



# ST DAVID OF WALES

Episcopal Church  
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**SAVING GRACE - A gentle reminder for all of us . . .** A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began . . . **"Lord, I hate Buttermilk."** The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, **Lord, I hate Lard."** Now the Priest was overly worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, **"And, Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."** Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, **But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till you are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits."** Amen.

I too, am hoping with this pandemic and the forest fires and everything else that is taking place in the world today, when it is all over, 'that we'll have something better than biscuits.' - **Billie**

**VESTRY NOTES . . .** The Vestry met on September 13th. We were hoping to have a face-to-face meeting at the church but settled for another Zoom meeting until guidelines are set up as to how it can be arranged safely. This has been worked out, so the meeting on October 11th if approved by the Bishop will be our first face-to-face meeting since March.

**Stewardship** - The committee has talked about purchasing Daffodil bulbs for spring plantings around Shelton to remind the community that the season is here.

**Audit Committee** - The committee has been formed and includes Elinor Lindquist, Marcie McKaig, Don Kay and Cheryl Allagree. A thank you from Fr. Steve is extended to members stepping up to the cause.

**Fall Cleanup** - A major cleanup of the grounds of the church needs to be accomplished before winter sets in. Anyone with time to help is encouraged to do so - a date will be set soon.

**Facility Use Application and Agreement** - Don Kay has put together the proposed forms for the use of the facility. Thanks were extended to Don for his research and work on the project. The Vestry will take the plans into consideration.

**Irrigation System** - Work is progressing on the irrigation system as per Jr. Warden, Cheri Ratay. Jeff Ratay and Larry DeForrest will work together on the project.

**Video Streaming** of the worship service was discussed. There have been some problems in the audio transmission. The station is aware of the problem and will work on a solution.

**Sit and Pray** - This has caught on in one of Portland's Episcopal churches. The members, learning of our movement, have adopted it for their church.

**The Next Vestry Meeting** is scheduled for October 11 at 9 a.m.

**THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION** will be held this year **virtually on October 23 and 24, from 9 am to 4:30 pm.** The Diocese has asked that we register together through the church office. Fr. Steve will be registering those wishing to attend, so contact him if interested or have questions or concerns. This is a rare opportunity as there aren't any travel or lodging efforts included in a virtual event. It is also much less expensive and much more accessible.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH** - Celebrating this month will be Linda Gott on the 4th; Carolyn Carlton, Carla Martinez & Peggy Hosford on the 11th; Judy Hartman on the 12th; Dick Deno on the 15th; Dorothy Calleja on the 23rd; Beth Day Waters and Jane Brown on the 25th; Norm Eveleth on the 27th and Don Kay on the 29th.

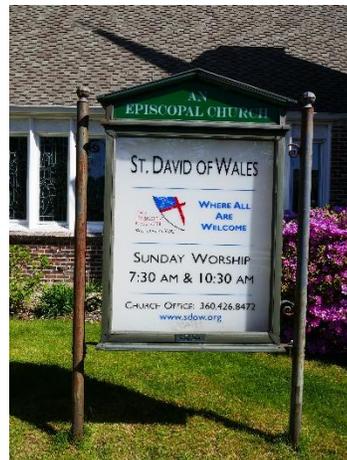
**May God Bless You, May God Bless you, May God, May God, May God Bless You!**

**PLEASE PRAY** for those near and dear to our hearts, especially: **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Dick, Lisa, Adam, Greg, David, Ann, Robin, Betty, Margaret, Jonathan & Christina, Nancy & Joe, Sue, Jesse, Kathy, Peggy, Marilyn, Don, Kayla & Ryan, Coco & Brad, Marian and Anthony**

**Also include in your prayers** - all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and all healthcare providers and essential workers; for all victims of natural disasters throughout the world, including the wildfires in our western states. **Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and protect those responding with assistance and aid, grant them safety and courage. Amen**

**DATES TO REMEMBER -**

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| <b>Sunday, October 4, 11, 18, 25</b>      | <b>Worship Service, 10:30 on YouTube</b> |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28</b>      | <b>Sit &amp; Pray, 9 am to 12 noon</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, October 11</b>                 | <b>Vestry Meeting, 9 am</b>              |
| <b>Friday, Oct. 23 &amp; Sat. Oct. 24</b> | <b>Diocesan Convention, 9 am-4:30 pm</b> |
| <b>Saturday, Oct. 31</b>                  | <b>Halloween - Trick or Treat!</b>       |



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