

Pastor's Corner

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt ("made a home") among us." - John 1:14

Dear members & friends of St. David's,

With Christmas, we celebrate that God refused to stay distant from our lives, and instead chose to come "dwell" and "make a home" with us. Then, throughout the following season of Epiphany, we see glimpses of the light of God's presence breaking out all around us in the places we live.

This idea of "making a home" among us is a recurring theme in our life together this coming month, as we await the installation of the furnace at the new parsonage, which will allow the final remaining steps of construction to be completed. Hopefully, by the end of the month, we'll have a more certain idea of when my family might move in, and we look forward to more firmly rooting our ministry in the community.

Also, while we're building a home for the current (and future) pastors of St. David's, we're also striving to raise funds to build homes for those less fortunate. Our "Mission of the Month" for January is an organization called "Breaking Cycles." This group builds homes for poor families in Honduras, so they can escape poverty and not have to risk dangerous journeys in the hope of escaping their terrible conditions.

Finally, during the Season after Epiphany, it's an old Christian tradition to have house blessings to celebrate God's coming to make a home with us. These house blessings are NOT magic. Rather they are simply the recognition that God is alive and present with us - everyday, wherever we may be. If you are interested in having your house blessed, please call me to set up a time. There is no fee (but a cup of coffee is always appreciated).

- Pastor Micah



Trusting in God's love & concern, we have been asked to pray throughout the week for:

Known to be hospitalized, ill or homebound:

Chris Zaminer, Ken Cohen, Avery Foccini, Jimmy Boos, Joan Cusa, Maureen Reddy, Michael Crossley, Mindy Diaz, Joan Bishton, Dr. Bill Pippin, Tony Soccia, Gayle Wertz, Cynthia Diaz, Victoria Bonura, Andrea Smith, Ruthann Mast, Nancy Locke, Jolie Meister, Louise Molendorf, Philip Annunziato, Anita Tribold, Robert Mulcahey, Sherry Lynn Gherardi, "Mom" Capone, Jackie Palumbo, Douglas Wilson, Lisa, Ann, Abigail Ward, Ken McNutt, Hannah Bisig, Esther Hansen, Joan Plenge, Olga Cohen, Tom Boyle, Jo Ann Rittmeyer, Giselle Hubbert, Fred Mueller, Bob Gfererer, Jacqueline Ferdenzi, Barbara Darabasht, Dcn. Don Matthews, Ken Cohen, Julius Cesaro, John Grube, Kerry Copeland, Len Schiede, Nicholas Lagravinese, Alyson Bruu, Carol Scheuer, Kylie & Matthew Sapanski, Norman Hall, Nancy Michaelis, Ed & Emma Schneider, Gerda Weber, Baby Brody

Those who mourn the passing of:

Diana Bruu, Douglas Rudolph, Nickky Togliferri, Ted Ho, Stephen Perry, Richard Terbrusch, Frank Musumeci, Maddy Bowen, Jeanne Schutzenbach, Ada Carnovale, Herta Von Holt, Agnes (Nancy) Peterson, Susan Ives, Alice Gruenberg, Harriet Cesaro, Charles Kane, George, Irmgard DeCarlo, Tina Spring

Please let us know if you have a name to add to our prayer list.

Please also let us know when someone can be taken off the list, so that we can celebrate their recovery.

Unless we hear otherwise,

names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. Thank you.

The Charles Schulz Philosophy



The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the 5 wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last 5 Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last 5 winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name 3 friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name 5 people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of 5 people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.

-- received from an e-mail

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See What's Happening at St. David's

Council Highlights:

Update on the New Parsonage: The walls and bath tiling are complete, the electric fixtures are up, and the stump is done. The floors cannot be finished and walls painted until the heating system is functioning, which cannot be installed until the gas is connected. So we are waiting on the gas company. We received two estimates from painters, an estimate for the sidewalk, driveway and fence.

Preliminary Figures on Attendance: Some initial data was reported on our worship attendance over this last quarter: For Sunday mornings, last year in our combined two services, we averaged 86.9 people per Sunday. This year, our one service has an average attendance of 105.7 people. As far as our afternoon services, last year over this time period we averaged 18 people at our Saturday services. This year, with our Sunday afternoon service, we are averaging 17.3 people.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Justus, Council Secretary

Thank You for Your Commitment

On Sunday, December 2nd, we held our annual "Commitment Sunday, and so far we have received 42 "Commitment Cards," totaling a combined weekly offering of \$2,674.



Thank you all for your participation. The success and reach of our ministry is dependent upon the generous support of all the people of our community, so thank you for your commitment to St. David's.

** If you would still like to submit a Commitment Cards & Time and Talent Sheet, please contact the church office. Thanks.

Our St. David's Giving Tree & Gift Wrap Program was a huge success. We collected over 100 gifts from both the congregation and the Preschool, and the gifts were distributed to Lutheran Social Services, in Uniondale, NY. This could not have been accomplished without the generosity of everyone.

A special thanks to Colleen Smith and St David's Preschool, and to Cathie Reis for helping to organize and track down the missing gifts. Also, a special thank you to Trudi and Katarina Junge, Jon & Hayley Tan, and Diane Hoffman for helping to wrap and sort gifts to be ready for distribution. And a very special thank you to Mike Maione for, once again, delivering the gifts for us.

This was a group effort by all. Thank you for your time and support.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy, Healthy, Safe New Year!

Sincerely, Barbara Puleio

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday @ 10 am
with Children's Message and Sunday School
and ASL Interpretation

Sunday @ 4 pm
If you miss Sunday morning,
you now have a way to still make it to church.
Why not give this simplified & casual service a try?

Join the fun!!

Adult Choir practice
Sundays BEFORE Worship
(9:00 a.m.)
** Practice resumes Jan. 6th



Church Council mtg.
Tuesday, January 8th
at 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes:

Every Wed. @ 7:00 p.m.
** Classes resume Jan. 9th



King David Fellowship
Thursday, January 17th
12-noon - 3 p.m.

Food, fellowship & a place for all. Join this fun Christian get-together (at the Hilsenbeck's, 32 New York Ave., Massapequa). Please RSVP to Gloria Thorsen, hostess, (516) 799-8517, or Reverend Juanita & Walt Hilsenbeck (516) 541-5624. All are welcome.

Prayers for Healing & Wholeness
Sunday, January 20th
4:00 p.m.



On the third Sundays of the month, you are offering a special service of Prayers for Healing & Communion at our 4:00 p.m. service.

Annual Congregational mtg.
Sunday, January 27th
after worship (@ 11 a.m.)

Annual Meeting

Reasons to Come:
(not necessarily in order of importance)
1) There will be refreshments.
2) You get to dream about & discuss our shared future together.
3) You get to hear about what's been done in the last year.
4) You get to learn how your offerings have been spent.
5) You get to elect this coming year's Council.
6) Because this is YOUR church, . . . and OUR ministry is also YOUR ministry, **so it's important.**

We hope you will join us.

Open Gym
Sunday, January 27th
6:00 p.m.



Confirmation students (and friends) are invited to join us for pizza and games at Our Redeemer (2025 Washington Ave., Seaford).

Mission Offering
for January:
"Breaking Cycles"
(Building Houses in Honduras)



January Coffee Hour Hosts:

01/06/19: Deaf Ministry
01/13/19: Education
01/20/19: Property / Stewardship
01/27/19: Fellowship - Annual Meeting

Needed Supplies Include:
Coffee, Tea, Drinks, Cookies, Cake, Etc.

Be on the Look Out

New Offering Envelopes Have Been Sent

Near the end of December, a packet of Church Offering Envelopes should have arrived in your mailbox. You'll then be receiving a similar packet of envelopes every three months. This system is administratively much simpler and easier to keep up to date, as well as serves as a helpful & periodic reminder to all of us of our need to support the church's ministry.

** If you did NOT receive your envelopes, or are not currently on our envelope list and would like to be, **please contact the church office. We'll be happy to get you started.**

** Helpful Hint - **Keep your box with this year's envelopes, and simply refill it when the packets of new envelopes come.**

**** Be sure to check out all the wonderful photos & memories from our Christmas celebration on our website & on Facebook.**

St. David's
Christian Preschool
NEWS:



The Preschool is starting out the New Year on the right foot with our latest fundraiser - collecting "gently used" footwear. We are working with a group that will pay us by the pound for the footwear; and in turn, they will provide our donations to underprivileged countries. Anyone that has a donation can leave them in the box in the lobby. You can tie the shoelaces together or rubber band the footwear together.

Thank you for your support, as the children of St. David's Preschool benefit greatly from our fundraiser endeavors.

- Colleen Smith, Linda Patrissi, Barbara Mazzarella, Cheryl Rassmusen, & Sara Patrissi