



November 2021 Newsletter

WORSHIP – All Saints Sunday

On November 7, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. It is a day when we remember and give thanks for the people of faith who have gone on before us. If you would like to submit someone's name to be in the bulletin and read during the prayers of the people, please get the name(s) to the office in writing or by email no later than Monday, November 1. A table will be set up in front of the church on All Saints. Either before or when your loved one's name is read, a picture or a memento can be placed on the table.

OUTREACH

Winter Utility Relief – We don't have the final numbers yet, but people have been responding generously to provide Isaiah 58 Ministries with financial relief to help those in need this winter with rising fuel and utility bills. Thank you!

November Outreach – School pantry

The Salem school district's "68 Hours of Hunger" program which provides students with food to carry them from lunch on Fridays to Breakfast on Mondays, has only grown over time to help the families of needy students with food, personal products, and sometimes distributing special clothing donations. Currently the school pantry is assisting 77 students from 30+ families. Lana Younker, Joanne Theriault, and Kyoko Moore all volunteer at the pantry. Although the pantry can get food from the Food Bank, it depends upon donations for personal products. For November we will put out a donation bin in the foyer to collect the following items: shampoo, deodorant, body soap, bubble bath, and bar soap. (Please do NOT donate toothpaste or toothbrushes since they have plenty of both from other sources.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Advent Series

In the past few years, we have enjoyed several educational series put out by Amy Jill Levine. “AJ” is an orthodox Jew who is a Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. In 2019 she produced a four-part series on Advent and Christmas entitled “Light of the World”. The tentative plan is to conduct it (possibly after coffee hour on Sunday) from Nov. 28 – Dec. 19. More information and a sign-up sheet will come out later this month.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Everyone is welcome to watch our 2021 Diocesan Convention as it will be livestreamed on the diocesan Youtube channel. On Friday, Nov. 5 at 7:15 PM, the keynote speaker will be The Rev. Katie Nakamura Rengers, who helps new church plantings throughout The Episcopal Church. Then at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 6, the Bishop will lead morning prayer and give his address.

Much of the theme of this convention as well as the resolutions will be in support of new “missional communities” which are emerging faith groups that are not parishes, such as The Digital Mission, The Episcopal Mission of Franklin, Church of the Woods in Canterbury, and Christ the Way in Manchester (a dinner church); and supporting lay and clergy leadership development.

Convention will be voting on three resolutions :

- 1) “Emergence and Support of Missional Communities” – This resolution will explore ways the diocese can recognize and support these new communities, and propose diocesan constitutional changes at the next convention.
- 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 which is a mission based budget supporting:
 - Revitalizing the Church (North Country ministry, grants to parishes, School for Ministry, Curates)
 - Reconciling the World (Earth Care Commission, Reconciliation Commission, Our Kids, Sustainability and Development goals)
 - Renewing the Faithful (lay and clergy leadership development, clergy transitions)
 - Diocesan functions

You can find more information and watch the convention on YouTube by googling Episcopalchurchofnh.org and click on 2021 Convention.

PROPERTY

Thanks to everyone who helped with the fall clean-up of the church and property! Other property work included replacing the old bulbs lighting up the St. David’s sign with new energy efficient LED’s, repairing the broken hallway switch in the rectory, and finalizing the contract for plowing snow this winter. We also give a shout out to Bob McGilvary and Richard Boucher who did a major clean up and reorganization of the barn.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Everyone should have received an information packet about our financial stewardship campaign. Everyone had a laugh and hopefully some food for thought through our introductory skit last Sunday introducing the theme of "Seeking and Finding". The next couple of Sundays we'll have a few reflections by some of our members about what they were looking for when they came to St. David's, and what have they found, and where they have seen God at work. It would be very helpful to the treasurer and vestry to have everyone's pledge card (or email of that information) to the church by November 15 as they work on the budget for 2022. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and support of St. David's!

SCRIP

Scrip is program through which you can order gift cards for many stores and restaurants and have a percentage of their value go to St. David's. For instance you can order an Amazon gift card for \$25 and St. David's would receive 2.3% (57 cents) or an LL Bean \$200 gift card and the church would receive 16% \$32. Since many people like to give gift cards for Christmas or to use them regularly for your own purchases, this is an easy way to raise some funds for the church. Order forms are in the foyer. Just fill out the number and amount of cards you want and make a check out to St. David's. Our treasurer, Deb Ogin, will then put in an order for the cards and we'll get them to you.

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