

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday:

8:30 am—Eucharist, Rite 1  
9:30 am—Adult Faith Formation  
9:30 am—Breakfast (3rd Sun.)  
9:30 am—Children's Sunday School  
9:30 am—Youth Sunday School  
9:30 am—Adult Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am—Eucharist, Rite 2  
10:30 am—Children's Church

### Wednesday:

5:30 pm—Davey's Diner (community dinner)  
6:00 pm—Daughters of the King (1st Wed.)  
6:00 pm—Adult Faith Study  
6:00 pm—Children's Program  
6:00 pm—Youth Group  
7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday:

10 am—Eucharist & Healing Prayers  
11 am—Bible Study  
6 pm—Yoga  
6 pm—Centering Prayer

### Friday:

7 am—Men's Prayer & Breakfast

## Save the Dates

January 22, Annual Meeting, 9:15, Sanctuary  
January 29, Bishop's Visit  
Combined service at 10 am  
February 16, ECW Card Party  
February 17, Mardi Gras Party (evening)  
February 21, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
February 22, Ash Wednesday

## Opportunities for Ministry

There are always openings for volunteers. Some current needs include:

- Greeters, Acolytes, and Readers - call the office for information
- Food Pantry help on Tuesdays and Thursdays - sign up with Fr. Rob.
- Office assistants to answer phones and do general office stuff.

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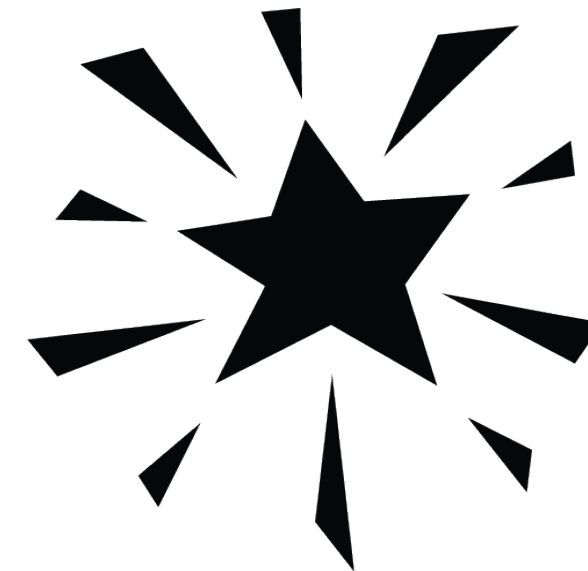
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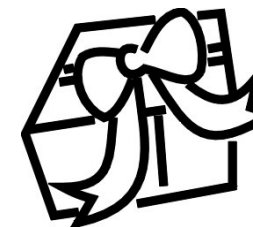
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## Epiphany 2012



### WHAT GIFTS CAN WE BRING? a message from the Rector

Two little boys were asked by their Sunday school teacher what gifts the Wise Men brought to Jesus? One little boy said, "Uh, gold, Frankenstein and mermaids!" The other young scholar said, "gold, frankincense, and myrrh? I bet he really wanted a puppy." What does the Christ child want from us? What gift can we bring during this season of Epiphany?



Perhaps the gift he really wants from each of us is the gift of *receiving*. You see, things tend to get a little out of perspective at Christmastide. We devote a huge amount of time to giving gifts to others. Now there is nothing wrong with that. The older I get, the more joy I get from giving to others and especially to those who have little. However, the heart of Christmas is not about us giving but, rather, it is about God giving and us receiving. The gift Christ wants from us this new year is to accept him and to receive his love and grace - his forgiveness into our hearts and lives... to reach out with hands of faith and to receive him as Savior and Lord.



## A Men's Group is formed.

The men of the Church have been meeting weekly for the past six months, gathering together in prayer and fellowship. This program is very simple: We meet in the Chapel to read together the Morning Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*, rotating between Rite 1 and Rite 2. We then go to breakfast together for fellowship. We meet every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel in the Education Wing, breaking for breakfast at about 7:30. We meet early so that men who need to be at work can still participate. Dick Kaiser notes, "The neat thing about this group is it meets whenever two or more show up, so you can count on someone being there every Friday."

More than twenty men of the parish and beyond have participated, with about 10 coming any given Friday. When men pray together a special bond of friendship is formed. Please consider coming to enjoy the part of our common life. Every man, a member or not of St. David's, is welcome.

The Men's Group cooks and sponsors breakfast on the third Sunday of each month - served in the Parish Hall from 9-10 am.

## The Daughters of the King are praying for you.

The Daughters of the King (DOK) Directress Pete McArthur is pleased to announced three new members: Libby Houghton, Joan Gerou, and Nancy Moses. Four others: Erica Brink, Erin Goding, Georgia Prokuski, and Kitty Wilson, are currently in preparation. As of October the Daughters have been meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, following the parish fellowship dinner at Davey's Diner. With average attendance around 20 women, meetings have been moved to the Multi-purpose room. Aside from meetings and regular prayer, the Daughters are also involved in the Food Pantry and the Flower Ministry, among other ministries.

All women of the parish and beyond are welcome to attend. Meetings run from 6 pm to 7 pm. The nursery, children's activities, youth activities, and men's fellowship run concurrently. A Junior Daughters chapter meets the first Sunday of the month at 9:30 am in the chapel with Nancy Moses.

Says Rose Kaiser, "We are very thankful for this opportunity to be able to share our prayer life and involve everyone who is interested in becoming a daughter into our chapter."

If you have any questions or are interested in the Daughters of the King please contact Rhona Nunez, Pete McArthur, or Rose Kaiser for more information.

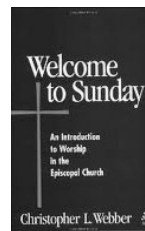
If you have any prayer requests please contact the church office or fill out a pew card at Sunday service.

## Adult Faith Formation provides several weekly opportunities.

**On Sunday mornings**, our ongoing Sunday school class explores what it means to be an Episcopalian. In February, we will begin a book called *Welcome to Sunday* which will assist us in the exploration of our Sunday worship experience. Books will be made available. For more information contact Fr. Robert Moses or Jeff Lake.

**On Wednesday evenings**, adults gather in the Multi-purpose room from 6 pm to 7:30 pm to share their lives of faith. *Stories of Life and Love* is an opportunity to learn and value the stories of faith as found in the bible, the tradition, the world around, and our own lives. All are welcome. No matter where you are on your journey, your story is valuable and we want to be a part of it. We will resume on January 4, 2012.

**On Thursday mornings**, Fr. Bob offers a mid-week Eucharist in the chapel followed by bible study. Eucharist begins at 10 am in the Chapel.



The Jr. Daughters of the King

## Junior Daughters of the King make a return to St. David's

We are very excited about adding a Junior chapter of the Daughters of the King here at St David's. Please pray for the girls who are in formation - Tierney Brandt, Joy Henry, Brooke Myers, Kellie Myers, Emma Moses, Lenora Quinn, Peyton Sale, and Tatum Smith. The girls are studying, praying, and partaking in hands on learning. As part of their service to our community, they are working with Joan Gerou to

make quilts which are given to families visiting our food pantry. They will also be helping Miss Irene in the nursery. Please join us on March 4th to celebrate with these wonderful young ladies as they are installed as Jr. Daughters.

The Junior Daughters of the King is open to all girls third grade through 12th grade. We meet every first Sunday at 9:30 in the Chapel.

## The Youth Group

The Youth Group has had an active couple of months: In November, they helped serve at the Spaghetti dinner, offering their support at the initial fundraiser for the parish's revitalized outreach pantry. That was followed quickly by their annual service with VISTE delivering food to and visiting with elderly homebound. In December, fourteen youth joined Christy Wilson and the minstrel, Ken Butler, on a caroling excursion. After caroling, the youth enjoyed their annual Christmas party with traditional Christmas tacos! What fun. The youth are also ministering as greeters on the third Sunday of each month.

Plans for the winter and spring are still developing but so far on the horizon it looks like some fun events. On January 14, plans are being made for the Youth Group to attend Winter Jam 2012 (an annual Christian music festival) in Tampa.

Plans are also underway for the first annual Youth Servant Day. The youth want to raise money to help support the food pantry. So start making a list of things you need done. A youth will be happy to help. Coming soon!!!

## The Pantry Opens

The new pantry has been open for 6 weeks now. Following an extremely successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Thanks Rose!) we were able to purchase two refrigerators which will provide much needed fresh produce and meat to those in need. We purchase supplies - produce, meats, canned goods, etc. - at Agape food bank for 18 cents a pound.

In December, we provided food for some 60 families.

## Christmas with the Farmworkers

On Tuesday, December 20, a caravan of seven vans and trucks left St. David's parking lot loaded down with presents for children from among the farmworkers in Mulberry. Presents for 65 children!! Included among those presents were some 26 new and used bikes - most loaded down in Art Schaffer's truck. We went to deliver

## 2012 Annual Meeting is called.

St. David's Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2012 at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. This is an important meeting of the whole as it will set the direction and focus of the church for the coming year. Some items on the agenda include: adopting the annual budget, electing the vestry, and reviewing parish ministry.

All parish members, age 18 and over are eligible to vote.

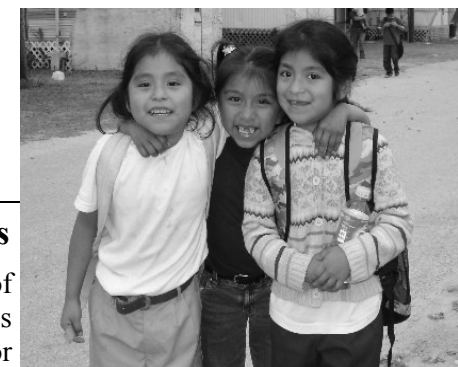
Information on the proposed budget and on the candidates for vestry will be made available as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the budget that you would like addressed in advance of the Annual Meeting, please email Ellen Simms at fast-frame491@hotmail.com.

## Vestry Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2012 vestry.

Nominations for the 2012 Vestry Election are now being taken. Six seats for vestry must be filled at the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2012. To be eligible to serve you must be a *confirmed communicant in good standing* who is at least 18 years of age. A confirmed communicant in good standing is duly registered in parish registry, attends services regularly, and makes stated and recorded contributions to the general support of the church.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate please contact a member of the nominating committee: Dick Kaiser, Vic Nunez, Ellen Simms, and Deryck Williams, or contact the Church office so that Linda Butcher can forward your name.



## Bishop John W. Howe to visit St. David's on January 29

The Rt. Rev. John W. Howe, Bishop of Central Florida, will make his annual visit to St. David's on January 29, 2012. This will be Bishop Howe's final visit to St. David's as the bishop ordinary of Central Florida as he is set to retire in April of 2012. The Rev. Gregory O. Brewer was elected at special convention on November 19 to succeed John Howe.

We will pay tribute to Bishop Howe during his visit with a combined service at 10 am followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Bishop Howe will offer the sacraments of baptism and confirmation and will publically receive those who wish to become Episcopalian. Please keep all of the candidates in your prayers.

them: 300 presents, innumerable baby items from our Christmas party, and several large bags of clothes. And we are not yet done - more bikes are on the way and more clothes and baby stuff

has come in since.

If you weren't able to make this trip, don't worry more opportunities will be coming soon.

