

Newsletter for September and October 2019



I just got in from the garden. I saw Cyndi beginning to pick what was ripe and went to give her a hand. Good thing I did! There were a lot of tomatoes – huge, delicious, heirlooms. Harvests like this reminds us of the abundance and goodness of God's creation. It becomes a joy to share what we've been given with others.

So often we function through a lens of scarcity – that we won't have enough for ourselves, for our families, for our nation. That there isn't enough to go around. And ironically, many times the ones whom people most fear that they are taking things away from them have the least.

But the Bible reminds us over and over of the abundance of creation, and that there is enough if we care for what we have been given and if we share. In the Hebrew scriptures the Sabbath was instituted in part to remind us that we don't have to work all the time. One of the first lessons the people of Israel learned in the desert was that God provided enough manna for every person every day – but if one collected more than their share or hoarded it – it rotted in their homes. When a child offered his lunch of a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish, Jesus fed a hungry crowd of five thousand.

I think God is always nudging us to move from the fear of scarcity to the joy and generosity that comes when we see the abundance around us. I see it in our life together at St. David's – providing piles of backpacks and school supplies to children, filling baskets with food for the pantry, giving time and labor to distribute free clothes and household goods for people trying to make ends meet, and the many many ways people give to this church so we can together proclaim the goodness of God.

May God bless you all with God's endless abundance!

Carolyn

OUTREACH

Lancaster School Partnership

The principal of Lancaster Elementary sent a request to us to provide 8 backpacks filled with school supplies for students of low income families. I initially brought over a bin with the supplies that had been donated, but then on August 25 by the end of service, the bin was totally full again. Adam Pagliarulo sent an email expressing his deep gratitude for our generosity.

Isaiah 58 Ministries

The Distribution Center has been busy with people looking for clothes and household goods. Irene Curtin oversees its operation, Cyndi Morse greets people and keeps track of the volunteers and their work, Diane Soucy often comes to sort clothes, and Maria Posey takes charge of the room with housewares, greets our Hispanic friends in Spanish, and keeps the whole place hopping with lively music! Elaine Clark has been not only providing spiritual care but also has been doing some case management for clients. David Yasenka has frequently taken off his suit and tie for fundraising and advocacy to don blue jeans and a ball cap as he has worked to help renovate the trailers on Freedom Drive the ministry hopes to use as transitional housing for the homeless.

The annual charity benefit for Isaiah 58 will be Friday September 27 from 6:30-10:30 at Atkinson Resort. Cost is \$75 per ticket. The theme will be "Isaiah's Village – A Model for Affordable Housing". Tickets can be purchased from their website.



Hike for Hope

During the month of September, our outreach efforts are dedicated to support Lazarus House Ministries. Lazarus House provides food from their pantry for 900 families per week and 300 meals per day. Lazarus also provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and a thrift shop, serving the many poor and homeless in the greater Lawrence area. The Hike for Hope will be held on Sunday September 29. Micki LeBlanc and Denise Labrecque will be walking. Checks can be made out to St. David's with "Hike for Hope" on the memo line.

Chips

In October, St. David's will be participating in the diocesan collection of Christmas toys and books to give to the children of incarcerated parents. These children are the innocent victims of crime. This program eases the pain of both the child and parent and provides an opportunity to maintain their bond and share a time of joy together. The goal is 1200 gifts and an equal number of books. There will be a Christmas tree in the back of our sanctuary with ornaments with suggested items. Take as many ornaments as you want, purchase the gifts and/or books and put them unwrapped and unopened under the tree. The prison committee has asked that you **do not purchase any clothes**. Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for a list of other items that cannot be accepted. *The gifts will be brought to Diocesan Convention on November 9 – so your gifts must be at the church no later than Sunday November 2.*

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.

Family Promise

When Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County closed, St. David's continued to support housing for homeless families with children by donating to Anna Marie House in Hudson, which is a Family Promise program where the families remained at one site as verses from church to church each week. They have just been informed that in June 2020, the Sister of the Presentation will need to have the building Family Promise has been using back. So FP is looking for a new residential site. Keep them in your prayers and ears and eyes open for any possible low cost sites.

Kitchen Use and Community Suppers



Harvest Dinner

Our next community dinner will be Saturday October 26. Bob Habeeb and Bob McGilvary will be heading this one up. The theme is A Harvest Dinner and will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. This dinner will be a little different in that it will be one seating for 80 people at 6:00 and the food will be served family style instead of a buffet. Because of the menu and limited seating, tickets will not be sold at the door for walk ins. The cost will also be slightly higher to help pay for the food and to raise money so that we can equip our kitchen with the supplies needed to provide meals like this.

EVANGELISM

We've all been watching the apartments and condominiums being built at Tuscan Village. Hundreds of people are moving in. The vestry has been discussing ways we reach out to these new residents of Salem to minister to them and introduce them to St. David's. One thing we decide to do is to welcome these people to Salem by inviting them to our Harvest Dinner. We will be starting small, providing 10 free tickets to the meal. If you'd like to purchase some of these tickets for this outreach, you can speak with Bob Habeeb or Carolyn.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Education

The Monday morning Bible study shifted its time to begin at 10 AM. We're continuing to work our way through the Gospel of Luke. But anyone can join in at any time!



WORSHIP

Service Times

As of September 1, the worship schedule has gone back to having two services at 8 AM and 10 AM. The 8 AM service is smaller and more informal. The 10 AM service has music. The exception to this schedule will be Sunday September 22 when there will only be an 8 AM service because of the Craft Fair.

We had a great time all worshipping together this summer. But as of September 2nd, we will be resuming our normal schedule of Sunday worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

There will be one exception... On Sunday September 16, there will be only one service at 8 a.m. because of the fall craft fair.



Blessing of Animals – Each year we celebrate St. Francis by inviting everyone to bring their pets to church for a blessing. This year that will be October 6. We will also have an outdoor blessing of animals in front of the church at 4 PM. This is an excellent non-threatening opportunity to invite people to begin to experience St. David's. So, invite your friends and neighbors who have pets of any kind! All animals are welcome!

Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Rob is scheduled to visit October 13. If you have never been received or confirmed into the Episcopal Church, this is the time to do so! It is also an opportunity to reaffirm your baptismal vows or be baptized. If you are interested in any of the above, please speak with Carolyn.

FUN EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

2019 Crafter's Fair – September 21 and 22 – a few weeks away!! It is the church's primary fund raiser and there is plenty to do. All hands on deck!

Only a few weeks until the big fair! We currently we around 25 New England crafters and artisans. A bouncy house has been rented and already the

locals are talking about coming to buy a container of cookies from our cookie walk or picking up lunch at the G&G café. The raffle has some big prizes - a handcrafted quilt, a bicycle and \$500 cash prize in addition to many gift cards, baskets, and other prizes.

Things to do:

1) Sign up to help! There is something for everyone and everyone is needed! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the upper hall. It has worked out great to have able-bodied people helping set up our stuff Friday at 5 p.m. and to help early crafter as they arrive; and then again for the primary crafters set up early Saturday morning (6:30 - 9 a.m.). Come again Sunday afternoon after 2 p.m. to help with taking everything down and cleaning up. And of course, people are needed throughout the course of the fair to help out with the cafe, monitor the bounce house, offer the crafters relief, work at the raffle and cookie walk tables and overnight security watch.

2) Put out signs on your lawn and ask friends in high visibility locations if they would put out one for us. Signs can be posted on town public property as of Labor Day Weekend. (Signs are in the garage). Also post the flyers you received around town.

3) Bake cookies! The last several years we made over \$2,500 in cookies alone!

4) Sell raffle tickets. There are plenty more! If you wish to donate an item for the raffle or have obtained one from a local business, please contact Diane Martin at 603-893-9278.

5) Pray for good weather!

We can be proud that every year virtually every single member of St. David's helps in some way to make the Autumn Craft Fair a fun event for each other and the community and one that provides critical financial support for continuing the life and ministry of the parish. We are so lucky to have such a faithful and great bunch of workers! We cannot do it without your help. Thank you!

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES AND PROPERTY

Finances

At our August vestry meeting, Deb Ogin provided the first full financial report we've had in a number of months. The church financially is on solid ground, but after everything was caught up, the checking account is running a bit tight. So, if you are behind on your pledge, this is a great time to catch up after the summer. Thanks!

Stewardship Financial Campaign

Every year beginning in October, we have a financial stewardship campaign. The theme will be “The Gifts of God for the People of God”. More details to come!

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.

Property

- Bob McGilvary and Bob Habeeb weeded and weed wacked around our two flower gardens, and Bob McGilvary did additional mulching and landscaping, so the parish looks its best for the craft fair.



Keep up to date with news from the diocese!

- E-mail news is mailed out at least once a month with news and events. To sign up for this service, send an email to officeassistant@episcopal.org and they'll get you signed up.
- A reminder that a national Episcopal newspaper also comes out every other month and free copies are in the foyer. Feel free to pick one up.

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

Flora Meyer, Kim Verstraete, Diana Nelson, Cathy Passerello, Donna Conrad, Carol & Arlene Bassett, Jean Lynch, Carlene McKinnon, Elaine Schwager, Lynn Romano, Marsha Rothel, Charles Smith, Vincent Gallucci, Katrina LeBel, Jim Saucier, David, Jeff, and Deb Clark, Morgan Decker, Kim Dippo, Norman & Mona Soucy, Rick McGibbon, Ed Brinkman, Angela Randall, Sean William, Haylee O'Toole, Beth Soule, Janice Josephine Carney, Kristina Morrison, Marilyn McIntrye, Evelyn Austin, Patrick Ryan, Jennifer Merrick, Joseph Grande, Guy Grande, Liz Naters-Gamarra, Tina Kenya, Sheila McLaughlin, Errol & Helen Duncan, Lynn Clarke, Alex Frazier, Geri O'Brian, Jessica Francis, Barbara McGovern, Elaine Clark, Calvin Smith, John Peterson, James & Patty Puckett, Betty & John Gay, Dot & Tom Johnson, Christopher Paquette, Sue and Bob DeVine, Michael Worth, Micki LaBlanc, Anita Hill, Ana Diamantopoulos, Bill Hanlon, Windy Nelson, Jamie Brunco.

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

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