



## April 2022 Newsletter

It is hard to believe that Holy Week begins next Sunday. Easter is almost here! I suspect many of us are more than ready to hear again the good news of Christ's resurrection after years of Covid, political partisanship, and a war in Ukraine with over 4 million refugees. But spring is emerging, and along with the daffodils coming up in the church flower gardens, so are things emerging upward here at St. David's.

### *WORSHIP*

**Covid and Masking** – We've had the policy of following the guidelines of the CDC and our diocese. With the decrease in infection rates, face masks are now optional, although we continue to encourage those at risk to wear them. The vestry decided, however, to hold off on scheduling our community dinners till the fall since those meals involve having a large number of people in the lower hall.

**Holy Week** – There will be special services in which we invite you to actively participate.

*Palm Sunday* – Dramatic Reading of the Passion. After the blessing of the palms, we read the story of Jesus' passion with percussion. We need a lot of people to take a role and read a few lines. There will be sign-up sheets and scripts available in the foyer this Sunday.

*Maundy Thursday* – At 6PM on Maundy Thursday (April 14), we will resume having our Mediterranean style "Agape Meal" in the upper hall. Participants bring food like lentil soups, cheeses, pita bread, hummus, nuts, olives, fruit, wine and grape juice. (A sign up sheet is available for that too.) We enjoy the meal with a lot of laughter and fellowship. Afterwards (around 7:15) we gather in the sanctuary for an informal Eucharist. This year, instead of the washing of feet, those who wish to will have the opportunity to wash and anoint another's hands. The sanctuary is then stripped of all ornamentation for Good Friday.

*Good Friday* – Stations of the Cross with themes on the environment. This will be a zoom only service at 7PM. You will see and be invited to reflect not only on some beautiful and powerful

images of the traditional stations, also ones about the creation and our call to care for the earth. If you would like to help with some of the readings and prayers, let Carolyn know.

Easter – 9:30 AM with special music and lots of alleluias!

### ***WELCOME!***

The last couple of months we've had a number of both visitors and people becoming a part of our faith community. A special welcome to the Moss family – David, Lynne, Holly, Brooke, Alex, and Ethan (whom we baptized in January). We also welcome Marge Hess who has joined our choir, and Michelle Quinn, who is a retired Episcopal priest who had been serving a church in Colorado. Martinho Galvas has joined us in worship and Allison Cole on zoom. So glad to have you join us at this point on your spiritual journey!

### ***OTHER UPDATES***

- Let's give a shout out to George Ogin who rebuilt the outside stairs from the sanctuary emergency exit; to Bob McGilvary, George Ogin, Richard Boucher, and George Younker helping repair the Sunday School room; and a shout out to Frank, from AA, who cleaned up the parking lot which we had begun to refer to as "the sandbox"!
- Marion Amber and Liz McGilvary have been busy because crafters are signing up for our annual fair on September 17. As the weather warms and more spring craft fairs take place, take a walk through and invite crafters to apply to our fair or we can send them an invitation if you collect their business cards.
- The Monday morning 10 AM zoom Bible study will be tackling the Book of Revelation next week. If you are interested in this wild book, talk to Carolyn and she'll send you the zoom invitation.
- BARN SALE – Before covid, every year the first Saturday in June, St. David's would have a yard sale which we called the Barn Sale, because during May people bring all kinds of things to sell literally filling up our little barn. It's both fun and a fund raiser. But it does take some manual labor hauling things out, sorting, selling, and getting rid of what is not sold. The vestry would like to know if there is interest in resuming this event. It would be Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Think about whether you would be available and willing to help. After Easter we'll either ask for a show of hands or put up a sign up sheet.