

# St David's

## Episcopal Church

### Bean Blossom

Fall 2007

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

One of my favorite places in all the world is the Saturday Farmer's Market in Bloomington. It's a lively place. Folks of all ages and many nationalities mill about the long rows of stands. Musicians entertain.

The goods in some stalls stay constant – organic dairy products, free-range eggs, grass-fed beef, honey. But as the growing season progresses, the offerings of many stands change – from vegetable starts and bedding plants, asparagus and the tender greens of Spring to winter squash and pumpkins, turnips and rutabagas as Fall chills the air. Right now, mounds of peaches, red and yellow bell peppers and pyramids of more varieties of tomato than I ever knew existed dominate.

Used to be I went to Market a couple times a year, more to renew my faith in humanity than to stock up on produce. Now each Saturday morning finds me chatting with growers as I fill cloth bags with what will be on our table and nourishing our bodies in the week to come. This change in shopping style has come about because of a recent commitment to buy locally produced organically grown food whenever possible.

It's a stewardship thing – having to do with reducing fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions while supporting farming practices that aren't toxic to land and field workers and consumers. Too complicated to go into here. But, if you want to know more and can get past her sometimes preachy tone, Barbara Kingsolver's new book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* is most informative.

I'm made this change because I'm tired of feeling paralyzed in the face of the cataclysmic environmental disaster towards which this planet is heading, and for which we are in large part responsible. I want to do something tangible, and what's more tangible than juice running down my forearms as I slice peaches harvested yesterday in Odon, Indiana, and bagged for me this morning by the Amish man who picked them?

This is how I'm choosing to respond to the passage in Genesis which has gotten us into so much trouble – “So God created humankind in [God's] image, in the image of God [God] created them; male and female [God] created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’” (Gen 1:27-28 NRSV)

“Subdue”... “dominion” – the language of absolute monarchy, where the opinions of those being subdued are not solicited. It's language that makes me profoundly uncomfortable, but it's what we have been given to work with by our tradition's creation story. What I notice is that the activities of subduing and having dominion are linked with the formation of the subduers (us) in the image and likeness of God.

The model of dominion presented in this passage, then, is the perfect sovereignty exercised by God, who made the earth and all that is in it and pronounced it all good. And the command to engage with creation with the sort of all-encompassing care exercised by the Maker is given to us while we are still in the Garden. We haven't screwed up yet. Ideal creation. Ideal rulers. This is God's vision for us.

God keeps trying – offering again and again in the Hebrew scriptures opportunities for God's people to live into God's image in relation to one another and creation; then encouraging us through Jesus, who got it right. We have in us still the potential to be good sovereigns, to care for each other and our world with wisdom and creative power. But time is short, and we each need to make tangible in action that image of God with which we have been blessed.

*In Christ,  
Deborah*

### **Portrait of a Mother**

by Barbara Joanne (Eacret) Faul

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Like November roses, she has faded  
Now wan, the tender cheeks I love to kiss,  
Faltered steps persistently invaded  
Overtaking sprightly steps that I now miss.  
Time and tears, I've watched them daunt her vision,  
Now subdued, the voice once rapt in song,  
Life with heartaches made a deep incision  
Leaving marks of time, which slipped along.

Yet, it seems I never beheld such beauty,  
Like the golden glow when comes the fall,  
And like the seasons each display as duty  
She glows among the loveliest of all.  
Her fervent faith instilled in me her teaching  
Like a fortress 'round my weakened way  
With prevalent prayer each day beseeching  
That this little child not go astray.

Patient and enduring love she's given,  
So 'twould seem the dear heart, tired yet strong  
Renews its power with close contact to heaven,  
God knows her heart has loved for, oh, so long.  
Mere words can't paint a "Portrait of a Mother",  
In vain attempt I've penned upon this page,  
Not I, not men renowned, nor any other,  
Can show such strength and beauty, fed by age

*--from Marilyn Day*

## **Long Range Planning Committee Recommendations to Bishop's Committee**

St. David's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is pleased to announce their recommendations to the Bishop's Committee and the congregation to further the mission of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Organized in October of 2006 and using St. David's Mission Statement as a guideline – **“to do and to be the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world”** – six parishioners, the vicar and Senior Warden plus an outside consultant, met numerous times for prayer, discernment, ideas, and sharing. The members of the LRPC include; Mike Day, Sandy Fittz, Deborah Hutchison, Maggie Linscott, Doug Miller, Gene Niednagel with *exofficio* members; Jonathan Hutchison, Phyllis Sindlinger, and Carol Ruffin. Debbie Asberry was the outside consultant during this time.

The congregants of St. David's were fully involved in the process to develop a plan for the future of St. David's. The LRPC received input from 36 surveys completed by individuals or families; 55 participants in three “Circles of Conversation” and two well-attended parish forums to critique and affirm the summaries.

Based on this information and guided by discernment and prayer, the LRPC has proposed the following ten recommendations:

- Develop a Facilities Master Plan for St. David's that creates a new space for both congregational and community use and plans for the integration or replacement of existing structures.
- Develop a comprehensive stewardship plan for the next 3-5 years that includes education, study, and implementation of a capital campaign and planned giving program in addition to our ongoing annual pledge appeal. Working with the Master Planning Committee, determine when St. David's has the financial plan in place to move ahead with facility expansion and improvements.
- Oversee and supervise construction work at St. David's developed according to the St. David's Master Plan and carried out within the construction budget and scope of the project approved by the Bishop's Committee and Diocese.
- Manage the transition time in clergy leadership, ensuring that the long range planning process remains on schedule, that Jonathan and Deborah's ministries among us continue in the normal mode and are celebrated at retirement, that planning with the Bishop for the interim period after retirement be done on a timely basis, and that we educate ourselves on the processes and theology of transitions.
- Continue to educate ourselves about the needs of Brown County, our state, and nation and the world so we can act to bring the Kingdom of God closer to our communities. Be alert for outreach opportunities that St. David's could initiate and do very well.
- Actively work for membership growth, keeping in mind the long-range needs of St. David's for new leadership and younger members. Educate the congregation on the facts about Episcopal Church growth as they apply to our demographics.

Provide ways to encounter each other and God at ever-deeper levels by continuing to promote social and educational gatherings and worship experiences for these purposes. Inventory the ways we communicate with members and potential members and initiate new contacts so that we are in touch with all members and potential members at least seven times a month in a variety of ways. Create a task force to plan and implement a year-long, 2009 celebration of St. David's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a variety of events to mark this significant year in our history. Use the John McKinney Fund for new work at St. David's, using ½ of the fund for that portion of master planning and building costs that enhance our outreach to the community and ½ to support the beginning of a new ministry with start-up, facility, or program needs. Appropriate recognition of John McKinney's gift should be made at St. David's.

At the most recent Bishop's Committee meeting of August 15, the LRPC was recognized for their work and effort in developing these proposals and presenting them to St. David's. The Bishop's Committee officially recognized these ten recommendations and formally adopted #1 and #2 to begin the process of the overall plan. The remaining proposals will be discussed by the Bishop's Committee within the next two weeks for acceptance and implementation.

Thank you, all of St. David's, for taking your time and offering your prayers to help determine the future of this church and our ministry. Opening the discussion about the LRPC proposals were two readings.

The first: Acts 1:14 –“They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer...”  
The second: A quotation from Goethe – “Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it...”

As we join together to work toward God's goal and our goal for St. David's, let's be filled with the Holy Spirit and remember God's presence in our every accomplishment.

*--St. David's Long Range Planning Committee*

### **Saint Theresa's prayer**

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

*--from Hazel Olive*

*Saint Theresa is known as the Saint of The Little Ways, meaning she believed in doing the little things in life well and with great love. She is also the patron Saint of flower growers and florists. She is represented by roses.*

## Yoga

Yoga at St. David's will be making a return on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in parish hall starting **September 4th**. See Desiree Hensel for details (988-2037).

### **Dinner for Eight (er. . . Several)**

With the help of Janet Cullen and Carrie Foley, Flemings hosted a Dinner for Several, with a special theme: the food that was served was based on macrobiotic recipes supplied by Jan and Carrie. We had a variety of foods, some of which we wondered if we would want to eat! (When *reconstituted seaweed* is one of the ingredients, skepticism may be aroused. . .) Sadly, some of the folks scheduled to participate were unable to do so; although we missed them, as well as the opportunity to get to know them better, our group of five bravely sat down to table—Dave and Karen Richards, Ed and Cheryl Fleming, and Marge Grimm. Surprisingly, we found that the food was flavorful (and healthy!), despite our skeptical forethoughts, and there was no problem keeping the conversation flowing. (Sometimes, taking a risk yields interesting and enjoyable results!) Looking forward to new rounds of Dinners for Eight (or . . . how many??) Recipes follow:

#### **Daikon Wakame Miso Soup**

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| 4" daikon (cut in half moons or quarter moons for a larger daikon) | 5 C water                        |
| 5" strip wakame  | 1 heaping Tbs. barley miso       |
| 1 medium onion   | 1 green onion sliced for garnish |

Place the wakame in a bowl and cover with water for about 5 minutes or until tender. Cut the "ruffle" from the spine of the wakame. Dice the "ruffle" into ½" pieces. Reserve. Mince the spine into fine pieces.

Place the onion and daikon and wakame spine in the soup pot. Cover with water. Cook until tender. Add soaking water from wakame, wakame, and remaining water. Simmer together another 10-15 minutes. Mix miso in a little soup stock. Add to soup. Cook an additional 5-7 minutes over a low flame. The surface of the soup should not boil, but remain smooth. Garnish with chopped green onion to serve.

#### **Blanched Salad**

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| ½ head green cabbage, shredded in thin slices | 1 small red onion, sliced in 1/4" rounds |
| ½ carrot, cut in thin matchsticks             | Umeboshi vinegar                         |

Bring 1 quart spring water or filtered water to a rolling boil.

Place cabbage in the boiling water. Cook over high flame for about 3 minutes or until the cabbage is translucent. The color should remain bright and the texture slightly crispy. Remove cabbage with a tempura strainer and spread out in a thin layer in a basket or on a plate to cool and drain.

Cook the carrot matchsticks the same as above.

Separate the onion slice into "rings" and cook briefly. Drain and cool. Place in a bowl and sprinkle with umeboshi vinegar. The color will turn magenta.

Arrange the cooled cabbage on a serving plate. Add the carrots on top and then the red onion. Serve immediately.

## Toasted Sesame Dressing

½ C roasted sesame seeds                      3 Tbsp. lemon juice  
½ C water    2 Tbsp. soy sauce

Grind sesame seeds in suribachi until about 2/3 ground. Add other ingredients and grind until smooth and creamy.

## Fettuccine Lermano

¼ lb. tofu    ¾ to 1 cup water  
2 cloves garlic                                      ½ tsp. sea salt  
2 Tbsp. olive oil                                    ¼ tsp. dry mustard or hot dry mustard  
1 umeboshi plum (pit removed) or 1 tsp. plum paste 2 Tbsp. Chopped green olives  
8 oz. artichoke, whole wheat or spinach fettuccine ¼ cup chopped parsley

Boil tofu in water to cover for 2 minutes, drain and set aside. Place tofu, garlic, oil, umeboshi plum, sea salt, and mustard in a suribachi, blender or food processor. Add water as needed for desired consistency and process until smooth. Heat tofu mixture in a medium sized saucepan over low flame. While sauce is heating, boil fettuccine 8-10 minutes or until tender. Toss fettuccine, tofu sauce, parsley and olives together in a large pot or mixing bowl. May add grated parmesan or Romano if desired. Transfer to platter and serve.

## Lemon, Lime, Melon and Mint Gel

4 cups lemonade  
Pinch of salt  
Rind and juice of 1 lime  
4 heaping Tbsp. agar flakes (soak in juice for 10 min. before simmering to help dissolve)  
1 ripe melon, cut into chunks  
1 tsp. ginger juice  
4-5 mint leaves

Simmer juice with salt, lime and agar for 15 minutes or until agar is dissolved. Stir in melon, mint and ginger juice and leave to set in fridge.

### Definitions:

*Daikon* - mild-flavored East Asian giant white radish.

*Wakame* - is a type of edible kelp, a rich source of EPA, an ω-3 essential fatty acid.

*Miso* - is a traditional Japanese food produced by fermenting rice, barley and/or soybeans, with salt and the mold *kōjikin*. The typical result is a thick paste used for sauces and spreads.

*Umeboshi* - are pickled umes a fruit related to the apricot. A byproduct of the pickling process is a salty, sour liquid is marketed as *umezu* "ume vinegar," although it is not a true vinegar.

*Agar* - a gelatinous substance obtained from the cell walls of some species of red algae or seaweed. It can be used a thickener for soups, in jellies, ice cream and Japanese desserts such as anmitsu.

*Suribachi* (literally: grinding-bowl) and *surikogi* (literally: Grind-Powder-Wood) are a Japanese mortar and pestle.

## **St. David's Joins Waycross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

For fifty years, The Waycross Camp & Conference Center has carried out a powerful ministry of Christian camping and conference hospitality within St. David's "parish bounds". On **Sunday, September 2**, from 11:30 am to 5 pm, the people of St. David's are encouraged to celebrate and reaffirm our part in that ministry.

The day begins after our regular Sunday worship at 11:30 am, with a celebration service in the Conference Center led by Bishop Cate Waynick. Enjoy a free picnic lunch, followed by activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, and the climbing wall. From 3-5 pm, hear live music with Deborah & Jonathan, and recent Music Series artist Kara Barnard. Welcome the new Executive Director of Waycross, Van Beers and his family (who have already discovered St. David's). Those expecting to have lunch, please R.S.V.P. to 812-597-0728. For directions or more information, go to [www.waycrosscenter.org](http://www.waycrosscenter.org).

## **Two Memorial Services Will Honor the Life and Ministry of Bishop Ted Jones**

The entire diocesan community will gather for two memorial services for our dear friend and retired bishop Edward Witker Jones. The first will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington on **Friday, September 7**, at 2 pm. The second will follow on **Saturday, September 8** at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, beginning at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are requested for the capital campaign fund at Trinity, Bloomington, to be used for a new baptismal font and entrance in memory of Bishop Jones. Checks may be sent to Trinity Episcopal Church; 111 South Grant Street; Bloomington, IN 47402, with "Bishop Jones' Fund" in the memo line. Plans are in the works for a ride-share from St. David's. Please contact the Vicar if you'd like to ride or drive to either service.

### **Looking ahead . . .**

**Deborah and Jonathan Hutchison** continue their "stealth ministry" in music as they return for three dates in the listening room at Chateau Thomas (Coachlight Square, Nashville). The Chat is fast-becoming *the* place to gather for good refreshment, music and conversation. The Hutchisons perform from 5 to 8 pm on Saturday, 10/6, Friday, 11/2, and Friday, 11/30.

Meanwhile, *The Bean Blossom Music Series* caps a great season with a stellar final concert at 7 pm on Sunday, October 21. **Pat Wictor** is a fast-rising presence to reckon with on the eastern folk circuit, nominated in 2006 for the International Folk Alliance Emerging Artist of the Year award as well as the Independent Music Award for Best Gospel Song. Steeped in American roots music, Pat is a contemporary songwriter and interpreter drawing on the rural country, gospel, and blues traditions of our nation. *Acoustic Live magazine* writes: "Soft-spoken and articulate, in the 1930's he could have been a dust bowl preacher. His sermons, accompanied by the choir of his slide guitar, would have brought comfort to many a soul." And oh yes...he has "the best hair in folk music". To find out more about Pat Wictor, go to: <http://www.patwictor.com>

### **Cosmic Creativity**

(**September 22, 10 am to 3 pm**; rain date 9/29) -- a one day workshop/retreat at Mt. Gilead Friends Retreat (south of Unionville) led by Deborah Hutchison, Kelly Carson, and Janette

Shetter. A time for exploration and reflection centered in the endless diversity and creative energy of God as revealed in Creation. Opportunity to walk a spiral meditation on the miraculous evolution of our planet, as well as hike Mt. Gilead's trails and engage with art materials. Retreatants are asked to bring a sack lunch and a journal, if desired. Cost is \$15. To Register, send payment to Christy Campoll, P.O. Box 312, Bloomington, IN 47402. Please include your phone number in case of rain cancellation.

## **New Model, New Opportunity ~ Diocesan Convention 2007**

From Friday, **October 26, through Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>**, The 170 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will convene in Columbus, IN. Delegates from St. David's will represent our Mission church in the dispatch of official business, including approval of the diocesan budget, elections of candidates to diocesan offices and commissions and committees, changes to church Canons and the debate of resolutions.

This year's convention schedule is an experiment, starting and ending one day later than usual. This means that a **diocesan-wide service of Holy Communion** can be offered on Sunday morning, October 28, at 11 am. Local congregations are encouraged to travel together to attend this special service, making it their main worship of the day. As near neighbors, St. David's members are well positioned to experience the excitement and spiritual uplift of worship with brothers and sisters throughout Central and Southern Indiana. Plans are in the works for ride sharing to Columbus. A lay-led service of Morning Prayer will be held at the regular 9:30 am time for those unable to attend Convention worship.

## **Worship at Brown County Community Care Center**

Sunday, November 11 @ 2 pm. ~ Once again, it's St. David's turn to offer the Sunday **worship service** in the all purpose room at the **Brown County Community Care Center**. Members are encouraged to come assist residents with worship materials and provide companionship and conversation afterwards.

A good case for Bible study and holy conversation...

We have a consoler, our Lord Jesus Christ. Although we cannot see him with bodily eyes, we keep in written form in the Gospels the things he did and taught while he was bodily among us. If we take care to hear, read, and confer with each other about these things, which need to be preserved in our hearts and bodies, we will certainly conquer the obstacles of this age as surely as if the Lord were always standing by us and consoling us.

- **The Venerable Bede**, 7th Century English monk and scholar, quoted in

*Essential Monastic Wisdom: Writings on the Contemplative Life* by Hugh Feiss

## **Time, Talent, Treasure. Time, Talent, Treasure.**

This is the stewardship mantra. All of these are important but we normally only talk of treasure (money). Not so this time.

The Stewardship Committee needs people's time and talent. We need more people to serve on a reconstituted Stewardship Committee.

Somewhere else in this newsletter (*page 4*) is a report about the long Range Planning Committee. So far the Bishop's Committee has accepted two of their recommendations which were strongly linked. The first is to form a Facilities Master Plan Committee which will look at and make recommendations for changes to St. David's physical plant. They will come up with a Master Plan that may involve several stages. At some point in the future we will need to implement that Master Plan. This implementation will require money for materials and labor. With that in mind, the Bishop's Committee accepted the Long Range Planning Committee's second recommendation to "Develop a comprehensive stewardship plan for the next 3-5 years that includes education, study, and implementation of a capital campaign ..." In other words, the Stewardship Committee needs to find ways of funding the ongoing ministry and future construction.

For the last several years either Tom Hensel or I have been the Stewardship Committee. We have drawn on others for help in specific areas like the internal audit, but now St. David's needs a REAL committee. We need people with different talents: people who are good with numbers, people who are good at fund raising, and at writing grant applications. I hope to get the committee organized during September. Please contact me at 988-4007 or [Jim@Haushuber.com](mailto:Jim@Haushuber.com) if you are interested. Watch out; if I don't hear from you, you may hear from me.

## **Escape the Tourists?**

*I asked for stories about what everyone is doing to escape the tourists and my neighbor sent me this wonderful "food for thought" (ed.):*

Escape the tourists? Impossible! BUT—can we escape frustration with tourists? YES! We all understand, with thanksgiving, that as residents we are privileged to experience Brown County every day; tourists, on the other hand, choose to drive to the County, to enjoy the special beauty we always have, yet often take for granted. Tourists may spend but a few days here—they lodge, they eat, and they shop—all bringing out-of-county dollars to our local economy. Some of them look for a Church where they can worship, and we have the opportunity to show them the Saint David's Brown County welcome and hospitality! --Ed Fleming

When Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, it was not just for our neighbors' sakes that he commanded it, but for our own sakes as well. Not to help find some way to feed the children who are starving to death is to have some precious part of who we are starve to death with them. Not to give ourselves to human beings who may be starving for what we have in our hearts to nourish them with, is to be, ourselves, diminished and crippled as human beings.

**Frederick Buechner**, *Secrets in the Dark: A Life in Sermons*

# Worship and Music Notes

*Here come twelve autumn Sundays blessed by hymns of thankfulness for the bounty of the land. Here comes the Blessing of the Animals in early October – here comes the Feast of All Saints on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Such riches! What a joy to experience them together!*

**Postludes** – For a while, people have been telling me they're unhappy about the postludes – not with the music, for mercy's sake, but just that the Postlude didn't feel right. I have given considerable thought to this question this summer. Here's how it seems to me:

1. After the Closing Hymn, worship is over. We are giving announcements, laughing, talking, moving into unstructured time together.

2. Then, whoops! Here's the liturgy, back again with a formal Postlude! The Postlude tries to move us all backwards, back into worship. We finished that already – it's not comfortable to be pushed back into it. It doesn't make emotional sense.

In consultation with George, Jonathan, and Joe, here's what we'd like to try. George is going to play less formal music for postludes. After the Dismissal, you are welcome to get up, talk, and find some coffee. If you want to sit and listen, that's fine – but you don't have to. We might rename the Postlude if we can come up with a better name for this experience. George is working on it. So let's see how this works.

**Prayers of the People** – About a dozen of us gathered after church in August to talk over the Prayers of the People at St. David's. Here are some of their many thoughts:

*Pacing is off – people feel regret that they didn't speak up. It's not clear where they are supposed to say anything. When are the pre-written intercessions over?*

*We pray for the church – what about people of other faiths? More universality.*

*We don't articulate our concern for the environment.*

*Why is the Church always prayed for first? Church church church church church. Is it all about us?*

*Move the thanksgivings, so that we begin intercessions knowing we are blessed. Invite gratitude.*

*We always pray for people who are DOING things. Why can't we pray for people who are just sitting around? [don't know what to do? – overvaluing action?]*

*Don't end with death. The closing Collect is really important; when we go straight to Confession it's too dark.*

In the Autumn Worship Booklet we'll have a new version to try, written to respond to these comments and to include the concerns from the Palm Sunday procession. Let's see how that works, too.

Thank you! - Pamela Smith, 323 1817, narthex@baba-yaga.org

There is to be acceptance of people who come from very different places (metaphorically as well as literally). There is to be willingness to hear "reasonable criticisms or observations" and to learn from the example of others. ... In a world that builds barriers, puts up walls, keeps the other out, and is looking for certainty, we turn to the Rule of Benedict and find a man who insists on balance, mutual respect, reciprocity, openness. Benedict refused to live with a closed mind.

- **Esther De Waal**, from "A Life-Giving Way", quoted in *Essential Monastic Wisdom: Writings on the Contemplative Life* by Hugh Feiss

# Funny Pages

## **Sick of High Gas Prices?**

Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas.

The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned.

Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in the car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient.

Always resourceful, she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two men watched from across the street.

One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm converting."

--from *Marylin Day*

## **Acts 2:38**

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an ax and two 38's. --Jennifer Rekers

## **The Old Pastor's Last Request**

An old pastor lay dying. He sent a message for an IRS agent and his lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the pastor held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed.

The pastor grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the IRS agent and lawyer were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the pastor had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, the Lawyer asked, "Pastor, why did you ask the two of us to come here?"

The old pastor mustered all his strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go. --Jennifer Rekers

## **Cobbler's Higher Calling**

THE SIGN ON the cobbler shop read: We treat shoes, heel them, attend to their dyeing and save their soles. --Sandy Ridenour

## **Life's Funny Little Realities**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diets.

Life is an endless struggle full of frustrations and challenges, but eventually you find a hairstylist you like.

You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

Perhaps you know why women over fifty don't have babies. They would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.

One of the life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can make a woman gain five pounds.

It's frustrating when you know all the answers and nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

If you can remain calm, you just don't have all the facts.

I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

Life doesn't just begin at forty; it also begins to show then.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

Sometimes I think I understand everything, then I regain consciousness.

If at first you don't succeed, see if the loser gets anything.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

I don't mind the rat race, but I could do with a little more cheese.

I had to give up jogging for my health. My thighs kept rubbing together and setting my pantyhose on fire.

Amazing! You just hang something in your closet for a while, and it shrinks two sizes.

It is bad to suppress laughter; it goes back down and spreads to your hips.

Age is important only if you're cheese or wine.

The only time a woman wishes she were a year older is when she is expecting a baby.

Freedom of the press means no-iron clothes.

Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but she can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.

Can it be a mistake that "STRESSED" is "DESSERTS" spelled backwards?

*--from Jane Herr*

# Inspiration

## **Mother Theresa: Holiness**

✚ Holiness is not a luxury reserved for the little number, it is a simple duty for you and me; so then, let us be holy as our Father in heaven is holy. Saint Thomas said, "Holiness is nothing more than firm resolve" – the heroic act of a person who abandons himself to God.

We must become holy not because we want to feel that we are holy, but because Christ must be capable of living His life fully in us. We must be all love, all faith, all purity... I pray that each one of you may be holy, and thus may spread the love of God everywhere you go. May His light of truth be in the life of each person, in such a way that God may continue to love the world through you and me.

Holiness consists in accomplishing the will of God with a cheerful heart... The first step to holiness is the will to become holy. Through a firm and upright will, we love God, we choose God, we hasten to God, we reach Him, we have Him.

Our progress in holiness depends upon God and upon us, upon the grace of God and upon our will to become holy. We must have the lively and authentic determination to reach holiness. "I will be a saint" means, "I will divest myself of all that is not God, I will empty my heart of all created things, I will live in poverty and detachment, I will deny my will, my penchants, my whims, my fantasies, and I will make myself a willing slave, submitted to the will of God."

Nothing can make us holy except the presence of God... And for me, the presence of God lies in fidelity in the little things.

We cannot accomplish great things – just little ones, with great love. The Sisters do little things: they help children, they visit the lonely, the sick, the unwanted. When someone tells me that the Sisters have not undertaken any great work, that they are doing little things calmly, I answer that even if they helped only one person, that would suffice. Jesus would have died for a single person, a single sinner.

*--from Becky Morrison*

## **His Master**

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know?"

You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...

I know my Master is there and that is enough."

*--from Jennifer Rekers*

## **Ain't**

He was just a little boy,  
On a week's first day.  
Wandering home from Sunday School,  
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;  
He even found a caterpillar.  
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,  
And blew out all the "filler".

A bird's nest in a tree overhead,  
So wisely place up so high.  
Was just another wonder,  
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig zag course,  
And hailed him from the lawn;  
Asked him where he'd been that day  
And what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School,"  
He said and turned a piece of sod.  
He picked up a wiggle worm replying,  
"I've learned a lot about God."

"M'm very fine way," the neighbor said,  
"for a boy to spend his time."  
"If you'll tell me where God is,  
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came!  
Nor were his accents faint.  
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,  
If you can tell me where God ain't."

Author Unknown

--from *Mickie Williams daughter, Ann*

# St. David's Famous Recipes

## **Best Rum Cake Ever**

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 or 2 qts. Rum  | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| 1 c. butter      | 1 tsp. soda          |
| 1 tsp. sugar     | lemon juice          |
| 2 large eggs     | 2 Tbs. brown sugar   |
| 2 c. dried fruit | nuts                 |

Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. Good isn't it? Now go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the rum again. It must be just right. To be sure rum is of the highest quality, pour one level cup of rum into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. With an electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 seaspoon of thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure the rum is of the finest quality. Try another cup. Open second quart if necessary. Add 2 arge leggs, 2 cups fried druit and beat until high. If druit get stuck in beater, just pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the rum again checking for tonscisticity. Next sift 3 cups of pepper or salt (it really doesn't matter). Sample the rum again. Sift 1/2 pint of lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar, or whatever color you can find. Wix mel. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Now pour the whole mess into the coven and ake. Check the rum again. And go to bed.

*--submitted by Marge Grimm (Marge did not say if she had tried this recipe, why don't you ask her?)*

*On a more serious note, for that tomato overload:*

## **Tomato Pie**

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 frozen deep dish pie crust | 4-5 ripe tomatoes            |
| 8 oz. shredded mozzarella    | 1/2 t. salt                  |
| 2 T. chopped fresh basil     | fresh ground pepper to taste |

Preheat oven to 400°. Sprinkle bottom of pie crust with cheese and then basil. Cover with tomatoes in a circular overlapping pattern to best cover cheese and basil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake 30-40 minutes. Slice in wedges and serve. My personal preference is to serve this at room temperature but is also good hot or cold.

*--Jane Herr*

## **Update your Directory entry!**

This is an ongoing project. Want a picture? Want the one you have changed? New addresses, new phone numbers, new e-mails, new parishioners--send me your info! Jane Herr (812)988-7611 or 4923 Stevens Road, Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): [jane@rjherr.com](mailto:jane@rjherr.com).

## **Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events**

|          |             |   |                         |          |
|----------|-------------|---|-------------------------|----------|
| Sunday   | August 26   | Bean Blossom Music Series               | St. David's             | 7 PM     |
|          |             | <i>--George Cullinan/Loretta Gooden</i> |                         |          |
| Sunday   | Sept. 2     | Waycross 50th Anniversary               | Waycross                | 11:30 AM |
| Tuesday  | Sept. 4     | Yoga                                    | Parish Hall             | 5:30 PM  |
|          |             | <i>--classes continue on Tuesdays</i>   |                         |          |
| Friday   | Sept. 7     | Bishop Jones Memorial                   | Trinity, Bloomington    | 2 PM     |
| Saturday | Sept. 8     | Bishop Jones Memorial                   | Christ Church Cathedral | 11 AM    |
| Saturday | Sept. 22    | Mt. Gilead retreat                      | Unionville              | 10 AM    |
| Saturday | October 6   | Hutchison's perform                     | Chateau Thomas          | 5 PM     |
| Sunday   | October 21  | Bean Blossom Music Series               | St. David's             | 7 PM     |
|          |             | <i>--Pat Wistor</i>                     |                         |          |
| Fri-Sun  | Oct. 26-28  | Diocesan Convention                     | Columbus, IN            |          |
| Friday   | November 2  | Hutchison's perform                     | Chateau Thomas          | 5 PM     |
| Sunday   | November 11 | BC Community Care worship               |                         | 2 PM     |
| Sunday   | November 18 | info deadline for Advent newsletter     |                         |          |
| Friday   | November 30 | Hutchison's perform                     | Chateau Thomas          | 5 PM     |
| Sunday   | December 2  | 1st Sunday in Advent                    |                         |          |