



ST. DAVID'S

GOOD NEWS LETTER

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Healing Conference a success

Submitted by John Post

Many lives were touched and renewed! Many hurts were healed! Many prayers answered! Much was learned and assimilated! Many challenged to grow! Many were moved to laughter and tears!

All of this and much, much more, occurred at the 'Under Healing Wings' Healing Conference which was held at St. David's on March 11th and 12th.

More than 100 persons attended the conference which was sponsored by the St. David's/Capital Area Order of St. Luke the Physician. Of these, nearly half were members of St. David's.

The conference leaders were the Reverend Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield of Deep River Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Father Pike conducted an Installation Ser-

vice during the conference in which six persons were inducted into the Order of St. Luke.

Nancy Pike beautifully provided music for the conference and the Healing Service.

The conference was professionally recorded by "Listen Again Recording" of Talmadge, Ohio. Those wishing to purchase tapes for only \$20.00 or CDs for only \$25.00 of the conference sessions should ask John Post for an order form.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this conference a success!

Father Sheffield would appreciate hearing from any who received healing at the conference, or who were affected in some positive way from the conference. Please E-mail him at drm@grandecom.net.

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Thank you for the Healing Conference

Submitted by Jim Thurston

I wish to thank everyone involved in supporting and sponsoring the Healing Conference held the weekend of March 11th and 12th.

Speaking for myself, I was thoroughly impressed with the presentation and attendance. Many people were deeply touched and the Holy Spirit filled the house in many ways. I, for one, had a healing occur in me and praise the Lord for His love and patience with me.

I would like to personally thank Father David for allowing this healing conference to happen. I could see in his face joy and gladness of heart. I also thank the vestry

members for having foresight as well, to support and attend the weekend.

As a participant, I attended both sessions and if it weren't for the new pew cushions I honestly believe my ability to sit through some 10 to 12 hours of conference time would have been seriously hampered.

Even Father David touted the cushions during the conference. Therefore, my hat is dipped to Jerri Hoffman, Father David, Vestry members, along with all of the St. David's church members who gave of their time, talent, and treasure to make the cushions happen. Thanks so much for having them there that weekend.



Tidbits of Information...

Diocese directory available now

If you plan to travel around the diocese from church to church, you may want to keep a copy of the Diocese of Western Michigan Booklet in your car.

See Sue in the office during the week from 9:00 a.m.—noon to obtain a copy of this booklet, or leave a message and she will place a copy in your mailbox.

Outreach wishes to thank you

The Outreach Committee wants to thank all those who contributed their time, talents and money to this year's Easter Food Baskets. The food, three large boxes for each family, was distributed on March 19th to 36 local families and two shelters. In all, approximately 140 individuals, were supported by the St. David's family. Thank you and God Bless.

Diocese of Western Michigan announces: Summer Camp 2005



Camp Newaygo will be the setting this year for what promises to be a fun-filled church camp.

The purpose of this camp is to help young people of all backgrounds grow through the application of Christian Principles within the Episcopal Tradition.

Through this we will be able to:

- Experience a Christian community
- Connect with other Episcopalians
- Rejuvenate Faith

The intentional focus will be:

- Modeling Christian behavior
- Revealing Christ to the young people and to each other
- Living out Baptismal Covenant

June 12—18, 2005 Senior Camp
 Grades 9-12* & 2005 high school graduates
 (If people are legal adults, and are high school graduates, and want to be a camper, they will adhere to all the rules of camp.)

August 14—20, 2005 Junior Camp
 Grades 3-8*
 (Many of the activities will separate into at least two groups to have "age appropriate" activities.)

*Grades as of Fall 2005

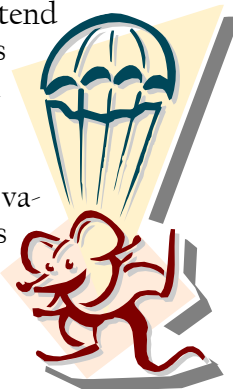
Registration Deadline: \$320 (register and deposit by May 27th) \$360 - \$40 = \$320

For more information—call Gennie Callard at (269) 381-2710 x204 or gcallard@edwm.org. You may pick up a registration form from Father David or the church staff, or you can download a copy at www.edwm.org.

The Church Mouse overheard...

Margaret Leiby has decided to attend Albion College next year. She is unsure of her major but she will play soccer.

Sarah Taber just returned from a vacation in Texas. The weather was simply perfect and she had a nice time visiting with her friends.



Pew cushion update (April 2005)

We still need approximately \$1,007.00 to pay for the pew cushions.

In the Sunday morning bulletin, you will find an envelope for donations. Please be generous.

For more information, please see Jerri Hoffman. Thank you.



Children's Activity Page

Unscramble the following words and find them in the word search on the right.

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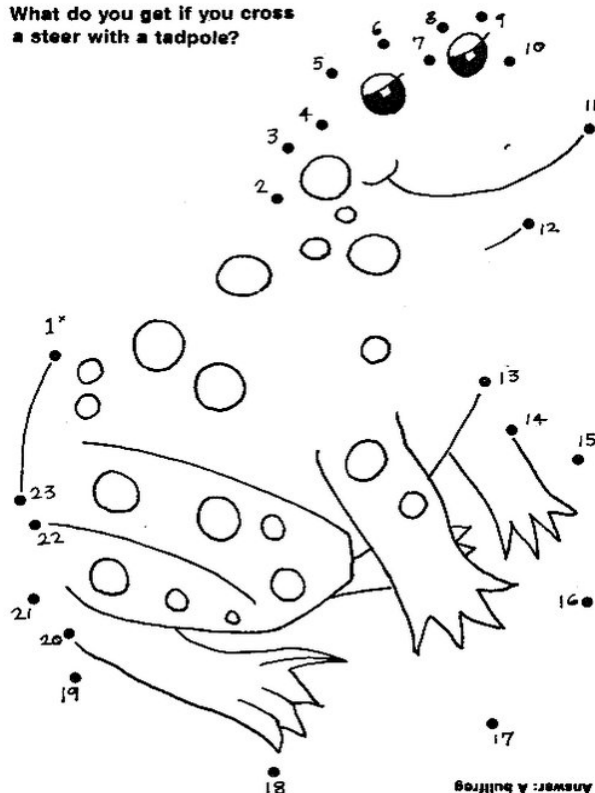
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What do you get when you cross a steer with a tadpole?

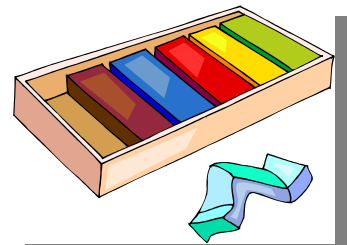
Connect the dots below to find out the answer to the riddle. When you've connected all the dots, you can color the image!

What do you get if you cross
a steer with a tadpole?



Homemade Dryer-Lint Clay

Be sure to get an adult to help you or permission from an adult.



Ingredients:

- 2 cups firmly packed dryer lint
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 6 tablespoons white glue
- 1 tablespoon clear dishwashing liquid
- Food coloring (a couple of drops)

Directions:

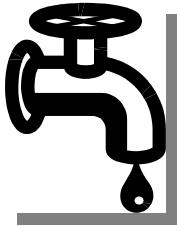
1. Put lint into a mixing bowl.
2. Add the other ingredients.
3. Mix thoroughly. When you can no longer mix; knead with hands until a uniform texture is formed.
4. Shape and model figures with it.

Have Fun!



The Watermen's Corner

Submitted by Jim Thurston



Drip

Drip

Drip...

... goes the faucet and so does the snow as spring approaches. Praise God for our seasonal changes.

April 5th will be a fun night for the Watermen. I hope you men can attend.

Bring a snack and game to round out the evening.

God Bless!

A surprise blessing—in all forms

Submitted by John & Barb Post

When we were cleaning off the tables following the March 10th Senior World gathering we found a prayer written on a placemat, apparently written by a first time attendee.

Our hearts were touched and encouraged. Here is the prayer:

Jesus, I love you so much just as I love everyone here. I thank you for this very special dinner you prepared for all of us in your honor and glory. It was good. Amen.

God truly touched this person, and even though there weren't any other prayers written on place-mats, the smiles and joy written on the faces of our guests caused us to thank Jesus for His love that touches all of us!

Episcopal Church Women notes and thoughts for review...

Submitted by Andrea Flitton

Our annual Secret Pal Party was a great success! Carolyn Jacobs and Jan Volk planned it as a potluck, what fun! Yummy food was enjoyed by all. We decided that the potluck idea was a very good one and will do it again next year!

We had a brief business meeting at the beginning of the party. It was decided to give \$50.00 to the Outreach Committee for the purchase of Easter Candy for the Food Basket Families. Jan was also going to check with Don's cousin about getting other candy for the kids.

We asked for suggestions for some fun social events for ladies, even though we are all very busy, we feel like we need more 'lady time.' One of the suggestions we received was to bring back the Make and Take.

We will be looking into that for the fall. Jan and I also suggested a scrapping day, and that has been scheduled for April 9th, see the 'ad' for more information.

April 24th is the day the church is preparing dinner for the Canterbury group at MSU. This is being coordinated with the Outreach Committee. If you would like to help serve, please let me know. We need to be at All Saint's Episcopal Church in East Lansing by approximately 3:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars—our Annual Garage Sale is scheduled for May 12th and 13th. You may start to bring your items to the church on May 8th and we will need your help sorting and pricing starting on May 9, 2005.

More information to follow in future bulletins.

Congratulations go out to **John & Nan Strickler** who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows during the March 20, 2005 church service.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations go out to **Bob & Glennis Muncie** who celebrated an 'unknown' milestone birthday as well as their wedding anniversary with St. David's on March 20, 2005.



Mark your calendars!!

Saturday, April 9th

St. David's First Annual Spring Scrap Booking Day!!

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

This will be like a Make and Take, because you will be able to take your work home with you.

Bring pictures that you would like to put in an album, and a good pair of scissors.

If you are already a scrapper, bring your supplies, spread out, and have fun!

Age limit: 10 to ??

Bring your girls, granddaughters, nieces, anyone you know would like to learn, or do more of their personal scrapping!

We will have a Creative Memories consultant available to us. She will help those of you who have never 'scrapped' before with simple ideas, and she will have supplies for everyone to purchase.

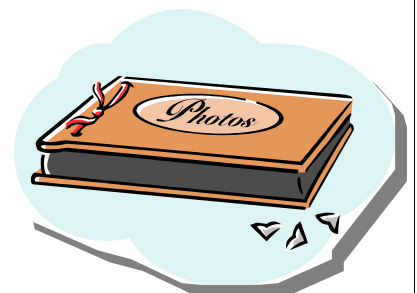
Bring a lunch and we will supply beverages.

Never scrapped before? Come and join us to find out what it is all about!

Sign up sheets will be posted in the hallway by the coat racks.



For more information, please see
Andrea Flitton or Jan Volk.





New Person Committee Meeting

Submitted by Carol Abbott

Welcome

The New Person committee is up and running again. If anyone is interested in participating in making sure new people to our parish feel welcome, please come to our next meeting on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

We will be meeting at St David's in either the multi-purpose room or the library. If you can't make the meeting but are interested please contact Carol Abbott at (517) 627-1325 or leave a note in her mailbox #126.

The next New Person Dinner will be Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. If you are new to St. David's and have not yet been invited, please be sure to let Carol know. We don't want to miss anyone. This will be a great time to get to know each other.

United Thank Offering

Submitted by Gail Donovan

Just a little reminder that the next United Thank Offering Ingathering will be held during the weeks ending April 17 and April 24, 2005.

The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people.

To achieve this mission, UTO encourages daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

You may find empty UTO boxes in the mail room or see Gail Donovan.

Remember to place your loose change and coins in the blue UTO boxes during this time.

For more information on United Thank Offering—please refer to the official website:

www.episcopalchurch.org/uto/ or see Gail Donovan.



April Birthdays

- 1st—Father David Pike
- 1st— Rachel Stanton
- 3rd—Diane Underhill
- 5th—Scottie Lee
- 6th—John Stiles
- 8th—Dick Schmidt
- 8th—Laura Thurston
- 10th—Helen Lee
- 10th—Mark Hosmer
- 12th—Ric Sorrell
- 14th—Shirley Matthews
- 15th—Steve Leiby
- 17th—Amy Mugnolo
- 17th—Dan Paff
- 18th—Dottie Holmes
- 21st—Allyson Shadowens
- 22nd—Jay Leiby



April Birthdays continued:

- 22nd—Neil VanEpps
- 23rd—Joan Kriek
- 24th—Carol Schmidt
- 25th—Pam Hamilton
- 28th—Michael Benoit

April Anniversaries:

- 2nd—Gerry & Pat Puro
- 7th—Bill & Rita Stanton
- 13th—Jeff & Shelly Albert
- 23rd—Edwin & Jeanne Fraas
- 24th—Robert & Christine Gebhard
- 28th—Michael & Allyson Shadowens
- 30th—Jay & Gloria Bastian

Did I miss your birthday or anniversary—if so, please contact the church office to have our records updated!*



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