

# The Crossings

Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church

October 2010

## FAMILY MATTERS by Judy Ogden, Senior Warden

Everywhere I've turned the last few weeks I've come face to face with 'the neighbor'. It began with a book by Rowan Williams, the current Archbishop of Canterbury titled "Where God Happens" and the subtitle "Discovering Christ in One Another". I am more than half way through it and Williams keeps bringing up the neighbor. He says, "our life is with our neighbor". God happens "between each other". And you'll never believe where he starts with all this. He takes us out into the desert with the fourth-century Christian hermits of Egypt, Syria and Palestine! These were not cranky old men living in caves with no one else around for miles and years. Well, some of them were probably cranky and they did live miles out into the desert but they also lived in community. Each had his own space, very rudimentary and small, known as a cell. They were monastics seeking a deeper experience of God and an alternative style of community even while they often lived in solitude and isolation. Doesn't sound like this lifestyle would be relevant or even possible today does it? It should come as no surprise when I tell you that just the opposite is true. Our talk of "the good old days" reveals a need and longing for a simpler time and way. Not that we all can or should pack up and head out into the desert, or the wilds of Matlock, but our minds and hearts seek renewal and connection and this can happen anywhere when we are led by wisdom gleaned and passed down to us, not by highly educated scholars but by real men and women who grew in faith and community by being and doing.

It is not a large book and it is not difficult to read even though it gives us much to think about. It would be a great book to read together and discuss. How about during the season of Advent? Let me know if you're interested.

And speaking of neighbors, we've had some complaints from some who live close to the parish hall. You may have read about it in the Journal. We met with three of them, a mediator and the director of community development for the city and had a very good discussion in which we shared concerns and suggestions to help us all become better neighbors to each other.

Finally, the Gospel lesson for this morning, and the subject of Fr. Jeff's sermon, was the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Fr. Jeff talked about "The Way", the way of the cross and my mind went straight to my thoughts and reminders lately of the neighbor. The rich man was isolated, surrounded by his wealth and his gates and fences, and family and friends just like himself. He did not know his neighbor Lazarus, begging outside his gate, or of his need to know him, until it was too late. The book I mentioned has much to teach us about loving Christ and loving and living with (even tolerating) one another in community. Let's gather 'round the table.

**St. David of Wales Episcopal Church**  
**Meeting of the Vestry**  
September 8, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Attending Vestry Members

Judy Ogden, Senior Warden  
Bill Schaal, Junior Warden  
Betti Haskins  
Marcie McKaig  
Carolyn Carlton  
Rosemary Dawson

Guests

Doris Schaal  
Ann Baker  
Doug Haskins  
Ann Olli  
Elinor Lindquist  
Norm Eveleth

Absent

Jef Conklin

Judy Ogden, Senior Warden, opened the meeting by leading an abbreviated version of evening prayer, concluding with a healing prayer for Andrew Beelik.

It was moved and approved the Minutes of August 11, 2010 be accepted with the correction of the spelling of "Echols" Hall.

Ongoing Business:

Financial Report

The bills were paid by the finance committee this morning.

Audit Progress

Marcie reported that they were now into the financial part of the audit. She recommended a note of thanks and a St. David's cross be given to Jeanne Miller for all the time and effort she had put into the financial business of the church. It was moved, seconded and approved that this be done. Betti and Judy will deliver them to her. Norm and Cathy Bauer will work on the fixed asset inventory of the buildings.

Church Windows progress and training

Betti has all of the deposits, to date, for 2010 posted on the computer. The cost of her training on this computer program has been provided by the Diocese. The funds donated by the congregation will be applied to another project per instruction of the donors.

Parish Hall fence

Doug reported that the permit for the fence has been obtained, the materials list made up and the cost appears to be around \$752. The biggest obstacle now is to get the stained boards dried and put up in the current weather situation.

Get Going Team Update

Moving Office- A few minor changes are being worked into the plans.

Parish Hall kitchen project- Norm reported that Union City Plumbing has not completed the job as contracted, nor have they been paid as a result. Norm will call for the inspection to see what else has to be done.

Neighborhood issues- A restraining order on one person has been obtained. It was suggested that the legality of signs on the property should be discussed with Rob Wilson-Hoss and Judy agreed to pursue the matter.

New Business:

Get Going Team meeting with Canon Joan Anthony Betti has sent the visitation results from the all-member canvas taken last year to Joan. Joan will go over the results to see how much and what we can use from it for the Parish Profile and will have her ideas to us by September 25.

Organ in the Parish Hall Norm has received a bid on some of the parts not in use. Betti moved we accept the bid, Bill seconded the motion and it passed.

Memorial Garden Bud West has volunteered to pursue the possibility of establishing a memorial garden on the church grounds.

Hobart dishwasher in Parish Hall kitchen Hobart has offered a maintenance contract of \$560/year versus the \$800 plus spent last year on maintenance. A decision on this was tabled for more information.

Sprinkler system Bill reported that he had completed an inspection of the water system around the church.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jen Deno, Clerk

Minutes subject to correction and approval at the next Vestry Meeting, October 13 at 5:30 p.m.

## **Dinner/Dance/Auction to benefit the Cold Weather Shelter**

**An Autumn Affair** dinner, dance and silent auction to raise funds for the Cold Weather Shelter will happen on Saturday, October 23 at St. Edward's Catholic Church on C Street. Prime rib dinner, dance to the sounds of Swing Fever, and be the winning bidder on some great auction items.

Tickets are on sale now in our church office, at Sage Bookstore, Lynch Creek Floral and Heritage Bank. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. \$40 each or 2 for \$75. For more information, call Ann Baker 432-1678.

### **Auction Items for Dinner/Dance/Auction**

2 nights for 2 in a water view room at Manresa Castle, Pt. Townsend  
Dinner for 2 at Vern's  
Cord of firewood Tom Wynne  
5 tanning sessions Dr. George Blevins  
1 hour massage Dr. George Blevins  
2 baby blankets Marcie McKaig  
2 tee shirts Shelton Athletic Club  
Oil painting Darrell Pruett, Sr.  
2 professional photographs (subject matter unknown as yet) Daniel Bernstein  
Gift basket from Shepherd's Soaps  
Gift basket from Lynch Creek  
2 dance lessons of your choice (interpretive, tap, ballet, ballroom, etc.) Pat Peters  
A day's fishing trip or boat ride Bud West  
Scenic flight Rick Wiley  
Dinner for 4 at Xinh's  
Dinner for 4 prepared by Jeff Sells  
Private wine tasting party w/ hors d'oeuvres for 10 at Walter Dacon Wines  
Manicure & pedicure Second Street Design  
Fly fishing rod Verles  
Gift certificate Hiawatha

We are still gathering auction items so this is not the final list!

## **The Get Going Team**

We are awaiting the information from the Rev. Canon Joan Anthony to begin the process of putting together our Parish Profile. Together with the results of the recent Stewardship meetings it should not take long to write our profile.

Our Stewardship chairman, Andrew Beelik, is going to need help this year due to some health issues. Anyone willing to be part of the Stewardship drive this fall please contact Andrew at 426-6262. Also keep Andrew and Shirley in your prayers.

The Audit committee reports that things are moving along, but that the process of doing our first ever audit is taking longer than anticipated. Norm Eveleth and Cathy Bauer are gathering information on all of our fixed assets, everything we own that the cost or is valued over \$500, back to the building of our church building. This is a huge task! Thank you to both Norm and Cathy for taking on the job.

The input of the financial information into Church Windows also is taking longer than first thought it would. The financial committee agrees getting it right is most important.

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.

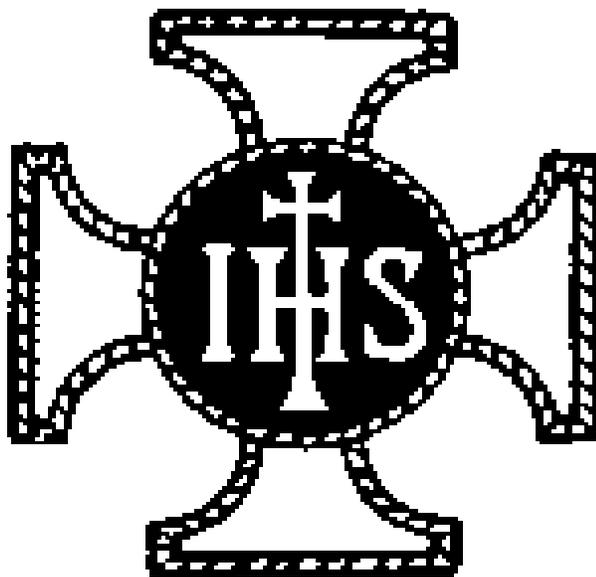
## **Rummage and Bake Sale**

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale held Sept. 17 and 18 brought in \$1016.00 and change for the general fund at St. David's. Thanks you to all who helped with baking goodies, setting up and sorting all the goods and of course selling.

## **Photo Club Field**

### **Trip**

St. David's photo club is planning a field trip for Monday, October 4. We will meet at the church parking lot at 11 a.m. for a trip up the Hamma Hamma river. The fall colors should be out and maybe even some animals. Bring your camera, a lunch and your hiking



## Southwest Native American Gift and Jewelry Show!

Chris and company are coming back November 17<sup>th</sup> for the third annual Southwest Native American gift and jewelry show with beautiful traditional styles for men and women by artist like Tommy Singer and new unique southwest inlay styles by artist Calvin Begay & Chris Tom and many others. With a variety of Southwest Native American artists and price range to select from you can add to your collection or start a collection. Remember the value of native made jewelry only increases with time. Items are direct from our friends at the 'Southwest Connection' in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the manufacturing store 'Native American Traders' in Gallup, New Mexico. This is an opportunity to purchase unique, top quality and beautiful gifts for you and others as well as asking questions of Chris and crew about southwest styles and designs. Shop and support St. David's of Wales.



Chris is looking forward to seeing everyone and will be happy to help you choose just the right piece for you!

### Love Inc. Update

The Mason County affiliate of Love In the Name of Christ recently hired Carl Duke as the new executive director. Carl's role will be to manage the day to day operations of the Clearing-house Office and act as liaison to churches in Mason County. Carl and his wife Donna have worked with many church ministries and are board members for Cove Ministries, a ministry that picks up donations of surplus food from grocery stores and food distributors and distributes it to people in need in Mason County through the warehouse at the Mason Transit building in Shelton. The Love Inc. office is located at 221 W. Railroad, Suite #10 and has a target date of November to open for operation.

Love Inc. currently has ten partner churches in Mason County including St. David's, and one in Thurston County. We ask that you would keep Love Inc. in prayer as this ministry is built to mobilize the Body of Christ to help the needy in our community.

Lord, we ask You to work mightily in Your Church. Grant the churches in our community a spirit of unity and cooperation, as You have given us one another to work in service side by side. May You be honored as churches work together across denominations, encouraging other churches to do so. Amen.



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

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3	4 Photo Club Field trip	5 EFM 1 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11 GGT 8:30 a.m.	12 EFM 1 p.m.	13 Vestry Meeting 5:30 p.m.	14 Photo Club 7 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19 EFM 1 p.m.	20	21 EFM Grads 6 p.m.	22	23 Dinner/Dance
24	25 GGT 3 p.m.	26 EFM 1 p.m.	27	28	29 Diocesan Convention	30 Diocesan Convention
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