



For the longest time I have believed that when you think of attendance at church or church giving one need only look at two fundamental metrics often reflected in the following statements:

- *People vote with their feet, and*
- *People vote with their pocket book.*

Each Sunday, one might say, the vote is in and we have a reliable measure of the health of a congregation.

Obviously these rather simplistic measures don't give us a full and in depth picture of church life and growth. However, this is not an easy issue. This is a very difficult, complex, even difficult at a 'rubic's cube' of complexity in church life and growth.

However, there are some basics to this notion of church life and growth that are universal for most congregations. The following, below, are based on the web site "Giving Today" that sites four (4) clear markers for giving:

**"The Top 4 Practical Reasons  
Why People Give to Your Church**

1. People trust the church's leadership. Trust is a significant factor in motivating people to give.
2. People are emotionally invested. People give from their heart; not their head. Living a generous lifestyle of giving to agencies, programs, causes and church is important, but this is not enough. We have to connect the hearts of our church members to the work of the ministry. Studies show that people connect with individual stories; not with information. We might want to fight the temptation to only share financial information and include ways we can include personal stories of transformation.
3. People are involved with your church. Multiple experiments have shown that volunteers are more likely to give versus those who do not volunteer. From a biblical perspective, this makes sense. There is more to living a generous lifestyle than how much money you give. When you follow Jesus, you will be compelled to be generous with your entire life, which includes your time, your skills, and your financial resources. There will be seasons in the life of a Christian when a person is unable to be generous with their life. But, in general, the Christian life will be marked by being a generous person with their entire life.
4. People are inspired to give. Giving is contagious. When we hear stories from

others then we will be more inclined to give. The stories we hear will allow us to see a flesh and blood example of how God works in the life of his people and through our members. We can share stories from the pulpit, or in through personal stories of commitment from well known member. These stories can be formal and planned, but at other times, these stories will happen organically during conversations or within group settings. We might want to encourage members to share their stories with others if the time is right.

St. David's church has embarked on our 2019 campaign of giving. We have:

1. Included a personal story from Bishop Greg Rickel in last week's newsletter.
2. Mailed a personal statement from one of our Vestry members (Thank You Suzy Petty!).
3. Mailing a second personal statement from a long time member of St. David's this coming Monday (Thank You Billie Howard!).
4. Planning another set of stories from others with a card asking you to pledge to St. David's Church in 2019.

Join us, live with us into 2019 where we are:

***"Building on the past,  
Looking to the future!"***

**St. David  
of Wales  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 11TH - NOVEMBER 18TH**

*Leonardo da Vinci, 16th century*  
"The depth and strength of a human character are defined by its moral reserves. People reveal themselves completely only when they are thrown out of the customary conditions of their life, for only then do they have to fall back on their reserves."

*Natalie Angier, 20th century*  
"Hard as it may be to believe in these days of infectious greed and sabers unsheathed, scientists have discovered that the small, brave act of cooperating with another person, of choosing trust over cynicism, generosity over selfishness, makes the brain light up with quiet joy."

*Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 20th century*  
"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

*Michael W. Smith, 21st century*  
"I think if the church did what they were supposed to do, we wouldn't have anyone sleeping on the streets."

*Booker T. Washington, 20th century*  
"Lay hold of something that will help you, and then use it to help somebody else."

# THE 25TH SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

### 7:30 AM SERVICE

LECTOR: JAMES POIRSON  
 EUCHARISTIC  
 MINISTER: JUDY OGDEN  
 GREETER: KAREN LITTLE

### 10:30 AM SERVICE

LECTORS:  
 1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON: PATTI CASE  
 PSALM: CONNIE REANDEAU  
 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON: DICK TAYLOR  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: ELINOR LINDQUIST  
 GREETERS: DICK TAYLOR & DAVE SALZER  
 ALTAR GUILD: ANN OLLI & DOROTHY CALLEJA, & PATTI CASE  
 FLOWERS: LAURIE McCLANAHAN  
 REFRESHMENT: HOST @ 10:30 AM MARIAN EVELETH & NANCY MIKEL  
 ORGANIST: JANA WOOD  
 PRIEST: THE REV. JOSEPH MIKEL  
 ASSISTING PRIEST: THE REV. STEVE BRILL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ November 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Vestry meeting, 8:45 - 10 a.m..
- ♥ HELP after the 10:30 a.m. service, getting ready to paint the entire Church!
- ♥ November 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday: NO Hands of Hope, Meeting due to Veteran's Day.
- ♥ November 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Compline service @ 5:30 p.m. Quiet & Reflective.
- ♥ November 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Thanksgiving Potluck extravaganza for all after the 10:30 a.m. service - All Welcome!

Please pray for those on our Prayer List. Should you have a person you would like to our prayer list, or if you have an update to those on our prayer list, please contact either Suzy Petty (360-432-0989) or Marcie McKaig (360-426-1933).

*Michael Curry, Paul & Beth, Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Eli, David, John & Dorothy, Connie, Saylah & Hector, Bud, Terry, Betty, Becca, Greg, Samuel, Christina, Bob & Kathleen, Randy, John, and Donna.*



**St David of Wales**  
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*Can you stay after our 10:30 a.m. fellowship time and help?*

*We have to move the church pews away from the wall and remove all the wall hangings, etc.*

*Beginning Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, November 23<sup>d</sup> the entire church will be painted in anticipation of our December 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration.*

*We could use your help today after the 10:30 a.m. service, so please join in as you are able! We have a couple of team leaders to direct us and they will help get things going!*

DECEMBER

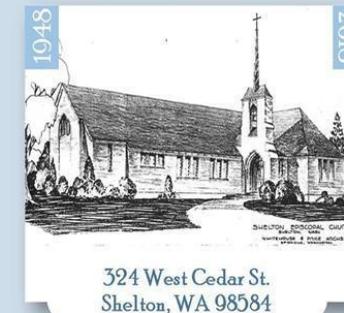
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TIME TO CELEBRATE

1 - 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

70 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY



ST. DAVID OF WALES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TOUR

1-2 p.m.

Christ's passion in stained glass, *Stories in glass, a Tour.*

HISTORY

2-3 p.m.

Stories from 1893, book signing "*A History of St. David's*"

SOCIAL

2-3 p.m.

Wine & Cheese social, Open house, Auction, Raffle, Prizes

CONCERT

3-4 p.m.

Dating from the 8th Century *Festival of Lessons & Carols in a rich, acoustic sanctuary.*

## St. David of Wales Episcopal Church



Wreaths



Autumn Collection



Centerpieces



Garland



Trees



Specialty

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