

St David's Episcopal Church

Bean Blossom, Indiana

**"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned
so as to have the life that is waiting for us."**

~Joseph Campbell

Dear Fellow Travelers,

It's been almost a year and a half since illness forced me to get rid of the life I'd planned, resulting in my decision to take a leave of absence from my pastoral work at St. David's. That hiatus – as it turns out – has become an opportunity to make friends with the life that was waiting. As is the case with most relationships, this befriending is a generally untidy and perennially unfinished process.

But, despite its refusal to be orderly and circumscribed, my ongoing encounter with the life that waits behind or below or within or alongside the life I'd planned has brought forth some intriguing insights, among them these: Doing nothing can be fertile ground for Something to be doing, the fruits of which may not be immediately apparent. Surrender is not a passive state but an active process requiring self discipline and strength of will. Loving one's self is much more difficult than loving another person. It is not possible to explain everything. No, take that back. It's not possible to explain much of anything. What is most True is also often most mysterious. Mystery is actually a place or a something or a someone within which we can rest.

Recently a slow but discernable increase in energy and stamina has led to me to consider re-activating my pastoral role at St. David's. With the helpful counsel of my spouse and the Bishop's Committee, I've determined that the right thing for me to do at this juncture is to return in a limited capacity, an approach which will hopefully maximize expression in ministry of that waiting life. And so I have begun to be more involved in helping to plan worship, and I will soon return to preaching on an "as able" basis.

This shift, occurring as it does near the Feast of Pentecost and, following that, our entry into Ordinary Time, makes me feel right in tune with the Church calendar. The men and women who were anointed by the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, being made thereby into Christ-speakers and Christ-bearers, had already experienced many times in their relationship with Jesus the irresistible call to get rid of life as they'd planned it accompanied by the upwelling of a life that had been waiting to express itself. Jesus seems to bring that about in people.

Ordinary Time, which extends from Pentecost to Advent, has become increasingly dear to me over the years. Much as I appreciate and derive great good from the observances of the rest of the Church Year, I have come to welcome the long green season of Ordinary Time as a respite from all that devoted doing.

It is for me a time of ripening, wherein all that got started in the other seasons – elements of incarnation, repentance, death and resurrection – can be allowed their due process of slow and subtle maturation, immersed in scriptures that witness to what it means to be Church and uninterrupted by liturgical shifts. It's length gives time for developing a rhythm, a breathing in and breathing out. These months can become a gentle hallowing of the daily, the ordinary, within which the life that waits (dare I say the life that is Christ) slowly and purposefully works its way towards the surface, readying itself to become the Life we live, should we so choose.

Blessings,
Deborah

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Outreach Commission - *"Promotes ministries of charities...local and general"* - Marilyn Day

Pastoral Care Commission - *"Promote ministries of spiritual growth"*- Jim Simms

Education Commission - *"Promotes transmission of the faith"*- Marge Steiner

Property Commission - *"Promotes necessary improvements and repairs"*- Doug Miller, Junior Warden

Stewardship Commission - *"Promotes personal and corporate stewardship"*- Jim Huber

Communications Commission - *"Promotes an informed and involved membership"*- Jim Simms

Evangelism Commission - *"Promotes the spread of the gospel"* - Marilyn Day

Worship & Music Commission - *"Promotes an empowered community of faith"*- Pamela G. Smith

Congregational Life - *"Promotes building of church community"* - Phyllis Sindlinger, Senior Warden

Bishop's Committee Treasurer - Sandy Ridenour

Pentecost Sunday - May 15

The story of Pentecost is told in Acts 2:

"When the day of Pentecost had come, [the disciples] were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

In *Encountering God* Diane Eck describes the dramatic and creative ways Pentecost was celebrated in the Middle Ages. Some churches had "Holy Spirit holes" in the ceiling to symbolize their openness to God. On Pentecost, doves were released through the holes and bundles of rose petals were dropped from them onto the people gathered inside. Choirboys moved through the congregation making whooshing sounds and playing drums to remind everyone of the rush of the Spirit. What a ritual that must have been!

The red linens traditionally used in the sanctuary at this time symbolize both the fire of Pentecost as well as the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room for the empowerment from God to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

***On Sunday May 15 come
celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church
and wear red to remember the Fire of the Holy Spirit
AND stay after the worship service for a Birthday Cake!
Contact Laura Martin for information.***

Acts 2:17: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Helping Build Habitat House

Members of St. David's are helping to build the next Habitat for Humanity House in Brown County. The house, due to be completed in July, is for the Chandler family: Paul, Joellen and Lillie. St. David's has been involved in helping to build previous Habitat Houses through both financial support and volunteer construction workers and we hope to build on that history with even greater involvement this time.

Jonathan Hutchison and Bob Olinger are both on the Habitat Board of Directors and Bob is the Construction Committee chairperson. Four St. David's members helped to pour the foundation footers on April 27: Doug Miller, Bob Olinger, Jim Drum and Verne Sindlinger. Pictures posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex document this first step in the construction.

More than 12 St. David's members have volunteered to be part of a "construction team for a day" on May 23. They are: Jim Drum; Doug Miller; Gene Niednagel; Ralph Linscott; Jonathan Hutchison; Steve Fitzgerald; Steve Fittz (and neighbor Bill Lee); Joe Miller (Joan Amati's husband); Chuck Kelly; Ray Laffin; Richard Halladay; and Verne Sindlinger. Phyllis Sindlinger, Sandy Fittz and others will provide lunch for these and other workers at the Ford Ridge Rd. building site on that day. It's not too late for you to join this team! Contact Verne Sindlinger (988-1962 or sindlinger@koakonnnect.com) for more information.

There are many other ways and times for you to be involved. If you would like to volunteer time, talent or financial support, then you can contact Bob Olinger (988-8841) or Jonathan Hutchison (988-7672). You can also find additional information at this website address: www.bc_habitat.com.

What's all that stuff on those huge gray shelves, anyway?

Have you ever wondered what we keep on those big gray shelves in the entryway? Here's a brief list of the information you can find there:

- St. David's newsletters and brochures
- Report on St. David's Vision Process
- Stewardship Education Packets
- Copies of the sermons for the present week and two weeks prior
- Waycross brochures and application forms
- Information on Diocesan youth ministry programs
- Brochures for hospice programs and pastoral counseling services
- Retreat houses and monastic guest programs
- Christian conferences and educational programs
- Forward Day By Day devotional booklets
- Signup lists for scripture readers, etc.

Tiffany Cecil, our parish secretary, is currently on medical leave and expects to return to work on May 12. When she returns, she will be in the church office from 9 am-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In the meantime, there will be no regular presence in the church office, so please address all parish business to the Vicar directly at 988-7672 or chesed2@msn.com

Worship and Music

An Opportunity to Serve...

Every Sunday morning, a member of the congregation dresses in a white robe and helps to lead our worship. He or she carries in the cross, leads the Prayers of the People, receives the offerings, and administers the chalice at Holy Communion. These people are called **crucifers** and right now we have four of them: Marge Grimm, Tim Fleck, Sydney Kelly, and Yvonne Oligier.

We could use another crucifer! These four are spread a little thin, especially in the summertime when people have travel plans. If this is a ministry that speaks to your heart, please talk it over with Jonathan or with Pamela Smith (323-1917).

In the Worship Booklet at St. David's this Month...

The scripture reading from Acts for the Feast of Pentecost, which is on May 15 this year, celebrates the birth of the worldwide church. On that Sunday we'll be using some prayers and blessings from other Anglican churches around the world.

Last year and this year in the season of Epiphany we used a Eucharistic prayer that is not in the *Book of Common Prayer*. We didn't make it up, though! It's from *Enriching Our Worship*, a new book of approved liturgical texts published by the Episcopal Church in 1997. A committee of St. David's folk picked this Eucharistic prayer out of the book in 2003. After the first season we used it, the congregation seemed to like it pretty well. We particularly liked that it talks about Jesus in immediate and personal words. Since Epiphany season was so short this year, we're bringing this Eucharistic prayer back for the summer starting on May 22.

St. David's New 100th...

Most Sundays our worship begins with a hymn, a greeting, two prayers, and a Song of Praise. During Easter we've been using Hymn #187 as our Song of Praise. Beginning on May 22, we'll be using a new composition by Joe Ridenour. It's a setting of the 100th Psalm, and Joe calls it *St. David's New 100th*. Joe has based the tune on the American Sacred Harp songs. It's a lovely melody – you'll find yourself humming it while you mow the lawn.

A New Face at the Keyboard...

God keeps blessing us by sending us wonderful musicians. Please welcome Steven Wietstock, who will be serving as our parish organist beginning May 15. Welcome Ann, his wife, back to St. David's choir. Steven was our organist last Christmas while Stephen Frketic was on holiday, so he is a familiar face.

All these notes on worship & music come from Pamela Smith, who is always interested in your ideas and thoughts about our worship together. You can reach her at narthex@baba-yaga.org or at 323-1817.

Our Summer Choir

There is always an open invitation to any who desire to sing with the choir. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 before worship.

The wonderful St. David's Choir is NOT going to take a Summer Vacation. It is true, that on many Sundays, especially during the Summer, some of the singers are not in the choir, but with the kind of talent that we have at St. David's, even half a choir never sounds "half bad", but always better than "half good." One of the two directors, Joe Ridenour and Ray Laffin, try to be present every Sun-"day that the Lord has made for a joyful noise!"

Outreach

Bring me your cans...

Mother's Cupboard Community Kitchen has an appeal out for #10 cans (very large) of fruit, vegetables, etc. to be used for cooking the meals served daily. The kitchen uses small cans for packing bags with foodstuffs to hand out to families in need and uses the large cans for preparing the food for the individuals that eat in the dining room of the pantry.

All donations are gratefully accepted, but a special emphasis on the large cans of food are especially appreciated!

The cookies came through...

Mother's Cupboard had their annual "Soup Bowl" fundraiser on April 3, 2005. In addition to offering homemade soup, bread and the bowl (all made by local artisans), they also needed 66 dozen homemade cookies to be used as dessert. Our wonderful congregation stepped up to the plate again and supplied many dozens of cookies in support of the Brown County food pantry/kitchen!

Outreach at the Log Cabin Tour...

The Brown County Log Cabin Tour is scheduled for June 4 & 5 this year. St. David's has an opportunity to set up a booth and sell food and drink to benefit the Outreach program and all the many charities right here in Brown County! Outreach needs some volunteers to help arrange a menu, purchase supplies and food, provide gas grills and coolers, purchase advertising, make a large banner, etc. We will also need warm bodies to help cook and operate the booth. PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE JOBS – LET'S HELP BROWN COUNTY!!

Please call, Marylin Day for more information or see the sign-up sheet in the entryway.

Parish Life

Like harmony?--see Forever Plaid...

The Parish Life committee has planned a theatre outing for Sunday afternoon (curtain time 3 PM), June 26, 2005. We will see Forever Plaid, which is a delightful musical starring a male quartet singing in close harmony. You'll love it! The Hubers have seen it twice already.

We have currently reserved 20 seats, but can adjust the number as needed by Sunday, June 6th. The cost is \$15 per ticket, a considerable savings at the group rate.

Please reserve your seat (by giving Judy Huber a check or cash) by Sunday, June 6. The sooner she gets your firm reservation, the better we can plan, especially if we need extra seats. We encourage kids and singles to attend in addition to us old married folks.

After the show there will be a chili supper (both vegetarian and not) at the Hubers prepared by the Parish Life committee.

If you have any ideas on other group activities, please contact Judy Huber or Phyllis Sindlinger.

Continuing Education for Pastoral Visitation

A School for Ministries program on pastoral visiting will be held at Waycross on May 20 and 21, 2005. The Rev. Jean Denton will present a program to enable participants to develop listening skills, to gain confidence in knowing what to say when people are hurting, and to learn what it means to be part of a "ministry of presence." Any one wishing to learn more about pastoral care is invited to attend.

<http://www.indydio.org/calendar.cfm?date=2005-05-20&eventID=156>
or contact Jonathan Hutchison or Jim Simms.

Christian Education

I will be serving this year as the Christian Ed Commissioner. Our Sunday School continues under the fine leadership of Rebecca Von Stein, and I am exploring several possibilities for vital adult education programs. Please stay tuned! Marge

Ice Cream Social

The end of the Sunday School year is approaching quickly. To celebrate, please join our youth for an ice cream social after church Sunday May 22nd in parish hall. We are planning brownie Sundays, banana splits and some good fellowship.

Yoga in the Parish Hall

The next yoga session will start Monday, May 16 and run through June 27th (no class Memorial day). Classes are 6-7 PM in parish hall with a suggested donation of \$20 per session to St. David's. Classes will break for July and then start back up in August on Tuesdays. For questions call Desiree Hensel.

First-Quarter Report from the Treasurer

As of March 31, our income and expenses are both running slightly under budget. The good news I'd like to share with you, however, is that we received a total of \$1882 in special offerings.

This includes \$232 for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, which supports the work of the church in the Holy Land; \$590 for Episcopal Relief and Development; \$642 for Heifer International (the Sunday school project, purchasing 2 water buffalo and a llama); \$178 for Global Mission Sunday and \$240 on Easter, the only amount that remains at St. David's. In addition, Doug Miller reported that we collected \$450 in cash and supplies for him to take on his mission trip to Mexico.

A big thank-you to everyone who contributed to these wonderful projects. You're a generous people...as we are called to be.

--Sandy Ridenour

Steven Wietstock--organist extraordinaire

Starting May 15 Steven Wietstock will return to the St. David's organ bench for a permanent engagement. We are truly blessed to have the multi-talented Steven as well as his equally talented wife Anne back with us. And your editor was truly lucky that Steven did not object to all my personal prying questions and provided us with some fascinating background information. It seems that on Sundays he appears as a mild-mannered organist at a small church in Brown County but during the week he is "SuperChemist" Dr. Steven M. Wietstock, Director of Undergraduate Laboratories and Outreach at the Chemistry Department, IU-Bloomington.

It all started with a flaming crash of a spaceship...er, not really. Steven was born in Los Angeles and started studying organ at the age of 13 with Alice Simpson and Al Turco at the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn (MI) on their 61 rank Aeolian-Skinner organ. He had the great opportunity to study briefly with Huw Lewis in Detroit before attending Alma College (located in the center of the "mitt" of Michigan). At Alma he studied with Miriam Bellville and held his first full-time organist/choir director position at 17 with the Church of the Master Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Steven received a B.S. in Chemistry from Alma and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. He spent eight years on the faculty at Alma College before accepting a staff position at IU. In his current position he is responsible for ensuring that all of the undergraduate chemistry labs are prepared each week, developing new laboratories, assessing the teaching/learning that is occurring in the labs, writing grants for new equipment, and overseeing the lab budgets. In addition, he works with K-12 outreach programs at schools in the Bloomington area. He is currently developing a Chemobile program which will put equipment into high schools on a weekly loan basis in the southern portion of Indiana. He plans to fly the Chemobile from school to school dressed in sharp red and blue suit with a giant C on the chest...

His wife Anne is originally from Arlington, VA. They met while Steve attended grad school in Bethesda. Anne has a B.S. degree in nursing and a certificate in Parish Nursing from Concordia University in Mequon, WI. She is currently on staff in the Kelley School of Business as an academic advisor.

Anne and Steven live on S. Fairfax in Bloomington with their four-legged child, a 12-year-old Cairn terrier named Chelsi. Steven is now restoring a 7 rank 1930 Moller Pipe Organ for his house (at least while he isn't flying the Chemobile).

--Jane Herr

Those kids!

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?"

Her mother replied, "No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough."

The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

--Jane Herr

Hutchisons To Perform Benefit Concert for Liberian Refugee Family

Deborah and Jonathan will perform their original music at St. John's Episcopal Church in Speedway on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 3 PM. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Massalay and some of their children are here as political refugees from the Liberian civil war. Proceeds from the concert will enable the Massalay's to bring their remaining children to safety in the United States. For directions to St. John's Episcopal Church, go to:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=5625%20W%2e%2030th%20Street&city=Speedway&state=IN>

Those unable to attend but wishing to donate may send checks to St. John's Episcopal Church, 5625 West 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46224.

Moral Values (The Rest of the Story) Take 1

For many years, The General Convention of the Episcopal Church has applied biblical principles to social issues, passing resolutions to guide the faithful as they consider matters of public policy. The Episcopal Public Policy Network monitors the progress of relevant legislation through the U.S. Congress, alerts members when key votes are scheduled and provides contact information to assist those who wish to share their views. To subscribe, go to:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn/>

Moral Values (The Rest of the Story) Take 2

"The truth is that hungry people are going without food stamps, poor children are going without healthcare, elderly are going without medicine, and schoolchildren are going without textbooks because of war, tax cuts, and a lack of both attention and compassion from our political leaders. The moral contradictions are too great to ignore. The deepening injustice of America's domestic priorities is increasingly impossible to justify. It's becoming a religious issue."

Jim Wallis, from the NYT bestseller, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets it Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get it*

Parish Online Photo Album

Thanks to photographers Jennifer Rekers and Phyllis Sindlinger, the St. David's online photo album has pictures of Easter and the Cantata concert. We also have a fine painting by Luke Bertolet. Take it all in by visiting the parish web site and following the links to the photo album: www.saintdavidsbeanblossom.org

More photos & more art are very welcome, and precious items will be scanned and returned. Please send things along to Pamela Smith, narthex@baba-yaga.org or 3680 Tamarron Drive, Bloomington 47408. If you are sending something you want returned, puh-leeze write your name on the back, ok?

Lesson Readers for May, June, and July 2005

Date	first lesson	second lesson
May 1	Marge Steiner	Sydney Kelly
May 8	Jane Herr	Yvonne Olinger
May 15	Carol Walker	Carol Walker
May 22	Pamela Smith	Marge Wright
May 29	Joe & Sandy Ridenour	Joe & Sandy Ridenour
June 5	Sydney Kelly	Marge Wright
June 12	Carol Walker	Carol Walker
June 19	Jane Herr	Marge Steiner
June 26	Carol Ruffin	Marge Steiner
July 3	Joe & Sandy Ridenour	Joe & Sandy Ridenour
July 10	Carol Walker	Carol Walker
July 17	Sydney Kelly	Marge Steiner

Vicar Attends “Emergent Church” Conference

In April, as part of his continuing professional education, Jonathan Hutchison participated in a conference entitled “Worship Arts, Liturgy and Preaching in the Emergent Culture”. The conference was sponsored by The Emergent Conversation, a loose affiliation of post-modern Christians from many sectors of the Church; Protestant, Catholic, Anglican, Evangelical, etc. Conferees heard stimulating presentations by major thinkers and writers within the Emergent community, experienced new worship forms and attended workshops. Among the topics addressed in plenary session; the use of popular media in worship, worship as Christian formation, the worship of the Eastern Orthodox Tradition, how we read scripture, ancient Christian formation in a post-modern world, and the theme of biblical justice in worship. Workshops attended by the Vicar included worship renewal, biblical storytelling and the mystagogical preaching of the early Church. Jonathan would like to thank the people of St. David’s for making possible his participation in this exciting event.

--Jonathan Hutchison

The Sunday (School) Funnies

The Good Samaritan...

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students

would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Story of Elijah...

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

LaVerne, sitting in the back of the room, started waving her hand, "I know, I know," she said, "to make the gravy!"

Lot's Wife...

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Johnny interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was DRIVING," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Poor Lion...

A Sunday school teacher was telling the youngsters about Daniel and the Lion's Den. She had a picture of Daniel standing, brave and confident, with a group of lions around him. One little girl started to cry. The teacher said, "Don't cry. The lions are not going to eat Daniel."

The girl said, "That's not what I'm crying about. That little lion, over in the corner, isn't going to get any food."

Higher Power...

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

The Lord is my Shepherd...

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task. But, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

--From the Nixons

Inspiration

James Bender, in his book, HOW TO TALK WELL (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 1994) relates the story of a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

--from *Steve Fittz*

A Word

A Word is a magical force
Gratuitously all things are known,
In itself lacking sense or course,
When spoken 'tis tempered with tone.

A Word can create or destroy,
Give courage or flail in despair,
If wisdom we fail to employ,
A Word becomes naught, unaware.

A Word has a boundless domain,
Eternally fated to man,
In some metaphors it will reign,
From others we strictly must ban.

A Word if be spoken in truth,
Restrained from improper guise,
Unmasked from low subjects, uncouth,
A rich sonant king shall arise.

By: Barbara Joanne (Moberly) Faul

This wonderful poem from Audrey Hepburn, who lead UNICEF for many, many years after she left the movies, was read at her funeral years later:

Secrets to a Happy Life

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.

For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.

For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.

For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day.

For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms.

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

--from *Marilyn Day*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY

- 6 - Coral Hamlin
- 6 - Dana Skirvin
- 7 - Daniel Folz
- 10 - Jan Halladay
- 12 - Clinton McGinley
- 12 - Anniversary of Doug & Judy Miller
- 17 - Pam Taylor
- 20 - Ray Laffin
- 20 - Scott Olive
- 20 - Arthur Omberg
- 20 - Rebecca Von Stein
- 25 - Judy Miller
- 26 - Tim Fleck
- 27 - Anniversary of James & Judy Huber
- 27 - Anniversary of Gene & Donna Neidnagel
- 27 - Erica Von Stein
- 27 - Lauren Von Stein
- 28 - Marjorie Wright
- 30 - Joe Ridenour
- 31 - Anniversary of Eliot & Pamela Smith

JUNE

- 2 - Marge Grimm
- 5 - Jo Olson
- 6 - Ben Smith
- 8 - Anniversary of Alan & Rebecca Von Stein
- 9 - Anniversary of Michael & Deeann List
- 14 - Donna Stouder
- 15 - Kaytie Selch
- 18 - Mickie Williams
- 19 - Lennis Baughman
- 21 - James Huber
- 22 - Judy Laffin
- 27 - Gary Brown
- 27 - Anniversary of John & Tracy Green
- 28 - Annalise Haldeman
- 28 - Becky Morrison
- 30 - John Pedrey

JULY

- 2 - Jill Patrick (Joanne Carpenter's daughter)
- 4 - Ross Eads
- 7 - Verne Sindlinger
- 7 - Ann Woods
- 10 - Nancy Nixon
- 12 - Bill Casady
- 14 - Jenny Johnson
- 17 - Christy McGinley
- 18 - Kim Johnson
- 20 - Bob & Yvonne Oliger Anniversary

- 21 – Clayton McGinley
- 22 - Andrew Hensel
- 26 - Timothy Baer
- 27 - Judy Huber
- 27 - Doug Sare
- 28 - Anniversary of Gene & Mary Lou Russell

AUGUST

- 1 - Barbara Blair
- 3 – Anniversary of Stephen & Charlene Fitzgerald
- 5 - Charlie Johnson
- 7 - Darrin Smith
- 12 - James Simms
- 12 – Stephen Fitzgerald
- 14 - Dan Conley
- 14 - Jennie Staab
- 18 - Anniversary of Steve & Sandy Fittz
- 20 - Hazel Olive
- 22 - Kay Selch
- 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

Bouncing Around in Cyber space

With the world and particularly the internet moving along at something greater than the speed of light our e-mail addresses are often in a state of flux. I noticed when I sent out notices about the upcoming newsletter that I got a lot of bounce-backs, i.e. the address I was sending to was no longer viable. If you did not get a notice of the upcoming newsletter a couple weeks ago take a minute and send me an e-mail (it can just be blank) and help me get my list updated. Thanks!
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Newsletter Submissions?

Please send your news items, stories of spiritual growth, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, etc. to Jane Herr.

Next deadlines for submissions:

Sunday, August 7, 2005 for Fall
Sunday, November 13, 2005 for Advent

Schedule of Services and Parish Events

Sunday	May 15	Pentecost Sunday service <i>--pitch-in after service</i>	St. David's	9:30 AM
Monday	May 16	Yoga <i>--classes continue through June 27 (no Mem. Day)</i>	Parish Hall	6 PM

Fri-Sat	May 20-21	pastoral visiting program	Waycross
Sunday	May 22	Sunday School Ice Cream Social--after service	
Sunday	May 22	Hutchison Concert	St. John's, Speedway 3 PM
Monday	May 23	Habitat "construction team for a day"--Ford Ridge Rd. site	
Sat-Sun	June 4-5	Log Cabin Tour	
Sunday	June 26	"Forever Plaid" outing	Brown Co. Playhouse 3 PM

August--Yoga classes resume on Tuesdays

Sunday	August 7	deadline for info. for Fall newsletter	
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