



May 2023 Newsletter

We are now in the season of Easter and celebrating God's power to bring life out of death and promise that love will triumph over hate. Easter felt like a coming back to life for me with Cyndi returning home after spending the entirety of Lent in hospitalization. She was welcomed back with joy and "more hugs than I've ever had" when people saw her sitting in her place in the choir on Easter morning. Alleluia! Thank you all for your love and support!

Things are coming to life here too at St. David's. The snowbirds are gradually returning from Florida, and as you will see below, there are a lot of events coming up. Additionally, we've had a lot of young children being initiated into Christ's family through baptism: Ella Kirlis who was baptized just before Lent, Ashton Decker right after Easter, and in May we'll be baptizing Xavier Blake and Freya Reisdorf, and there is another inquiry in the works. If I'd known we'd have so many around this time I would have considered one big beautiful outdoor baptismal service to accommodate everyone! By the time we reach the feast of Pentecost, the whole congregation should have the baptismal vows memorized – a good thing, and what a way to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and God's Spirit being poured out upon the church!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Clean Up Day – Sunday, May 7, after coffee hour (or coming in at your convenience)
Wear your grubbies to church and feel free to stay for some spring clean-up tasks – making sure kitchens and closets are in order, cleaning windows, raking lawns of brush, and litter pick up.

"English Tea" – Sunday, May 21, 2PM, Lower Hall

Come celebrate Spring with us at an Afternoon English Tea held downstairs in the lower hall. Tickets are limited and need to be purchased in advance. Cost is \$10.00
We will be seated at tables of 4. We use china tea cups and have assorted teas, little sandwiches, scones and small delectable desserts.

You can wear your big brimmed hat or Fascinator hat to add to the fun!

We will have some surprises also happening, can't tell you now, want it to be a surprise!! You will have fun!! You can get your tickets at coffee hour after church or by texting or calling Liz McGilvary at 603-321-1886!!

Want to help? Sign up or call Liz if you have card tables, tea pots, cups and saucers we can borrow; or if you'd like to help with refreshment preparation or serving.
Hope to see you there!!

Barn Sale – Set up Friday, June 2nd 5PM; Sale Saturday, June 3, 8 AM to 2 PM – front parking lot
One of our church fund and fun-raisers each year is the “Barn Sale” (yes the building next to the church was once one of 5 barns on the farm property). Items for sale can start to be brought to the church and stored in the right hand side of the barn, stacking things in the back and working forward. Items can include: books, CD's, puzzles, serving dishes and utensils, tools of all kinds, clothing, toys, chairs, tables, appliances, and all kinds of other stuff! The main thing is that items are functioning and in good shape. Please DO NOT donate computers and televisions since if they do not sell we have to pay to dispose of them, and similarly large pieces of furniture (especially upholstered). We set up tables on Friday evening starting at 5PM and haul all the items out of the barn and distribute them to the various sale areas. This is one of our all-hands-on-deck need for volunteers both for Friday and throughout the sale on Saturday as well as clean up afterwards.

Ham and Bean Supper – Saturday, June 24, serving from 5PM to 7PM, lower hall.
Our New England Ham and Bean supper is returning! (The date was changed from what had been announced in the March newsletter.) On the menu is ham, homemade baked beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$10. If you or others you'd like to bring would find it difficult to pay for the dinner, talk to Carolyn – we don't want anyone to be left out!

As we get closer, we'll be looking for volunteers to help with food and serving.

Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 9; details to follow!
One Sunday each year in early summer we have an outdoor worship service followed by a parish picnic. Phil and Georgette again have offered the use of their home which is located on Arlington Pond in Salem. So in addition to the service and great food, people can take a dip in the water and perhaps have a ride on their pontoon boat. Great day for relaxation, fun, and fellowship together.

OUTREACH

Earthquake Relief - \$450 was collected in March for Episcopal Relief and Development directed towards supporting those on the ground helping the thousands of people who lost their homes and livelihoods to the devastating earthquake in Turkey. Thank you for helping our neighbors across the globe!

The May outreach collection will go to the **Salem Boys and Girls Club** for scholarships for their summer camp program.

School Partnership: There is still money from the Kagan fund which we dedicated to support the students and teachers in our schools. The vestry discussed expanding our outreach efforts

to include Woodbury Middle or Soule Elementary. This will be a parish decision, and at some point soon we'll set a date to talk about it during coffee hour.

CRAFT FAIR – Saturday Sept. 16, 9AM – 4PM

Applications from crafters continue to come in. But we have plenty of room and want to have a full house! Usually around 30-50% of crafters return, so we always need to extend the invite for new people to come. As the weather warms and more craft events are held, consider attending some of these fairs to collect the business cards of crafters whom you think would be a good fit for our fair and/or speak with them about ours. Thanks!

PROPERTY

You may have noticed, even if not on zoom, that we have a new camera in the sanctuary thanks to Doug Moore and Allison and Alexandre Cole. The camera not only eliminated the need for the tripod in the center aisle, but it can focus on the choir when they are singing special pieces of music and zoom in on whoever is speaking in the pulpit. An additional microphone also has been installed in the front of the sanctuary that will hopefully pick up the voices of people speaking in the back half of the room. We hope to get this fully hooked up soon. Thank you zoomers for your patience as we try out and learn to use this equipment! Please know how grateful we are to have you with us this to worship with those in person!



Eric Boucher (crossing finish line at Boston Marathon) as he ran to support treatment and research for cellular fibrosis. We enjoyed his cookies and he had a great run finishing in 4 hours and 54 minutes and raising \$6436. His wife, Kerri, who suffers from the disease also had a great run.

Second photo is from our Maundy Thursday Agape meal. Good food and fellowship!