

St David's

Episcopal Church

Bean Blossom

Pentecost 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever noticed the descending order of enthusiasm for major Christian holy days? While the faithful in a few denominations resolutely observe Advent, keeping the poinsettias at bay until December 24th, the world's Christmas begins earlier each year. Trees and lights and lawn decorations up months in advance. Mythical gift-bearing grandfather figures everywhere, in advertisements, outside the grocery, ho-ho-ing in shopping malls. A paroxysm of feasting. Gift anxiety.

For sheer time and energy expended, the Feast of the Nativity has to win the prize as most popular holy day. Easter comes in second. New outfits. Egg hunts. Acres of marshmallow 'peeps' in their not-found-in-nature colors. Designer jelly beans. A mythical treat-bearing bunny. Nothing like the yuletide extravaganza, but still a marketing winner, with the anticipatory chocolate rabbits and new spring fashion lines making their appearance when the faithful are preparing for the disciplines of Lent.

Bringing up a distant third is Pentecost. A secular dud. No special food (Everything seems to burn). No in-store specials on Pentecost-appropriate red clothing. No decorations (Pentecost trees would blow over or go up in flames.). No mythical gift-bearing entity. (I suppose we could have a Pentecost Dove. But what would it bring? How do you wrap the wind?) No commercial potential. (You *could* market little beanies with butane lighters sewn into the crowns. But, I think there might be some safety issues...).

I have a theory about why Pentecost is such an abysmal failure in the secular realm, and not particularly popular with church-goers, either. What captures the collective imagination about Christmas is its presentation of the Holy as a tiny helpless child. This is God in a form we can manage – incarnate, yes, but nicely latent, unthreatening and undemanding. So full of potential, just like us. Easter? Well, when you *really* think about it, resurrection is overwhelmingly powerful. But, it's easy to dilute that power with pastel images of new life in more ordinary less challenging forms.

And, anyway, the resurrection happens to somebody *else*, somebody who can manage the unreasonable demands of holiness, someone who can fathom the unfathomable. Pentecost, however, happens to us. Disciples R US -- plain old garden-variety human beings, with the usual collection of fears and foibles. The influx of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost makes them into something extraordinary, able to preach with authority and power, able to miraculously heal and, at least for awhile, able to communicate heart to heart with no barriers of language or culture.

Of course, they had the advantage of Jesus' presence and example, before and after his resurrection, prior to his departure for parts unknown. However, there is very little evidence, scripturally, that the disciples improved much during that time. The improvement seems to have come *after* Jesus' disappeared, *after* they were filled with the Spirit at Pentecost.

And maybe that's why we keep our distance from this fiery Feast. Because, if we engage

with its energy and allow it to work in us, we must be changed. We must get on with it. We must act. We must get around to realizing our potential. The baby in the manger is all grown up, grown too great and vast for one life, grown into a Body of which we are each a part, grown into a Spirit that is fire unquenchable, a torch passed. Pentecost calls us to stop getting ready and to start getting to work.

No wonder it has never been co-opted by commercial interests. It can't be turned into a commodity. It can't be packaged. Its nature is all movement and power and ardent flame, and we are called by birth and baptism to be the lamps that hold it in the world.

Blessings, Deborah

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PENTECOST

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Wear Red!

Give Presents:

Write an inspirational message to give anonymously to someone else

Play the “speak in tongues” game:

Speak another language—Spanish, German, Pig Latin, etc. until you receive your “present”

May 31st ~ after service ~ The Parish Hall

See Mike Day for more information about this event

Pentecost ~ The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...

The Acts of the Apostles (2:1-5)

Pentecost ([Ancient Greek](#): πεντηκοστή (pentekostē), "the fiftieth day") is one of the prominent

feasts in the [Christian liturgical year](#), celebrated on the 50th day of the Easter season. Pentecost is historically and symbolically related to the Jewish [harvest festival](#) of [Shavuot](#) (celebrated fifty days after the [Exodus](#)), on which God gave the [Ten Commandments](#) at [Mount Sinai](#). Pentecost commemorates the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) upon the [Apostles](#) and other followers of [Jesus](#) as described in the 2nd Chapter of the [Book of Acts](#). The image of the tongues of fire inspired the Church to use Red as the liturgical color of Pentecost.

Ironic, little-known factoid: Pentecost is also known as Whitsunday, or “white Sunday”. Since Pentecost was a principle day for baptism, the traditional white baptismal garments “made the day white”. (*A New Dictionary for Episcopalians*, John N. Wall, Jr.)

Help also from *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost>

Focus on General Convention, July 8-17, Anaheim, CA.

The following questions from Marge Grimm appeared in the Vicar’s email In-box:

Q: “Can you tell me anything about the Episcopal National Convention? Does it meet annually, bi-annually?”

A: The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets every three years. For this reason, it is often called "The Triennial Meeting".

Q: Does it alternate cities where it meets?

A: Yes, it meets in convention facilities all over the U.S. In 2012, General Convention will come to Indianapolis, for the second time in my memory.

Q: Who are the delegates from our diocese? Is it the Bishops from each diocese?

A: The delegates (more properly called "deputies") from each diocese are chosen by their respective Diocesan Conventions. If you want specific names of the deputies from Indianapolis, contact the diocesan office or look on the website at www.indydio.org. Every deputation consists of four lay and four clergy persons, plus their Bishop(s).

Q: Do the Delegates have a voice in what decisions are made?

A: Absolutely! The General Convention is bi-cameral (like the U.S. Congress), with a House of Deputies and a House of Bishops, with each House working concurrently to pass legislation and to ratify legislation passed by the other House. Deputies not only have a voice, they have voice *and vote*, along with the Bishops, with a few special exceptions.

Thanks for your questions, Marge

Blessings, Jonathan +

A Pastoral Letter from the Vicar about General Convention, 2009

Dear Friends of St. David's,

When the General Convention of our national Episcopal Church meets this summer, important

matters will come before the Convention, some of which may generate headlines. We are challenged by this to become well informed, for at least two reasons.

First, being well informed ensures that our faith community maintains a healthy perspective on the state of our national Church. This will allow us to continue to work together effectively in unity as the Body of Christ, here at home.

Make no mistake: When it comes to reporting about General Convention, the secular media will almost certainly get it wrong. Given their nose for controversy and polarization, reports will favor hot button stories, based on interviews with opinionated partisans. Meanwhile, far more important stories often go untold. In 2003, the media covered the sometimes rancorous debate on human sexuality, but failed to mention that the same Convention funded major new initiatives in global missions as well as youth work here at home?

The online Blogosphere will be filled with commentary, much of it in support of one agenda or another (rarely the agenda of Christ, I find...). By their response to past Conventions, such unhelpful voices have fostered (in some Episcopalians) an ill-founded sense of dismay about our national Church, which may not be entirely supported by the facts and a broader view. Take everything with a lump of salt!

The second reason to be well informed is that the general public will be exposed to the same inaccurate press reports and sensational headlines. Some may feel led to talk with you about these issues and you'll need the facts, along with some understanding of the Church's present course. And, it's always possible that some of these folks will want to talk to you because they *like* what they hear about Convention. You'll want to be ready for that, too!

So, what is expected to happen at General Convention, 2009, and how can our members become well informed and maintain perspective?

For an historical and practical overview of General Convention, go to <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009.htm>. From there, you can navigate to "The Blue Book", the official publication of reports and legislation coming before General Convention. For those who prefer real books, check out *Welcome to the Episcopal Church; an Introduction to its Faith and Worship*, in our church library.

Once Convention begins, the most informed and objective coverage can be found in the Daily Journal of Convention, published online by The Episcopal News Service at www.episcopalchurch.org. This will give you a factual basis for interpreting events. Some religious magazines, such as "The Christian Century", offer fairly objective coverage of developments in all major denominations. As Convention proceeds, I will monitor and provide a digest of events in real time, to help you sort things out.

As to the substance of General Convention, 2009, two items bear special mention: First, Bishop Cate informs us that there are *no plans* to hold formal hearings or to pass legislation in response to the most recent draft of the "Anglican Covenant", citing inadequate time since its publication to deal with such an important matter. Second, deputations from those states where same-sex marriage has been made legal may ask Convention to discuss and perhaps legislate the question of whether the Church should approve formal rites of blessing for such unions. If that matter

reaches the floor of Convention, it will be a primary focus of debate and a headline generator.

I hope that all of you will feel comfortable to share with me, or some fellow member of the congregation, any questions or concerns about General Convention that might arise. Please remember that General Convention will require our steadfast prayer support. Pray that all involved will respond to the Spirit's leading and that our Church may bear effective witness to God's love in Christ. Pray also that the work of General Convention will clarify our own understanding of our gospel mission.

Be not anxious, but trust Christ to take care of his Church.

Faithfully,

Jonathan +

“Building for Mission”

Building Committee Update

The “Design Phase” is now complete and includes plans for the addition as well as renovations to the existing building. In a series of five meetings since the last newsletter, the Building Committee has worked with our Woollen, Molzan architects and with Wurster Construction to review plans and cost estimates. The Committee made minor revisions to the plans and identified several parts of the project which we may do ourselves or which can be delayed until later if necessary. The basic plans are essentially the same as last shared with the congregation on April 19, and as presented on our website – www.stdavidsbb.indydia.org.

We are now in what is called the “Construction Document” phase. The architects are creating construction documents and specifications for the proposed addition and renovations. These documents, which describe in great detail every part of the proposed construction, are to be ready for review by the Committee between May 26 and June 5. As the same time, these documents will be given to three firms which are interested in bidding the project: one construction management firm from Indianapolis and two general contractors from Brown County. Bids are to be returned to the Committee by June 10, and we hope to have a signed contract with the successful bidder by June 17. Please be praying for the contractors and the Committee as we seek to make wise choices and form a good working partnership.

As you can imagine, the timeline as outlined above is ambitious and may be delayed by unexpected snags. However, if the timeline holds, then we are hoping to have a groundbreaking ceremony as early as Sunday, June 21. The worship leadership team will be planning the ceremony which will also recognize the majestic oak tree which will be removed in preparation for construction. Watch for more information about plans for the groundbreaking ceremony. It may be possible to dedicate the completed building by late Fall.

The initial phase of construction, Site Preparation, will begin in late June. The Committee is contracting with MillBuild, Doug and Judy Miller and Sons, to manage this first phase which

will include tree removal, septic system, footers and foundation, site grading, and cement work. Following that, the selected contractor will complete the building. If costs prove to be higher than our budget will allow, we may self perform several of the final phases of the work such as installing sanctuary closets; chancel backdrop; cabinets and countertops in kitchen, narthex and sacristy; and the accordion partition for the Flex Room.

The Committee appreciates the wonderful support and encouragement received from the congregation and hopes you are as eager as we are to break ground and see the dream become reality.

Building Committee Goes Green

The Committee has been trying, at every step of the process, to respond to input from the congregation about demonstrating the church's understanding of Christian care for the environment. Several of our members attended workshops and did additional research about green building and green site management. We invited a builder who practices environmentally friendly construction to orient us to green concerns and concepts. We requested our architects to "think green" in designing the addition and in specifying construction materials and practices. We're pleased to report some of what is being done to implement our commitment to "building green."

There isn't much demolition on this project. We are leaving the sanctuary floor in place and we hope to re-use the interior siding. Concrete from the walkways being removed will be used as fill. We are putting down gravel, not asphalt, in the parking lot, so drainage on the site should be about the same as it is now.

Current plans are to use low-VOC paint, cement-board siding, and energy-efficient windows. South-facing windows will be low-e. We are working to get as much daylight into the new space as we can – natural light is greener than artificial light. We also plan to use energy-efficient light bulbs. And having a working septic system will be a major step towards an environmentally responsible building!

Several members of the Building Committee attended the Green Team callout on May 3. At that meeting, we were asked to re-examine the environmental impact of our decision to use wood framing, as opposed to metal framing. We discussed this with our architect, who reports that the plans call for traditional lumber because it will be easier when tying into the existing wooden structure. He also reports that there is not a consensus in the industry about which, wood or metal, is greener. At this point, the construction documents will specify wood.

In response to other voices in the congregation, we have determined that installing a geothermal HVAC system for the addition is feasible. We are hopeful that construction costs will allow us to convert the existing building to geothermal as well. The initial cost is two to three times more than conventional systems, but the long term reduction in utility costs makes it highly desirable. We are also exploring the use of an "on-demand" hot water system which will further reduce utility costs.

As we've worked together on this project, we've realized that there will be important opportunities for "green" projects after construction is over, and it was a pleasure to see some energy for these projects at the Green Team callout. There will be many new areas for planting around the church – perhaps for bird-friendly native shrubs and perennials and a small-space intensive vegetable garden. There's an opportunity to create a managed wetland at the low point of our property, and to clean out the invasive plants and be better stewards of our woodlands. How about a wildflower meadow on the septic mound? Some of these projects are beyond the scope of the Building Committee, and we glad to see the broad-based commitment in the congregation which will make them happen.

Not only are we doubling our space and building for mission. By building green, we are demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship and to protecting the universe for all God's people.

—*Verne Sindlinger*

Capital Campaign Update

Our construction time is drawing near! Soon the dreams of St. David's will become visible and real. Groundbreaking for our new church and the remodeled sanctuary is planned for the end of June. Think of the many things to come in the future – a new kitchen convenient to our worship space, an area for the children near the congregation, fan-shaped seating to better engage the clergy, parishioners and choir and the possibility of future use for our building by the community or for community programs.

The tithe money generated by the Capital Campaign fund drive is supporting numerous programs and projects for those needs of God's creation. From the multiple mini-projects of the "Mustard Seed" program to \$5,000 for helping shut-ins and seniors with their transportation requirements – it is because of St. David's generosity and compassion that these needs can be met.

The Capital Campaign Committee is still seeking to raise funds for this construction. Your pledge (this may be over 3-4 years) will generate a 10% tithe in our "Building for Mission." If you have not pledged to this project, we invite you to join us, as we seek to grow our life in Christ by "**loving your neighbor as yourself.**"

--*Marilyn Day*

The Prayer of the Capital Campaign

Giving God, may our hearts rest in You as our hands do Your work in the world. Teach us to hold lightly the treasure we have. May we know it to be pure gift. And may all that we do be a returning to You - our Source and our Sustainer. AMEN

First-Ever Fire & Rescue Appreciation Day Draws Firefighters and Ambulance Crews

On Saturday, April 25, St. David's hosted area fire and rescue workers for a service of thanksgiving for their service to Brown County, along with prayers for their safety. The service was inspired by a service for coastline boat rescue teams in Kinsale, Ireland. The service was attended by two ambulance crews and representatives of four of the county's six volunteer fire departments, as well as assorted members of St. David's. The group adjourned to the parish hall for fellowship over egg casserole, courtesy of Parish Life coordinator Mike Day and team of parish cooks. Our guests were very appreciative and encouraged us to make Recognition Day a tradition at St. David's.

For the Calendar

Recognition of Law Enforcement

Saturday, June 6, at 9 am – **A prayer service of recognition and appreciation for area law enforcement personnel**, followed by a “thank you brunch” in the parish hall. Members are encouraged to attend in a show of support, and to assist Parish Life coordinator Mike Day with hospitality for our guests.

A Word to Ponder

Ordinary Time

The other day our Bishop's Committee liaison for Christian Education, Jen Prince, observed that so often during the Church Year we are waiting for something. During Advent we are waiting for the coming of Christ. Lent points us toward Easter, our self-examination and study preparing us to enter more fully into the resurrection experience. Jen wondered if we are waiting for anything during the season that occupies all that time between the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, and the first Sunday in Advent, four weeks before Christmas.

This portion of the Church Year used to be known referentially as “the season after Pentecost”. More recently, its name has been changed to “Ordinary Time”. That's ordinary in the sense of “ordered” or “counted”, from the word “ordinal”, which means “in a specific position in a numbered series”. This refers to the practice of identifying the thirty odd Sundays of the season by where they fall in the numbered progression of Sundays spinning out from the Feast of Pentecost (i.e. the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, the Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost).

That's a pretty ordinary, as in “unexciting”, way to identify what represents the longest stretch of time in the yearly liturgical cycle. I think of it as The Long Green Season, in part because its liturgical color is green, in part because it encompasses the growing season from planting time through harvest.

During this long season, the Sunday readings focus on the mission of the church, the day-to-day work of serving our brothers and sisters and embodying the Good News of Christ. It's a roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-to-work time, spiritually. Ordinary, in the sense of “commonplace” or “regular” or “everyday”.

It is, in answer to Jen's question, not at all a time of waiting, which implies a certain orientation to the "not yet". It is, rather, a time of being fully present to what's under our noses - the unglamorous, expected, and usual people and events that populate our daily lives. It's an opportunity to discover that the realm of God is growing and greening right here in the commonplace.

And that's extraordinary.

~ Deborah Hutchison

More to come: upcoming informational offerings

On **June 7th**, Sandy Ridenour will begin a series of presentations on financial matters. The first of the series is titled, "The Emotional and Spiritual Issues of Personal Finances in a Tough Economy". *It's only money, right? So why are people seeking "grief counseling" for the loss of their stock values (recent Smart Money magazine)? If that's not your issue, perhaps the threat of losing your job or your home is. Or perhaps you're just plain stressed over trying to make ends meet or figuring out how to fulfill your church pledge (yes, our pledge income at the end of April was short about \$7,000 of what was expected at this point in the year). Stay after church with Sandy to discuss **your** issues.*

On **June 28th**, our companion dioceses of Bor, Sudan and Brasilia, Brazil will lead a discussion (see following article about Celebrating Companion Dioceses).

On **August 30th**, Mike and Marylin Day and Dr. David Chandler will lead a presentation titled, "Walking With the Saints Through Turkey". The presentation is about their pilgrimage to Turkey in 2006.

(If you are interested in leading a discussion or presentation, please contact Jen Prince at cisterskye@gmail.com)

Earth Stewardship

The Green Team

The first Green Team meeting was held after church on Sunday May 3 with 19 people in attendance-below are key ideas presented:

Vision of a Green Team—each person was asked to explain why they were interested in a Green Team and what might be some important things to "tackle".

1. Vision 20/20 for Brown County-how we fit into these goals
2. We at St. David's are "movers and shakers"-let's get shaking!
3. Awareness is Contagious
4. Much discussion ensued on our new addition-especially re: geothermal heating and cooling systems (with the hot water built in)-the cost is a little more-but the payback time is about 5 years!
5. The small forested area south of the church needs to be protected and have invasives removed (DNR was suggested-but our area may be too small-a better choice might be to use the Brown County Native Woodlands committee—a free service)
6. Some people brought up the need for more recycling information, along with better transportation systems and choices

7. More information on climate change, carbon footprints, etc.

Mission Statement—each participant was asked to help formulate a relatively short and simple Mission Statement to remind us of what we are "about"!

Books Available Linking Faith With the Environment—Jonathan brought in and briefly discussed 3 books: Eco Faith (which is reviewed below); Earth in Mind; and The Comforting Whirlwind.

Our Church's Footprint

Now: We have recently insulated our roof, placed programmable thermostats, placed energy efficient windows in our sanctuary, and a more efficient heating and cooling system

Future Needs: Weatherizing Ackerman Hall, biodegradable and compostable cups and plates, possible recycling containers, passive solar in our addition, a vegetable-herb garden (with raised beds?)

Immediate Steps: The group agreed that we should commit ourselves to a few, more easily achievable goals such as:

1. Reducing both our church's and our own carbon footprints by 10-20%
2. Provide information on alternatives for toxic household chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, etc.
3. Provide info on local sources of food and drink
4. Some simple solar applications (hot water heaters, etc.)

—*Marge Grimm and Dave Richards*

Book Review: Eco Faith: Creating and Sustaining Green Congregations

Author: Charlene Hosenfeld Publisher: Pilgrim Press, Cleveland

This book, available at St. David's, is a very practical and insightful book with many good ideas for church congregations, children's groups, and consumers in general. It is divided into two sections, entitled Action Steps and Inspiring Stories from Around the Country. It has a detailed reference listing after every topic (a very convenient feature).

Of special interest to our congregation is the first segment on the building—this part describes how to reduce energy use, light bulb changeover, renewable energy systems, the true "costs" of all building choices, energy audits, etc. It was surprising to me that in the U.S., buildings account for 70% of electrical use, 39% of total energy use, 39% of carbon emissions, 40% of raw material use, 30% of total waste generated, and 12% of total water usage. Hosenfeld also emphasized the importance of things like a "bible garden", controlling water runoff, composting, yard chemicals, mowing, etc. Some very good ideas were presented in the "Products" Section; especially, using fair trade chocolate and coffee, "green" cleaning solutions, avoiding plastic water bottles, and not being "hoodwinked" by deceptive "greenwashing" ads and promotions. Several excellent worship service suggestions were offered such as: Adult study groups, celebrating Earth Day at church, baptizing of babies made "green", green weddings, and natural funerals (common in Europe).

Many children's activities and special church projects were featured, such as: the Earth Egg and Touch the Hands that Touch the Earth Lightly (for kids) and Holding a Zero Waste Event or a Meat Free Event or Fasting from Carbon for Lent (adults).

Finally, she lists some behavior change recommendations for each of us. Some of these are:

1. Drive less and use more public transportation
2. Insulate well
3. Install solar attic fans
4. Lower heating thermostat temps and increase AC thermostat settings
5. Think before you buy
6. Turn off your computer when not in use and use power strips
7. Hang out your laundry on a clothesline
8. Buy organic food (local) and clothing made from natural and organic fabrics to reduce toxins
9. Use dual flush and low flush toilets (the major consumer of water in the house)
10. Buy in bulk and use refillable containers—don't forget your canvas shopping bags!
11. Eat less meat
12. Avoid disposable razors, pens, utensils, and cups

—*Dave Richards*

If to be feelingly alive to the sufferings of my fellow-creatures is to be a fanatic, I am one of the most incurable fanatics ever permitted to be at large.

William Wilberforce, British abolitionist and social reformer (1759-1833)

Tim Fleck to be Ordained as Deacon

Ordination of those who have completed their seminary training is a joyful celebration for the whole diocese. The entire diocesan household is welcome, and as a community that has nurtured and supported one of the people to be ordained, St. David's people are particularly invited.

Bishop Cate will preside. The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Allen will be the preacher (he is director of Grace Unlimited, the Episcopal-Lutheran chaplaincy at IUPUI and Butler, and Affiliate Professor of Theology at CTS. All clergy of the diocese are invited to vest in their red stoles and will process into the cathedral – a dramatic sight. The congregation of Christ Church Cathedral will be hosting a reception in their Parish Hall after the ceremony, to which all are also invited.

The cathedral will validate garage parking for those attending the ordination, and directions on where to park will be forthcoming. St. David's will caravan up from the St. David's parking lot starting at 9 am.

Tim first experienced a call to ordained ministry in 2000 and began studying part-time at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) in Indianapolis in September, 2001. After a year of full-time study in residence, he completed his M.Div. at Bexley Hall Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, on May 23.

In the Episcopal Church, we follow the ancient practice for those who are called to the

priesthood to first be ordained as deacons for a period of at least six to eighteen months before being ordained priest. Typically these “transitional deacons” have served in parishes as assistants or “curates” while they continue to be formed into their vocation, and then continue to serve as assistants for a further year or two after they are ordained priest. Unfortunately, there are currently no positions available for curates in the Diocese of Indianapolis, and the diocese does not have funds available right now to subsidize any positions.

Due to the economic climate, curate jobs are extremely rare throughout the church this year. There are approximately 250 people graduating from Episcopal seminaries this spring, and one estimate is that there are fewer than 100 traditional curate positions open in the whole church. Tim is pursuing several traditional and non-traditional positions in several different dioceses but may not find a position for some time.

A Big Day For St. David's

On Saturday, June 20, God willing, the Right Reverend Catherine Waynick will ordain our seminarian Timothy R. Fleck, along with Janet Oller, Sam Smith and Dustin Trowbridge, to the Sacred Order of Deacons. The service will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Monument Circle, beginning at 11 am. A caravan will form at 9 am in the St. David's parking lot, for all who would like to share a ride. This is a major step for Tim and a big day for the congregation that sponsors and nurtures him. Let's see a big turn-out!

Stump the Seminarian

Tim answers those questions!

What is General Convention?

The Episcopal Church in the United States is run by the democratic process of General Convention. The convention occurs every 3 years and makes decisions such as when to publish a new prayer book and should women be ordained to the ministry. It consists of 2 parts, the House of Bishops—consisting of all current and retired bishops and the House of Deputies—including priests, deacons and lay persons. All processes must be initiated by the House of Deputies but in order for decisions to pass both houses must agree. This is different from much of the rest of the Anglican Communion where lay persons do not generally have decision making responsibilities.

What is apostolic succession?

There are 2 answers depending on if your view is high church or low church. The more Roman view is that bishops are consecrated by other bishops who were consecrated by bishops going back through time to the original consecration by the apostles of Christ. The other view is that bishops are guardians of the apostolic faith, i.e. the Gospel.

Why do churches have red doors?

Three possibilities: it was the mark of a sanctuary in the middle ages, the sign of the Holy Spirit

or represents the blood of Christ.

Is the lavabo bowl a ceremonial item or a football game?

Both! In the sanctuary it is the name for the basin which the priest uses to ceremonially wash his hands before communion. It was also the somewhat tongue in cheek name for a football game between the University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. <http://www.seabury.edu/episcopal-seminary>



By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people of God,
The Right Reverend Catherine Maples Waynick
Tenth Bishop of Indianapolis
will ordain

Timothy Richard Black
Susan Washler Murphy
Janet Petrey Oller
Samuel Jay Smith
Dustin Eric Trowbridge

to the Sacred Order of Deacons in
Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, the Twentieth of June
in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine
at eleven o'clock in the morning eastern daylight savings time
Christ Church Cathedral
One Twenty-Five Monument Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Reception to follow ∞ Festival color is red.

ECW Celebrates Empowerment of Women

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Province V gathered in Indianapolis April 24-26 to celebrate, fellowship and unite in prayer as sisters in God's grace. The theme for this meeting was "*The Power of One Woman*". The focus was around Millennium Development Goal #3 - "to promote gender equality and empower women."

Several workshops were presented, including *Beijing Circles*, *Spirituality and Prayer*, *Walking the Labyrinth*, *Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)*, *The Sandwich Generation*, *Collaboration and The Stitching Post* were offered for personal development and to encourage empowerment of women.

Keynote speaker, Phoebe Griswold (wife of the past Presiding Bishop for Episcopal Church USA), spoke of empowerment and mutual encouragement for all women in the world.

The dioceses from Province V partnered with Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative – low cost housing and community development organization in the New Orleans area. For 2009, the ECW National Board committed to raise \$110,000 to build a house for Jericho Road – challenging each province to raise funds toward this cause before General Convention in July. Province V hosted a silent auction and took donations during this gathering and raised \$3,500!

The meeting offered something for all age groups. Teen girls were encouraged to attend and participate in a discussion with Girl's Friendly Society representative, Lois Frankforter and an informal lunch with Phoebe Griswold.

For information on next year's gathering (April 9 – 11, 2010 - Dearborn, Michigan) and how you can become involved, please contact Marilyn Day – 812-988-7130. *Note: This was the first time I had participated in ECW – what a wonderful experience!*

—*Marilyn Day*

I Want To Hear Phoebe Griswold

I want to hear the voices of women
Reverberate around the world,
Not the cries of the mourner and the victim only; those too, of course
But also the articulate agendas of women's passions
For a well, whole and flourishing world.

I want to see women themselves choosing to lead
Churches, groups, villages, towns, governments
Shaping strategies coming from the bedrock of our faith
That constructs the way forward as we solve the critical issues
Women care about: poverty, health, education, violence and peace.

I want us, women of the Episcopal Church
To join with women and men throughout our global family
And speak with our moral authority; all our family to this holy task
And then listen as we hear our sisters' and brothers' voices
Coming back to us as they complete the circle around the world –
Enriched by the dignity and imagination of others –
Returning to shower us with the love of God.

All travelers, somewhere along the way, find it necessary to check their course, to see how they are doing. We wait until we are sick, or shocked into stillness, before we do the commonplace thing of getting our bearings. And yet, we wonder why we are depressed, why we are unhappy, why we lose our friends, why we are ill-tempered. This condition we pass onto our children, our husbands, our wives, our associates, our friends.

Cultivate the mood to linger. . . . Who knows? God may whisper to you in the quietness what God has been trying to say to you, oh, for so long a time." Howard Thurman, *Deep Is the Hunger*

—from *Pamela Grenfell Smith*

Metaphysical Comedy

I can't be sure, she said

whether we search for God

or God searches for us.

Beats me, I thought. Sometimes,

it feels like God just sticks a foot out

and waits for a pratfall.

J. Hutchison

Celebrating Companion Dioceses at Waycross

Tuesday, June 30, 2009 – Make your reservation now!

Each year, the Tri-Parish Coalition (Trinity, Bloomington; St. Paul's, Columbus; St. David's, Bean Blossom) celebrates the Diocese of Indianapolis' relationship with our companion dioceses of Bor, Sudan and Brasilia, Brazil. Eleven guests (five from Brasilia and six from Bor) are scheduled to be our area June 17 through July 6, 2009. Traveling with Bishop Nathaniel (Bor) and Bishop Mauricio (Brasilia) will be 9 other clergy and lay people.

The Tri-Parish Coalition (TPC) will be hosting a forum with our guests from Bor and Brasilia on **Tuesday, June 30 at Waycross Camp and Conference Center**, Morgantown and highlighting the partnership of the three dioceses. Bishop Cate will be at this forum also. All parishes in the Diocese of Indianapolis are invited to participate. The program will be in two parts – 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. is slated for Waycross campers and the youth leadership (although other youth, parents/guardians of campers, etc. are welcome also). Dinner will be available for everyone in the Conference Center dining room from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (reservations are a must). An open forum for everyone in the diocese will begin at 6:30 p.m. lasting until approximately 8:30 p.m. The programs are **FREE** but to help offset the costs, an offering will be taken during the event.

The primary reason for a weekday program is to allow the campers and leaders from Waycross time to interact with our sisters and brothers from our companion dioceses. This will encourage the next generation in their thoughts of global reconciliation and social justice. Many of our youth will be meeting people from these countries for the first time – it is important to encourage your campers and children to cultivate questions and expand their personal growth as our future generation of leaders.

These discussions will include the latest information about the Millennium Development Goals as related to Bor, Brasilia and Indianapolis; including education, equality for women, poverty and hunger, environment, etc. Understanding of the relationships between the three dioceses will help us keep the last commandment from Jesus Christ foremost in our minds and hearts. - **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** (NIV, Mark 12:28-31)

Come; join us for fellowship, encouragement and education with and about each other in our journey through life. For more information, please call Marilyn Day at 812-988-7130 or to make **reservations (we need a count for meal planning and seating considerations)** please contact Jacquie at Trinity Episcopal Church - admin@trinitybloomington

Upcoming Anniversary Events

Summer, 2009 Groundbreaking for church addition
(tentatively the end of June)

September 26-27, 2009 50th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration

December 5, 2009 Jonathan & Deborah Hutchison Retirement Celebration

See a 50th Anniversary Year Committee member if you have any questions. Members: Phyllis Sindlinger (chair), Jane Herr, Judy Huber, Carol Ruffin, Coral Hamlin, Marge Grimm and Randy Bridges (ex-officio).

Global National Missions Commission Diocese of Indianapolis

Volunteers Needed – Hosts Needed for Our Guests from Brazil and Sudan

Bishop Cate has invited several clergy and lay people from our Companion Dioceses of Bor, Sudan and Brasilia, Brazil to visit, worship and fellowship with all of us in the Diocese of Indianapolis for the weeks beginning Friday, June 19 through Sunday, July 5. (See the June issue of Tidings for a short biography of each guest visiting our diocese.)

The Global National Missions Commission (GNMC) of the diocese is instrumental in coordinating this visit – not only with bringing our companions from their respective countries to the US and Indiana but organizing an itinerary for them while here in Indiana.

St. David's will be hosting five of our guests on Sunday, June 28 and Monday, June 29. Rt. Rev. Mauricio Andrade, Ms. Sandra Andrade and Denilson Olivat from Brasilia and Rev. Nyok and Ms. Atong Juuk from Bor will be with us to celebrate communion and visit with Mother's Cupboard to help cook, serve and clean-up our food pantry and soup kitchen.

The GNMC needs some St. David's **volunteers** to transport, house and provide meals for our companion visitors: Saturday, June 27; Sunday, June 28; Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30. (The guests have transportation to Bean Blossom area on Saturday.) On Tuesday morning (June 30), they will be visiting Dave and Karen Richards' organic farm, then need to be at Waycross for the Tri-Parish presentation by 2:00 p.m. As a hosting parish it is our responsibility to get them to the next host parish on Wednesday, July 1. – St. Timothy's in Southport area of Indianapolis.

Our guests are interested in discussing many topics with you while in your home. It is such a wonderful feeling to fellowship with these visitors personally – it puts a face with a name and a memory to be treasured! Bishop Mauricio and Sandra were instrumental in organizing the S.A.M.E. program for education of underprivileged children in Brasilia (now used throughout the country of Brazil). Rev. Nyok is the Headmaster of the Malek Bible School in Bor (ask him about the refugee camps in Kenya and now, their new life back in the home country of Sudan). St. David's has generously supported the Millennium Development Goals and both of these programs – wouldn't you like to know how these and other programs are growing and changing lives? If you do, please host some of our guests.

To volunteer: Please call Marilyn Day – 988-7130 or e-mail at mikeandmarylin@gmail.com – if you cannot host for all four nights, perhaps you might share a couple of nights with another from St. David's.

In Christ' Love,

Marilyn Day
Global National Missions Commission

It is more difficult to fight poverty in a rich country than in a poor one. - Mother Teresa

Habitat Happenings

Brown County Habitat is having a very active spring. Did you see Habitat's double-decker London bus in the Spring Blossom Parade? The float won first place and was the creation of construction manager Bruce Clegg with a lot of help from his son, George, and a little help from several other "grunts." It was a great parade and an outstanding float!

The **Annual Meeting/Construction Kickoff** was held Tuesday, May 26. Five new members were elected to the Habitat Board of Directors and the plans for the house to be built later this summer were unveiled.

SummerFest, the third annual, will be held on the Village Green, Main and Jefferson Streets, on Saturday, June 6th, 2 -7 p.m. Super fun for everyone with music, food, baked good, displays, and a great silent auction. The double-decker London bus will be on display. Join us after the Log Cabin Tour as we continue to raise money to build the 2009 Habitat House. You can contribute items for the auction by contacting Dona Glentzer or Verne Sindlinger.

With the support of the community and the help of hundreds of volunteers, Habitat builds affordable homes for deserving families. This year's house will be built later this summer and will be the 13th in our 20 year history. Did you know that Ray Laffin, Jim Drum and Verne Sindlinger serve on the Board of Directors, and Dave Richard and Dona Glentzer serve on committees? Talk to any of them about how you can get involved and for more information call 988-4926 or visit our website at www.bc-habitat.com.

What do you want for fun and fellowship?

"All work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy (or Mary a dull girl)." I heard this saying first sometime when I was a young boy. I may have used this on my parents, probably to no avail! I'm not so sure about the dullness but play is certainly important to us. Fun and relaxation renews the spirit, puts our problems in perspective and helps us to be happy and content. And, it seems to me, of all faiths, Christianity certainly has a lot to celebrate, with the manifestation of God's love in Christ.

With this in mind, I would like to invite each of you to think about what we do for fun and fellowship collectively at St. David's. Are there ways to improve the things we do, or do you have other ideas of new things we can do in the future? Feel free to discuss your ideas with me!

Some of the things we currently are doing are:

- Theater, concert, etc. gatherings periodically
- Euchre night monthly
- Church picnics
- After church luncheons, socials, etc. for various reasons
- Pre-Lenten Tomfoolery
- St. Nicholas program for children and adults
- Rejuvenation hikes in the forest
- Bean Blossom Music Series
- Dinners for Eight

Refreshments/Social time after church

I would also like to take this opportunity to heartily thank all who help organize the activities we do have now at St. David's.

Peace,

Mike Day ~ Parish Life

Parish News & Notes

Olive Family News **Scott on the mend**

The Olive's had son Jim Olive from Lexington, Va, and daughter Rev Anne Olive Moore from Silverton, OR to visit them at their home in Indianapolis. It was a very good time for Scott, as he recovers from his illness. He is still under HOME CARE round the clock. And has a Physical Therapist twice a week. They are trying to strengthen his legs. He still needs to walk with a walker, though.

--Hazel Lemmons Olive

News from the Pews

Welcome to St. David's, Charles and Margie Hill. Charles is a retired Methodist Minister and Margie is a retired Librarian. We very much enjoy you both being a part of our St. David's family.

Holy Baptism – Mark Rainey and Drucilla Slaten were Baptized on Easter Vigil Eve, April 11th. Congratulations Mark and Dru.

Our Seminarian – Tim Fleck has completed his year at Seminary at Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary in Columbus Ohio. On Sunday May 17th, after church we celebrated his graduation with cake and ice cream. He also held a question and answer session, called “Stump the Seminarian”. Congratulations Tim and good luck in your future.

Spring Blossom Parade – A special thanks to Coral Hamlin and her helpers for St. David's entry in the parade.

Retirement – April 26th after church we celebrated Donna Niednagel's retirement from Guardian Ad Litem here in BC. We hope you enjoy your new leisure time Donna.

—Marge Grimm

EFHN

The Episcopal Fund for Human Need (EFHN) is a diocesan outreach that encompasses a wide range of programs; meeting needs of children, the elderly, the hungry, the homeless, those in prisons or in shelters, the abused, the lonely, and more, distributed through the local parish. This our local diocesan “United Fund”, combining the resources of our people to meet unmet needs right here within the diocese. Over 25 agencies in southern Indiana benefit from EFHN grants including Bean Blossom's own Mother's Cupboard.

There are so many needs - please support EFHN on **Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.**

The Funnies

Innovation at Church

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that.... But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof."

—*from Jennifer Rekers*

I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. They are so unlike your Christ."

Mohandas K. Gandhi

Newsletter Submissions?

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

Next deadlines for submissions:
Sunday, August 16 for Fall
Sunday, November 15 for Advent

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY

- 6 Coral Hamlin
- 9 Sarah Niednagel
- 10 Jan Halladay
- 12 Doug & Judy Miller - Anniversary
- 12 Susan Wheeler
- 20 Ray Laffin
- 20 Scott Olive
- 20 Arthur Omberg
- 25 Judy Miller
- 26 Dona Glentzer
- 26 Tim Fleck
- 27 Jim & Judy Huber - Anniversary
- 27 Gene & Donna Niednagel -Anniversary
- 28 Marge Wright
- 30 Joe Ridenour
- 31 Eliot & Pamela Smith - Anniversary

JUNE

- 1 McKinsey & Simon Richards (Karen & Dave Richards grandchildren)
- 2 Marge Grimm
- 6 Ben Smith
- 8 Jack Niednagel
- 11 Joyce Guinnup
- 12 Christine Omberg
- 14 Mickie Williams
- 14 Donna Stouder
- 21 Jim Huber
- 22 Judy Laffin
- 23 Jane & Van Beers
- 30 John Pedrey

JULY

- 4 Steve King
- 4 Ross Eads

- 4 Tim & Ann Niednagel Anniversary
- 7 Verne Sindlinger
- 7 Ann Woods
- 16 Kiera Omberg
- 19 Lacey Richards (Dave & Karen Richards granddaughter)
- 20 Yvonne & Bob Oliger - Anniversary
- 20 Carrie Foley
- 21 Cheryl Fleming
- 22 Dottie King
- 22 Andrew Hensel
- 26 Timothy Baer
- 27 Judy Huber

AUGUST

- 1 Beth Rimstidt -Karen & Dave Richards daughter
- 1 Maggie Linscott
- 1 Adam Young
- 3 Steve & Char Fitzgerald - Anniversary
- 7 Darrin Smith (Hazel Scott's Grandson)
- 11 Abigail Omberg
- 12 Steve Fitzgerald
- 12 Jim Simms
- 18 Steve & Sandy Fittz - Anniversary
- 20 Hazel Olive
- 21 Carol Walker
- 22 Sandy Ridenour
- 23 Verne & Phyllis Sindlinger
- 26 Richard & Jan Halliday Anniversary
- 27 Jared Rimstidt
- 27 John Williams
- 28 Deb Stone
- 30 Richard Halladay
- 31 Steve & Dottie King - Anniversary
- 31 Tucker Eads

Don't see your birthday or anniversary - drop me a line at jane@rjherr.com

Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Sunday	May 31	Pentecost Sunday	9:30 am	St. David's
				<i>Pitch-in after service in parish hall</i>
Saturday	June 6	Prayer service for law enforcement	9 am	St. David's

Sunday	June 7	“The Emotional & Spiritual Issues of Personal Finance” w/Sandy Ridenour after service at St. David’s		
Saturday	June 20	Tim Fleck ordination	11am	Christ Church Cathedral
Sunday	June 21	possible groundbreaking!	TBA	
Sunday	June 28	discussion w/companion dioceses	after service	St. David’s
Tuesday	June 30	Celebrating Companion Dioceses	5:30 pm	Waycross
Sunday	August 16	deadline for info for Fall newsletter		
Sunday	August 30	“Walking with the Saints through Turkey” w/Mike and Marylin Day after service at St. David’s		
Sunday	November 15	deadline for Advent newsletter		