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## We Are All Invited

I've been doing college visits with my daughter—like I did with my son just a few years back. More than one of you has reminded me to treasure these travels, and I most certainly have. It's been time to simply be together, mother and daughter, and to contemplate how the future and all the future's challenges and promises might be opened up to Eva. So much is exciting (maybe a little daunting) and possible!

Most recently, Eva and I made the long drive to Ohio to visit two small liberal arts schools one of them my twin sister's alma mater, the other mine. I made contact with my old advisor and mentor, who, thirty years after my graduation and now, at age 84, still teaches.

Walking into Dr. Woodyard's office was like walking into a time capsule. This was the Exact Same Office. And—I have to say—he looked exactly the same. But, beyond appearances, as we hugged, I was immediately transported back to the import of this significant relationship.

College wasn't the easiest for me. I often felt lost, overwhelmed, confused, not up to the task. But Dr. Woodyard was one of those people who saw something in me and believed in me. He was gruff—exacting and challenging—but underneath it all he was so full of love and hope. To risk being overly dramatic, Dr. Woodyard helped save

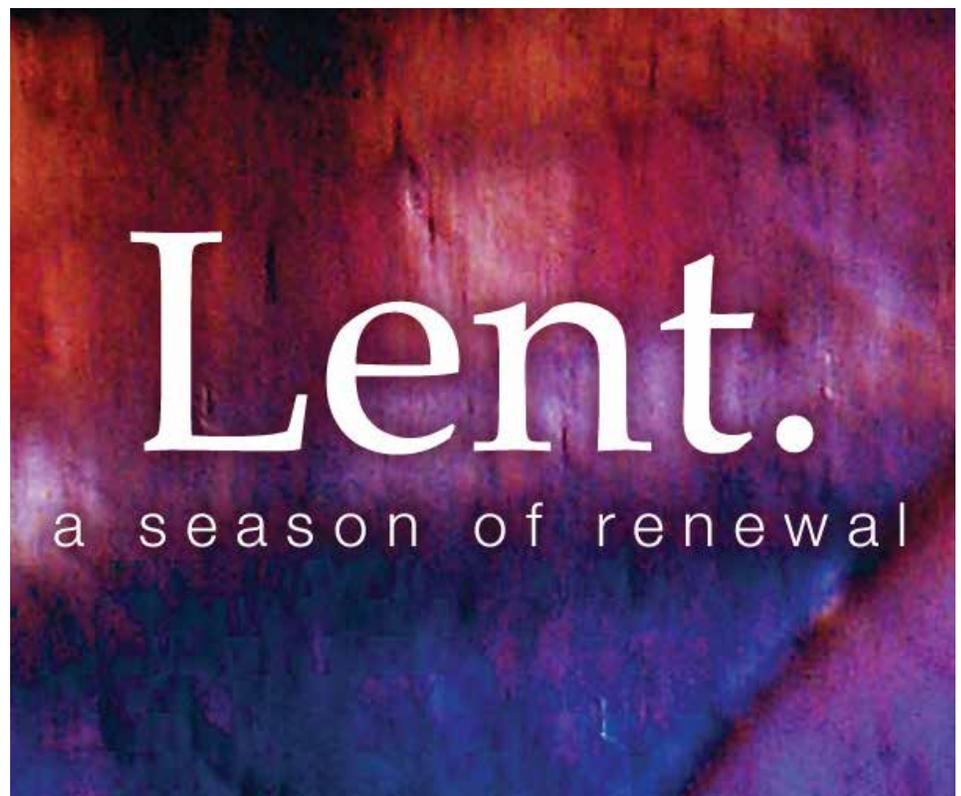
me by seeing me and loving me and prodding me into being the unique child of God I was created to be. Being back in his presence was a reminder of this.

I think of this reunion as we now turn the corner into Lent. At Ash Wednesday, we are invited into the observance of a Holy Lent and reminded “of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith (Book of Common Prayer, p. 265).” What does this mean? Well, I think God is a lit-

tle bit like Dr. Woodyard: especially when we're struggling or lost or in need, God can see our fundamental goodness and wants to love us into stepping into the fullness and goodness of who we were created to be. We are all invited into these possibilities and reminded of our essential character: We are children of God.

Welcome to the observance of a Holy Lent.

Love,  
Katherine





**Stand Your Ground:**

**Black Bodies and The Justice of God**

The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas: Author, professor, priest and mother, will share her inspiring work and wisdom on race.

**Wednesday, March 15**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral**

5:30 pm Conversation and Q&A

7:00 pm Worship Service

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

**Friday, March 17**

6:00 pm Dinner and Fun

**Palm/Passion Sunday – 1 Service**

**Sunday, April 9**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Choir

10:45 am Forum: Stations of the Cross

**Maunder Thursday**

**Thursday, April 13**

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist/Foot washing/  
Choir/Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday**

**Friday, April 14**

7:00 pm Tenebrae/Good Friday Collects

**The Resurrection of Our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ - Easter**

**Sunday, April 16**

10:45 am Resurrection Egg Hunt

**Easter Monday**

**Monday, April 17**

Office Closed Easter

**Music at St. David's Concert**

**Saturday, April 22**

3:00 pm American Music Concert

**Confirmations and Receptions**

**Sunday, April 30**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral**

2:00 pm Confirmation and Receptions

**Youth Sunday/Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 14**

**Spring Clean-Up Day**

**Saturday, May 20**

9:00 am Spring Clean-Up Day

**Choir Appreciation Sunday**

**Sunday, May 21**

**Memorial Day**

**Monday, May 29**

All Day Office Closed for Memorial Day

**Loaves & Fishes**

**Tuesday, May 30**

3:00 pm St. Gabriel's, Hopkins

**Pentecost Sunday – 1 Service**

**Sunday, June 4**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Music and  
Kids' Choir

10:45 am Annual Picnic

3:00 pm Music at St. David's Concert:  
Quintessential Quartets

**Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday, June 11**

**Independence Day**

**Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4**

All Day Office Closed for  
Independence Day

# Sr. Warden's Letter

Friends,

I am happy to report that your new Vestry team is off to an enthusiastic start. We have agreed to focus on our mission statement and tag-line: *Loving God ~ Loving One Another.*

Nice words, but as we all know, a lofty goal in real life. So how do we attempt to accomplish this?

First, I am excited to see us continue to offer lifespan formation opportunities for the education and development of our entire community – from the very young to the not-so-old. The Nehemiah team is busy following up on the Crossroad Program, we are kicking off a new round of the Community of Hope Lay Pastoral Care training, the calendar is full of wonderful opportunities through Godly Play, Middle School and Senior High Group, the Wednesday night programs and Adult Forums.

Second, I have asked the Vestry to focus on the community. It is no secret that in the last year our country has seen great division and disagreement. People from all walks of life seem to be focusing on their differences, sometimes quite vocally. St. David's is a diverse community. We have differences. We also have the strongest of common bonds – our faith. We are a community called

by God to live out God's calling as exemplified by Jesus Christ. We are called to live out this calling in our larger community. In the coming months, you'll hear about a new initiative to respond to our common bond amidst these differences. The Vestry will be chewing on this calling and hopefully all of our community will be working to answer that very important question, together, in the coming months.

Third, the time, talent and treasure that all of us bring to the community are our valuable resources. We are all parts of the one body, making our unique contributions to the whole. All parts are valuable and needed and the Vestry must be good stewards of the resources of our community.

Lastly, a practical consideration, the Rev. Katherine Lewis will be taking a sabbatical beginning in August. Many plans are in place but more work is to be done. As a community, we will be addressing these needs in the coming months.

I am honored to be your Senior Warden and I thank you for all of the support you have offered me and the entire Vestry team. Let's have a great 2017!

Peace,  
Paul



## Thank You!

A very special and heartfelt "Thank You" goes to Gervaye Parent for taking on the task of coordinating, compiling and editing *Dove Tales*, so I can focus on the design. Bless you! – Beth Harvey



## **Ash Wednesday**

**March 1**

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Noon and 7:00 PM



## **Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday**

**April 9 (One Service Only)**

9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist

10:45 AM – Stations of the Cross



## **Maundy Thursday**

**Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar**

**April 13**

7:00 PM



## **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

**A Service of Scripture, Shadow and Song**

**April 14**

7:00 PM – Tenebrae and Good Friday Collects



## **The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior**

**Jesus Christ – Easter**

**April 16**

8:00 AM – Proper Liturgy and Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM – Proper Liturgy and Holy Eucharist with Choir

10:45 AM – Resurrection Egg Hunt

# Each Campfire Lights Anew, the Flame of Friendship True...

That lyric to the Girl Scout camp song captures the spirit of our final All Generation Wednesday evening of the program year - May 17th. That evening, we are planning a special send off to the summer - our first St. David's Campfire and Sing-Along at our labyrinth. The Youth and Middle-school groups will be joining us. All ages are welcome.

Prior to the event, we will be soliciting your favorite camp songs and our resident guitarists, Di Marshall and Paul Pederson will be strumming along as we remember and experience the magic of singing by the fire. Of course, hot dogs, brats and s'mores will be on the menu.

Mark your calendars and plan on bringing a lawn chair or blanket to sit on for this fun event. We will be

ahead of the mosquitos, too! And it will start early and end early, so the choir and our small ones can join in.

This event will be a test case for a much larger fund-raiser in the fall

when we wrap up the program year with a bonfire. By the way, for all who are tempted to ask, we will be getting a permit from the City of Minnetonka.



## Surprised Winner of Christmas Prosperity Raffle: Helen VonGrossmann

“Was I ever surprised! I won the Christmas Prosperity pick! When I bought the tickets, I told Paul that I never win anything. The last time I was so lucky, I was 8 years old. I entered a contest for Bowman's Milk stating why I liked it. I wrote 'My Grandmother drinks Bowman's milk and my Mother drinks Bowman's milk. If it is good enough for them, it is good enough for me.' I won \$25.00!! This time, the funny thing is that I bought five tickets and got my money back.”

Congratulations Helen!!!



# Loaves & fishes



## Volunteers Needed for Serving on May 30th

On Tuesday, May 30, St. David's volunteers will be serving dinner at St. Gabriel's Church in Hopkins. This is a great opportunity to give back to our neighborhood and provide families in need with a nutritious meal. We need volunteers for cooking (3-3:30), serving (5:15) and clean-up (5:45-6:30).

If you can help out that Tuesday, please sign up in the Undercroft on Sunday starting in early May or contact Guy Drake at: [gadrake@comcast.net](mailto:gadrake@comcast.net)

# Building and Grounds Update



David Pearson and team have been spiffing up some of our rooms. Nursery 106 got a new paint job and a wonderful mural drawn by Thomas Sather. Room 104, the other unused nursery room, had new paint and carpet installed.

This heating season has seen problems with the pumps that circulate the hot water through the building. One main pump and one zone pump had to be replaced.

We are working on putting new LED lamps in the Parking Lot and a major tree trimming and removal project was completed this fall

Thanks, to all who show up and get the job done for St. David's. We always need more help and hope new helpers will volunteer for this necessary team. If you are interested in joining, there is a sign-up sheet in the Undercroft. Call me—or I might call you!

David Pearson: 952-412-7678



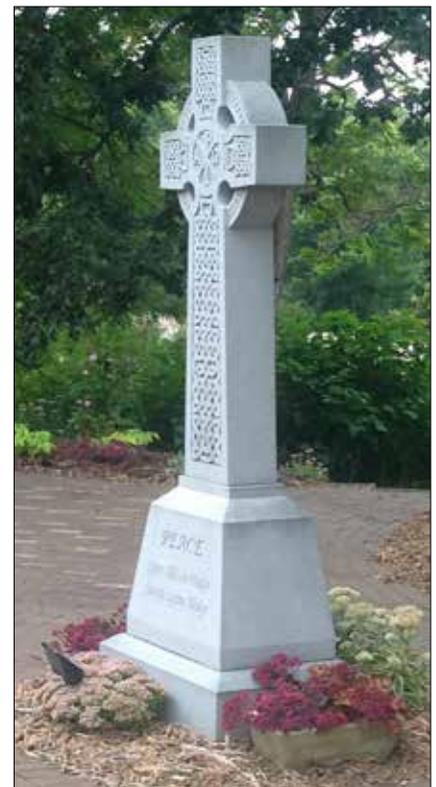
## The Celebration Peace Garden

There is a space on the north side of the church that many may not have seen. It began as a lovely play area for the children of St David's school. A few years after the school left, the play equipment was removed and was soon replaced by thistles, thistles and more thistles! And so began a journey of creation. The weeds were cleared and soil placed upon the sand and then in Alan Brittle's words; "Your palette awaits!" Indeed it did.

With the help of the 50th Celebration committee, there was a successful drive to raise funds for a paved area surrounded by flowers and greenery. The paving stones give thanks to loved ones and God's creation! It is a place for contemplation of the wonders around us. And so the space has evolved since then. There are flow-

ers, shrubs, benches and in the center a beautiful Celtic Cross. This was donated by Delores Hodge (now deceased) in memory of her daughter Starr and in thanksgiving for her other daughter Stacy. There is another small space for the little ones in our midst, a special place in remembrance of John Hepperlen. In this place there are boulders to climb on, stepping stones to walk and plants to sniff. Come visit and if you like, bring your gloves for there are always weeds to pull and flowers to plant! So give me a call and we can meet and plan and plant and weed and smell and enjoy the wonders of God's creation!

Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Nature is the art of God". Indeed. Launa Tucker, 952-935-1294



# Never, Never, Never Stop Moving

By Gervaye Parent

This is not only Martha Hatcher's favorite saying, but also the mantra by which she has conducted her life. She has been a long distance bike rider, a downhill skier, a regular exercise club user, active in church, an avid reader and active teacher all her life.

In the suburbs of Richmond, Virginia, Martha and her older sister Ann grew up in what might be described as a rather Saturday Evening Post existence. This is where Martha acquired her lovely accent which is so pleasant to listen to. In Virginia, Martha says, "They say CoCola - not Coca Cola." Selden Richardson, Martha's Virginia nephew, who still lives in Virginia, does not have the accent. Martha says, "That's because he had too many Yankee teachers."

Sleepy suburban Richmond was very rural and provincial and growing up there was a very predictable existence. Everybody was just like everybody else. You ate meals at the same times every day, and did the same things as your neighbors who all were also very predictable. And, it was a highly segregated place. Martha's mother, Bettie, was a housewife and her father, Raymond, worked in a Phillip Morris tobacco processing plant. He was, like a lot of Americans, basically a farm boy who was forced to seek work in the city during The Depression. Tobacco is still a big thing in Richmond.

As an example of how provincial this city used to be and how innocent Martha and Ann's upbringing was, Selden tells a story his mother told about how they found out a family of Catholics had moved into the neighborhood near the aunts, and Martha and Ann ran down there to see them, having always heard

about Catholics but never seen one in the flesh that they knew of. "My mom recalled how bitterly disappointed they were to find the Catholics weren't the least bit exotic," Selden said, "and in fact looked just like everybody else on the street. Big let-down."

Martha and her sister Ann had all the usual sibling squabbles and also the closeness of two sisters. Ann was "such a lovely person, you could just never get a good fight going with her. You could abuse her and she just wouldn't fight back," says Martha.



Gail Rains, Selden Richardson, and Martha Hatcher.

Once, when Ann was paying Martha to iron her clothes, something Ann did upset Martha and she opened the window and threw all of Ann's clothes out the second story window, then flew down the stairs and out the door to stomp on all the clothes. So there's a moral to this story. Don't get Martha mad at you.

Martha is direct. You don't have to wonder how she feels about things. Her directness stands out refreshingly in our usually "MN nice crowd." She often says the things that others are thinking but don't have the courage to say. Courage has never been her short suit.

When WWII was over Martha Hatcher met Graham Hatcher (yes that is correct - they shared the same last name!!) while he was training to join the US Air Force. Graham served in WWII and in the Korean War as well. He was British and before he came to the US he was a pilot in the RAF. When he came to the US he joined the Air force and was immediately shipped out. The glamour of this handsome English flier along with the shared last name sealed the deal and all of Martha's family and old aunts were delighted that the name would continue. This squad of elderly aunts served as supplementary mothers to Martha and Ann and doted on them. Graham loved all things air-borne. He helped put together the planes that are in the state capital.

Martha married Graham Hatcher and together they had 3 sons, all of whom are high achievers like their parents. The two oldest sons Alan and Collin became dentists, one in the Minneapolis area, one in Denver and the youngest, Brian, is Chair of the Religions Department at Tufts University in Boston. She also has 5 grandchildren.

Graham, gone now, was "determinedly industrious." He worked for The Pillsbury Company in the International Logistics Division. He spent considerable time in the

Middle East helping Arabs build big silos in which to store their grain. Martha didn't travel with Graham very much when he was traveling all over the world for The Pillsbury Company, but she did go with him to visit his family in England where Graham's father, mother, a sister and two brothers still resided at the time, and enjoyed that trip very much.

Martha graduated from what was then State Normal Teacher's School in Farmville, Virginia, now renamed Longwood College and she taught school for much of her adult life. Due to Graham's transfers within The Pillsbury Company she taught in various other cities before landing in the Minneapolis area. Her earliest teaching position was in Newport News, VA. In her most recent positions she taught Spanish full-time in Wayzata and substitute taught for 11 years at Minnetonka West Junior High School.

Gail Rains is a fellow teacher and long-time friend of Martha's. They ran the Wayzata West Downhill Ski Team together for years. Martha was an avid downhill skier. They had the largest ski team in the state and on Friday nights, would take off from school with 6-8 busses full of kids and go to the ski centers all around MN and WI. Sometimes these kids would get her up on the black diamond slopes and she would look down with a little trepidation, but would always go on down. During Spring break they once went to Salt Lake City and skied 3 or 4 different locations in Utah and she describes it as "wonderful fun with the kids." Lucky kids to have her for their guide.

Martha and 6 to 12 of her former fellow teachers still meet once a month for lunch at Perkins where they have good gab sessions. Martha makes and keeps friends.

Martha grew up in the Methodist Episcopal Church, a compromise her parents reached as Bettie was an Episcopalian and Raymond, a Baptist.

But as a teenager, Martha joined the Episcopal Church on her own. She has been at St. David's since some-time in the 1950's.

Martha says she feels at home at St. David's. She feels like she belongs there and has participated in many different activities at St. David's. She was Senior Warden during a time of transition, when St. David's did not have an assigned priest and as a result it was a challenge to get people to come to church. She taught Sunday school, has been a home Eucharistic Minister, served on the Search Committee for new priests at different times, and has been a part of the pastoral care team. She is also known for her note writing to parishioners.

"People at St. David's are very welcoming. I think you have to be a welcoming type person to want to join there. If you are that type of person you will feel good there and if you aren't interested, you will know that is true pretty quick. It is so nice to go to church there because everyone knows you and its fun to see them. It's been a good experience to be there."

When asked if she ever had doubts regarding her faith, she says she has had doubts at times but always comes out believing and trusting that God is real, ever present and loving. She believes it doesn't matter what comes on the horizon she will stick with what she believes. One of the things she appreciates about the Episcopal Church is that it allows for doubts. "Any thoughtful Christian has doubts and its okay."

Martha has been a dedicated reader in the past and likes to read about History - Historical novels and British novels, and she likes words ... a lot. Gail says, "During conversations with Martha it is a good thing to have a dictionary in your pocket." She likes the British shows on the public channel like Downton Abbey.

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She likes classical music best and her aunt was her childhood piano teacher until Martha “got to be too much for her.” Then she went to the University of Richmond to take lessons. She hasn’t played much in recent years as she has trouble reading the notes.

Her greatest accomplishment is the raising of 3 very successful sons. She says, “They are well educated, responsible and able to care for themselves and their families.” Recently, Alan came out as transgendered and is now Allison, Martha’s daughter.

When asked, what she still wants to do, she replies, “Well there are lots of things I would still like to do, but due to health challenges, knee replacement, vision issues and a recent fall, I am somewhat limited now in my activities.” Due to macular degeneration she has a hard time seeing well enough to enjoy reading and would like to find a big screen device so she can see to read. She is also interested in books on CD. She is wise in that she accepts her limitations and finds ways to live with them. “I have to grieve the loss of my former life,” as we all must at some time.

Her former life was definitely one of constant movement. Martha has boundless energy and Gail says, “If there is one thing that her friends want her to do now it is slow down a bit. She always goes about 155 MPH!” She has never been one to let much grass grow under her feet. Martha belonged to three bicycle clubs and was a long distance biker, putting 1000-1200 miles per year on her bike and she went to exercise classes 3 days a week. I guess that explains her motto which is on a plaque that hangs on a wall in her home ...

“Never, Never, Never stop moving!”



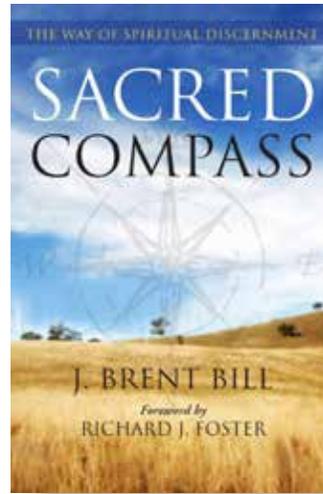
## Gervaye’s Experience at the Crossroads Class

By Gervaye Parent

Last September about 25 people from St. David’s signed up for a Crossroads class called, “What do you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Well I sure wanted to know the answer to this big question and so I went. We used a book called “Sacred Compass” by J. Brent Bill.

Mary Mann wrote quite eloquently about her experience in this class in the last *DoveTales* issue and I agree with what she said. We were tasked with trying to figure out what our gifts from The Holy Spirit are and how we can use them to contribute to our many communities – work, family, home, neighborhood and church. Mary described the several profiles we used to discern our sweet spots. I enjoyed them. Maybe I am self-absorbed or something.

We charted these findings, talked with the group about them and on the final night when we summed it all up in



a nut shell we discovered that one of my gifts is that of writing and organizing. Once Katherine got hold of herself and stopped giggling about the prospect of getting some help with *DoveTales*, we agreed to meet and talk with Beth about it.

And, so here I am. Happily tapping away on my keyboard doing what I have always loved to do – seeing my words come through my fingers and onto paper. When The Holy Spirit gave me the gift of words, she agreed to continue to feed them to me. I really believe what The Bible says somewhere, that we shouldn’t worry about what to say or how to say it because when the time comes to speak, the words will be given to us. And for me, they usually are.

The class was successful for me because it enabled the connection between my gift (at least I hope you will think it is a gift) and the need for help with *DoveTales*.



# Safe Church Initiative Update

On January 24 and 25 St. David's hosted safe Church Training in the Jones room for our parishioners and others from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN). We had a good turnout as the word spreads that St. David's is conducting ongoing quarterly Safe Church sessions. During these two nights we certified 9 leaders at St. David's and 12 parishioners from other Episcopal churches in Minneapolis, Anoka, and Excelsior.

At St. David's we provide a safe and welcoming environment for all who participate in our worship, programs, ministries and any other church supported activities. We especially strive to maintain a safe place for children, youth and vulnerable adults with an awareness that everyone can be vulnerable at certain times.

In accordance with our mission and the direction of ECMN, Safe Church Training is required by:

- Clergy & All St. David's paid employees
- Vestry
- Youth leaders, teachers & volunteers
- Lay leaders

## Next Opportunity for Safe Church Training

The next Session will be held at St. David's in the ICA Jones Room for two consecutive evenings:

### **"Safeguarding God's People"**

Tuesday, April 25, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

### **"Safeguarding God's Children"**

Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

### **3 ways to sign up:**

- Contact: Beth Harvey at 952-935-3336
- Email: [Safechurch@stdavidsparish.org](mailto:Safechurch@stdavidsparish.org)
- Sign-up sheet in the Undercroft

- Ministry leaders
- Volunteers involved with vulnerable adults
- All key holders

If you fall into one or more of these roles and you have not taken Safe Church training in the past five years, then it's time to sign up!

If you cannot make this upcoming session, or you have questions, please contact us at:

[safechurch@stdavidsparish.org](mailto:safechurch@stdavidsparish.org)

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# Epiphany Baby Shower Collects Much Needed Items for Mothers Coping With Homelessness

Once again St. David's parish-ioners answered the call on Epiphany Sunday and contributed a large number of much needed baby items to Reach and Restore, an agency in Hopkins that helps the homeless in our area move off the streets into permanent housing. Ronda Oliver, the founder and director of Reach and Restore sent St. David's the following thank-you note:

*Dear St. David's Church,*

*What a blessing to share the joy of helping our community with items most of us take for granted! Thank you for investing in The Epiphany baby shower and Reach and Restore! It is so encouraging to see people working together and to see the results every day.*

*God is good! Grateful for you,  
Ronda Oliver  
Founder and Director  
Reach and Restore*

Thank you to everyone who contributed! Remember, if you or someone you know is moving or cleaning out clutter, Reach and Restore will come to your house to collect household items that can be used to furnish apartments. This includes clean clothing items in good shape that people can wear to job interviews. Children's clothing and socks/underwear must be new.



# Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp

Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp (ECAD) is a fun filled week of camp activities that includes music, visual arts, tinkering, storytelling, movement, and outdoor games. At ECAD we Explore, Create, Adventure and Discover throughout the week.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other Episcopalian in the Metro area and last summer we had great participation from many St. David's Family's. Campers from preschoolers through 5th Grade can participate. And for a valuable experience, 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to participate as Youth Leaders. Adults are also needed to volunteer for a portion or all of the camp. We especially can use adults with a gift in arts that they can share with campers. Last year we did bread-baking which was a huge hit. So, there is something here for everyone.

This summer ECAD will take place July 24th- 28, 2017, at St. Mark's Cathedral. If you have any suggestions or questions feel free to contact Sara Kuyper at [s.kuyper@fastmail.us](mailto:s.kuyper@fastmail.us) or 952-938-2073

More information will be forthcoming. To get a glimpse into last year's camp, visit <http://ourcathedral.org/ecad2016>.

## ECAD 2017

### Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp



*We'll sing, dance, tinker, tell stories, and play, finding the Holy and experiencing God in everyday moments.*

**Who** Children 4 years through entering 6th grade  
**When** July 24-28, 2017  
**Time** 9am to 3pm  
**Where** St. Mark's Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove St. Minneapolis  
**Cost** \$100 (*scholarships available*)



**Childcare avail.** 7:30am to 9am (\$5/day)  
 3pm to 5pm (\$10/day)  
**Questions?** Contact Mary McKelvey [ecad@OurCathedral.org](mailto:ecad@OurCathedral.org)

*Adults & youth entering 7th grade and up are welcome to join as leaders!*

**REGISTER ONLINE BEGINNING MARCH 1.**

## Godly Play Update:

# Time flies when you're having fun!

The children really enjoy one another and know how to show love. This year they made Christmas cards to give to the residents at Lake Minnetonka Care Center. We wish we would have taken some photos of them. They warmed our hearts and we especially enjoyed the phonetic spelling on some of the young one's

cards. Merry Christmas was "Mary" Christmas.

We currently are sharing parables and wondering together. Katherine led an introduction to Lent during Godly Play 1, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. She does a beautiful job of connecting with the kids in some very tangible ways.

Also during Lent please participate in the Stations of the Cross on Sunday April 9th. The children will lead this journey. They did this last year and it was beautiful and reflective.

The team is grateful for the opportunity to be among the young ones. They have so much to teach when we listen.

# Middle School at St. David's

What a great group of Middle School students and teachers! We meet a couple of Wednesday evenings a month, gathering first with the high schoolers to play a team building, silly GAME, before we separate out into the two age groups. After checking in with our "highs" and "lows" of the week, we spend some time studying and reflecting on a Bible story. Recently we've been using *The Path, Family Storybook: A Journey Through the Bible for Families*, by Lindsay Hardin Freeman and Melody Wilson Shobe as our text. We conclude the evening with candle-lit prayer time.

Before Christmas, we baked cookies and made Christmas cards that the St. David's carolers delivered to parishioners who can't make it to church regularly, if at all. This is becoming one of our annual traditions.

Thank you to our leadership team: Kimberle Smith, Dan Meyer and Katherine Lewis. And thank you to the parents who support their children's lives in our church community.



# St. David's Senior High Update

The Sr. High group meets twice a month and is in year three of a four year study of the book "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McLaren which is taking them through a reading of Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Senior High Leaders have been intentional this year about building community with Trinity Episcopal Church (Excelsior) and Epiphany (Plymouth). The year began with an outdoor movie night hosted by the Carda's. Epiphany organized an outing to the Severs Corn Maze in October and Trinity is planning to host a dance sometime this spring. That's something new this year and it's been a really positive thing," says Ann Carda, one of the leaders.

The weekly readings can each be read in 10 to 12 minutes and offer a simple curriculum of insight-

ful reflections and transformative practices. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings invite the students to:

- Cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian faith in 21st century
- Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage
- Reimagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace.

This group was visited by tragedies over the last few years with the deaths of one family at Minnetonka High, and some other tragic events. "It feels like they have supported each other through these terrible experiences. Despite this, we laugh a lot, enjoy each other, and have a good time.

The opening icebreaker with the Middle School group has been a good experience for bringing folks together with humor and playfulness," says Guy Drake.

The usual agenda for the group is:

- Opening prayer
- Group game/exercise with the Middle School group
- Weekly check-in (each person tells about one high and one low from the previous week.)
- Chapter reading from "We Make the Road by Walking"
- Discussion questions and answers
- Closing prayers with candles

Parents might find the things their senior higher's are exploring quite interesting.

## Monday Morning Contemplative Prayer

No experience necessary to join others for Contemplative Prayer Monday mornings from 9:00-9:30AM. We meet in the Conference Room/Oratory, opening with a reflective reading,

meditating for twenty minutes and then closing with prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Katherine Lewis at [klewis@stdavidsparish.org](mailto:klewis@stdavidsparish.org).

## Transportation to St. David's

St. David's helps coordinate rides for parishioners who cannot drive themselves. If you would like to help provide transportation for parishioners from time to time or, if you have a transportation need, please contact Tom Edmond at 952-936-0968.





# Choir Spotlight on Bill Jacobs

By Gervaye Parent

When I first came to St. David's I marveled at the wonderful and balanced sound we heard constantly from the entire music ministry because it is a small church. Usually it seems that to get that good, the music director must have a larger population from which to choose their participants for Bell Choir, Vocal Choir, Children's Choir and vocal as well as instrumental soloists.

After being there a little longer and becoming acquainted with many of these musicians, I began to understand how this works. Bill Jacobs and his late wife Nita were two members of the choir in whom one could always see the power of music as worship.

Recently I had the opportunity to visit with Bill to try to learn from him what it means to be part of the choir.

**Q: Bill, here is the over arching question: Why are you in the choir? What made you join in the first place?**

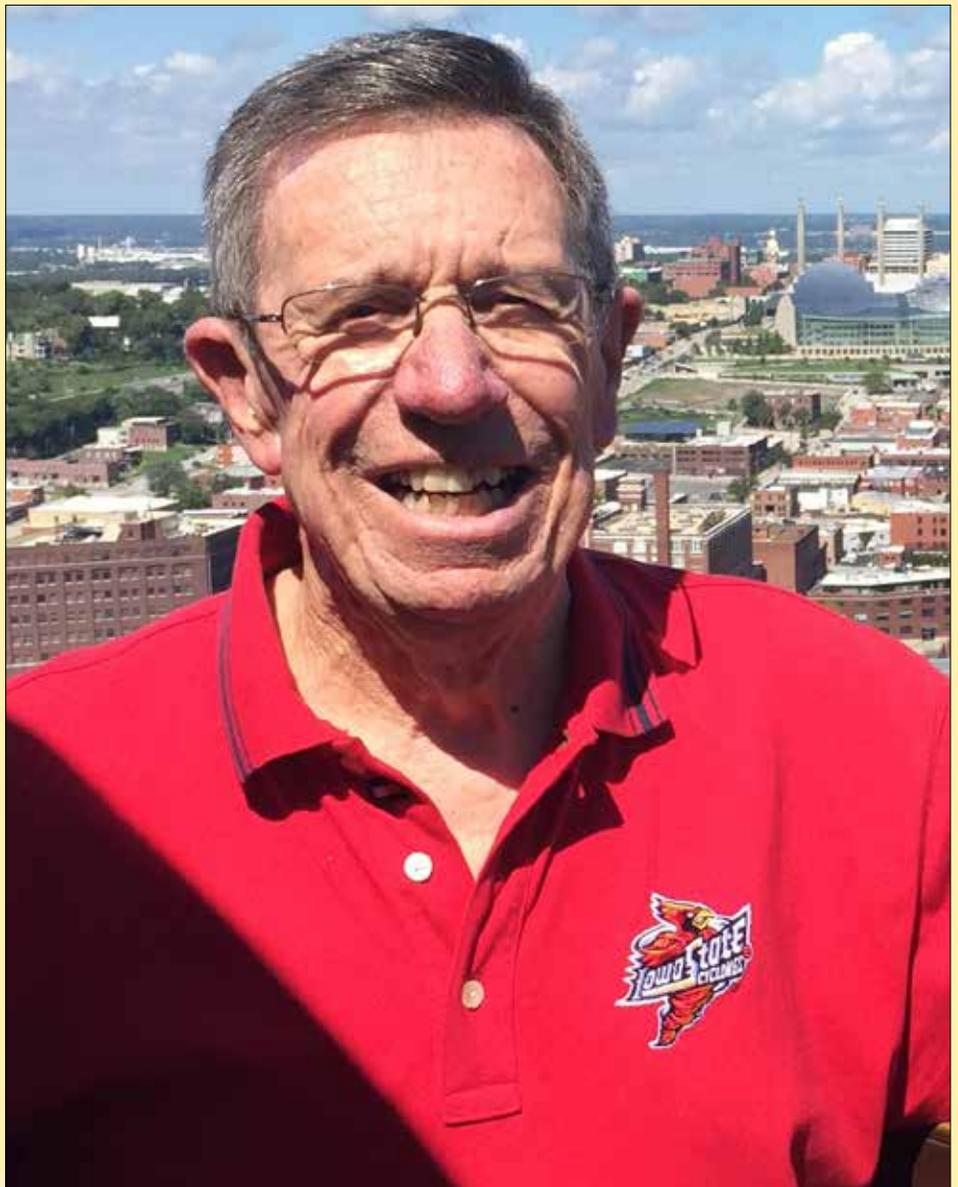
A: It's what I've done all my life, and I feel it exhibits a skill that I am fortunate to possess. My piano teacher taught out of the basement of Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester, MN, and she was the organist/music director there. By the time I was 7, I was singing in her Jr. Choir, (and my mother in her senior choir) and I've been in church choirs ever since. (My

gosh, that's almost 30 years! :)) It's just in my blood. Along the way, when I was in college, I learned the art of directing, and I've directed church choirs—all Episcopal—in several places where we've lived.

**Q: Why were you drawn to participation in the choir at**

**St. David's or at other places in which you participated in music?**

A: First of all, I love the music. I love making music. And, since there are many people who don't think they can serve in this manner ("I can't sing a note"), it's a place



I can serve where not everyone feels they can. I feel needed there, as well as being thrilled week after week at the music we make. I feel particularly blessed to have Meg as our director. She's very exacting and precise and the reward makes the effort worth it. It's because of her skill and tenacity that our small choir can perform the music we do, and do it as well as we're able.

**Q: Did you study music early on in life—all along in your education?**

A: I started taking piano lessons when I was 6 years old, and started singing in the Jr. Choir a year later. I've never had individual singing lessons, or directing lessons for that matter. My trained music knowledge started at the keyboard, and I just paid attention to the choir directors in my life, and gradually picked up the skills. When I got to college, (Iowa State University in Ames) I went to the local Episcopal Church, discovered they had a wonderful choir director, who was part of the music department at the college, and it was natural for me to get into the choir. Before I left college, I directed that choir. I was also an assistant director with the Minnetonka Symphony Chorus, and also directed another excellent choral group in that organization.

**Q: What do you think Nita got out of choir? What was it like for the two of you to be in it together?**

A: Nita and my backgrounds were very similar, so I would think her comments would be similar to mine. She came from a very musical family. We met in the Iowa State Singers, and I sang with both of her brothers in this organization before I met Nita. (She was younger). So we had the same

tendencies. Except for when our children were very young, we have always been together in the church choirs. And we sang together for 25 years in the Minnetonka Symphony Chorus. We were privileged to make several trips to Europe with this group.

**Q: How did the two of you feel when you sang duets in Church?**

A: Very emotional! This is a very high calling, and a wonderful feeling. Nita and I did everything together, and the opportunity to sing together was at the very top of our favorite experiences.

**Q: How does it feel to you when you sing a particular favorite of yours or Nita's in the choir? (When I hear "How Great Thou Art," I know I might just as well get out a bunch of Kleenex).**

A: Kleenex is the accurate term. Now that I've lost Nita, I get very emotional experiencing certain music. Last year we sang a duet at the St. David's talent show. I've been asked to do this selection again, and had to decline because I know I would never get through it. The memories are way too intense. And there's NEVER enough Kleenex!

**Q: Bill, I only heard you play a duet on the piano, with Meg once, but I can tell you it was memorable for me. I loved it. You are a skilled musician on the piano as well as bells and voice. Are there other instruments you play? What is your favorite?**

A: I have also dabbled on the organ, accordion, and the guitar. But the piano is my favorite instrument. I'm so glad that's what I started with, because you can enjoy it and make wonderful music all by yourself. So many people who play different instruments in band or orchestra fold them up and put them away when they get out of school, and that's the end for them. The piano can last forever—all by itself.

**Q: If you were to quit participating in music at St. David's what do you think you would miss most?**

A: Oh my gosh—that's a tough one. I would miss everything—the music, the people, the experience, Meg's teaching and support, the entire scene. My life just wouldn't be the same! Now that I'm alone, that's one of my most important and meaningful activities.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **Choir Appreciation Sunday**

On **May 21, 2017**, the St. David's congregation will get a welcome chance to show their appreciation for our wonderful choir in a performance during the 9:30 Service. All during each year the choir rehearses weekly and helps to lead services most Sundays and at other special services. They enjoy doing this, but it does take some commitment and hard work. We, the congregation are

the lucky beneficiaries of their dedication to St. David's and their labor.

Choir members will get the chance to choose and prepare their favorite music from the year to include at this performance.

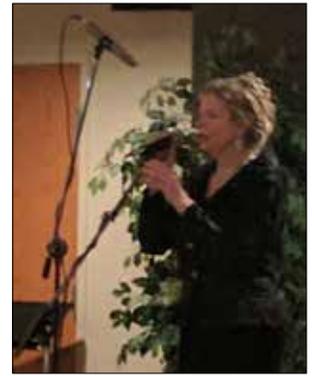
Put this date on your calendars now. You do not want to miss this.

# St. David's: A Very Talented Crowd

The Fifth Annual St. David's Talent Night was held on Friday, January 27. This relatively new parish tradition saw more than 100 people pack the undercroft to see a variety of musical, magical, literary, and theatrical talents. Sponsored by the choir, this event gives parishioners the opportunity to showcase talents that we don't necessarily

get to see on Sunday mornings. Pizza, punch, salad, and ice cream were enjoyed by all. The choir generously donated all of the food, allowing the entire \$1,200 in proceeds to be donated to this year's cause - the church general fund. Start brainstorming now about what you might perform for Talent Night 2018!





## **KIDS CHOIR** is **BACK**

**We will be performing with the Parish Choir  
on June 4th, Pentecost Sunday.**

**All kids through 5th grade are welcome.**

**Solo/duet parts available for brave souls.**

**Rehearsals on Sunday mornings after the  
9:30 Eucharist from April 30th – May 28th.**

**Hope to see you!**





# Pentecost

## Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

### St. David's Annual Picnic

I bet you think it is too early to be thinking about a picnic don't you. Well, we are bringing this to your attention so you can focus on the fact that summer will come - indeed!!! We can count on it. It happens every year about the time you think you can take no more snow, ice and cold.

Put on your optimist's hat. It will be a fabulous day!!!

After all it will be Pentecost Sunday so we will be filled to the brim with the Holy Spirit once again, and all Her wonderful gifts. Remember them? Charity (not Harvala) Joy,

Peace, Patience, Kindness and Goodness.

It will also be the first Sunday of the month so we will have the ICA ingathering of all of our Charity, Kindness and Goodness which will surely bring Peace, Patience and Kind thoughts to the recipients of our contributions.

It will not rain that day, but if it does grills will be fired up anyway! St. David's will provide the grilling ingredients and beverages and hope for potluck contributions of salads and desserts. Yum!

There will be a bouncy house for those jumpy kids and for the kid wannabees.

And the grand finale of the Prosperity Prize Pick for 250 BIG ONE\$ will be drawn.

Put this date on your calendar!! June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - a warm, sunny, summer event with friends and no mosquitos or snow. The fun all begins following the 9:30 service.

And if that isn't enough to get you excited - there will be a wonderful concert in the afternoon.

### Music @ St. David's Concert: Quintessential Quartets at 3:00 PM

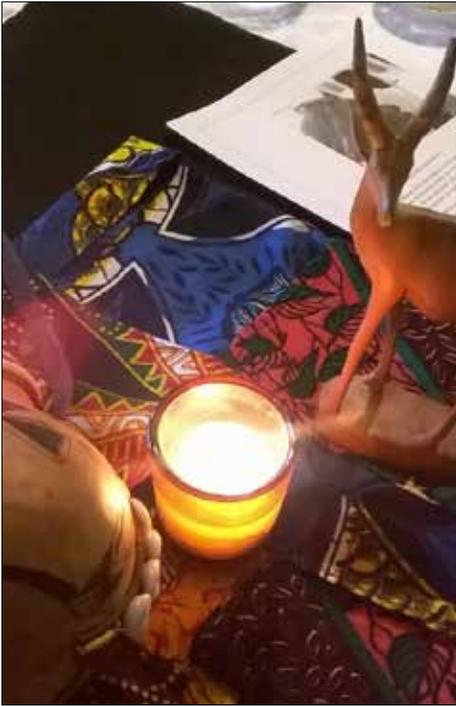
Hello from Mill City String Quartet! We are very excited about our Music @ St. David's concert on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM, Pentecost Sunday! We have chosen three pieces that are real powerhouses in the chamber music world: Claude Debussy's 'String Quartet in g minor', Erwin Schuloff's 'Five Pieces for String Quartet' and Ludwig von Beethoven's 'String Quartet in f minor, Op. 95 (Serioso)'. The string quartet by Debussy seems fitting for Pentecost because Debussy wrote it after being inspired by music of other

cultures at the 1889 World Fair in Paris. As a composer, he felt that he was hearing music in new languages with new tonalities he would never have thought to put together. What captured his imagination most was hearing Javanese gamelan music for the first time. Gamelan music is an Indonesian tradition that uses many whole steps which are not typical in Western Classical music.

We are also performing Erwin Schuloff's Five Pieces for String Quartet. This is a lovely collection of dances in a modern setting. The

dances are: Viennese Waltz, Serenade, Czech folk music, Tango and Tarantella.

And we end with Beethoven's epic Serioso quartet. Beethoven wrote this quartet later in life when he was struggling with hearing loss. The name Serioso may relate to this struggle and is reflected in the heaviness of the music. But Beethoven stoked the flames of his imagination and kept composing despite going deaf. The ending of the quartet is triumphant, full of fire, and not to be missed!



## Annual Kenya Dinner April 29<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser for Seeds and Scholarships

It will soon be that time of year again to begin looking forward to our annual Kenya Dinner. Plan now to join us for a traditional Kenyan meal to celebrate our global friendships while we raise money for ministries in Ziwa, Kenya. The meal will again be prepared by Rebecca Kipchumba and her friends, so you can expect foods that have become our favorites: ugali, samosas, chapati, beef stew, chai and more. Enjoy all of this for \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 13 and younger. Thank you to all of our anonymous donors. And, all monies received go directly to the Mama Ada Foundation to benefit children in need of school scholarships and farmers in need of seeds and fertilizer. The current cost to educate a secondary school student per year is \$300 and \$400 if boarding. The cost for a college student per year is \$500. The cost of seed and fertilizer for one acre per year is \$184.

Volunteers will be gratefully accepted to help Rebecca and her friends with the dinner preparation.

## Happening In and Around St. David's



Future St. David's choir member Ethan Stokes tries choir robes on for size.



Tuesday morning Bible Study group and a few friends visiting the Martin Luther exhibit at Minneapolis Institute of Arts.



The Rev. Katherine Lewis and the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior before celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Katherine's Ordination.



St. David's members out caroling for shut-in members at the holidays.

# St. David's Officially an Inclusive Church

By Ann Carda

In one of the old "Forward Day by Day" daily writings a message that was powerful for me said how can we know when we are doing what God really wants us to do and when we are just doing what we think is right. Then it went on to say, God is always expanding the circle. Jesus visited the unacceptable, people He shouldn't even have been seen with. He ate a meal with Zacharius, a hated and dishonest tax collector, included foreigners like Ruth and Rahab the prostitute, healed lepers who were untouchables. Jesus continually expanded the included.

So, whenever the circle of inclusion is shrinking, where people are being excluded or disliked for whatever reason, God is not being served. Our willingness to open our circle to them is a measure of our faith.

Because actions speak louder than words, at St. David's annual meeting the following statement was passed:

**"St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith."**

## Prayer of Mother Teresa

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

## Defining Radical Hospitality

By The Rev. Guy Drake

At our annual meeting, many people asked about the meaning of the phrase "Radical Hospitality." Here is a description from the Ministry Matters website:

**Radical Hospitality:** The first practice of fruitful congregations.

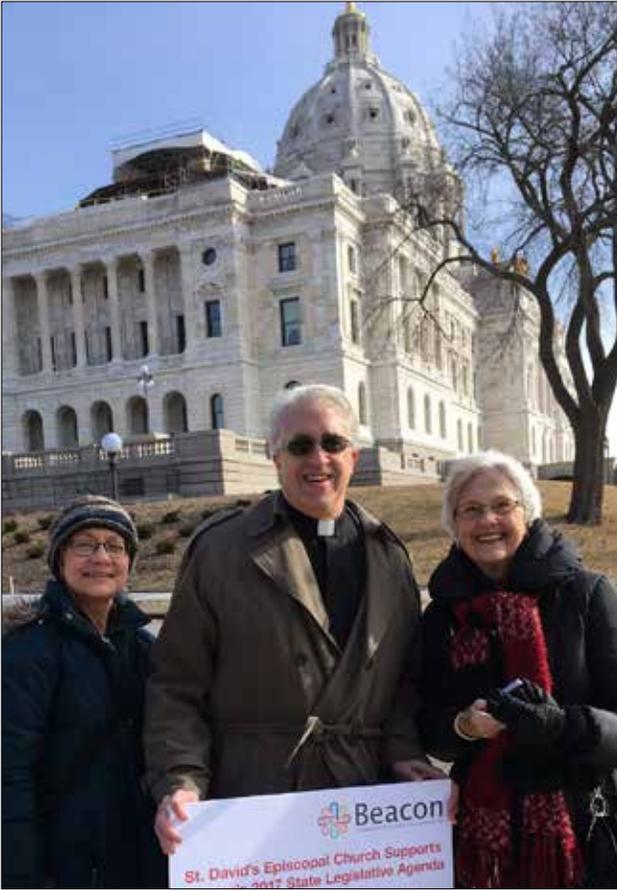
Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice radical hospitality. Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a

spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ.

Churches that practice radical hospitality sense a calling and responsibility to pray, plan, and work to invite others and to help them feel welcome and to support them in their faith journeys. Out of genuine love for Christ and for others, their members, staff and pastors take the initiative to invite, welcome, include, and support newcomers and help them grow in faith as they become part

of the body of Christ.

Radical means "drastically different from ordinary practice, outside the norm," and so it provokes practices that exceed expectations, that go the second mile, that take welcoming the stranger to the max. By radical, don't think wild-eyed, out of control, or in your face. Instead, imagine people offering the absolute utmost of themselves, their creativity, their abilities, and their energy to offer the gracious invitation and reception of Christ to others.



# St. David's at Beacon Day on Capital Hill

On Monday, February 27, 2017, The Rev. Guy Drake, Maureen Golden, and Carol Johnson from St. David's spent the day on Capitol Hill in St. Paul lobbying legislators on behalf of our community partner, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. We went to the House of Representatives first, going from office to office to talk about Beacon's new initiative, "Unlocking Opportunities," for finding ways to provide housing for the 8000 inmates who are released from Minnesota prisons each year. We met with the bill's sponsor, Rep. Tony Albright, among others, before all heading over to the Capitol Rotunda for a brief rally. We then walked over to the Senate Office Building for a hearing on the bill before the House Health and Human Services Committee. There were over 125 of us there, and the Senators said that it was the largest group of supporters for a bill in the history of that hearing room.

## STAND YOUR GROUND BLACK BODIES AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD

**Wednesday, March 15**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral**

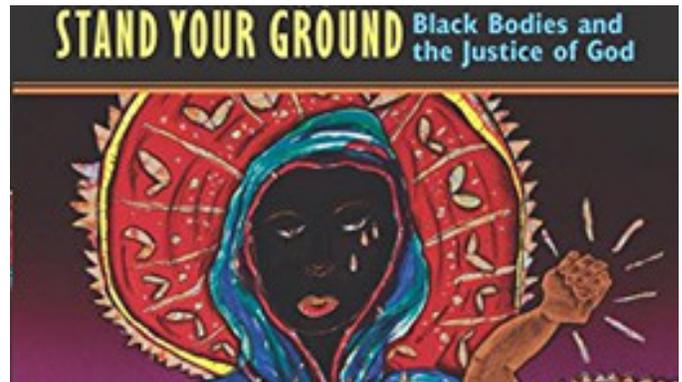
**5:30-6:30 PM**  
Conversation and Q&A with Dr. Douglas

**7:00-8:00 PM**  
Worship Service with Bishop Prior and Dr. Douglas.  
Refreshments and book signing to follow.

Join The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, author, professor, Episcopal priest and mother, as she shares her inspiring work and wisdom on race.

Local poet Dante Collins will perform from his work centered on the intersections of class, race, adoption, sexuality and social justice.

For more information:  
[episcopalmn.org/stand-your-ground](http://episcopalmn.org/stand-your-ground)



# West Metro Housing Initiative

## Creating affordable housing for families in the western suburbs

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, an experienced developer of affordable and supportive housing, is collaborating with several west metro congregations to create affordable housing for working families in the western suburbs. Involved in this effort are Wayzata Community Church, Bet Shalom Congregation, St. David's Episcopal Church, and St. Martin's by the Lake Episcopal Church. The service partner for the housing is Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners.

## Why the western suburbs?

Retail workers, bank tellers, health aides, child care providers and others are often unable to find a home in cities like Plymouth, Wayzata, Orono and Long Lake because there are not enough moderately priced housing options.

Beacon will create more choice in the housing supply for families in the western suburbs who struggle to afford to live where they work. Affordable rent ensures that parents don't have to choose between taking care of a sick child and paying rent.

## Where will the housing be built?

We are looking for a location in western suburban Hennepin County within the area served by IOCP.

We develop first-class housing designed to stand the test of time. This housing will be carefully designed to blend well with the character of the neighborhood where it's built, and we'll use high-quality materials while retaining affordability through design efficiency. The development will likely include heated underground parking, security cameras,

“ Most of us who live in this community believe there's no better place to live, to work, to raise a family. But for some of our neighbors, our kids' classmates, the people we see every day at IOCP, that 'no better place' remains more dream than reality. The need for affordable rental housing in the western suburbs is real and urgent. A stable affordable place to call home is where dreams are nurtured and strong futures begin. We're excited about creating housing that will make that 'no better place' real for all of our kids and all of our families. ”

– LaDonna Hoy, Executive Director  
Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners



Beacon and partner Mayflower Church developed Creekside Commons, workforce housing that opened in 2010 in the Tangletown neighborhood of Minneapolis.

a community room, computer resource center, patio and playground.

## Who will live here?

This housing will be marketed to families from the western suburbs in the IOCP service area. It will likely feature mostly 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom apartments, plus a few 1-bedroom and 4-bedroom units.

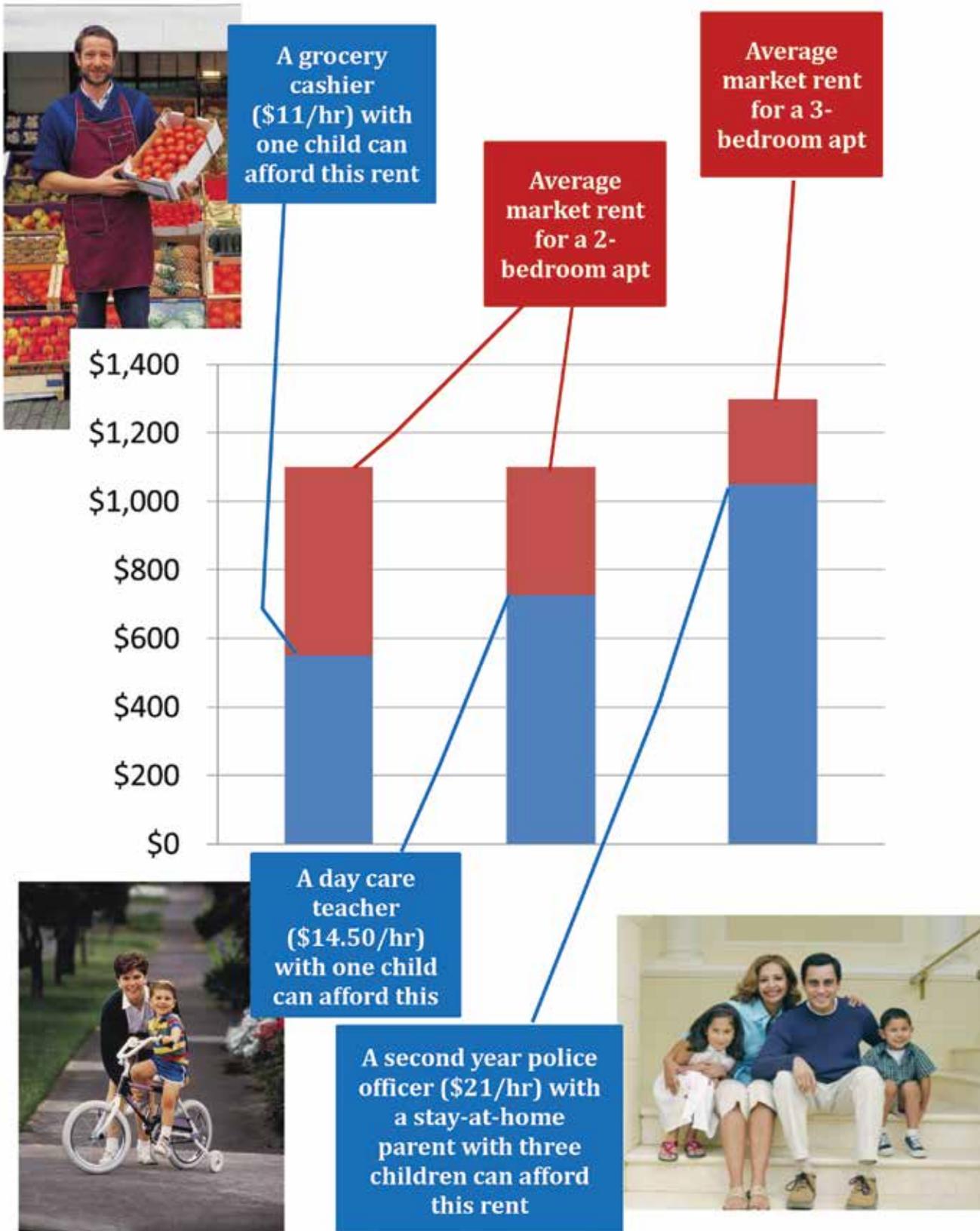
Most tenants will be those who want to live close to their workplace. Some apartments will be reserved for families moving out of homelessness.

## More info:

[www.beaconinterfaith.org/family-housing-initiative](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/family-housing-initiative) or call Debra Rodgers, 651-789-6260 x218

# Who Could Live Here?

Examples Based on Wages and Family Size





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St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.