



October 2021 Newsletter

CRAFT FAIR

St. David's had a great craft fair this year! There had been so much uncertainty going into it. SalemFest had been cancelled, so no one knew how that would affect the crowds. For the first time, the parish decided to make it a one day fair instead of two days. And of course there was the ever changing pandemic. But the crafters came, the crowds came, and St. David's was ready for them all. Our set up crew, as always, blew away the crafters by the welcome and assistance they received upon arrival. Our food, raffle and cookie booths had the volunteers they needed. The raffle tickets and food booths sold almost everything and there wasn't a cookie left. And because of everyone's hard work, the church raised almost as much money in one day as we had made previously in two. So thanks to everyone and a huge round of applause for Lana and Joanne, who coordinated the event!

After church Oct 3, the congregation had a discussion about the fair for September 2022. It was decided to again keep it a one day fair. Lana Younker and Joanne Theriault are stepping down from their positions, and Marion Amber volunteered to serve as the Crafter Liaison and Liz McGilvary as the overall coordinator. There will also be a major turnover in running the café. So a "café team" is being formed to discuss what they would like to do next fall. Thanks to those willing to step into new positions and try new things, the fair is definitely on for next year!

BISHOP ROB'S PARISH VISIT

Bishop Rob will be making his parish visit to St. David's October 17. It will be wonderful to have him with us again, and it will be extra special since we have 2 people being confirmed – Liz and Bob McGilvary, and 4 being received into the Episcopal Church – Brandon Soucy, Dianna Chamberlain, and Dick and Diane Dean. If anyone would like to re-affirm their baptismal vows before the bishop, please let Carolyn know by Oct. 10.

Because this area is still in the "red high-risk" zone for Covid and we have been encouraging "grab and go" refreshments to eat outside, the plan is to remain masked in the sanctuary immediately after the service and have a conversation with the bishop there. Afterwards, people can grab their coffee and snacks and the vestry will be with the bishop downstairs.

OUTREACH

Winter Utility Relief – The diocesan Christmas gift program for children of incarcerated parents (Chlps) when we used to collect books and toys during October, has been again cancelled for this year. The vestry wants to continue our ongoing commitment to serve those in need in our area. The Vestry decided that our September outreach donations and October collection will be given to Isaiah 58 in order to help struggling families pay for utilities. A cash offering can be made by putting money in an outreach envelope (which will be included in the Sunday bulletins) or people can write a check made out to St. David's and put Oct outreach or Isaiah 58 on the memo line. Donations can also be made through our web page Pay Pal account. Just note that you want that donation used for outreach.

Lancaster Elementary School Partnership – In addition to the huge pile of school supplies members donated in August for the children, a number of people also made financial contributions. It was suggested that those donations go to purchase gift cards for guidance counselors to give to financially strapped families who may need assistance in purchasing school clothes for their children or to meet other needs. Carolyn brought over to the school \$225 in Target gift cards. They are deeply grateful for our support for the kids.

PROPERTY

The Property team has been at work! Richard Boucher worked with the electrician to replace the rear parking lot floodlights with energy efficient LED bulbs and will be doing the same with the front spotlights on the front sign. George Ogin repaired a broken strip of flooring in the foyer. The Habeebs are pricing metal chairs for the lower hall. George Younker has been renewing fuel and plowing contracts. Bob McGilvary got the outdoor property in top shape for the fair and he and Frank from AA did a huge amount of brush trimming and clearing. Barbara Klenner is looking into room use contracts to prevent liability issues, and on October 24 we'll be having our annual parish "fall clean-up day". Great work all!

WORSHIP

Once again on St. Francis Day there was a nice turnout of animals to be blessed. One dog and two cats were blessed during church. Thirteen people, 11 dogs, and two cats attended the service outside at 4PM.

Thanks to Dick Dean (with Richard Boucher serving as back up), the hybrid worship services have been going smoothly. There is a little "zoom congregation" which averages between 8-10 people who attend each Sunday morning. Dick's donation of still another small camera and microphone now enables those in-person to visit and speak with the folks on zoom after worship.

VESTRY – September meeting

Deb Ogin reported that our finances continue to remain solid. The fair was discussed. It was considered to be a success and the consensus was to keep it as a one day fair although that

decision would ultimately be made by the congregation (as noted above). The vestry was also informed that the Ogins and Younkers would not be available next year, so a new “Café team” needs to be formed. The vestry also discussed putting into practice term limits for not just vestry and officers but for all leadership positions to give current ones the opportunity to step down or continue and likewise open up opportunities for new leadership.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our annual financial stewardship campaign will run from October 24 through November 15. The theme will be “Seeking and Finding”. During this time, we ask all members to make a pledge to support the life and ministry of St. David’s through 2022. Pledges are both expressions of our faith and an essential tool for the vestry in forming a budget for the upcoming year. When you receive your pledge cards, pray about what God would have you give and turn in those cards! People will also again be asked this year to consider setting up an automatic payment by your bank. As we learned from Covid, it helps keep the cash flow coming in regularly even if people are traveling or unable to attend church for a time.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Diocesan Convention will be a zoom meeting again this year and will be held on November 6. At that meeting, the Bishop will be discussing a major diocesan capital fundraising campaign to support new shapes of ministry and leadership. Soon throughout the diocese, there will be discussions within parishes so congregations can learn about what is being envisioned and have an opportunity to give feedback.

Convention will be voting on three resolutions – 1) “Emergence and Support of Missional Communities”, 2) Having the two clergy and lay conveners of each convocation also be the representatives of the convocations who serve on the Diocesan Council, 3) The diocesan 2022 budget.

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