

# St David's Newsletter - Fall 2005

*Saint David's Episcopal Church, Bean Blossom, Indiana*

## From the Vicar;

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a piece about Brother Roger of Taizé, a quietly courageous man who dedicated his life to healing and reconciliation. During World War II, he and his community of lay brothers sheltered Jews fleeing the Nazis. After the war, Taizé became a center of European reunification and ecumenical cooperation. His sudden and tragic death would be demoralizing, were it not for the tremendous good that he did during his long and fruitful lifetime. Except for his many accomplishments, he would never have attracted the attention of the unstable person who senselessly ended his life.

Dorothy Stang was a nun in the order of the Sisters of Notre Dame, a religious community dedicated to social justice for the poor. She befriended the people of the Amazon Basin, defending them from the illegal logging of the rainforest that threatened their way of life. In doing so, she made powerful enemies with hired guns. In death, the movement to preserve the rights of indigenous people and protect the rainforest gained support and momentum. The evil, which destroyed Sister Dorothy, could not negate the much greater good that resulted from her life and her death.

Thomas à Becket, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Archbishop Oscar Romero and the Maryknoll Sisters in El Salvador, all these paid the ultimate price for their faithful witness to the love of God. The forces that rose up against them remain a threat to the human community, but their lives have had a far more lasting impact, despite or even because of the evil that ended them.

The ultimate example of this deep mystery, and the inspiration for all of those mentioned above, is Jesus Christ. So often he might have backed down, avoided confrontation, compromised his mission and looked the other way at injustice. Instead, he stayed his course, knowing full well that he would be framed, railroaded and subjected to the cruelest, most inhumane death ever conceived.

You and I may never be called upon by God and circumstance to put our lives on the line in quite this way. That is impossible to predict. However that may be, we *are* called upon daily to live as Christ; fearlessly, sacrificially, motivated by love, galvanized by anything that falls short of it, and willing to accept the consequences of our witness.

Thomas Paine wrote: "Practical religion consists in doing good: and the only way of serving God is that of endeavoring to make His creation happy." With the coming of fall, our community can look back on a summer of doing good, recorded in part in this newsletter, and resolve to redouble our efforts to make God's creation happy. In this new season, new opportunities will arise; to equip ourselves to provide a safe haven for our children, to give generously of time, talent and treasure for the work of the Church, and to find new ways to share the Good News of God's love for us. Such commitment may bring misunderstanding and criticism, but take heart. We will be in excellent company.

It is a blessing to be your companion in this journey.

*Jonathan*

## **The Cushioned Life**

Our technological civilization has cushioned life on all sides, yet more than ever before, people helplessly succumb to the blows of life. This is very simply because a merely technological culture cannot give any help in the face of life's eternal tragedy; here only an inward foundation can help. Externalized as they are, too many people today have no ideas, no strength, nothing that might enable them to master their restlessness and dividedness. They do not know what to make of trials, obstacles, or suffering—how to make something constructive of them—and perceive them only as things that oppress and irritate them and interfere with life.

**Friedrich Wilhelm Foerster**

**So, what ideas, what strength do you have to help you cope?**

## **Habitat House Dedicated**

A host of volunteers and supporters joined the Chandler family (Paul, Joellen and Lilly) in dedicating their new home on Sunday, August 14. Brown County Habitat for Humanity finished the home and the Chandler's moved in a few days before the dedication.

St. David's played a significant role in helping the dream of this home become a reality. It is estimated that more than 200 volunteers worked on this house during the last three and half months, **and 25 of them were from St. David's**. I estimate that these St.

David's folks contributed more than 60 days of labor plus lunches for 15 - 20 workers on five different days. And these figures do not include the efforts of Bob Olinger, also of St. David's. Bob is chairperson of the Brown County Habitat Construction Committee and was "on the job" almost everyday along with Bruce Clegg, construction manager, and Carol Sumner, faithful volunteer and Habitat Board member.

St. David's also played a very important role in helping the Habitat Board get beyond a funding crisis. A shortage of funds threatened to delay construction in early June. An appeal was made to the congregation for financial contributions to buy the siding and to allow the project to move ahead without delay. We needed \$2,200. The Bishop's Committee allocated \$1,000 from the church budget and 10 families contributed an additional \$2,000, for a total of \$3,000. And beyond that, several members pledged "interest free" loans to make it possible for the project to be completed while the Habitat Board continued fund raising efforts. I know of several other St. David families who had already made financial gifts to this Habitat project. These gifts and pledges provided the boost needed to keep the project moving ahead, and the news of these gifts help motivate other churches and individuals to get involved in more significant ways.

And now the project is finished and the Chandlers are in their new home. Finishing on schedule was possible, in large part, because of the gifts and support from the people of St. David's. Thanks to all who helped. We are a small congregation, but we are making a large witness for the love of God as revealed in Christ Jesus. To God be the glory.

*Verne Sindlinger*

## **Annual Benefit Concert For Hospice**

Hospice of South Central Indiana assists dying patients and their families to live life fully and free of pain. In order to continue this work, Hospice presents its annual Oldies benefit concert:

Who: Liverpool and Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone (do you remember "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter"?)

Where: Mill Race Park, Columbus, Indiana (rain location-North High School Gym)

Price: Free! proceeds from concessions support Hospice

When: Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 7:00 pm

This concert is supported by St. David's and many others by purchasing ad space in their concert program booklet. All proceeds from the sale of advertising space go toward patient care.

## **A Future of Peace**

Brother Roger Shutz was the founder of Taizé, an ecumenical Christian community formed in 1940 in the south of France. Together with 100 lay brothers, he devoted his life to working for peace, reconciliation and Christian unity. During World War II, the community harbored Jewish refugees, just one of many ways they have actively expressed their love for the downtrodden.

Up to 100,000 young pilgrims visit Taizé each year to join the brothers in simple prayer, singing, and meditation services - services which have transformed the way millions of people now worship throughout the world. It was at just such a gathering that Brother Roger was attacked and stabbed to death by a deranged person on August 16.

In the aftermath, tributes poured in from world leaders, including Pope Benedict and The Archbishop of Canterbury, who referred to him "one of the best loved religious leaders of our time." French President Chirac called him "a remarkable servant of the values of respect and tolerance." Even though he was awarded a Templeton Prize and a UNESCO prize for peace education, Brother Roger kept a low profile.

Brother Roger wrote the following letter last December. It was translated into 55 different languages and has been used for reflection worldwide. On the occasion of his death, it is fitting to make it available to the people of St. David's. How can we more fully become the kind of Christians described by Brother Roger and the kind of church community he envisions here?

*God has plans for a future of peace for you, not of misfortune; God wants to give you a future and a hope.*

Today, a great many people are longing for a future of peace, for humanity to be freed from threats of violence. If some are gripped by worry about the future and find themselves at a standstill, there are also young people all over the world who are inventive and creative. These young people do not let themselves be caught up in a spiral of gloom. They know that God did not create us to be passive. For them, life is not subject to a blind destiny. They are aware that skepticism and discouragement have the power to paralyze human beings.

And so they are searching, with their whole soul, to prepare a future of peace and not of misfortune. More than they realize, they are already making of their lives a light that shines around them. Some are bearers of peace and trust in situations of crisis and conflict. They keep going even when trials or failures weigh heavily on their shoulders.

On summer evenings in Taizé, we can hear the young people through our open windows. We are constantly astonished that there are so many of them. They search; they pray, underneath the stars. And we say to ourselves: their aspirations to peace and trust are like those stars, points of lights that shine in the night.

We live at a time when many people are asking: what is faith? Faith is a simple trust in God, undertaken countless times over in the course of our life. All of us can have doubts. They are nothing to worry about. Our deepest desire is to listen to Christ who whispers in our hearts, “Do you have hesitations? Don’t worry; the Holy Spirit remains with you always.” God exists independently of our faith or our doubts. When there is doubt within us, that does not mean that God has left us. Some, to their surprise, have discovered that God’s love can come to fulfillment even in a heart touched by doubts.

One of the first things Christ says in the Gospel is this: “Happy are the simple-hearted!” Yes, happy are those who head towards simplicity of heart and of life. A simple heart attempts to live in the present moment, to welcome each day as God’s today. Does not the spirit of simplicity shine out in serene joy, and also in cheerful-ness? A simple heart does not claim to understand everything about faith on its own. It says to itself, “Others understand better what I have trouble grasping and they help me to continue on my way.” Even if our trust remains fragile, we do not rely only on our own faith but on the trust of all those who have gone before us as well as those who are around us.”

Simplifying our life enables us to share with the least fortunate, in order to alleviate suffering where there is disease, poverty, famine. Our personal prayer is also simple. Do we think that many words are needed in order to pray? No. Even a few, inept words are enough to entrust everything to God, our fears as well as our hopes.

By surrendering ourselves to the Holy Spirit, we will find the way that leads from worry to confident trust. And we tell him: “Holy Spirit, enable us to turn to you at every moment. So often we forget that you dwell within us, that you pray in us, that you love in us. Your presence in us is trust and constant forgiveness.”

Yes, the Holy Spirit kindles a glimmer of light within us. However faint it may be, it awakens in our hearts the desire for God. And the simple desire for God is already a prayer. Prayer does not make us less involved in the world. On the contrary, nothing is more responsible than to pray. The more we make our prayer simple and humble, the more we are led to love and to express it with our life.

Where can we find the simplicity indispensable for living out the Gospel? Some words of Christ enlighten us. One day he said to his disciples, “Let the little children come to me; the realities of God are for those who are like them.” Who can express adequately what some children can communicate by their trusting? And so we would like to say to God: “God, you love us: turn us into people who are humble; give us great simplicity in our prayer, in human relationships, in welcoming others...” Jesus, the Christ, came to earth not to condemn anyone but to open paths of communion for human beings.

For two thousand years Christ has been present through the Holy Spirit and his mysterious presence is made tangible in a visible communion. That communion is called the Church. In the heart of God, the Church is one; it cannot be divided. It brings together women, men and young people who are called to go forward together, without separating from one another. The closer we come to the Gospel, the closer we come to one another. And the separations that tear us apart draw to an end. And yet throughout their history Christians have experienced many upheavals: separations have arisen between those who nonetheless professed faith in the same God of love.

Re-establishing communion is urgent today; it cannot continually be put off until later, until the end of time. Christ calls us to be reconciled without delay. We cannot forget his words in the

Gospel according to Saint Matthew: “When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, first go and be reconciled”. He says; “*First* go”, not “Put it off till later.”

Will we do all we can for Christians to awaken to the spirit of communion? The Greek Orthodox patriarch of Antioch, Ignatius IV has written these striking words: “Our divisions make Christ unrecognizable; they are contrary to his will to see us be one ‘so that the world may believe.’ We have an urgent need for prophets and saints to help our Churches to be converted by mutual forgiveness.”

There are Christians who, without waiting, are already in communion with one another in the places where they live, quite humbly, quite simply. During his visit to Taizé in 1986, Pope John Paul II suggested a path to communion by saying to our community: “By desiring to be yourselves a ‘parable of community’, you will help all whom you meet to be faithful to their denominational ties, the fruit of their education and their choice in conscience, but also to enter more and more deeply into the mystery of communion that the Church is in God’s plan.”

Through their own life, they would like to make Christ present for many others. They know that the Church does not exist for itself but for the world, to place within it a ferment of peace. “Communion” is one of the most beautiful names of the Church. In it, there can be no harsh words exchanged but only transparency, heartfelt kindness, compassion...and the gates of holiness swing open.

The Gospel lets us discover this surprising reality: God creates neither fear nor worry. All God can do is love us. By the presence of the Holy Spirit, God comes to transfigure our hearts. And in a simple prayer, we can sense that we are never alone: the Holy Spirit sustains in us a communion with God, not just for a fleeting moment but right on into the life which never ends.

### **Mission: Back Home Again Indiana 2005**

St. David’s has signed up to participate in the annual diocesan Outreach gathering in Bloomington, October 27, 2005 – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. There have been many questions about this program and hopefully you will find the following information helpful.

1. Each ministry supported by the diocese will have a representative displaying their role in the community. Some examples are (35 organizations are expected to participate for 2006):

Turning Point Domestic Violence center – Columbus, Indiana (they also have a large presence in Brown County),

Dayspring Center – Emergency Shelter and transitional housing for homeless families with children,

Shalom Community Center – homeless shelter/meals

Stopover, Inc. – Teen emergency shelter

St. David’s will set up a display table and highlight our Outreach ministries with posters, photos, albums, etc. We will show how we serve our community to other diocesan charities and churches.

All the nonprofits and churches that are displaying at the Mission: Back Home Again in Indiana are supported by the Indianapolis Episcopal Church diocese; with financial aid, volunteers, and prayers.

St. David’s will be collecting items for two ministries, based on their requests, and we will receive items for our Outreach from the other organizations.

This year, St. David's has selected these two charities needing assistance: **Turning Point Domestic Violence Center, Columbus, Indiana** (*women's underwear, sports bras, adult and children's socks, night gowns/pajamas for both adults and children*) and **Shalom Community Center, Bloomington, Indiana** (*diapers and baby wipes*).

We have asked other ministries for new or gently used children's books to support the "Read To Me" diocesan prison ministry and for socks, prayer books, personal care items and small gifts for our annual "Christmas Giving Tree" program.

So, let's all pitch in and gather the supplies for **Turning Point** and **Shalom Center** ~ then, as we receive supplies for our ministry let us offer our thanksgiving prayers!

Place the items collected for Turning Point and Shalom Center in the boxes labeled for Outreach in the Parish Hall. The cut-off date for donating is Sunday October 23. If there are questions about this program, please call **Marylin Day 812-988-7130**.

### **Rummage Sale: start collecting!**

St. David's will have a rummage sale on October 8th from 9 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall. All donated items need to have a price on them somewhere. Large items can be picked up by Jennifer Rekers with her truck. Jennifer can use all volunteers who'd like to help. Thanks! **Jennifer Rekers 765-349-9747; jrekers@yahoo.com**

### **Outreach Developments**

**Outreach has developed several aids to help us get the Word out to our neighbors, friends and visitors:**

A banner has been designed and will be used at our many functions to help identify St. David's and welcome those to our church. This banner may be used for most any event held by St. David's – just replace some text and it will fit any theme!

An advertisement has been designed and placed in the "Our Brown County" monthly magazine (10,000 published each month) with space to highlight our upcoming Outreach programs and our free, special music performances for the Bean Blossom Music Series hosted by St. David's.

Our web-site now includes many photos from Outreach events in the life of our parish and highlights our involvement in the community as servants of God.

**Donation/Collection Update:** St. David's is so generous – we donated **\$434** to Episcopal Fund for Human Need (the world-wide disaster assistance portion of our church body), **\$1950** to Brown County Habitat for Humanity (the Chandler house) and collected **\$415** (and much good will!) from our Dessert Table fundraiser held during the Log Cabin Tour in June. Thank you for your support and blessings to all!

**The "Tidings" Episcopal Newspaper:** Do you receive your **free** monthly copy of the Tidings newspaper? It is full of information about our county, our diocese, the Episcopal Church of the United States (ECUSA), and the worldwide Anglican community. To keep yourself informed of the latest happenings, order the Tidings! Contact **Marylin Day** with your address at **812-988-7130** or sign up on the clipboard sheet in entryway.

## **UTO**

The little blue boxes (United Thank Offering) are filling up at an ever faster rate this year. If you'd like a new box or wish to turn in a full one, see Jim Simms. We will celebrate and have our final returns on Sunday October 29th this year. Last year we added \$455 to this worthwhile effort.

*Jim Simms 812-988-1260*

### **Take a Day at Mother's Cupboard**

The board of Mother's Cupboard is trying to find local church folks who will volunteer to take one day a month (preferably a week end day) to cook and serve meals. The menu will be planned and the food on hand. Cooks (usually two people) arrive around 2 PM and get the food prepared; then about 3:40 they start filling food trays so they are ready when the first patrons arrive at 4 PM. Cooks can leave by 4 PM. Servers (two or three folks) arrive around 3:30 and help get ready, unlock the doors, put out the open sign, and distribute meals and groceries to patrons until 6 PM. They wash up the cooking utensils, put away unused food, sweep and mop the kitchen, lock up and leave. Servers are usually through by 6:30 PM at the latest. All volunteers will be cheerfully trained by Jan and Jim Drum.

The Hensels, the Drums, and Laura Martin take the first Sunday of each month. It would be nice if St. David's could cover another day each month. Eager volunteers should contact *Jan Drum* after church or at home *812-988-9573*; *e-mail jjdrum@earthlink.net*

### **Direct from the Holy Land our pilgrim in the field, Tim Fleck, reports:**

Shalom, Salaam Eleikem, and greetings to all at St. David's from Israel-Palestine. Although (God willing) I will be back by the time this newsletter hits print, right now I am at St George's College, on the grounds of St. George's Anglican Cathedral in (East) Jerusalem.

I look forward to sharing my experiences and reflections (as well as my several hundred photos) with you at some point, but a couple of thoughts from the midst of things.

This trip has really been two parallel pilgrimages. On the one hand, it is humbling and awesome to see the places described in the Bible, and to walk in the places where our Lord walked. This morning, our group of twenty-six rose early and left the college at 6:15 AM, walking silently to the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross), where we commemorated events of the last hours of Jesus' earthly life with prayer and song at each of fourteen stations. The service culminated at Jesus' tomb in the Church of the Resurrection, built by St. Helena in the fourth century over the traditional site of Golgotha and the tomb. The devotion was powerfully moving, not least because of the sense of thousands of years of prayer having hallowed this place.

The other half of the experience has been to see the wrenching pain that divides this land today. Last week, we visited the Dheisheh refugee camp in the West Bank, near Bethlehem. Our hosts and tour guides were a group of young men and women in their teens and early twenties who are trying to find ways to make life better in the camp: providing health care, establishing a library and computer lab for children, setting up sports leagues. All of these kids were born in the camp and have known no other home; their families were displaced from their villages in 1948, during what Israel calls the War for Independence, and the Palestinians call the Catastrophe. We saw the hateful wall: a line of concrete twenty feet high, separating homes from fields and families from each other. Many of the staff here at St. George's live on the "wrong" side of the wall, and must take the risk of climbing over where soldiers are not watching to get to work each day. Neither side has moral high ground in this conflict, but those who suffer are the people simply trying to live.

The layering of history and faith here is rich, sometimes overwhelming. It is helpful to have our chaplains, Brother Kevin Hackett and Brother David Vryhof, of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. We read scripture, pray, and sing wherever we go.

I think of all of you often, and pray for St. David's daily.

With love and prayers for peace,

Tim.

**A human being is a part of the whole that we call the universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest--a kind of optical illusion of his consciousness. This illusion is a prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for only the few people nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living beings and all of nature.**  
**Albert Einstein**

### **Christian Women's Retreat**

St. Paul's women near Seymour, Indiana, are preparing for an exciting fall Christian Women's Retreat, October 14-16, at the Columbus Inn Bed and Breakfast ([www.thecolumbusinn.com](http://www.thecolumbusinn.com)), 445 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Indiana. Fun night begins Friday, October 14, 7-9 p.m. at the Inn. You can pick up your registration packet there as early as 2 p.m. Saturday Beth Jones-Schall, the keynote speaker from Florida ([www.spiritofsuccess.com](http://www.spiritofsuccess.com)), will speak on *Women of Purpose*, comparing Queen Esther, Deborah, Lydia and Anna to us women in all our life stages, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Identify the ancient chord connecting us to Biblical women. More details and registrations forms are available at St. Paul's Lutheran ELCA-Borchers' website ([www.stpaul-borchers.org](http://www.stpaul-borchers.org)) or by calling Charlena Warfield at 812-342-3672. E-mail Charlena at [cjwarfield@hsonline.net](mailto:cjwarfield@hsonline.net). The basic registration fee is \$35.00 to help cover Beth's honorarium; snacks/drinks during her program are provided by rural St. Paul (Borchers)'s churchwomen. Saturday's optional afternoon high tea at the Inn is \$15.60. You are welcome at the Inn for Friday night's fun, even if you don't plan to stay the night there. The registration deadline is 9/15/05.

## **Christian Healing--the Order of St. Luke**

St. David's parishioner Becky Morrison attended "Love Came Down" The 2005 Order of St. Luke North American Conference in Lake Yale, Florida in June and brought back the following inspirational notes:

From Norma Dearing, Host of the nationally syndicated radio program *The Healing Touch*: God's love, as we read in Ephesians 4, is so great! ...is everlasting, Jeremiah 31:2! Jesus' love is permanent, sacrificial, forever! Are you afraid of God? What is it that causes you not to love Him? He is our friend which means:

He loves unconditionally; is Someone with Whom we can relax; loves us in the good times and bad times; can laugh, cry, and joke with us; we don't have to be careful/anxious around Him as God sees everything there is about us and He loves us. Are we friends with God?

### **Recovery through God's Word**

1. Admitted we were powerless over our lives.
2. Believed that a greater Power than ourselves could set us free.
3. Turn our will and life over to the care of God.
4. Commit yourself to God and trust Him to remove your undesirable traits.
5. Humbly ask God to renew your mind. Program your mind with Scripture.
6. Daily examine yourself (daily inventory) and admit where you are wrong.
7. Confess to yourself, someone else and God the exact nature of wrongs.
8. Make a list of all who hurt you and choose to forgive them. It takes a supernatural gift from God to forgive. Then, make a list of persons you have hurt—ask the Holy Spirit's help. Make atonement (call or write) for what you've done to others. No excuses for your behavior—ask for forgiveness.
9. Eliminate needs of the flesh in your life that draw you away from God (pornography, alcohol, chocolate, etc.)
10. Replace needs of the flesh with needs of the Spirit.
11. Seek to know Christ more intimately and His will/plan for your life.
12. Attempt to carry Jesus' grace, power, and message in every aspect of your life.

Becky publishes a regular newsletter with information about the Order of St. Luke, inspirational quotes and stories from the Gospels. See her for a newsletter and a list of regular healing services in Indianapolis. *Becky Morrison 812-988-4266*

### **Friends**

Do you know a homebound person, not necessarily associated with our church, whom you believe would appreciate a new friend from St. David's? If so, let me know and I will make the arrangements. The new friend will, according to their own judgment, make contacts through mail, phone and /or visits.

*Jim Simms 812-988-1260*

james-simms@worldnet.att.net

## **News about Music & Worship at St. David's**

***Blessing animals on Sunday, October 2*** – Many Episcopal congregations commemorate the life of Saint Francis of Assisi by blessing animals. St. David's has done this before, a few years back, and this year we're going to do it again. The plan is to hold a short service of Holy Communion inside the church and then bless animals outside in the parking lot. **Animal lovers are warmly invited to help plan this event – please talk to me if you want to be on the – ahem – Design Team.**

***Hymning the harvest*** – Brown County celebrates the season of autumn with energy, imagination, and delight. Our Hymnal is rich in hymns about God's gifts at harvest time, and we'll be singing many of them over the next few months. Whether you are grateful for Jennifer's tomatoes, autumn leaves, sandhill cranes, streams of leaf-peeping tourists, or the seasonal return of pumpkin spice muffins, let us sing and rejoice together in the splendor of abundance. By the way, your attention is hereby drawn to the gathering basket for Mother's Cupboard. Sharing your harvest is part of worship, too.

***Making bread*** – In August, Desiree Hensel begins doctoral studies for a Ph.D. in Health and Human Behavior – and she would really, really, really like to have someone else take over the job of making bread for our Sunday Eucharist. Bread is made in batches and frozen – you would only need to bake every six weeks or so. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please speak to Desiree or to me.

***Welcoming children*** – This year, the children of this congregation have said they would rather worship together with the whole congregation than meet as a class on Sunday morning. The presence of these young people in worship is a joy and a blessing. The Bishop's Committee is working along on making the foyer more comfortable for parents and children when they need some quiet time, and on collecting art supplies to use there or in church. Also, we've taken some chairs out of the back row on the east side to make that corner roomier and safer for little ones and for all who need to walk there. We don't have all the right answers for this new situation – these changes are experimental, and your insights and suggestions are welcome.

***Pamela Smith, 812-323-1817***

## **School of Ministries Program**

A school of Ministries program to focus on adult Education will be held on Sept. 23rd and 24th at Waycross Camp. Vickie Garvey, director of Formation for the Diocese of Chicago, will convene a program to aid congregations in developing effective adult education programs. For more information, please contact Canon Paula Franc, at the diocesan office. or visit the diocesan website (<http://www.indydio.org/calendar.cfm?date=2005-09-23&eventID=157>). I myself cannot attend, but urge interested parishioners very strongly to sign up.

***Marge Steiner 812-331-0631***

## **Something New at St. David's... Hand Chimes**

The choir anthem planned for Sunday, November 20 is written for Choir and Hand Chimes. We could use some players! (We will be getting chimes on loan from another congregation) Hand Chimes are played pretty much like Hand Bells with each player playing only one or two notes of the song. Hand Chimes are smaller than Hand Bells but have a softer, more mellow tone. Some of the singers of the choir can both sing and play the Hand Chimes but it would be easier and probably better for the singers to focus only on the singing.

Anyone with some experience playing a musical instrument and counting is invited to play the Hand Chimes for this one musical offering. The music is not hard and it would probably be a quite enjoyable experience for even beginning music readers. If interested, please let Joe know. It would require at least one evening or week end rehearsal (to be scheduled in October) in addition to rehearsing with the choir at 8:30 on Sundays, Nov 13 & 20.

*Joe Ridenour 812-597-0135*

### **Save those Receipts!**

Many of you are aware that the church has an open account for purchases at McDonald's Shopworth across the street. It is used most often for the purchase of paper towels, cleaning supplies and last-minute goodies for the after-church fellowship time. While it is very convenient for us to maintain this account, it is distressing to the treasurer to receive a statement that includes charges for which she has no receipts. Lately there have been more and more of these. Rather than assume (yes, I know what that means) that everyone knows the procedure for dealing with these receipts, I offer this reminder. If you have occasion to charge a purchase to the church account, please sign the receipt and either give it to me personally or place it in my box in the sacristy. It will be much appreciated!

*Sandy Ridenour  
812-988-0135*

## **Safeguarding God's Children - October 22**

All members of St. David's are asked to set aside Saturday morning, October 22 for this special program. "Safeguarding God's Children" is training in the prevention of sexual misconduct with children and is provided free of charge by our Diocese. This training is required of anyone working with children and youth and the Bishop's Committees. It is highly recommended that the entire parish receive this training, as it will help us all to be aware of this issue and keep children safe. Please plan to attend this important event. Jonathan and Coral Hamlin have received the training, so they will plan and oversee a children's activity. The program will begin at 9 am and is expected to last about 3 hours. A light breakfast will be provided. Stay tuned for more detailed information!

*Phyllis Sindlinger 812-988-1962*

## **Fast and Pray for the Poor**

Sojourners Magazine, a Christian ministry whose mission is to proclaim and practice the biblical call to integrate spiritual renewal and social justice, has issued the following challenge to all Christians troubled by global poverty.

**Every day 30,000 children die a preventable death due to extreme poverty.** Yet we have the power to prevent this silent tsunami. What is missing is the moral and political will to do so.

**We are calling on more than 30,000 people to declare to President Bush their intention to fast and pray during the World Summit.** A fast can be as simple as sacrificing one meal during the course of the Summit, which can serve as a spiritual and personal act of solidarity with the billions of people across the world who go without food and basic necessities every day. To declare your intention to fast and pray, go to: [http://go.sojo.net/campaign/30000\\_children/8ub3ks4055knwi](http://go.sojo.net/campaign/30000_children/8ub3ks4055knwi)

During the World Summit (September 14-16), you can participate in this fast any number of ways. A fast can be as simple as sacrificing one meal during the course of the Summit, which can serve as a spiritual and personal act of solidarity with the billions of people across the world who go without food and basic necessities every day. Please note that drinking water is generally considered advisable while conducting most fasts, and if you have a medical condition, you should consult your doctor. Consider:

Fasting for the entire three days.

Fasting for one or two of the days.

Fasting during daylight hours only.

Skipping one meal per day, or for one of the days.

Going on a simple food fast (e.g., eating brown rice).

Going on a "liquids only" fast.

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Some people say "All Religions are the same. It doesn't matter what you believe." We Christians beg to differ...that's why we're Christians! All the same, there is much of value to be found in the other great world religions, which have many concepts and teachings in common with Christianity.

Consider this well-known teaching of Jesus:

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or, how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

Here is another way of saying much the same thing:

"Think not of the faults of others, of what they have done or not done. Think rather of your own sins, of the things you have done or not done."

You might think this is merely an interpretation of Jesus' teaching. In fact, it is a saying of The Buddha, who taught more than 600 years before Christ...

## **Hutchisons Sing For their Supper ~ Plus, the Return to The Fig Tree**

Deborah and Jonathan will perform outside on the patio of the new **Franco Marie's restaurant** in Nashville, on Friday and Saturday, September 2 & 3. Call 988-8884 for details. Bring a friend or neighbor and give them a taste of St. David's, not to mention some truly delicious Italian food.

And, the Hutchisons will perk up their coffeehouse blend of original tunes and favorites "from the vault" on Thursday, September 8, when they return to The Fig Tree in Helmsburg. The music begins at 7 pm and you should be on your way home no later than 9.

### **First Sunday**

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 2nd, St. David's will host "First Sunday," a monthly series of inter-generational activities to be held after church the first Sunday of each month. These activities/programs usually will be followed by a light meal. October's program, which is still in the planning stages, will be centered around the Feast of St. Francis, and will be done in conjunction with the special service for the blessing of animals. Stay tuned for details! *Marge Steiner 812-331-0631*

### **The First Annual St. David's Youth Pride Worship Service and Congregational Picnic**

was a great success. The Parish gathered at the home of Doug, Judy & Caleb Miller (also, Bailey the Pup) to enjoy a beautiful service enhanced by a special worship booklet complete with drawings by Courtney, Erica and Lauren Von Stein as well as a nature collage by Ian Fleser. Courtney and Lauren also helped lead the Service by reading scriptures, while Ben and Andrew Hensel received and presented the Offering. The worship service, with a beautiful lake in the background and a billowing parachute (!) overhead, was attended by over 40 parishioners.

After worship, attendees enjoyed a wonderful pitch-in lunch, swimming, canoeing, & beanbag toss contests. Kids of all ages swung from the Miller's boom crane on a trapeze before dropping into the lake. A highlight for some was taking apart a motor, ably assisted by Doug Miller and Bob Olinger.

Worshipping in such a lovely setting, plus lots of Fellowship, Conversation, Fun & Games, and Good Food will, hopefully, make this August Outing a Yearly Event.

### **Church Directory?**

The directory is nearly done (and you thought it would never happen!) and should be available for pickup within the next few weeks. Look for an e-mail notice. The directory will be in 3 ring binder with pictures and everything. Please plan on picking up your copy at the church to help with mailing costs. Help me keep this up to minute correct by sending changes in address, phone, e-mail, family (new babies, marriages, etc.) to the address below. Updated inserts will be available quarterly. Thanks! jane

# The Funnies

## **Hymn 365**

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River." --*from Jennifer Rekers*

## **The Parrots**

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing."

"What do they say?" the priest inquired.

They say, "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

"That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed, then he thought for a moment. "You know," he said, "I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to praise and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying ...that phrase in no time."

"Thank you," the woman responded, "this may very well be the solution." The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them. After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison: "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

There was stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed, "Put the beads away Frank. Our prayers have been answered." --*from the Hubers*

## **Who Does What**

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says....."HEBREWS"

--*from Jane Herr*

# Inspiration

## **Dear Lord,**

Help me to live in unity with my fellow man.  
Guide my feeble footsteps, that I, some soul might win.  
Let no evil thoughts of earth unfold within my breast,  
But Father dear, above this world, let my ambitions rest.

And if I utter idle words, unpleasing in Thy sight  
Oh, gracious, matchless, Son of God, let pardon rest my plight.  
May ungodly pleasures be, less desired in my soul  
And upward, onward, may I strive, until reach my goal.

Help the poor, the rich, the ill, the fallen, and the blind,  
Divine One, let them see Thy way, if downward they're inclined.  
Seek out, dear Lord, that part of me determined to seem right.  
Forgive my aimless blunders that my very being fight.

I thank Thee, Father, for this life that you have given me,  
Let naught between Thee and it, Lord, the King of life shall be.  
Keep me humble, meek and kind; teach me how to pray,  
Thank you Lord, all glory Thine, prayer answer in Thy way.

*Barbara Joanne Eacret (Moberly) – 1939 (Marylin Day's mother)*

## **Life: From A to Z**

Although things are not perfect  
Because of trial or pain,  
Continue in thanksgiving  
Do not begin to blame.  
Even when the times are hard and  
Fierce winds are bound to blow.  
God is ever able;  
Hold on to what you know.  
Imagine life without this love  
Joy would cease to be.  
Keep thanking God for all the things,  
Love imparts to thee.  
Move out of "Camp Complaining"  
No weapon that is known,  
On earth can yield the power  
Praise can do alone.  
Quit worrying about the future,  
Redeem the time at hand  
Start every day with worship

To "thank" is a command.  
Until we see God coming,  
Victorious in the sky,  
We'll run the race with gratitude,  
eXalting God most high.  
Yes, there will be good times and there will be bad, but...  
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

*Author Unknown, --from Marilyn Day*

## **Final Inspection**

The soldier stood and faced God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.  
"Step forward now, you soldier,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?"  
The soldier squared his shoulders and said, "No, Lord, I guess I ain't.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint.  
I've had to work most Sundays,  
And at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.  
But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep..  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got just too steep.  
And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear.  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.  
I know I don't deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears.  
If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand."  
There was a silence all around the throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the soldier waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, you soldier,  
You've borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,  
You've done your time in Hell."

*Author Unknown --from Marilyn Day*

## **Parish News**

**from Hazel Olive:** Scott's daughter, Anne Olive Moore, just finished Seminary at Berkeley, CA. She is now an Episcopal Priest. She graduated on Scott's birthday, May 20, 2005.

In July, Hazel Olive's grandson, Michael Smith came from Ohio, where he lives with his Mom. He came to Indianapolis to visit his Dad, David Smith. David is Hazel's son.

Michael was baptized at St David's. He is now age 18, and is six feet tall and slim. He plays basketball at his High School.

In early August, the Olives had much company on Lake Lemon. Scott's son Jim Olive and family came up from Virginia. They are the couple who flew to Romania, and adopted a 2 year old girl. She is now age 10.

Also, Dave and Ellen Fox came up from Mississippi to visit at the same time. They are former members of St David's. And also are former neighbors to the Olive's .

Hazel's nephew, Larry Smith and extended family all visited them in late July, and plan to come back to Lake Lemon over Labor Day.

Hazel's son, David Smith and family also came down from Carmel, Indiana--especially to see the Foxes.

The Olive's plan a trip to Virginia to visit son Jim about the middle of October. They plan to take us to the Ocean.

## **Left or Right Bower, Anyone?**

"Pick it up, I'll help you", "I pass" "Stay home," "It's the best I've got", and other strange utterances are heard on the 1st Friday of every month at St. David's Euchre Group. About 22 members and several non-members meet at a different home each time. Tables of 4 play 8 hands before mixing and moving to another table. Besides serious play (ha-ha) we talk and laugh and enjoy being together.

Everyone brings a snack and drink. The host family provides a dessert and coffee at the end of the evening. This group has been going for quite a few years. It welcomes new members: singles as well as couples. So come on out for Euchre Night! For more information call *Mickie Williams 812-988-0207*

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## AUGUST

- 1 – Maggie Linscott
- 2 – Steven Wietstock
- 3 – Anniversary of Stephen & Charlene Fitzgerald
- 7 - Darrin Smith
- 11 – Abigail Omberg
- 12 - James Simms
- 12 – Stephen Fitzgerald
- 18 - Anniversary of Steve & Sandy Fittz
- 20 - Hazel Olive
- 21 - Carol Walker
- 22- Art Haldeman
- 22 - Sandy Ridenour
- 23 – Anniversary of Verne & Phyllis Sindlinger
- 25 - Anniversary of Jim & Becky Morrison
- 26 - Anniversary of Richard & Jan Halladay
- 27 - John Williams
- 30 - Richard Halladay
- 31 - Mickey Winninger
- 31 - Tucker Eads
- 31 - Anniversary of Stephen & Dorothy King

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Anniversary of Art & Karen Haldeman
- 3 – Ralph Linscott
- 8 - Deeann List
- 9 - Peg Franzen
- 10 - David Smith
- 11 - Ben Herr
- 11 - Jennifer Rekers
- 13 – Judy Reichert
- 14 - Anniversary of Deborah & Jonathan Hutchison
- 16 - Anniversary of Bob & Nancy Nixon
- 22 - Jim Morrison
- 25 - Steve Fittz

## OCTOBER

- 4 – Marilyn Day
- 7 - Bob Oliger
- 9 - Mitchell Eads
- 9 – Pamela Smith
- 10 - Marge Steiner
- 11 - Jim Drum
- 22- Tim Niednagel
- 24 – Joe Miller

25 - Gene Neidnagel  
26 - Jonathan Hutchison  
26 - Doug Miller  
26 - Yvonne Oliger  
27 - Anniversary of Frank & Erin Fleser  
28 - Tabitha Baer

#### NOVEMBER

2 - Mary Rudd  
3 - Sydney Kelly  
9 - Joan Amati  
9 - Judy Baughman  
9 - Anniversary of Jim & Judy Reichert  
10 - Anniversary of Joe & Sandy Ridenour  
12 - Jane Herr  
13 - Charlene Fitzgerald  
13 - Andrea Barber  
19 - Daniel Hutchison  
20 - Anniversary of Ralph & Maggie Linscott  
21 - Michael Smith  
26 - Patrick Hutchison  
28 - Carol Ruffin

### **Newsletter Submissions?**

Please send your news items, stories of spiritual growth, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, etc. to Jane Herr (812)988-7611 or 4923 Stevens Rd., Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): [jane@rjherr.com](mailto:jane@rjherr.com)

Next deadline for submissions: **Sunday, November 13, 2005 for Advent**

### **Get on the List:**

#### **E-mail updates**

Did you know, St. David's has an email list used to send Church notices that may be of interest to all members? An update of this list (titled "test number 3") will be made Monday August 29. If you receive this test, you do not need to reply as it confirms you are on the list. Others will read about the list in Jane's newsletter and may respond in order to enter their email address.

*Jim Simms 812-988-1260*

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

Monday	August 29	St. David's e-mail test		
Tuesday	August 30	Yoga	Parish Hall	6 PM
		<i>--classes continue on Tuesdays</i>		
Friday	September 2	Euchre night		
		<i>--continues at various homes first Friday each month</i>		
Saturday	September 3	Hospice Benefit Concert	Columbus	7 PM
Fri. & Sat.	September 2 & 3	Hutchisons perform at Marie's		
Thursday	September 8	Hutchisons perform at The Fig Tree		7-9 PM
Wed.-Fri.	September 14-16	Fast and Pray for the Poor		
Fri.-Sun.	September 23-25	ECW Fall Retreat	Waycross	
Sunday	October 2	Blessing of the animals	St. David's@service	
Sunday	October 2	"First Sunday"	St. David's	
Saturday	October 8	Rummage Sale	Parish Hall	9 AM-2PM
Fri.-Sat.	October 14-16	Christian Women's Retreat	Columbus	
Saturday	October 22	"Safeguarding God's Children"	St. David's	9 AM-Noon
Fri.-Sat.	September 23-24	School of Ministries program	Waycross	
Thursday	October 27	Diocesan Outreach gathering	Bloomington	3 PM-7 PM
Sunday	October 29	turn in UTO blue boxes		
Sunday	November 13	deadline for info. for Advent newsletter		
Sunday	November 20	Hand Chimes anthem	St. David's	during service
Sunday	November 27	First Sunday in Advent		

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