

## I Want My Donuts & Coffee!

**N**orm & Marian Eveleth (mostly Marian) have for eons provide for and set up our refreshment time after our 10:30 am Sunday service. The coffee, tea, and many treats that Marian & Norm have created, along with others who have helped with treats, have

served to greet newcomers and seasoned veterans all! Now we need your help as Marian & Norm will be away. Sign up now in the back of the church for: May 15th, May 22nd, & May 29th  
Have fun Norm & Marian

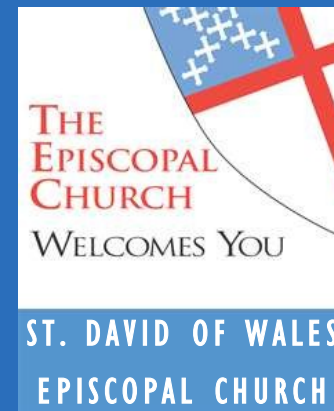


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## ST. DAVID OF WALES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- May 20th, Appreciation Dinner for Outreach Ministry!
- June 10th, Gala Celebration with Bishop Rickel
- Looking Ahead 10 Years!



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# The Crossings

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**T**he progression of signature pictures/photographs/logos for St. David of Wales is long and outstanding. Before we were able to take pictures with our phones, still can't quite get use to that, we used cameras, and we've had some great pictures. Now the possibilities are too numerous to mention. Just in this opening article you'll see several options:

- The daffodil which is symbolic of St. David of Wales
- The Celtic Cross found in front of our church on the corner of 4th and

## Looking for a Logo



- Cedar
- The traditional Episcopal Church Shield which is on the bottom right of this page , and,
- The new Episcopal Church Shield which many churches use in their street signs with their name and Sunday services, and,
- the logo for St David's in the upper right of this article.

We've put some of these on our new letterhead and in the Sunday bulletin, but it is just too difficult to decide what truly represents St. David's. So help if you can and

let me know what you think. It is important to have identifying symbols, not so much for us as for the community so that it becomes part of the community landscape.

In addition to "logo" or identifying symbol is the color associated with St. David's. The Episcopal Church uses a blue, white and red color scheme and perhaps we would want to use the same. Whatever we choose, it becomes our symbol and color, our signature to the larger community.

Pax,  
Fr. Joe



# Looking Ahead 10 Years

A number of hearty souls have been meeting to these last 6 weeks to consider and discuss a "Building Master Plan", "The Gift Shop", and "The Outreach Ministry which includes: 1) the Cold Weather Shelter, the Community Meals served as lunch Monday thru Friday, and Saturday & Sunday night dinners.



The outcome of these meetings has resulted in several seminal questions to be asked and discussed. They are:

- Do we want to grow as a congregation?
- Can we be financially viable?
- How can we serve children and young families?

- What are the ministries of St. David's?
- How can we use space for maximum utilization?
- How does reallocation of space effect future building usage?
- How do the building codes & ADA requirements effect what we may want to do?
- Are we talking to each

other, listening, sharing, and exploring our future? Wow! Those are pretty heavy



questions. Interested? Read on the next page and learn more of what this group brought forward at our All Parish Meeting, Sunday, May 1st.

The opportunities are endless but prior to moving forward it is important that we have a plan. Having a well-considered, well-conceived, and fully endorsed plan is critical to our life together. And yet, as one attendee of our Building Master Plan group so wisely offered: "Without Church growth, sustained growth, what we do with the buildings becomes secondary.

# Easter Memorial Flowers



This Easter the Church was adorned with many flowers in beautiful arrangements creating a wonderful array of colors. Many were a part of this

special effort giving to the Church their donations and assisting in the flower arrangements.

Special thanks is offered to those giving flowers in memory of:

- Karl Robert Hart
- John W. Eager & Violet Eager

- Dolly Seott
- Jennie Baker
- Rev. Dr. Dwight A. Russell
- Grace Wickwar
- Emma Jordan, and Roberta McKaig

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

# The Saints Pantry (continued)



Ann Olli

the purchase of bulk items such as flour, sugar and pasta

purchasing, repackaging and stocking the shelves. Billie Howard and Ann Olli are Saint David's representatives and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Billie's phone number is **426-8443** and Ann can be reached at **426-8774**.

county.

The first Sunday of each month is designated "Food Bank Sunday" at Saint David's. Please bring in a non-perishable food item or paper product to church with you. Money is also appreciated as it allows

products. Donations may also be dropped off at the site on 2nd street. Use the alley entrance and a volunteer will help you unload.

The food bank is open each Tuesday and Wednesday morning. the remainder of the week is devoted to





# A Big "Thank You!"

For some time Betti Haskins has been working diligently each month to produce our Newsletter. It has been a labor of love and our gratitude could not be more sincerely offered. Betti, each month, has reached out to those responsible for the many activities of the Church to faithfully report and edit as

needed. I've asked Betti to help me with the Sunday bulletin which is no small undertaking. The Sunday bulletin in the recent months includes all the parts of the service necessary for a new person to the Church. The idea is that the new person is not stuck juggling books to try to keep up with the liturgy, but rather has all parts of the liturgy in front of them in



also notice that the Sunday bulletin includes pictures and art bent on creating a worshipful experience.

Many thanks, therefore, to Betti Haskins as she transitions from the Newsletter to the Sunday bulletin!

order which, hopefully, facilitates an easy experience of the liturgy. You may



# Judy Ogden: Doing Great!

As many have heard, Judy Ogden recently had a significant health challenge. Judy is now quietly recovering from a mild heart attack. Her

recovery is going well and Judy is learning to listen more to her body and her heart. Judy offers her deepest appreciation for your many prayers, phone calls and visits and plans to be back with us as our Sr. Warden (and my mentor) soon. God bless you Judy!



surprises would include a heart attack! Still trying to find the silver lining and looking for loopholes. Please convey my gratitude to the family that is St. David's. Their prayers and concerns are my best medicine."

Judy writes: "I never imagined a life full of

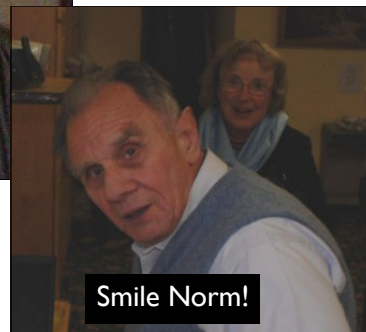
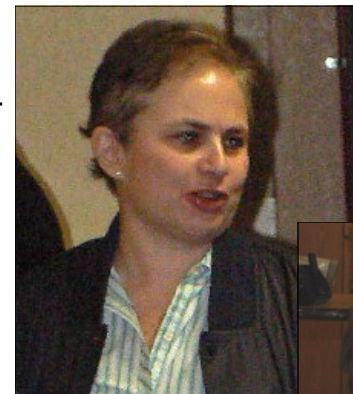


# Looking Ahead 10 Years (continued)

## SUMMARY OF OUR MAY 1ST "ALL PARISH MEETING":



- Without hesitation we affirmed our desire to grow - to grow as a congregation in terms of our members, and in terms of our growth in Christ as followers and disciples!
- Many are convinced that we do not need to sell the Parish Hall.
- The Ministry of Outreach we offer to the community is well known in the community by many and is appreciated if not inspiring.
- It may be possible to form a non-profit agency or foundation for the purposes of operating the Outreach Ministries of St. David's.
- This newly formed non-



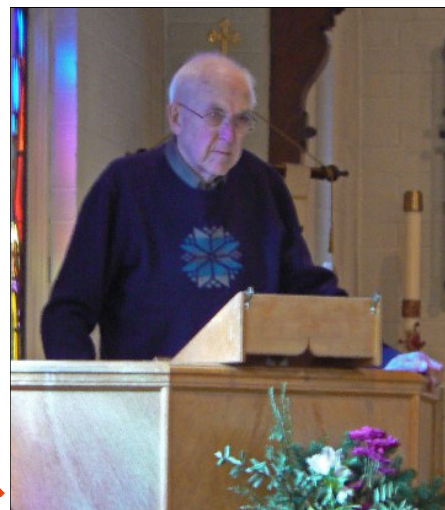
overwhelming response by the community for the services provided by St. David's Outreach Ministry

suggests that it is a needed service and it portends to continue if not continue and

- increase.
- What this means to St. David's Church is unclear. It may mean that our Church use of the Parish Hall may decrease. As it stands now, Church use of the Parish Hall is limited to the Rotary Lunch, occasional celebrations and, of course, our volunteer staff running the Church Office Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am thru 2 pm.
- Should the Church grow sufficiently in numbers that demand reexamination of Parish Hall use, then as owner and landlord, we would, at that time, consider our alternatives.
- The Gift Shop and the

moving of the Church Office remain an issues for further discussion. We have Building Codes and ADA (American with Disabilities Act) issues to resolve and there will be costs associated with these changes. Overtime the direction of St. David's Church is to grow membership, to discover our demographics and who we are in relationship to our community. This may mean shifting our Church buildings to accommodate young families and children, or something beyond what we might even imagine at this point. Without question, we are Episcopalians with a rich and comprehensive faith rooted in Jesus Christ, Scripture, Tradition and Reason. We live in an exciting time for St. David's and so, let's have fun growing into this future.

Pax, Fr. Joe





# Appreciation Dinner: May 20th!

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming outstanding events!

6:00 pm!

- ♥ Shower Ministry
- ♥ Community Meals
- ♥ Cold Weather

## You're Invited

The first event is our Outreach Ministry Appreciation Dinner Friday May 20th @ 6:00 pm. A delicious dinner of beef stroganoff, salad, bread, dessert all accompanied by light entertainment are in store for you as we reach out to say "Thank You!" to all the many volunteers who helped with our:



# Gala Celebration: June 10th

St. David's has been gifted with a generous \$50,000 matching donation for our Parish Hall, the building that allows for our Outreach Ministry. This \$50,000 matching gift stipulates that we match the \$50,000 by November of this year..

invited the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, Bishop of our Diocese of Olympia located in Seattle, WA. And he has accepted our invitation!



Please consider attending this fabulous event and we look forward to seeing you there. Please call the Church office if you should need more information! 360-426-8472

We are putting together a septacular evening of great food and entertainment and want everyone and their friends to put June 10th on their calendar. We have

**Friday, June 10th @ 6:00 pm: The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel**

and other community leaders will come together to help us launch our campaign to match this generous gift.

**Mark your calendars**

# The Saints Pantry

The Saint's Pantry Food Bank is in its 30th year of operation. What began as an emergency food bank serving 1800 or so families a year in 1982, served 13,474 families in 2010. In the beginning St. Edward's Catholic Church and Saint David's, in partnership, operated out of the closet at St. David's. Since that time the Pantry has grown considerably and now headquarters at 214 South 2nd Street in downtown Shelton. Four Shelton churches have joined St. David's and St. Edwards making it a true community outreach program - The Calvary Fellowship, Faith Lutheran, Mount Olive Lutheran and Shelton Presbyterian. Following

the guidelines of Northwest Harvest in Seattle, clients receive food enough to help them with three days each week. Many come once a month, while some visit the food bank each week.



Food Bank Director Steve Russell is assisted by around

**A partnership of four Shelton churches that have joined St. David's making it a true community outreach program**

50 volunteers, rotating shifts each week. Representatives from each supporting church make up the Saint's Pantry Board of Directors and serve

as officers. Additional volunteers will be welcomed at the food bank. If all you have is an hour a week, it will be helpful. Especially needed are men to help unload trucks and pick up food items from the businesses.

There are many unemployed as well as under-employed in Mason County. The Saint's Pantry serves the Shelton community while there are food banks also at Matlock, Hoodspport and Belfair. All of them working together and sharing resources when possible. The Saint's Pantry is the largest in the

# Church Sunday Schedule:

- Sunday: 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- Sunday: 9:15 am Conversational Bible Study
- Sunday: 10:30 am Choral Holy Eucharist

