

## *2018 Newsletter for November and December*



**FROM THE  
RECTOR**

This week I was moved to tears at the latest of so many mass shootings, this time at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburg. The Bishop of Pittsburg and our Presiding Bishop called for both prayer and action.

Bishop Dorsey McConnell said, “Human beings have moral agency. Someone chose to hate, and chose to kill. And now we are faced with a choice as well – to do nothing, or to reject this hatred in the strongest possible words and actions, and to refute in every way, in every forum, the philosophical foundations of anti-Semitism wherever they have gained a foothold in our churches and our society.”

“This terror is added to the great heap of such crimes we have witnessed in the past”, he said. “Yet our hope is not dimmed, and our obligation is clear: ‘Behold, I set before you this day, life and death, blessing and curse: therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live’ (Deuteronomy 30:19).

“May we especially who bear the name of Christ be fierce in our love and unwavering in our courage, as we mourn with those who mourn, and work with others to lay the foundations for blessing, life and peace for all people.”

Bishop Curry also issued a statement: “Our Jewish neighbors, our brothers and sisters, are fearful and we must stand with them and provide comfort and support for them and for all,” he said.

“It is reported that the gunman not only ranted anti-Semitic sayings, he has also ranted and spoke against immigrants and refugees and other peoples. We must pray: we must pray for him, we must pray for the spirit of our nation – that a spirit of love and compassion, and goodness and decency, will pervade; and that spirits of hatred and bigotry will be cast away.

“But above all at this time, pray for those who have died and for their families and their loved ones”, he said. “Pray for those who are wounded, pray for the first responders, pray for our brothers and sisters in the Jewish community, pray for the Tree of Life Synagogue, pray for the city of Pittsburgh, pray for America, pray for us all.

“And then go out and do something: do something that helps to end the long night and helps to bring in the daylight.

“Visit a neighbor. Remind our Jewish brothers and sisters that they do not stand alone. Care for someone. Love. Stand for what is right and good. And then pray, and then act, and then pray.”

Pray, act, and pray. May God give us the love and courage to speak and to act as followers of the Prince of Peace. *Carolyn*

## ***OUTREACH***

### **Isaiah 58 Ministries**

Isaiah 58 continues to work with the homeless and the home insecure, as well as those who are in need in the greater Salem community. The Distribution Center, at 26 S. Broadway, has been bustling with activity. Irene Curtin (who oversees the day to day business) and Cyndi Morse (volunteer coordinator) report that donated goods have been steadily flowing both in and out. Clients come primarily from Rockingham County and northern Massachusetts. There are two buildings now in use. One has clothes and household goods and the second is packed with furniture. Everything is free. The Center has also been working in collaboration with the House of Mercy in Lawrence to assist those who had been displaced from their homes by the gas crisis. Isaiah 58 is grateful for the generosity of its donors and volunteers!

### **Dave Hall Fund**

The staff of the Department of Youth and Family Services will be handing out turkeys to foster families at St. David's Church on Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. This is one way we support their work each year.

### **Hike for Hope**

\$925 was donated to support the ministries of Lazarus House in Lawrence!

### **Chips (Children of Incarcerated Parents)**

The people of St. David's have always been generous in buying Christmas gifts and toys for the children whose parents are serving time in prison. This year was no different. Under the tree were piles of games, dolls, toys, and books. They will be brought to convention on November 4 along with the gift cards collected throughout the year.



### **Cards for Prisoners**

Keep bringing in greeting cards of any sort and put them in the basket near the front entrance. The diocesan Prison Ministry will be collecting the cards at convention the first Saturday in November.

**December Outreach** – Episcopal Relief and Development – providing both emergency relief and sustainable development in impoverished areas both in the United States and across the world.

## ***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***



### **Adult Education**

We've been having lively discussions as we've been studying the Gospel of Mark on Mondays at 11 a.m. It is not too late to join in! All are welcome to join in whenever you can come.



## ***WORSHIP***

### **New color for Advent**

The season of Advent begins Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the past, the liturgical color was purple. But we will be switching to blue. Purple is traditionally the color for Lent, symbolizing penitence. For many years, Advent was also a penitential season and so purple was again used. But in recent years, more churches have switched to blue reflecting the themes of hope and expectation. Dark blue is the color of the sky just before dawn. It is also the color associated with Mary. Several years ago we obtained blue vestments, and on Advent 1 we'll be dedicating the blue veil and burse used on the altar.

**Christmas Eve Music** – Do you enjoy making beautiful music but may find it too difficult to commit to sing with the choir for the entire year? This is an opportunity for you to sing (or to play an instrument) that will make our Christmas Eve service special. Practices are held on Tuesday nights from 7-9, November until Christmas Eve. Talk to Pam if you are interested.

### **No new Book of Common Prayer, but new liturgies!**

At General Convention this summer, it was voted not to update the Book of Common Prayer (which is 40 years old). Rather the Episcopal Church decided to adopt the practice of the Church of England. The official Book of Common Prayer for the Church of England is the one published in 1652! But rather than going through the long arduous process of updating a whole new book every 30 or so years, new liturgies are regularly made available. Convention authorized the use of supplemental liturgical materials approved by our convention and materials used elsewhere in the Anglican Communion. For instance, we at St. David's could use on a Sunday morning, a Eucharistic Prayer published by the Anglican Church of Canada or the Church of England. The traditional flow of the service, however, will remain the same. There will be some clergy training on this, but we may try out some different prayers in 2019.

## ***FUN EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING***

### **2018 Crafter's Fair**

Despite the very hot and humid day on the second day of the craft fair resulting in smaller attendance, it was successful. A \$9783 was raised - \$283 over budget. As usual, many crafters expressed the hospitality that we provide. Great job everyone!

### **Community Supper and Kitchen Dedication**

We had an amazing Ham and Bean Supper in October! We fed over 130 people using both the lower hall and the Sunday School room. Approximately \$1200 was made. There is no question that the meal ran so smoothly and was so successful because of the organizational work of Bob McGilvary and Bob Habeeb and the generous donations of supplies and work of cooking food, selling tickets, setting up and decorating the lower hall, and welcoming and served guests. THANK YOU!

David Kagan afterwards expressed how meaningful it was for the family to have the kitchen dedicated and blessed in memory of their mother. We'll be hanging the sign below above the serving window. It says, "Oma's Kitchen In Loving Memory of Johanna U. Kagan, Nothing made Mom happier than a Family Dinner".



### **Salem Holiday Parade**

The annual Salem Holiday Parade will be on Sunday, November 25 from 1-3:00 PM. St. David's always provides hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies for those watching. Please bake and drop off cookies that Sunday morning. Thank you!

### **SCRIP – great way to give gifts, pay for purchases and help the church!**

Scrip is a program through which you can purchase gift cards for almost any chain store or restaurant you can think of, and a portion of your purchase will go automatically to St. David's. Order forms are in the foyer. Orders and checks can be dropped off in the wooden deposit box in the copy machine room. Gift cards can be used for gifts, but the program really pays off when people use them for their regular everyday purchases.

## ***STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES AND PROPERTY***

### **Vestry openings**

Three vestry members, the Jr. Warden, and Clerk will all be finishing their terms as of the annual meeting in January. The vestry plays a critical role overseeing the ministry, life, and finances of the church. Job descriptions will be posted in December, but please consider running for these positions. Feel free to ask Carolyn or a member of the vestry for more information.

### **Finances**

The finance committee and vestry will be beginning to work on the parish budget for 2019. If you would like to help serve on the finance committee you can speak with Carolyn, and the vestry welcomes any input on spending priorities.

### **Stewardship Financial Campaign**

Our campaign "Gathering the Harvest" will officially end November 11. People have been wonderful getting their pledges in, and our cornucopia table will soon be overflowing with fruit and vegetables as we express our gratitude to God for God's faithful presence and the many blessings in life. Thank you for being willing to share the fruit of the harvest!

### **Property**

The property committee continues to do a wonderful job with the upkeep of the church property.

- The Sunday School exit door was replaced.
- The dead trees by the side entrance and a large branch overhanging the rectory was taken down.
- A new thermostat was installed in the lower hall.
- Bob Habeeb painted the sanctuary wall a light blue (looks great!) and George Ogin had the ceiling repainted.
- A safety railing was installed in the rectory's back stairwell.
- The double red doors were adjusted so to firmly close.
- The property committee did an assessment of both outside property needs and needed rectory repairs. They will be working on a priority list in November.

Fall clean-up day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Task list will be posted in the upper hall.



## ***DIOCESAN MATTERS***

### **Diocesan Convention**

Diocesan Convention will be held Saturday November 5th at Christ Church in Exeter. The diocesan budget reflects the priorities of: Renewing the Faithful, Revitalization of the Church, and Reconciliation of the World. Activities include funding for a "Renewal Works" process for up to 10 congregations, a "Spring Renewal Day" filled with workshops for any person in the diocese, quiet days for clergy and laity,

funding for mission resources, support for caring for the earth and meeting needs in the world. There is also a resolution encouraging mentoring of disadvantaged children and youth.

Keep up to date with news from the diocese! Log onto the website [www.nhepiscopal.org](http://www.nhepiscopal.org). "The Bulletin" lists events and if you subscribe, it will be emailed to you (free).

***PARISH PRAYER LIST*** (please let the office know of deletions and additions)

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Please also remember our homebound members: Fred Miner, Barbara Davis, Arlene Law, Carol Jones, Doris Deputy, Rusty Simpson, Joan Logan.

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