard from 24 pledging units that pledged during 2022. The Finance Committee can only work with the pledges they have in hand when crafting the 2023 budget that the Vestry can approve.

Peace,

St. David's Finance Committee
St. David's Senior. Warden



Most of you have heard me talk about my five year old grandson, Langston. I had the pleasure to visit Langston in Kansas City last Friday. More and more, as Christmas gets closer, Langston and I have conversations about having to wait. We discuss how neither of us are very good or patient about waiting. Here at St. David's, we are beginning the second week of Advent... the time in the Liturgical Year when we focus on waiting for Jesus' birth. Here at St. David's, we are also waiting for a new rector for the parish.

The Search Team has carefully and prayerfully read lots of information, asked the parish for information and prayer, and conducted a Zoom interview and an in-person interview with a candidate who seems the perfect fit for St. David's. Members of the Search Team attended a Sunday morning service where the candidate is currently rector, as well. Last Tuesday, the Search Team, together, presented the candidate to the St. David's Vestry.

As with all good things that are worth waiting for, you and I have to wait a bit longer while this process makes an arrangement official. *Lynda Crawl-Search Team Chair*



"Greening" of the Church

Join fellow St. Davidian's for a "chat & chili luncheon" followed immediately by the greening of the nave.

The worship Committee will be providing chili and soups and fixins. Parishioners are invited to bring dessert items.

WHEN - Sunday, December 18th following the 10:30 service.

This will not only be a time for fellowship celebrating Advent 3 but also an opportunity to make the greening process go much quicker and safer for all.



FOOD PANTRY

The Rectors Pantry is in desperate need of:

**Peanut Butter
Grape Jelly
Instant Oatmeal**

Thank you all for your continued support.
Mary Jo Jackson



DONATE TOILETRIES IN DECEMBER

During December St. David's is collecting toiletries and hygiene items for the Rescue Mission.

Suggested items include deodorant, shaving cream, razors, sanitary napkins, bath soap, body lotion, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes. Often you can find great bargains at any dollar store or Big Lots. Let's do all we can to help out the folks at the Rescue Mission. Everything we do is appreciated!



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia in celebration, honor, or memory of someone you love, please use one of the forms in the narthex (by the water wall) and turn it into the church office by

December 18. We will acknowledge all gifts in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM Festival Eucharist
10:00 PM Carols
10:30 PM Festival Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 am Holy Eucharist



For pastoral care needs or concerns in the parish, please contact Deacon Mary Becker at 785-845-1186 or email her at marybecker@stdavidchurch.com

Application for Vestry Positions

If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Vestry please contact Jim Edwards, Senior Warden. The three members who will be retiring this year are Amy DuPuis, Jim Edwards and Betsy Hamm.



Monthly Fellowship Meal



After a hiatus, “Gatherings for 6, 7, or 8” is returning with a name change and any twist you might want to add to make it work for you. If this piques your interest, please keep reading!!!

In January, “Fun, Fellowship, and Food for 6” will have its “kick-off” at the church with a game night and, of course, food! In February, we will have a super bowl party (even if the Chiefs don’t make it)! Please stay tuned for details for both.

All St. Davidians are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet for both the January and February events will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. And, a sign-up sheet to participate in “Fun, Fellowship, and Food for 6.”

Then in March, April and May, everyone who signed up would be “grouped” into sixes. Each month, the group of six would look different—the goal to get to know as many St. Davidians as possible.

The host/hostess would invite the others to their home and everyone would bring a dish to share (usually bread & salad or dessert). Alternatively, the group could go to a restaurant (host/hostess’ choice), and everyone would pay for their own meal, or the group could go to a movie/theatre production, and then follow-up with dessert. May is often a busy month, so the “May” host/hostess may choose a later month to gather, letting their group know what is planned.

Again, sign-up sheets for January, February, and “Fun, Fellowship, and Food for 6” are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up for one or two or all three!

Questions, please contact Amy DuPuis or Bev Carlson or email the church office at office@stdavidschurch.com. We are excited about the possibilities!

Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2022

Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We have been collecting items for a few months now to help spread out the requests.

We still need the following **NEW** items: (No later than 12/6/22)

- *Blankets - Full/Queen & King Only (NO THROWS)
- *Skillets Sets *Bakeware Sets *Pots & Pans
- *Basketballs, Footballs & Soccer Balls (regular size)



Our biggest need is Money for the Gift Cards & Food each household will receive. Mail your donation or bring it to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue, M-F, 8am-3pm.

Please note your member congregation for credit.

You can also give online at www.DoorstepTopeka.org under Donate.



Each household we adopt will receive:

Blanket ~ Health Kit ~ School Supplies (if appropriate) ~ One household item ~ Christmas food order ~ gifts and toys for household members ~ clothing ~ \$20 gift cards per person in the household.

We have Volunteer Opportunities this year!

Sunday, December 11th ~ from 2:00pm – 5:00pm ~ move clothing from Doorstep to First Nazarene Church, start setting up and unboxing the items.

Monday, December 12th ~ from 8:30am – 2:30pm (2 shifts), finish clothing set-up, and begin selecting items for families picking up on Tuesday. (No lunch provided)

Tuesday, December 13th ~ opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 14th ~ opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

Thursday, December 15th ~ opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Friday, December 16th we will be cleaning up, packing clothing back up to move back to Doorstep from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Call Doorstep, (785) 357-5341, to sign up & help during distribution week!

Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan). Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm. You can mail your monetary donations, or use our website: DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate Tab.