



# ST DAVID OF WALES

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**ANNUAL MEETING TIME . . .** Here we go again - another year, another time to make plans for the year ahead. **On February 9th following the 10:30 service** we will gather for a potluck lunch and hear what we did last year that worked, and make plans for this year. This will include electing two new vestry members to replace Carolyn Carlton and Suzy Petty who have completed their terms of office, the election of a Junior Warden and the appointment of a new Senior Warden. Members present will be able to express their concerns and make suggestions for the good of the order. **Please make an effort to attend** as your support is needed and appreciated. **The 7:30 service will be cancelled that day. See you there!!!!**

**CALL COMMITTEE REPORT . . .** Several members have been wondering where we are on the Call for a permanent Priest for St. David's. Patti Case, of the committee, recently received a memo from Bishop Greg Rickel that *The Rev. Canon Marda Steedman Sanborn, who has served as Canon to the Ordinary for nearly 6 years will be transitioning out of that position over the next few months.* Patti reports that *Canon Marda is the person at the diocese responsible for the Call, so her departure may delay our process further.* Patti has heard from the diocese every two or three months saying "nothing yet, keep the faith." So, we will . . . Committee members are: Patti Case, Jane McGee, Cheri Ratay, Cathy Warner and Norm Eveleth..

**DID YOU NOTICE ?????? . . .** The church was decorated beautifully for Christmas and there are a lot of folks who had a hand in making it so. Special thanks to Dave & Nancy Bayley for the 15 large poinsettias that decorated the church and tables. Jeff & Shelby Conklin provided the very large wreath and two additional wreaths for the front door. They also provided the garlands that lined the inside of the church. Rhoda Pykonen and Laurie McClanahan put together the beautiful flower arrangements on the Altar. Poinsettias were given in memory of loved ones by the following: From Jeff & Cheri Ratay in memory of Sue & Bean Daniels; from Carolyn Carlton in memory of her husband, Jim; from Dick Deno in memory of his wife, Jen; from Larry & Mary DeForrest in memory of Elizabeth Hiebert; from Peggy Hosford in memory of Ray & JoAnn Warth; and from Fr. Steve Brill and Beth Day Waters in memory of Paul Brill. AND, the Nativity Scene mysteriously found its way to the Altar! The crew that stayed after church to decorate did a fantastic job and seemed to have fun doing it. Thanks again!

**HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH . . . The tree standing at the entrance to Echols Hall is a "Golden Beech." Where did it begin its life as a seedling?**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT . . . February 29th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** there will be a Women's Retreat at St. David's hosted by Deacon Barb Weza. Ladies from St. Christopher, Faith Lutheran and St. David's are invited to attend. It will focus on Prayer and Self Care.

**MUTUAL SELF-HELP HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS** are available through Fr. Steve to families wishing to be homeowners. The current neighborhood is **open immediately**. It will have eight (8) homes in it and is close to the church. Technical assistance and support is part of the package. A FAQ sheet is available. This program is sponsored by Housing Kitsap.

**BIRTHDAYS . . .** Somehow I managed to 'overlook' January's birthday celebrants so I'll do it now. Happy Belated Birthdays to: Steve and Beth Brill, George Davidson, Betty Haskins, Jack Krause, Karen Little, Elinor and Dave Salzer; and for this month we celebrate the birthdays of Nancy Bayley, Mike Callaghan, Cameron Henry, Marcie McKaig, Marlene Taylor, and Grace Wickward. Their addresses and emails are in the directory so if you wish, you can send them a message. Also, birthday folks can receive a blessing by going to the Altar during the **Birthdays, Anniversary and Thanksgiving** part of the service. If you wish to make an offering in celebration, you can do that as well.

**HEAR US, GOD OF GLORY . . .** Please include in your daily prayers - For family and friends, and for all our sisters and brothers, for those who are sick or struggling, especially: **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Joan, Jack, Ernie, Linda, Dick, Lisa, Greg, Sarah, David, Ann, Robin, Betty, Debbie, Margaret, Jamy, Kathleen & Bob, Jonathon & Christina, Bob, Todd, Grace and Terry.**

**ANSWER TO HISTORY QUESTION . . .** Dr. John Duffield, a Forest Geneticist, in a series of articles on Mason County Trees written in 1998 identified the tree as a "Copper Beech" - *Fagus sylvatica var. Purpurea*. According to Duffield, it began as a seedling from Cornwall, England. It was brought over from England about 1918, as a seedling and planted beside the home of the owner where it now stands. . . . Norm E.

**DATES TO REMEMBER . . .**

**Sunday, February 2nd Discretionary Fund Offering**

**February 9th Saints' Pantry Fund Offering**

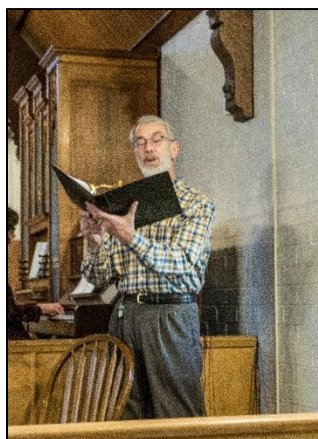
**ANNUAL MEETING & Potluck following 10:30 service - 7:30 service cancelled**

**Friday, February 14th HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**Saturday, February 29th WOMEN'S RETREAT at St. David's, 9 am to 2 pm.**

**Sunday, March 1st ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**LENTEN SEASON BEGINS ON MARCH 1ST** - We will schedule our **Agape Suppers** again this year during Lent so watch the March Newsletter and Church Service Bulletins for the dates.



Enjoying Music by Skylar Carroll . . .

