



# ST DAVID OF WALES

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**Message from Fr. Steve** . . . Sue Tait from the Diocesan Resource Center will present a training session on Saturday, June 29th at St David from 10 - 2 pm with a brown bag lunch. We are inviting St. Christopher, Steamboat Island to join us for this learning experience. You will receive more information about this session with Sue Tait - save the date.

**VESTRY VAPORS** . . . **From Sr. Warden, Suzy Petty** . . . Fr. Steve committed to focusing on three goals designed to guide both Priest and Parish during this interim under the heading of Worship/Liturgy. "Plan and execute a Lenten program and \*ensure services are held at critical Holy days. \*Consider partnership with other churches, spiritual leaders and the community. Provide leadership for Liturgy Committee."

I offer sincere gratitude, appreciation and congratulations on achieving those goals beyond expectations to Fr. Steve and all participants. Every service was designed and executed perfectly leaving a deep sense of awe. The additional visit to the Olympia Islamic Center was profound to those who attended supporting future opportunities for growth and understanding. We were blessed by messages delivered by Fr. Steve, Rev. Barb Weza, Cathy Warner, Beth Day Waters and Patti Case during Holy Week. Everyone should embrace a deep sense of pride at what St. David's has done and who we are as Christians and together as a family. The Agape dinners begun by Fr. Steve and his wife, Beth, were magical. The fellowship enriched by unplanned conversations from the heart continued on through Lent with little effort but with a lot of commitment and love. I am excited about our tomorrows.

**HAVE YOU READ** these books by Episcopal Church authors? **The Episcopal Church in Mason County, 1853 to 2018** by **Norm Eveleth** gives you, not only the church history, but the history of early Shelton as well. It is a good read and is available for a suggested donation of \$15.00 to St. David's. Also available for a suggested \$15.00 donation is a book about the life of **Billie Howard as told to Suzy Petty – The Magic of the Valley**. This book tells about Billie growing up in rural Skokomish Valley in the 1940's and 50's. It is also an easy read and a bit funny too. **All proceeds** from both books benefit St. David's. They are available on the table in front of the bulletin board. Or ask Norm Eveleth, Suzy Petty or Billie Howard . . .

**HANDS OF HOPE** meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. David's. The purpose of this group is not only fellowship, but to pray for those on our weekly prayer list. They also make shawls for shut-ins, or whatever craft you like to do. This is one way to reach out to the community. Marcie McKaig would love to have you join the group and who knows where the conversations might lead. (Call 360-426-1933 or just come and decide for yourself)

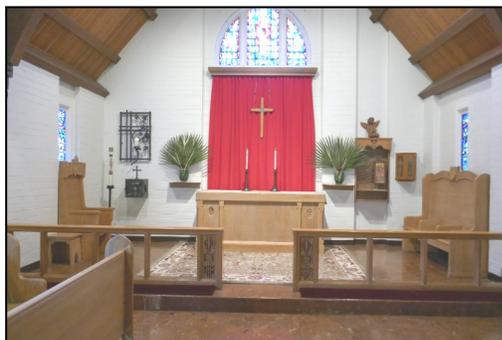
**FUNDS AND THEIR USES . . .**The Discretionary offering is taken the first Sunday of each month and is used by Fr. Steve to help members of the church who have an emergency situation . . . food, shelter, medical, gas, utilities, etc. The monies in the offering plate (not pledges) are basically an emergency fund for our church and local community. **THE SAINT'S PANTRY** offering is taken the second Sunday . Offerings of food items are brought to church and placed in the basket at the Altar. Money is always a good idea but items such as peanut butter, macaroni & cheese and canned soups – non-perishables are perfect. The Pantry serves low income and homeless families. Approximately 975 families are served each month.

**MEET & GREET . . .** This is a great way to meet people of St. David's. To have someone welcome you to the church each morning with a smile and give you a service bulletin is rather special. If you are new to St. David's, then it is extra special. A newcomer should be asked to sign the guest book. During the service, you collect the offering and present it at the Altar. After the service, ask visitors to attend the coffee hour and notify the Priest that a new person/family is in attendance. Interested? All are welcome!

**HANDS OF HOPE PRAYER LIST FOR MAY -** For healing; Michael Curry, Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Bud, Bob & Kathleen, Donna, Janet, Christopher, Justine, Barrett, David, Joan, Dick & Patti, and Jason; And Prayers of Thanksgiving for the recovery of Terry; And, repose of the soul of Dave.

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** is seeking volunteers to meet once a month to review finances and make recommendations to the Vestry. Should have some bookkeeping or finance experience. A committee of 3 – 5 people with a one-year commitment. This is another great opportunity to serve. Contact Carolyn Carlton at [cjcarlton@gmail.com](mailto:cjcarlton@gmail.com) or Suzy Petty at [thepettys42@yahoo.com](mailto:thepettys42@yahoo.com) .

**COMING EVENTS AT ST. DAVID'S – Hypatia-in-the-Woods**, is a local non-profit which provides residencies at Holly House, a small cottage in deep cedar woods off the Arcadia Road, for women in the arts, academia and entrepreneurship. **April Kuhr** and **Anne Edge** will perform music on piano, organ and viola as part of a fund-raiser for Hypatia-in-the-Woods at **7 p.m. May 31<sup>st</sup> at St David's**. A dessert buffet and silent auction will round out the event. Tickets for a suggested donation of \$20, and reservations can be made by phoning **Carolyn Maddux at 360-426-2268**.



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