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HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . As we greet 2020, we must say farewell to 2019. Last year was a year of change for St. David's. In January we said farewell to Fr. Joe and Nancy Mikel as they began a much-earned retirement and welcomed Fr. Steve Brill and his wife, Beth Day-Waters. Fr. Steve accepted the position of Interim Priest as we began the search process for a permanent priest. Through the Agape Suppers held during the Lenten season, we grew in faith and prayer. A new church directory was born and a new bulletin board began its entry into our lives. We held a successful 'Forest Walkabout' at Cranberry Lake and there are plans for others to follow this year led by Norm Eveleth and Cheri and Jeff Ratay.

Three of our ladies joined Fr. Steve and Patty Case in delivering The Message at Sunday Services - Peggy Hosford, Cathy Warner and Beth Day-Waters. We continue to host, promote and present musical performances throughout the year. And we can't forget our ever popular 'Bargain Fair' used stuff sale to support church activities. The 'Church Babes' came into existence late this year by the women in support of fun and fellowship. They dine each month at local restaurants and all women are invited to attend these luncheons. And, we continue to help The Saints' Pantry Food Bank for low income families and the Community Lifeline in support of homeless men and women. Of course we can't forget our ever popular potluck eating experiences!

It has been a good and productive year. We have a small congregation working to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. We are a family in spirit promoting the love of God. Let's continue . . . Billie H.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO Terry O'Hara and his daughter Kathy Rae for putting together a sock drive to benefit the homeless men and women of the community. They were delivered to Community Lifeline just in time for Christmas. Thank you Terry and Kathy for your thoughtfulness and to the many members who contributed socks. This is an ongoing project, so if you haven't had a chance to pick up a package of socks, it isn't too late - just place them in the basket in the back of the church.

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH . . . One girl that sang in the St. David's Junior Choir seventy years ago is still a member of St. David's. Who is she?

THE CHURCH BABES will be brunching on **January 9th at the Spencer Lake Bar and Grill at 11 a.m.** It is located at 1180 East Pickering Road and is easy to find - take Highway 3, hang a right on Pickering Road and you will find it nestled on the banks of beautiful Spencer Lake. This is a come-as-you-are get-together in the name of fellowship. All ladies are welcome (SORRY FELLAS). Call Rhoda Pykonen at 360-426-4598 if you are planning to attend.

A HOUSE BLESSING was held on Sunday, January 5th at the new home of **Cheryl Allagree**. Cheryl was a victim of the Paradise, California fire. She escaped in her motorhome with her beloved dogs and lost everything else. Cheryl has chosen St. David's as her church and Mason County as her new place to live. We welcome her and give her our support and love as she begins this new adventure in her life.

LORD, hear our prayer , , , Please pray for our families and friends, and for all our absent sisters and brothers, for those who are sick or struggling, especially: **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Joan, Ernie, Linda, Dick, Lisa, Greg, Sarah, David, Ann, Robin, David, Betty, Debbie, Margaret, Jamy, Kathleen & Bob, Jonathon & Christina, Bob, Todd and Grace.**

HISTORY QUESTION ANSWER . . . Marion Ashford Eveleth along with her sisters, Nancy and Barbara Ashford.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

Sunday, January 5	2 p.m. House Blessing - Cheryl Allagree's home, 560 E. Timberlakes Dr. East, Shelton
Sunday, January 5	Offering for Discretionary Fund
Sunday, January 12	Offering for The Saint's Pantry

JUST A REMINDER . . . If you haven't already done so, please turn in your pledge for 2020 so the Vestry can put together a budget. The Annual Meeting is just around the corner. If you are new and have questions, ask Fr. Steve or a Vestry member about the process. Large of small, your pledge is important and is needed to keep the programs and work of the church in order. **Vestry Members are:** Mike Callaghan, Judy Ogden, Carla Hearst, Tamra Ingwaldson, Carolyn Carlton. Senior Warden Suzy Petty and Junior Warden Peggy Hosford



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