

The Crossings

Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church

November 2010

FAMILY MATTERS by Judy Ogden, Senior Warden

In just a few days I will be attending Diocesan Convention. As your Senior Warden I will be a delegate representing you at this annual meeting that deals with the business of the Episcopal Church in Western Washington. It is a great reminder that our family is indeed larger than our local parish. While it saddens me that we cannot have this meeting in one of our churches or other meeting places, I also see it as an opportunity to be the church in a very commercial environment. Past conventions have drawn media attention and that possibility exists whenever such a large number of us gather. I do not plan on being part of the evening news but I do hope that I am able to be a part of the bigger picture that shows forth Christ in the world. Of course we will all be identified by some sort of name tag and there will be prayers and liturgical rites as part of our convention business. But will we be seen as “those people” or will they “know we are Christians by our love”? Hopefully, I will be identified by the latter.

Last month I talked about community and the neighbor and the book “Where God Happens”. A month later I’m reading another book which has me learning about seeing myself as God sees me and that contemplation is not about being quiet while I raise my awareness of my sins and failings. That would be looking backward. It seems to be more like looking around and seeing what really is. It’s much more joyous and exciting than dull and dry and more like entering the holy of holies with a rope around me than being tossed overboard as a sacrificial storm stopper. But more of that will have to wait for another time because it’s back to family business.

Betti Haskins is learning new things every day and the Church Windows program just gets more and more helpful. In the very near future we’ll be generating monthly financial reports. Our first ever financial audit is nearly complete. It covers 2009 and will be reviewed for approval at the next Vestry meeting on 11-10. The kitchen update in the Parish Hall is in the final stages and we have new carpet on the walkway/ramp down to the dining area where that carpet has been shampooed plus we have a new phone system. Looks good, smells good and you can actually answer the phone in the kitchen, put the caller on hold, go up to the office for privacy and quiet and the caller will still be there when you take them off HOLD! Technology and soap, what would we do without them? None of these things was terribly expensive, we found some real bargains and they were so greatly needed. A HUGE thank you to all who helped and expedited!!

One last thing - I found a T-shirt that says “Coffee is proof that God loves us, and wants us to pay attention”. I think I’ll have another cup. And you?

An Autumn Affair, our fundraiser for the *Emergency Cold Weather Shelter* was a big success. We won't know in time for this month's Crossings how much we made but a "guess-timate" is somewhere between five and six thousand dollars -- net! Watch next month's edition for full details. Thank you all for your support.

Ann Baker, Shelter Administrator

Help Wanted! Will Train!

Cooks are desperately need for the Rotary Lunch Program. This is one of the biggest fundraiser for St. David's. Doug Haskins and Barb Weza are more than willing to train people to plan, shop and cook for the 30 to 40 people we feed each Thursday. Each person cooks one Thursday per month. Call Doug—463-0524 if you are interested in helping St. David's keep this important fundraiser.

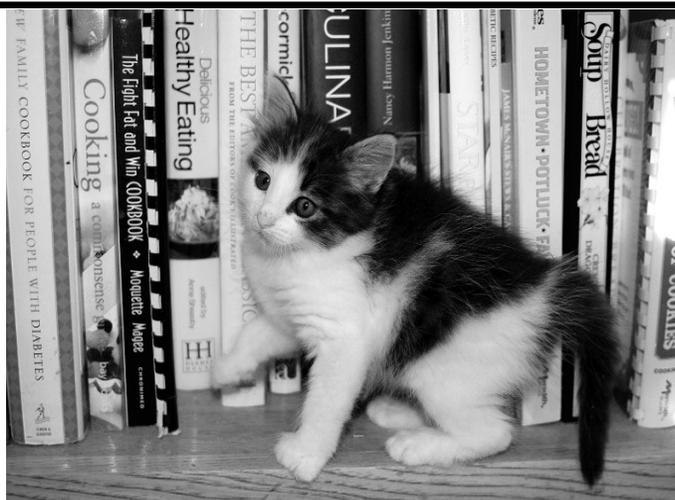


Photo Club

Saint David's photo club has decided to take on the project of preserving St. David's in pictures. The club will be documenting our church, rooms, stained glass windows, pews, altar, crosses, etc. with digital cameras and putting them on disk. This will give future generations a look at what St. David's is like now and have the added benefit of providing records in case of fire or theft.

The photo club meets the third Thursday of each month in the EFM (small class) room at 7 p.m. We have all levels of expertise. The only requirement is the desire to take better pictures and enjoy the fellowship of other like minded people. The picture above is of Ellie, a one pound kitten, taken by one of our members.

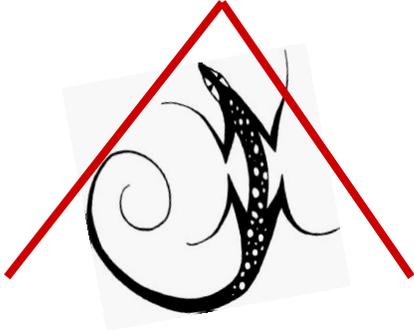
Thanksgiving Dinner at St. David's

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, November 21. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church for set-up, clean-up, and the trimmings to go with the turkeys provided by St. David's and cooked by three of our members. Bring family, friends and neighbors for good food, fun and fellowship.

The Get Going Team

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.

Southwest Native American Gift Show



November 17, Wednesday
10 AM to 6 pm

St. David's Episcopal Church
324 W Cedar St, Shelton WA

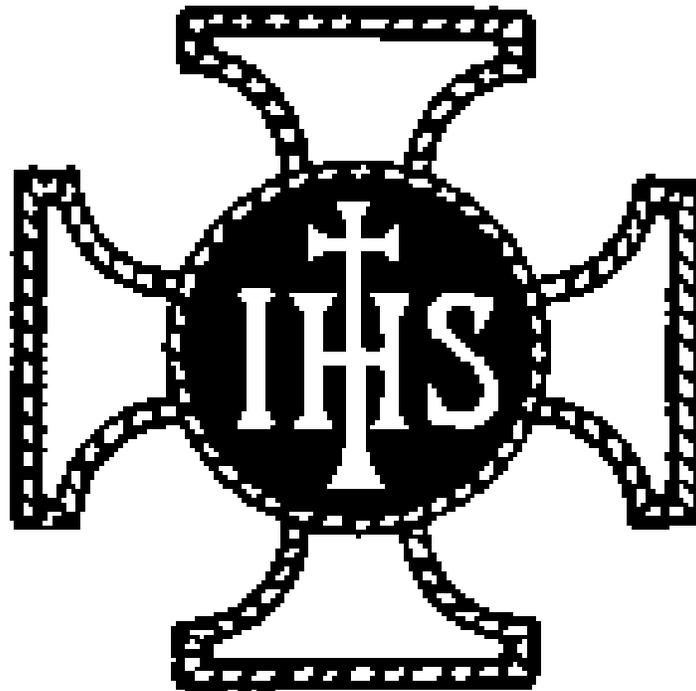
From our friends at the Southwest Connection,
Santa Fe, NM and The Native American Traders,
Gallup, NM

*It's our annual fundraiser with hundreds of items
to select from!*

Mark your calendar today and plan on attending our third annual Southwest Show!

Bring a friend and come to our annual Southwest Native American gift and jewelry show with beautiful traditional styles and new unique southwest inlay styles by Native American silversmiths direct from the Santa Fe and Gallup, NM. Chris, his brother and Moha are look forward to see you again. This is an opportunity to purchase unique, top quality and beautiful gifts for you and others as well as asking questions about southwest styles and designs. Shop and support St. David's. The show will be held in the choir room this year.

Flyers and cards are available in the church office, Heavenly Gifts and the back of the church. Please pick some up and share with others and place in for favorite haunts. This would be a big help! If you would like to help be a watch person for an hour or two during the show contact Marcie or sign up on the back table in the church.



St. David of Wales Episcopal Church
Meeting of the Vestry
October 13, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Attending Vestry Members

Judy Ogden, Senior Warden
Bill Schaal, Junior Warden
Jef Conklin
Betti Haskins
Marcie McKaig
Carolyn Carlton

Guests

Elinor Lindquist
Doris Schaal
Ann Olli
Doug Haskins

Absent

Rosemary Dawson
Jen Deno, Secretary

Judy led a prayer for leaders by Dr. Pamela P. Chinnis

Minutes for 09/08/10: Approval was postponed until the November meeting due to not having a hard copy at the meeting.

Financial Report: Jef reported that the bills are paid. We are now printing checks using our new Church Windows program. November is the month that the next year's budget begins to be developed. He will be asking each group including the cold weather shelter to develop a budget for this coming year. He will develop a projected operating budget for the Vestry to review.

Stewardship: Andrew Beelik is working on a letter. Elinor and Jef will be helping with this as Andrew will be indisposed during some of the stewardship gathering.

Audit: The audit report is being written and will be given to the Vestry as soon as we have completed all the required paper work. The Vestry will review and accept the report before we send it on the Seattle. A list of the Vestry and committee chairs was submitted for the Operation Manual with the addition of Web Master.

Church Windows (computer software); Betti has developed new individual and family information sheets and has asked that these be reviewed for additional changes and information needed. These will be sent to the congregation with a letter of explanation from Judy in late October so that we can update the information in Church Windows. There was a discussion about sending out the Stewardship letters as well as the individual pledge-to-date letters.

Old Business:

Get Going Team: The new office plans were shared showing the minor changes requested.

They will be posted in the back of the church for all to review. Now the estimated costs will be gathered to determine the overall cost of the project. This will be shared with the congregation and then fundraising can begin. Jef will speak to individuals about leading this project. Doug presented a new project form that we can use that will help everyone understand the scope of a project, who it is head by and the estimated cost of the project along with projected timelines. This will also help with the budgeting process.

Parish Hall Kitchen: No final report was available due to lack of contact from the plumber. Union Plumbing has not presented a bill to date nor have the job been completed and therefore are unsure as to the total cost of the job. There is a part on order but we do not have a time frame according to Norm Eveleth. It was confirmed that Union City Plumbing is still in business. Doug will call for the city inspection as our permit is close to running out. This will help determine what is needed to complete the project.

Parish Hall

The fence on the east side to the parish hall is completed and the neighbors are happy. It has also been inspected by the city. One gallon of stain was sold to the neighbor to the east of the hall. Judy has written a letter to the Shelton Police Department concerning our contacts and permission to remove people from the grounds for loitering. Ann Baker is the primary contact. 'No Loitering' signs have been posted in the windows and Bill Schaal will be pruning up the landscape with directions from Elinor. Since we have received complains about the smell and condition of the entry rug in the hall, Doug presented an estimate for cleaning the downstairs dining room by Pro Steam for \$225 and the hall runner for \$110. A new runner installed will cost \$1733.41. A discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to replace the runner, motion carried. It was also moved and seconded to have the dining room rug cleaned quarterly due to the amount of daily traffic in that area. Doug also presented the cost for a commercial deodorizers of approx.. \$182, however discussion concurred that could use simple room deodorizers in the bathrooms until we determine next year's budget. Betti moved that put the funds from the organ parts sale, \$3600 in the Building Fund to pay for the new runner and cleaning of the dining room rug. I was seconded by Jef Conklin. The Vestry approved this motion.

Joan Anthony news: There has been a delay in working with Joan as she has broken her arm and a death in Judy's family. Joan does like the idea of using the parish priest profile. A discussion was held about time and place to have this done. Judy will be speaking to Joan on Saturday and get back to the Vestry.

New Business:

Phone System: The Parish Hall phone system is dying and has been inspected by Hood Canal. It cannot be fixed but they have a used system with a 90 day warranty that will support additional lines and provide a land line that is required to operate the shelter for \$300. It was moved and seconded to replace the Parish Hall phone system, motion carried.

Mary May's Contract: Mary May is overseen by the County Homeless Advocacy office. We have the Grant as a nonprofit and provide her a place to meet with clients and we cut her paycheck. We receive 18% of the Grant to provide these services. Jef moved that we approve the contract subject to funding; it was seconded and passed by the Vestry.

Good for the Order:

Reminder that communications at this time are extremely important to everyone --- Keep it flowing.

Bill Schaal, Judy Ogden, the Eveleth and Patti and Jeff Sells attended the preconference region meeting in Olympia last Saturday.

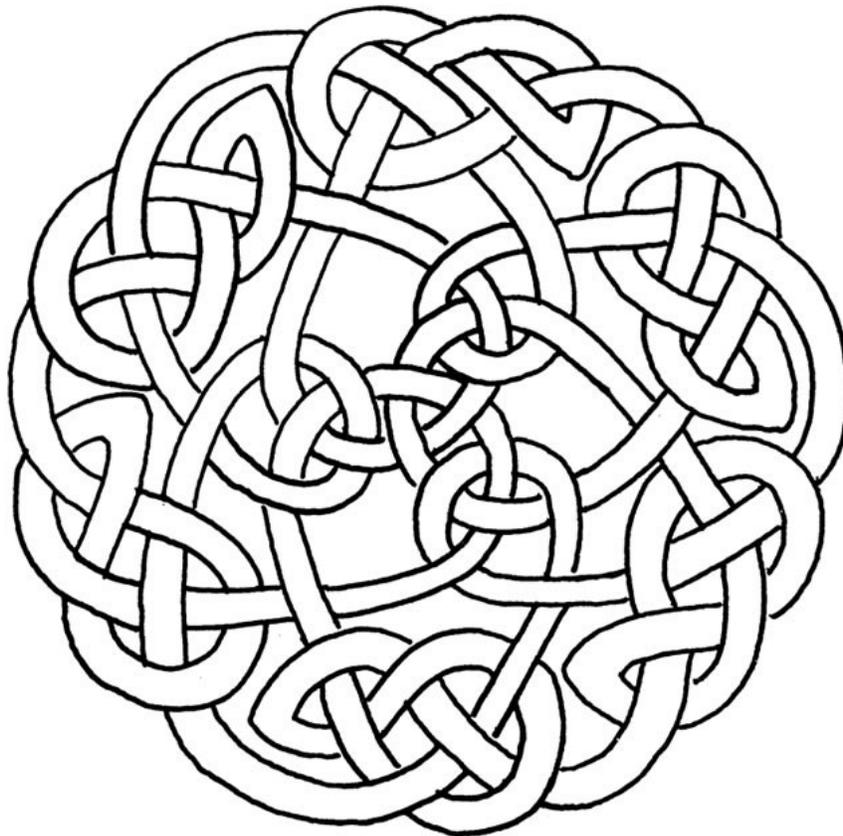
Camp Michael is conducting a wreath fundraiser this year. Several ordered wreaths and/or swags with an additional \$5 each going to St. David's.

Shelton Dinner funding was discussed but there was a lack of information to answer any questions.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on November 10.

It was moved and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marcie McKaig , Acting Clerk
Subject to review and approval of the vestry.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 EFM 1 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 GGT 8:30 a.m.	9 EFM 1 pm	10 Concert at St. Edwards w/members of St. David's choir	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16 EFM 1 pm	17	18 Photo Club 7 pm	19	20
21 Thanksgiving Dinner after 10:30 service	22 GGT 3 p.m.	23 EFM 1 pm	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30 EFM 1 pm				

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