

The Crossings

Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church

December 2010

FAMILY MATTERS by Judy Ogden, Senior Warden

Just four weeks ago I attended our Diocesan Convention. It had been a long time since I was part of this annual event and some things were better and some were not. It was certainly larger but, rather than feeling lost, I felt right at home. As I reflect on it now, my memories are of the best parts. The annoyances, the inconveniences, and my own impatience fade as I remember what it felt like to be part of the much larger family and learn about some of the other churches in our diocese and their trials and celebrations. There were disagreements, it was a voting convention after all, but they were handled with tact and respect and that felt right and good. The highlights for me were the spiritual moments, especially the Eucharist on Friday night when we celebrated our 100th Diocesan Convention and the ordinations of two people to the Sacred Order of Deacons. I was seated among a small group of Franciscan monks for that service and that was certainly a first for me. Great attention was paid to the music and the artwork so it was easy to forget at times that we were in a hotel convention center. I would urge any of you to attend a convention, represent St. David's and soak it all in. We will have our annual meeting in January and will need to elect delegates for next year. Please consider it.

Next year still sounds far away but, on the church calendar, we're already there. By the time you read this we will have begun the season of Advent. November 28th marked the beginning of a new liturgical year and a different series of lessons than we've heard over this last year. Of course, Advent is also the time we prepare for Christmas. It's never long enough and it seems as though we're never really ready. But isn't that part of it? I don't suppose Mary was really "ready" to deliver her baby in a stable. The big annoyance for me at this time of year has always been what I consider the premature celebrations. Everyone seems to have forgotten that there are 12 days of Christmas and that they start on December 25th. So, typically, the tree and decorations don't go up until Christmas Eve and they stay up until Epiphany. I try to avoid the lights, decorations and festivities as best I can and grumble my version of bah humbugs. This year, however, a new thought came to me. What happens when someone is about to have a baby? Friends and family give showers and gifts and celebrate the coming birth. This year I will be treating all the pre Christmas activities as baby showers. I will be holding out for the season of Advent to begin (you have to draw the line somewhere) but I will try to live these four weeks in preparation. As the lists of our things "to do" gets longer, let's not forget that at the top of that list needs to be preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ child and what that means in our lives.

Dec 19 - Greening of the Church - Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service 5 pm

MAKE A HOLIDAY STOP AT 'HEAVENLY GIFTS'

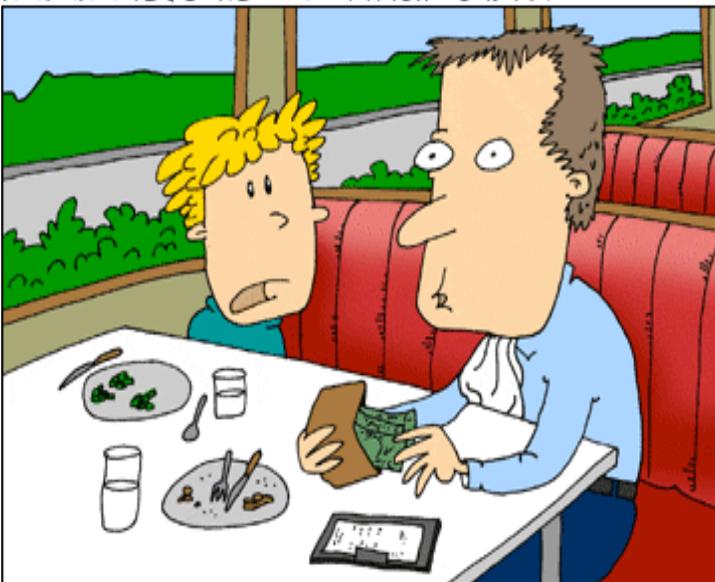
Plan to take time to stop in our church gift shop during the holiday season and make a purchase that supports St. David's!

We have lots of items that are perfect for stuffing that seasonal stocking. From ornaments and crosses originating from the Holy Land to beaded pens from Africa, we offer a nice variety of gifts. Locally made wood bowls, candles, aprons, bags, baby wear, soaps and jewelry are also available.

All Christmas cards are deeply discounted from their original price. We still have a supply of cards showing St. David's Church covered in snow, as well as a variety of hand made cards created by local artists.

'Heavenly Gifts' is open on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service.

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

The Get Going Team

The time of our next meeting, Dec. 13, has been changed to 3 pm. We will be compiling the profile that was sent to members a few weeks ago.

Anyone is welcome to come join the team, either as a regular member or to promote one idea or project.. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. and the 4th Monday at 3:00 p.m. in the back of the church.

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Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2010

Vestry in attendance: Judy Ogden-senior warden, Marcie McKaig, Jef Conklin, Betti Haskins, Bill Schaal -junior warden

Others in attendance: Doug Haskins, Ann Olli, Elinor Lindquist, Shelby Conklin, Barb Weza, Andrew Beelik, Shirley Beelik, Laurie McClanahan

Senior warden, Judy Ogden called the meeting to order and opened with a reading followed by asking those in attendance to recite The Lord's Prayer together.

Minutes of the 9-08-10 & 10-13-10 meetings were sent to vestry members prior to the meeting for review and were approved as written.

Stewardship update

It was discussed as to when and to whom pledge cards should go out to. Betti will modify her mailing list for the Crossings Newsletter and get the revisions to Jef by Wednesday to create a mailing list for pledges. A proposed goal was the first week in December. Andrew showed an example of the stewardship pamphlets he had chosen and reported ordering 100 copies @

\$144.00 which are due to arrive next Monday. He would like to stuff envelopes next week.

Audit Progress

Marcie thanked Norm Eveleth & Cathy Bauer and Laurie McClanahan for the thorough and informative audit process which has been completed and was presented to Senior Warden, Judy Ogden who read the letter to the diocese aloud. Laurie reported she left a checklist in the church office of changes needed to tie up loose ends through 2010. Marcie McKaig made a motion to approve the audit and letter to the diocese, seconded by Bill Schaal, and passed by vestry vote. Attached – Full audit report and letter to the diocese.

Financial Report and church Windows Progress

Betti Haskins reported she continues to enter data in church Windows and books are balanced through February. Marcie commended the thoroughness and attention to detail that Jeanne Miller, past treasurer used in her entries which thankfully has made the process efficient. Judy reported bills were paid that were going to be overdue, as was a \$1500.00 insurance premium for the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter due December 1st out of the Outreach Ministries Fund. It was reported there is approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500 in the checking account. Judy questioned whether there would be possible changes to Patti's salary regarding diocesan insurance benefits and will research possible changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Get Going Team Update

Doug Haskins distributed floor plans for the proposed changes to the church office and provided an explanation of the new space. George Davidson will head this project.

A new phone system has been installed in the Parish Hall with a big hooray from Judy at a cost of \$409.00 which was paid for today.

Doug Haskins proposed quarterly steam cleaning of the Parish hall carpets due to the heavy use of the building. Pro-Steam recently cleaned the carpets @ \$225.

Barb Weza reported a foul odor, possibly something wet in the Parish hall which Doug and Bill will investigate.

Union City Plumbing has installed a pot filler over the stove in the Parish Hall kitchen. It was discussed there are continuing issues with the city and the plumber over the recent sink installation project. Jef Conklin will review invoices and follow up with all parties.

Judy reported speaking to Jan Aiken regarding a wreath and swag fundraiser to benefit Camp Michael's large grocery bill.

Each church will get 30 wreaths with the goal of selling 10 @ \$25 each to contribute \$200 toward the grocery bill with the remainder of the proceeds of 20 wreaths contributing to St. David's.

NEW BUSINESS

The Parish Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck will be November 21st at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Phone lists will be distributed to vestry members to invite all attending St. David's by 12:00 this Saturday. Turkey will be provided by the church and everyone is to bring a potluck dish.

St. David's will again be partnering with the Volunteer Center to cook and pack 200 turkey dinners to be delivered to shut-ins in the community on November 24th. Patti will coordinate and all are encouraged to join in on November 22nd thru 24th to cook and pack meals for delivery.

Judy gave a report on the College for Congregational Development, a 2-year commitment for churches focusing on Congregational Development which the Bishop recommends for grant writing. Cost is \$750 per person per year with a recommendation that 3 people per church attend bringing the financial commitment to \$5,000 for 3 people to attend. Sessions can be taken in 4 week-ends or an 8-day session in June. Names for the 4 week-end sessions are due November 15th. It was proposed to table for later discussion.

Judy reported speaking to Suzanne about the possibility of having Christmas Eve services between 6 and 7 PM with caroling first and a service to follow. Input and discussion followed with many sharing family commitments. It was suggested to ask Parish members at the Thanksgiving Dinner when they would like to have Christmas Eve services.

The Parish hall office computer continues to not work. Jeff Conklin will pick the computer up Friday and have it fixed. Patti will create the bulletin inserts at home.

The question was asked of what information should go in the new Church Directory. After discussion it was decided names, addresses, and phone numbers would be published.

Father Jeff and Patti will be out of town January 2nd and 9th. Discussion of whether to have Andrew and George lead Morning Prayer for both Sundays or to have a priest for one of the services and Morning Prayer for the other. It was suggested this discussion continue at the next meeting.

Barb Weza reported people to coming to St. David's for services in the Parish Hall are interested in helping to rake leaves and do grounds maintenance. Bill Schaal will get more rakes and shovels.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbra Weza

Subject to correction and approval at the next Vestry meeting on December 8, 2011 - at 5:30 pm.

From St. David's archives, found by Norm Eveleth

On the Eve of a New Day

Author unknown

Dated April 7, 1948

On the eve of the dedication of the St. David's Episcopal church of Shelton, we the members of the Guild number thirty eight.

On this date we are privileged to see the fulfillment of the dream of a small group of women, who as early as 1890, formed the first Episcopal Guild in Shelton, then a small logging town of some 500 inhabitants.

They called it the St. Barnabas Guild.

This group disbanded in 1892-"to meet at some future date not then assigned."

The "money and property" of the Guild was entrusted to the care of a committee of three. The active member of this committee proved to be Mrs. Anna Beach. She did a good stroke of business for the Guild by loaning its money-on notes-at 10% interest.

Then on April 5, 1894, the remaining members of the Guild met with Mrs. Beach to arrange money matters. At this meeting they decided to take up the Guild's work again. They elected the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Willey; V. Pres. Mrs. Covill; Sec. Mollie Snider; Treas. Mrs. Beach; Work directress. Mrs. Sheedy.

Twelve members were on the roll: Mrs. Willey; Mrs. Covill; Mrs. Beach; Mrs. Sheedy; Mrs. Osmus; Mrs. Tremper; Mrs. Kneeland; Mrs. McDonald; Mollie Snider; Mrs. Williamson; Mrs. Thompson; Mrs. Reavy.

During the active years of 1894, 1895, and 1896-this membership was increased to twenty five. The added names were Mrs. Will Kennedy; Mary Hungerford; Mrs. M. McPhail; Anna B. Shielda; Zuela Shelton; Ellen Louise Germain; Harriet B. Forbes; Mrs. Mary Deagan; Mrs. J. Johnson; Bertha Hanson; Mary Walther; Julia Baker; Mary Dean.

During these three active years church services were held in rental rooms-the old Odd Fellows Hall and lower floor of the Old Masonic Hall. Ministers were sent from Tacoma. Among these were a Mr. Ashton and Dr. Mooney. Dr. Mooney had the building of church very much at heart. And progress to that end was made up to the point of acquiring two lots for building, the same two lots upon which the church is now being erected. David Shelton, the founder of Shelton, had given the church two lots on North First Street. These lots were in the woods on the hill side.

The Guild thought the sites now used more suitable and bought one of the lots. Zuela Shelton, a granddaughter of David Shelton, and a member of the Guild, owned the lot adjoining. She kindly traded her lot for the two her grandfather had given the church. The St. Cecelia Club, a group of young women under the leadership of Mrs. Tremper, aided the church as a choir and also helped the Guild in raising money, one effort being a three act play-all girl cast.

Because of lack of financial support Dr. Mooney could no longer come.

Followed a period of years when no work was done toward the hoped for church. The Guild died but the building lots, all paid for, waited. In the forty years following 1896 several attempts were made by presiding bishops to reestablish the St. Barnabas Mission. Ministers who tried were Rev. Howard; Father Griffith; Rev. Morrison; and Rev. Hart. No attempts were successful until October 1, 1936 when the present Guild was organized by the Rev. Elmer Christie. The new Guild took the name of St. David's Episcopal Guild since the name St. David had been chosen for the mission.

One of the first responsibilities accepted by the new Guild was the raising of money to pay the

paving assessments which had been accumulating against the church lots. Due to the loyalty of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Govey, the taxes up to this time had been paid.

Reverend Thos. E. Jessett furthered the work of Rev. Christie. In 1942 the Guild with the encouragement of the Vicar Dr. Fredrick Schilling started a church fund. This fund grew and grew because of the untiring work and enthusiasm of Guild members, together with the help of the Guild's many friends.

One Guild member, Mrs. Bertha Grisdale, generously gave free use of her spacious home for the church services, all through the two years immediately preceding the laying of the cornerstone. Rev. James Murray who followed Dr. Shilling ably furthered his work, and is the Vicar in charge at this time.

And so the dream dreamed sixty years ago by the pioneer Episcopal women of Shelton is a dream come true. Signed by all members of the St. David's Guild this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1948.

Volunteers

Many will be shocked to find,
When the day of judgment nears,
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners.
Satin couches and foot stools;
Where there's no committee chairmen,
No group leaders or car pools,

No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed,
but a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
and treats fit for a king.

You ask: "Who'll serve these privileged
few
and work for all they're worth?"
"Why, all those who reap the benefits
and not once volunteer on earth!"

-Unknown

Submitted by Ann Baker

Community Meals Ministry

"Dear children, let us not love with words or
tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

Thank you, Lord, for the many
volunteers You have called forth to serve you
through the Community Meals
Ministry. We praise You for the wide
variety of gifts, talents, and other resources
that each of them brings in partnership with
us. May our hearts always reflect
appreciation and love for each of them.

The Community Meals Ministry
serves free lunches and dinners to the
hungry in our community. Lunches are
served Monday thru Friday from 11 am to-
noon and dinners Saturday and Sunday from
5:30-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall at 218 N. 3rd
Street. In November approximately 800
lunches and 406 dinners were served. Volun-
teers are needed. For information contact
Barb Weza @ 427-0825.

December 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7 EFM 1 pm	8 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13 GGT 3:00 pm Book Discus- sion group noon.	14 EFM 1 pm	15	16 Photo Club 7 pm	17	18
19 Greening of the church	20	21 EFM 1 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

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