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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

New Life

Signs of life. It's all around us this time of year. Flowers blooming. Birds returning to build their nests. Leaves sprouting forth from branches. Grass rising from its wintery slumber. All signs of new life and hope for the future.

Of course, none fills us with hope and new life more than the empty tomb. The empty tomb of Jesus secures our future for ourselves and all those whom we love. Sustained with such hope we are able to do things individually and as a congregation beyond what might be imagined.



I know it may sound strange, but for me, a sign of life and hope this spring has been the congregation's response to our capital campaign, "Taking Care of Home with Faith." As I write this, initial returns of pledges and gifts from Commitment Sunday have been counted. Considering what was already given to allow us to order the supplies for the new HVAC system and what was received on Commitment Sunday we are well on our way to receiving what we will need to finance our loan with the Mission Investment Fund. I say, we are well on our way, for additional gifts will allow us to perhaps borrow less or pay off our debt sooner. Our campaign is not over. So, if you have not yet made a pledge or gift, your contribution, big or small, will make a difference.

But more than that, it would be a sign of faith in the future of our congregation. For me, that is the symbol of new life that has emerged through this spring's capital campaign. Each gift given is a symbol of commitment and belief in the future of St. David's. Putting in this new HVAC and boiler is a statement that we expect the ministry of St. David's to continue beyond this generous and to generations yet to come.

Before long, we will start to see work being done to install our new HVAC system. There will be some inconveniences in the coming months as the extensive work is carried out. But for me, it will all be a sign of new life and hope in the future of St. David's and its ministry. And I hope it will be the same for you.

In Christ's service and yours,

Pastor Stan Combs

SENIOR SHARING



Senior Sharing will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a potluck dish to share but if you would like to bring your brown bag lunch, please feel free to do so. Desserts and coffee will be provided. Bingo will be played, due to it being one of the group's favorite activities. We ask that everyone bring a small prize to donate for bingo. Old and new members are welcome to attend. Anyone who is a senior and/or retired qualifies. For questions, please contact Diane Wensel or the church office.



P.A.L. (PROVIDE-A-LUNCH)

Volunteers are always needed to cook, pack, and clean up after the meal on the 2nd Saturday of each month for the Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC). Our next Saturday to serve is April 13th, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and noon. At this time, we have no contact with the clients and are only exposed to people that are working within our team. Clients pick up a to-go box that contains their meal. The location is 136 Carlisle Street, Hanover. Please contact Mary Bixler if you have any questions.



ITEMS NEEDED ARE: cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, bags of potatoes, butter, sugar, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes, fruit cups, grocery/shopping bags.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANT

The children's Sunday School class is in need of an adult assistant each week. Help develop important multi-generational relationship by signing up. You will be another set of eyes in the classroom along with helping children with that week's lesson. No preparation or experience required. If interested, please sign up in the hallway.



BASIC ELEMENTS VBS

Are you interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School this summer? A sign-up sheet is located in the hallway with various slots for helpers. Help a little, help a lot, help before, during, or after the event! If you have any questions contact Pastor Stan. The next VBS planning meeting is April 16th at 6:00 P.M.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

Even though we've been raising money for the HVAC upgrades since last October, we officially kicked off our Capital Campaign on March 17th. Commitment forms were due on that date.

Lori Green, our Capital Campaign Committee treasurer, reviewed the forms and 37 families submitted commitment forms for a total amount of \$145,710.

Richie Musser from Kirby Smith had told us that these days, it's normal to receive commitments for about 40% of the goal. Ours amounted to almost 60% of the Capital Campaign goal of \$250k so we were very pleased and excited to see these numbers.

Since last October, we've raised about \$126k towards the total project goal of \$350k (not to be confused with the Capital Campaign goal of \$250k) which is about 36%. Once we reach \$140k or 40%, we can add another section covering the heart on the campaign tracking board in the sanctuary which gets us that much closer to covering the hole in the boiler in the center of the heart.

in regard to the Mission Investment Fund loan, we have submitted everything to the MIF that we can up to this point. The MIF is waiting to hear from the company that's doing the title search after which we'll see what the next steps are as we get closer to closing on the loan.

It is not too late to submit commitment forms if you wish to do so. We'll adjust the numbers accordingly.

Thanks to everyone for their tremendous generosity. This congregation is amazing.

We will keep you informed as updates become available.



SPONSORSHIPS FOR WORSHIP SUPPLIES:

Did you know you may sponsor our worship each week by covering the cost of our supplies for that service? Even better – because of the generosity of so many who give of their time and provide supplies we have been able to reduce the cost to just \$40 a service. Sponsorships may be given in memory or in honor of loved ones or even to mark a special event. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway and your generous sponsorship will be noted in the bulletin and online.



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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Class is beginning a study of the book of Acts on April 7 by Matthew Skinner as he explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the Christian message, the work of the church, and the challenges of living faithfully.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on April 17th at 6:00 P.M. Join us to crochet or knit prayer shawls, comfort blankets, or baptismal blankets. Not a person into that sort of thing? Join us anyway! Feel free to bring another project to work on while enjoying some fellowship.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETING

We will have a planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 P.M. in the Gathering Area. Please consider what categories of vendors you would like to have and how many of each genre. We have 34 spaces to offer, 6 of which go for our own use. Also, in light of the demise of The Merchandiser, what other means of advertising will reach our intended audience? Thank you for your consideration and input.



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

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The St. David's Auxiliary committee will be sponsoring a bake sale fundraiser during the election on April 23rd. This table will operate the same as the Christmas Bazaar bake table. We need your help! If you are able to donated baked items, please do so. Items can be dropped off Sunday morning or Monday from 10:00 – 3:00. If you are available to help on the day of the election, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

Mother's Day Banquet

The Mother's Day Banquet is for everyone not just mothers and daughters. The men and boys are invited as well. It will be held on May 11th at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The banquet will be catered by Hughes Meats & Deli.

The Menu is as follows:

Roast Beef/Filling/Gravy
Stuffed Chicken Breast/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Icing
Cherry Cheese Dessert

Price for the meal:

Age 13 to adult ---- \$20.00
Age 5 to 12 ----- \$10.00
Age 4 and under -- Free

Entertainment is a musical performance by Maria Rose & Danny Elswick. They are the same band we had last year. We had requests to have them back again.

Our charity contribution this year is to support Olivia's House in Hanover. Olivia's House is a grief and loss center for children. Please keep on the lookout for their wish list and bring an item to the banquet. Items will be delivered to Olivia's House the week after the banquet.

A sign-up sheet for the banquet will be on the bulletin board soon. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet.

-The Fellowship Committee



JOIN OUR EVENTS

Hot Dogs and
Buns Provided!



SATURDAY APRIL 20
SATURDAY MAY 4
SATURDAY JUNE 15
SATURDAY JULY 13
SATURDAY AUGUST 10
SATURDAY SEPT 7

5:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING

- Chairs
- Hot Dog Sticks
- Beverage
- A Snack to Share

For More Information:
Diane or Jerry Wensel



Rain or Shine

We will meet in the pavilion if raining

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

FOR THOSE NEEDING HEALING:

Larry Swearman and family, Cathy Walker, Jess Clabaugh, Lynn Danner, Martha Green, George Hesse, John Nickey, Dolly Ide, Ellise McCarter, Loretta Barnes, Gabe Fennell

FOR THOSE NEEDING CONTINUED STRENGTH:

Emmalyn Schmitt, Connie Keller, Michelle Myers, Angela Kieny, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Allison Trump, Andrew Staub

****Note: When a name is added to our prayer list, it remains there for a month. If there is an ongoing need, the name needs to be resubmitted to the church office for inclusion for another month. This helps keep our prayer list current. *****



4/2	Doris Utz	4/17	Julie Shadle
4/2	Sarah Sterling	4/17	Valerie Gorman
4/3	Deb Klinedinst	4/17	Sabrina Pawlus
4/3	Jeff Smale	4/19	Brian Kopp
4/6	Doris Saltzgiver	4/21	Viva Clouser
4/7	Ronald Kessler	4/21	Stephen Vaughan
4/9	Molly Weber	4/26	Neil Rohrbaugh
4/9	Amy Good	4/27	Chris Wensel
4/11	Dave Hess	4/27	Katelyn Weisz
4/13	Sullivan Palko	4/29	Joan Barnes
4/16	Lori Barnett	4/30	Dalton Riley



April

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Repentance & Renewal

Day 1: II Corinthians 6:1-2
Day 2: Revelation 3:19-22
Day 3: Ephesians 5:8
Day 4: Hebrews 10:16-17
Day 5: Philippians 1:3-6
Day 6: Galatians 6:1-5
Day 7: II Peter 3:13-14
Day 8: II Timothy 1:12-13
Day 9: Philippians 3:13-14
Day 10: James 5:16
Day 11: James 5:19-20
Day 12: II John 9
Day 13: I John 3:1-3
Day 14: II Corinthians 6:16-18
Day 15: Hebrews 7:25-27

Day 16: II Corinthians 7:9-10
Day 17: I John 2:28
Day 18: I Corinthians 13:11-12
Day 19: I John 1:5-10
Day 20: Hebrews 12:1-3
Day 21: Titus 3:3-7
Day 22: I Peter 1:22-23
Day 23: I Timothy 1:14-17
Day 24: Ephesians 6:11
Day 25: Hebrews 2:1-4
Day 26: II Corinthians 13:5
Day 27: Ephesians 2:1-7
Day 28: Ephesians 2:8-10
Day 29: I Peter 3:10-12
Day 30: Luke 15:20-24

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 8:00 & 10:45 9:00 Easter Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt	1 1:30 - 1:00 Library in Use 6:00 Property Committee	2	3 12:00 Senior Sharing 7:00 Sharing the Word	4 7:00 Capital Campaign Steering Committee	5	6
7 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Practice	8 	9 6:30 Bell Choir	10 7:00 Sharing the Word	11	12	13 8:30 PAL
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21 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Practice 12:00 - 3:00 Council Retreat	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 ELECTION 8:00 - 5:00 Bake Sale 6:30 Bell Choir	24 7:00 Sharing the Word	25	26	27
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