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Pastor:	Rev. LaDonna E. Thomas
Parish Administrator:	Pam Kemper
Music Director:	Jeff Good
Sexton:	Shirley Garrett
Communications Coordinator:	Debbie Peter
Treasurer:	Joan Barnes
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Blouse
Building Fund Treasurer:	Mack Warner
President:	Dave Hess
Vice-President:	Mack Warner
Secretary for Council:	Martha Rutledge



February 2019

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

					1 Pastor Day Off	2 9:00 A.M. Cooking of Sap
3 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir	4 7:00 P.M. Property Committee	5 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	6 12:00 P.M. Senior Sharing 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	7 7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth Committee	8 Pastor Day Off	9 8:30 A.M. P.A.L. 9:00 A.M. Cooking of Sap 5:30 P.M. Chicken, Ice Cream & Auction
10 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Faith & Family Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir 6:00 P.M. Youth Confirmation @ St. Bartholomew's	11 1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Library in use	12 6:00 P.M. Laundry Love 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	13 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	14	15 Pastor Day Off	16 9:00 A.M. Cooking of Sap
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24 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir 6:00 P.M. Youth Confirmation @ St. David's	25 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Committee	26 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	27 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	28 6:30 P.M. St. David's Book Club		

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH IS FEBRUARY 17TH.

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



church.

Over the last couple of years I have been on an intentional journey to become more aware of God's presence in my everyday life. That may sound like a strange thing for a pastor to say. You might expect that kind of thing would come naturally or already be a big part of my life, just because I am a professional worker in Christ's

The truth is, much of my upbringing in the church, my training in seminary and my practice of ministry over the last 25 years has been very cerebral. It has relied heavily on the left side of the brain, the part that thinks, talks, and reasons. It has served me and the church well, but it's also only offered half of the spiritual experience.

A few years ago, I was introduced to mindfulness and meditation practices that began to tap into the right side of the brain. This side of the brain is the center for creativity, insight, intuition, music and artistic expression - to name a few. I've been discovering that there is a whole new and different experience of God that comes through that side of the brain. Practices such as mindfulness, meditation and centering prayer are tools that open up that side of the brain and bring with it a richer and fuller experience of the presence and love of God. One does not need to be "creative" to experience this side of the brain. It's already there, it's a matter of tapping into it.

I am eager to share some of these practices with those who are interested in learning and experiencing them. In conjunction with a continuing education class I am taking called "Contemplative Leadership", I am offering three upcoming opportunities:

"Savoring the Spirit" - a wine tasting event - February 23rd at 6:30 P.M.

(more information on page 4)

"Experiencing God in Beauty" - a day trip to visit the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. - March 23rd, 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

(more information on page 5)

"Experiencing God through Nature" - a gentle 90 minute hike on a local trail - April 28th, 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. (rain date May 5th)

I hope to see you at one of these events! Let's learn together how we experience God in our whole being.

In the joy of serving Christ and community with you,

Pastor LaDonna



Reservations Are Now Being Accepted For

“SAVORING THE SPIRIT”

A wine tasting event to stimulate awareness of God’s abundance and joy

Saturday, February 23rd 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Leaders: Seminarian DeAnn Books and Pastor LaDonna Thomas

Cost \$10 per participant - covers cost of wine and food

Limited to the first 20 adults (over 21 years of age) who register

Local off-site location to be announced

We’ll learn about:

*wine and its use in the Bible

*wine as signs of God’s joy and abundance

*wine as connection with creation

DeAnn will share various wine-tasting tips, using the five senses and pairings with food



Pastor LaDonna will invite us into a mindfulness practice of wine tasting and how this connects with our awareness of God’s presence and blessing

Light foods will be served as we move through the wine tasting experience. Participants can expect to consume the equivalent of one glass of wine over the course of the evening.

To reserve your spot, contact Pastor LaDonna

email: pastorladonna@gmail.com

phone: 717-688-0652

Reserve Your Spot Now for

“EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH BEAUTY”



A day trip to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC

Saturday, March 23 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Limited to the first 11 people who register

Cost: \$20 per person (includes admission, tour, transportation)

Lunch cost is additional (approx. \$10 -\$15)

Itinerary:

8:00 A.M.	Depart St. David's
9:45 A.M.	Arrive at Cathedral
10:15 A.M.	Guided tour of Cathedral
11:00 A.M.	Pastor LaDonna will lead the group in a reflective experience that draws upon the beauty of the cathedral and how we experience God
12 Noon	Attend a noon Eucharist service near the high altar of the cathedral
12:30 P.M.	Depart Cathedral for lunch in the neighborhood
2:30 P.M.	Depart Washington DC for home
4:00 P.M.	Arrive at St. David's

Contact Pastor LaDonna to reserve your spot:

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Invite a friend!

SUNDAYS:	Traditional Worship	8:00 A.M.
	Fellowship time	9:15 A.M.
	Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Choir	9:30 A.M.
	Blended Worship	10:45 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS: Brief service with Communion at 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HELD AT 9:30 A.M. FOR AGES 3- ADULT. Their locations are:

- Preschool - K – in the nursery – Teachers: Hattie Evans
- 1st to 3rd Grade – first classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall – Teachers: Deb Sanders and Melissa Miller.
- 4th – 7th Grade – second classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall– Teachers: Jackie Lake and Eric Baumgardner.
- Adult Class – in the library - Teachers: Chuck Baumgardner, Mary Kessler, and Mack Warner.

FAITH AND FAMILY

On February 10th during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 A.M., Faith and Family will have a special time with the children in the fellowship hall. Make sure you come out for this event.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

February 17 – March 10 - ***Anxious For Nothing*** – Max Lucado

Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Are irrational fears your constant companion? *Could you use some calm?*

In this five-session video Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4–8. As you follow this prescription – celebrating God's goodness, asking for his help, leaving your concerns with him, and meditation on good things – you will experience God's peace. This is a peace that "transcends all understanding" and will help you reframe the way you look at your fears.

While anxiety is a *part* of life, it doesn't have to *dominate* your life. With God as your helper and his promises at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. You can talk yourself off the ledge and view bad news through the lens of God's sovereignty. You can discover a life of calm and develop tools for combating the onslaught of anxiety.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL, POT LUCK DINNER, AND CAKE (AND OTHER STUFF) AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE ST. DAVID'S MISSIONARY WORK.

Please join the Congregational Growth Committee on Saturday night, February 9, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. for an evening filled with good food, good friends, great sundaes, and a fun filled auction. Our evening begins with an old fashioned covered dish dinner. The cooks in this congregation bring their favorite dishes and you don't want to miss these. Fried chicken, drinks, and all the ice cream you can eat will be provided. We have never run out of sprinkles!! After we have finished eating, we begin our auction. It is a hilarious evening out-bidding your friends, family, and neighbors for one, or many of the donated items. This started out as the favorite cakes of all time, but in addition, there have been handmade quilts, beautifully crafted wooden boxes and chests, Hilda's fudge, and baskets filled with everything you need to have a family movie night. There is something for all ages to enjoy, but, most importantly, it is a mid-winter time of fun and joyful congregational interaction. This activity has been part of St. David's tradition for many years, and we hope it becomes part of your yearly church life. See you there!! Mark your calendars, February 9th at 5:30 P.M.

TACKLE HUNGER AND PREDICT THE SUPER BOWL WINNER!

January 27 – February 3

We're collecting cans of chicken noodle soup (for the AFC team- New England Patriots) and Beef Vegetable Soup (for NFC team- the Los Angeles Rams). Cast your vote by purchasing the assigned flavored soup and placing it in the box by the Fellowship Hall. This food collection will be donated to the Summer Lunch Program, which provides lunch items to students who would normally receive free or reduced price lunches during the school year.



Project Costs:	Total Costs:
Capital Campaign	\$465,177.67
Donald B. Smith (roof)	\$ 18,141.67
Wood Haven (insulation)	\$ 45,400.00
Spangler & Boyer (heating system)	\$14,700.00
Arthur Funk Const.(narthex)	\$13,286.00
Principal Balance MIF Loan	\$373,650.00
Northwest Savings Money Market	\$12,466.21
MIF Money Market	\$3,035.36
Needed to pay off MIF Loan	\$6,909.45
	\$2,521.40

PINK ENVELOPES' FEBRUARY DESIGNATION IS FOR HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

SEVERAL DATES ARE AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR worship bulletins, music, bread & wine. The sign-up board is in the hallway, across from the office. Please consider honoring or remembering someone or some occasion by sponsoring one or more of these worship supplies.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

We will again be making our own maple syrup for the Easter breakfast and maple syrup season is fast approaching. This coming Saturday, 1/19, we will be tapping the trees on the property and doing any last minute preparation around the fire pit for the cooking of the sap. The tentative schedule for cooking is every Saturday (approx. 9AM) starting on 1/26 and ending whenever the sap stops running. Almost everything involved with making maple syrup is weather dependent. We need the right temperatures to make the sap run and decent weather on the days we plan to cook. If we can't cook on a given Saturday due to weather, we'll do it on the following Monday. If you have any interest in learning how it's done, come out and watch and/or help. If you can help to collect/keep the sap during the week or if you have any questions, you can contact Dave Hess.



ST. DAVID'S BOOK CLUB

ST DAVID'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting Thursday, February 28th at 6:30 P.M. The book is "Breakfast With Buddha" by Roland Merullo.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT – FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

Congregational Growth Committee is planning a night to watch the children while the parents go out for date night. The event will run from 5 – 9 P.M. We will offer a spaghetti dinner to the kids and have a movie and possible a craft to be done.

Have you considered what the best way is to pass your estate to your heirs?

A proper estate plan will determine how to best transfer what you own to those you love in a manner you desire with the least amount of cost. A will or trust can assure that your children are cared for, your wealth is transferred, and your wishes for the next generation are clear.

On **Sunday, March 17, 2019**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 A.M., Attorney Jennifer Stetter will be presenting a program on the value of wills and or trusts as an essential tool in estate planning for all members of our congregation.



Do you ever wish you could do more to assure the continued ministry of St David's?

Planned giving can provide larger gifts and at the same time offer great benefits to the donor. Planned giving can actually save taxes now, save taxes for your heirs, avoid capital gains, and increase your income.

On **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**, we will have a very informative program available to all interested members of the congregation to learn more about how you can benefit from planned giving as a part of your life. Please watch for additional information on how you and your family can benefit the ministry of St David's and further support your favorite charities.

Shrove Tuesday Fun Night 7:00 PM on March 5.

The theme again this year is Americas Got Talent. Anyone is welcome to participate, Contact Joyce Arndt with your name and talent. We will have one rehearsal on March 3 so that everyone knows where they are in the program and can practice one time before the big night. Fellowship Committee will provide doughnuts and drinks. Please plan to entertain or just come out to enjoy the fun and fellowship and be entertained. This is the evening to celebrate, laugh and enjoy prior to starting your Lenten journey. Hope to see you then.

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

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve the meal, 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 February 9th between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Come for all or part of this outreach ministry. The location is 136 Carlisle Street, Hanover. Please contact Martha Rutledge if you have any questions.



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' FOOD BANK REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Brown sugar, scallop potatoes, au gratin potatoes, juice 64oz. and dawn dish soap.

Please place your donations in the basket in the church narthex.

Happy Birthday

02/05	Kurt Kronsteiner	02/17	Deb Utz
02/06	Margaret Miller	02/19	Tamara Cogle
02/06	Kathleen Stump	02/21	Mary Kessler
02/10	Lisa Bankert	02/22	Mike Stevens
02/11	Bella Redding	02/22	John Croney
02/11	Sandy Myers	02/24	Matthew Barnes
02/13	Rebecca Burns	02/24	April Stanson
02/14	Reda Gotwalt	02/25	Jocelyn Peter
02/14	Deb Sanders	02/25	Tom Garrett
02/15	Craig Graham	02/27	Twila Horn
02/17	Don Rickrode	02/29	Vivian Donovos
02/17	Arlene Kopp	02/29	Zoe Donovos

PRAYER LIST

FOR THOSE RECEIVING PASTORAL VISITATION AT HOME:

Ethel & Philip Meckley, Gladys Shearer, Ruth Myers, Millie Miller, Tony Laughman, Edna Rickrode, Ada Mancha, Kiki Beyer, Joyce & David Plank, Ann Hempfing, Mearl Boyer, Bill Saltzgeber, Harold Geiman, Gloria Sommer, and Chester & Margie Utz.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Dave Barnhart, Kristine Hann, Mara Small, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Arlene Kopp, Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Angela Kieny, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Sunny Blouse, Harold Kessler, Ryan Laughman, Jacob Snyder, Russ Zumbrum, Thelma Cowger, Ann Marie Landry, Harold Bachman, Sally Jackson, Brock Beckham, Helen Graham, John & Diane Shannon, Judi Sanders, Erika Sell, Jessica Colon, George Hesse, Angela Mohr, Steve Lindsey, Thelma Evans, and Mike Fuhrman.

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN: Kathy Stump

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Luke Small

COMFORT FOR: Pat Fuhrman and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Ramona Fuhrman.

Harold & Debbie Sanders and family on the death of Alma Sanders.

Harold Geiman and family on the death of Millie Geiman.