

# St. David's Good News Letter

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## Holy Week

*Submitted by Father David Pike*

As you receive this Good News, we will have completed our journey through Lent and will now be entering the holiest time of the Christian year. Holy Week begins with joy and happiness as Jesus and his followers triumphantly enter the city of Jerusalem, waving palm branches and crying Hosanna. The Passover meal with close friends, betrayal by one of those close friends, a mockery of a trial, crucifixion at the hands of Roman soldiers, a quick burial and then the Day of Resurrection all occur within an incredibly short span of time.

On Palm Sunday we will gather outside the church proper, hear again the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and wave our own palm branches. We march through the halls of St. David's singing our own hallelujahs.

Liturgically things quiet down for a few days as we move through Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week. It is like the quiet before the storm. We continue to prepare for the journey into and through despair by saying our prayers, reading scripture, and resting in God's care. As always, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday in Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday calls us together as community, just as Jesus did with his closest companions. At 6:00 p.m. we will gather in the Great Hall and eat a meal very much like the Passover celebrated by Jesus and his friends. As we eat the bitter greens, the unleavened bread and the roasted lamb, we listen to the narrative of what each means and why we eat this special food. We eat to remember and to pass that knowledge on to the next generation.

After dinner, we will process into the church where the Passover meal transforms into the Eucharist. We move from earthly banquet tables to God's banquet table and receive a foretaste of the eternal banquet waiting for us. Following the Eucharist, we participate in the solemn stripping of the Altar. As Lent has stripped us of all our masks and reduces us to our basic selves before God, so we must strip the Altar bare and return it to its simplest place where God and man meet. The exclamation point is when the Reserved Sacrament is removed to the Altar of Repose in St. Non's Chapel and the Sanctuary Candle is extinguished. Each year, I am keenly conscious of how "empty" the church feels when the Tabernacle is bare and the candle is extinguished.

After the Stripping of the Altar we begin the Vigil before the Altar of Repose. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this action. We take on the role of the disciples called to wait with Jesus as he prayed in the Garden of Gethesemane. You can make your prayers in St. Non's Chapel before the Reserved Sacrament or you can do it from the comfort and security of your home. As in the past, Francis Jacobs is coordinating a security detail to remain at the church during the night for those who choose to pray at church.

Prayer on Maundy Thursday quietly moves into the solemnity of Good Friday. At noon the community is urged to gather together to hear once more the Passion Narrative and witness the slow painful dying of our Lord upon the cross. Our hearts break and our tears flow as darkness descends upon us. At 7:00 p.m. we take our final walk with Jesus as we walk the way of the Cross.

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***Please note the deadline for the February 2007 newsletter will be April 14, 2007.***

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## Mark your calendars... you're not going to want to miss these

### April 2007:

Sunday, April 1st  
No Sunday school – Spring Break

Sunday, April 8th  
Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 a.m. service.  
No Sunday school—Spring Break

Monday, April 9th  
ECW to host Greater Lansing Church Women United Cheryl Hamrick from the Delta Township Library who will share her personal experiences, "Running the Great Wall of China." This event will begin at 1:00 p.m. A signup sheet is available. If you would like to donate baked goodies, they would be greatly appreciated. For further info, contact Jan Volk, 626-6236 or Andi Flitton 321-2219.

Wednesday, April 11th  
Last day to order your copy of the Revised Common Lectionary/Gospel Book. Following the directive of the General Convention and our Bishop, on the first Sunday in Advent 2006, we began using the Revised Common Lectionary for our Sunday readings. If you would like your own copy the cost is \$35.00. Please make a check payable to St. David's and note on the memo line that it is for a *personal copy of the RCL*. We will place the book in your church mailbox when it arrives.

Thursday, April 12th—Sunday, April 15th  
Men's Cursillo weekend—St. John's in Sturgis, Michigan.

Sunday, April 15th  
Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

Friday, April 20th & Saturday, April 21st  
Diocesan Convention

Sunday, April 22nd  
UTO Ingathering

Thursday, April 26th—Monday, April 30th  
Women's Cursillo weekend at St. John's in Sturgis, Michigan.

Sunday, April 29th  
UTO Ingathering

### May 2007:


The next big event is the annual Garage Sale! Please be saving your clean garage sale items, check with Jan, Father David or myself before you bring in anything, since we have no place to store it! We will toss items that are brought in that are not clean and serviceable, so please save us time and money by tossing them at home.

Friday, May 4th & Saturday, May 5th  
American Sewing Guild Sale

Friday, May 4th—Sunday, May 6th  
Empowering Women—Mackinac Island

Saturday, May 5th  
Lansing Clippers presents Sewing Items & Handcrafts Market—8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Fabric, notions, patterns, trims, etc. will be available along with hand-crafted items. Food is also available for purchase.

Sunday, May 6th  
Garden Party—1:00 p.m.

 Sunday, May 6th  
Teddy Bear Sunday—If you have never participated in this event, we encourage you to do so. Please donate a new stuff animal (with tags attached) to St. David's during either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service. During the 10:30 a.m. service, the children of St. David's will bring the stuffed animals to the altar to be prayed over before they are donated to the Delta Township Fire Department.

Saturday, May 12th  
Grand Ultreya will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the St. John's church in Sturgis, Michigan. Bring a dish to pass and wear your name tag. Bring your songbook and an instrument if you play one!

Thursday, May 17th  
Ascension Day Eucharist will be held at 12:00 p.m.

### June 2007:

Saturday, June 9th  
Father David will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination. An open house party is planned in the afternoon. Invitations with time will be mailed in early May.



## Holy Week (continued from front page)

The bruised, beaten body of Jesus is removed from the cross, placed in the arms of his mother, and then lovingly laid in a borrowed tomb.

Holy Saturday begins and moves quietly through this day of waiting. At sundown, the church community is called to gather for the Great Vigil of Easter. Many people misunderstand this service. Everyone thinks its equal to Easter, but really it is a very different service. We begin outside in the yard and light the new fire of Easter. From that fire the Paschal Candle is lit and we follow the “Light of Christ” into the darkened church.

The first half of the service of Easter is a series of Bible readings, beginning with Genesis and moving through the Prophets, each recounting God’s saving grace towards humankind. Our faith in the salvation of Jesus Christ is made crystal clear with either a baptism or the renewal of our baptismal promises. We hear the promises of salvation, we take part in accepting those promises and then we are invited to

the banquet table. Amidst the cries of “Alleluia, Christ is Risen,” we celebrated the first Eucharist of Easter. Easter morning we again gather, this time in the light of a new day as true children of the Risen Lord.

Each of these services, from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday Eucharist, has a special and very distinct meaning. I encourage each of you to attend as many of these services as you can. Above all, please don’t take the “Religious Express” and go from Palm Sunday directly to Easter morning, skipping everything in between. In going this route, you will cheat yourselves out of the true riches of Holy Week. I hope to see you at many of our services.

May God richly bless and keep you this Holy Week and always.

With deepest affection,

Father David

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## Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 1st—Palm Sunday Processional, no Sunday School

Wednesday, April 4th—No mid-week Lenten program

Thursday, April 5th—Seder Supper/Stripping of the Altar  
8:00 p.m.—begin Altar of Repose  
9:00 p.m.—Rosary Service

Friday, April 6th  
11:30 a.m.—Rosary Service  
12:00 p.m.—Eucharist  
7:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 7th:  
7:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil/First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday, April 8th:  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.—Festival Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt, no Sunday School





## Joshua, the church mouse, overheard....

It appears that Father David and everyone have kept the home fires going while I've been away visiting family. I don't think anyone even noticed that I was gone for a month. It is good to be home and back in my own nest!

Robert & Shirley Bailey have been traveling as well. They had a good time but were missed in the Tuesday morning Bible Study and in the choir. It is great having you back. Diane Brabon and Glynn Warren have started a Home Health Care Business. It is called Trusting Heath Home Health Services and located here on the west side of Saginaw Highway. Kathy Brown is in the process of moving into the nicest little ranch house on the southeast side of town. I will get out her address as soon as I discover what it is. Did you see Larry Byers picture in the paper with John Schneider's article about the flag boxes he his making for every Michigan Veteran who dies in Iraq? The article is posted in the hall across from the coat racks. Keep Ted Cannell in your prayers as he has had a lots of shoulder pain lately. Larry Carey had an unexpected visit from his cousin Don who always brings loads of pop can tabs which we collect and pass on to Sparrow Hospital. Glennis Muncie coordinates that collection so as warmer weather comes, be sure to snap off all of your pop can tabs and put them in the container by the coat racks. Edith Cole took a trip to Florida to visit a friend and rove back to Michigan with her. I hear they had a good time. Gail Donovan and her daughter, Patricia took a trip to St. Thomas and had a great time together. Carey Draeger has a new apartment on Michigan Avenue or is it The Avenue of Michigan? Between this, Logan/Martin Luther King, Grand/Chavez, Abbott/Abbot, Elmwood/Snow—I have a hard time keeping up with what street is called what. Larry Ewing is fully recovered from his shoulder surgery. Bill and Paula had a wonderful cruise and visit with their daughter Teri in Florida. Keep Pat Johnson in your prayers as she has been having some medical troubles. Pray for Cash Kiebler's son Brad who had back surgery and whose fiancée just miscarried. Brad is also Chip Kiebler's nephew. Keep Chip in your prayers as he is facing more surgery on his knee—injured last year in a car/deer accident . Ruby Klanecky's grandson in the nay was home this past month and will soon be stationed at sea again. Keep all our military men and women throughout the world in your prayers. Margaret Leiby spent her Spring Break in Paris. I heard her tell Father David she had a wonderful time. Have you seen how Sidney & Riley Leinbach have grown! I go away for a month and almost don't recognize them when I came back. Sean McLaughlin has recovered fully from his auto accident and now has a new-to-him car. Brian & Courtney Paff will soon be moving to St. Louis where Brian has been accepted into a wonderful medical program. Kristin & Bobby Pfauth have returned from a cruise and trip to the Panama Canal. They are almost as tanned as I am! Please keep Father David and Nancy's nephew Nick Strong in your prayers. Nick is currently deployed in western Afghanistan. John Post and his daughter Mary had a great time visiting Stephanie in the Dominican Republic. Stephanie continues to thank everyone for their prayers and financial support. Dick & Carol Schmidt have been traveling about with their son's basketball team, as well as going north and south. Pauline Solomon is recovering from her surgery and thanks everyone for their cards, notes and prayers. John & Nan Strickler traveled south to be with family in Florida. They did Walt Disney World and the works! Tom & Mary Taylor returned from visiting their son Jimmy, Jenny and their new grandson, David. Jimmy is stationed in North Carolina and has been deployed to Iraq for six months. Prayers for safety are requested. Jim Thurston reports that Jerri Hoffman's granddaughter, Camille, was in a car accident in New Mexico and suffered a severed spine. Please keep Jerri, Camille and her family in your prayers. Clair Turner asks for prayers for Betty Quasida who was our cleaning person five years ago. Betty has been having serious health problems and needs our prayers. Pat Vine is home and continues to need our prayers. She and Russ thank everyone for the prayers, cards, notes, visits, meals, and for being such a blessing. Jaime Williams is slowing getting back to 100% and really appreciates all the prayers that have been said for her. Have a great Easter and from the bushes I will enjoy watching the children's Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. Hope it doesn't snow or rain!



## Income January 1, 2007 to February 28, 2007

January—February

Income:	\$38,664.84
Expense:	\$35,830.14
Difference:	\$ 2,834.70

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### Millennium Development Goals

*Submitted by Father David*

The Millennium Development Goals or the MDG's as they are commonly known, were identified in 2000 by a task force of the United Nations. 191 nations, including the United States, agreed on a plan to cut extreme global poverty in half by 2015.

In June 2006, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church voted to make MDG's a mission priority, urging each diocese, congregation, and parishioner to give 0.7 percent of their income towards this goal by July 7, 2007. Our Diocesan Convention voted to include the MDG's in the current Diocesan budget.

What are MDG's:

Millennium Development Goals work to accomplish the following:

- Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- Achieve Universal Primary Education for Children
- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Create a Global Partnership for Development

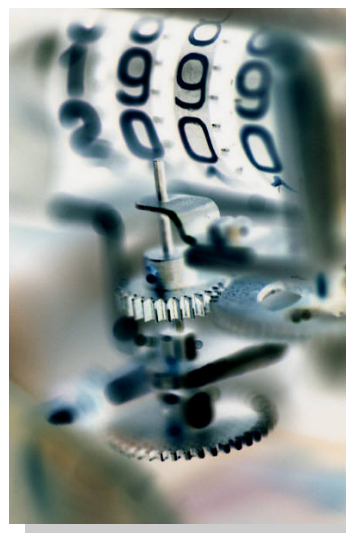
Learn more about MDG's online at the following sites:

ONE Episcopalian Campaign:  
[www.episcopalianchurch.org/ONE](http://www.episcopalianchurch.org/ONE)

Episcopalian Relief and Development  
[www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)

Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation  
[www.e4gr.org](http://www.e4gr.org)

Episcopal Church Public Policy Network  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn)





## Memorial Garden Update

*Submitted by Gail Donovan*

It's not too late to make a pledge for the Memorial Garden renovation. If you would like a pledge card, please notify the church office.

Be sure and check the tree on the Narthex wall to see how we're doing on meeting our goal of at least \$33,000 in pledges. Each leaf represents \$1,000 in pledges. Through March 18th, we were at \$10,550.

## Confirmation Class to be offered for high school students

*Submitted by Father David Pike*

Father David is in the process of putting together a Confirmation Class for high school students 10th grade and up. If you (or your child or grandchild) have not been Confirmed and would like to be, please let Father David know. Classes will start as soon as possible following Spring Break depending on what schedule works best for everyone. Confirmation will take place in April mostly like at St.

David's. Don't forget that he has a class for adults taking place on Wednesday evenings directly after the 6:30 p.m. Eucharist. It is not too late to join the class either in preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church or to simply brush up on something you learned on many years ago. Talk to Father David if you have any questions.

## Easter basket donations sought to make children smile

*Submitted by Mary Stine*



The Outreach Committee is taking on a new project to go along with the Easter food baskets. We are putting together Easter basket items for the children of the families we are helping. Donations of Easter basket items such as: stuffed animals, jump ropes, kites, bubbles, puzzles, coloring books, crayons, yo-yos, candy, etc. can be placed in the box in the Narthex. These items can be found at local dollar stores. Thank you for your generosity and think of all the happy children.

### **Birthdays:**

1st—Father David Pike  
 1st—Rachel Stanton  
 5th—Scottie Lee  
 5th—John Stiles  
 8th—Richard Schmidt  
 8th—Laura Thurston  
 10th—Helen Lee  
 10th—Janice Cunningham  
 10th—Mark Hosmer  
 12th—Ric Sorrell  
 12th—Corina Williams  
 12th—Mary Hill  
 12th—Adrienne Johnson  
 12th—Natalie Williams  
 15th—Steven Leiby  
 17th—Amy Mugnolo  
 17th—Daniel Paff

### **Birthdays (continued):**

18th—Dottie Holmes  
 19th—Christopher Smith  
 20th—Brittany Poirier  
 21st—Allyson Shadowens  
 22nd—Jay Leiby  
 24th—Carol Schmidt  
 24th—Cindy Chapin  
 25th—Pamela Hamilton  
 27th—Stephanie Smithy  
 28th—Michael Benoit  
 29th—Tanya Carpenter

### **Anniversaries:**

2nd—Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Puro  
 7th—Mr. & Mrs. William Stanton  
 11th—Mr. & Mrs. Scott Kriek

### **Anniversaries (continued):**

13th—Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Albert  
 23rd—Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Fraas  
 28th—Mr. & Mrs. Michael Shadowens  
 30th—Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bastian





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## Service & Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.

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## Thank you to the Parish:

Ed and I would like to send our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for their continued prayers in our behalf. We do appreciate your thinking of us during some trying times. I am improving after total knee replacement in September but now have another month of therapy. Hopefully, I will be able to return to church if and when the weather is cooperative and I can drive again. Have surely missed my friends and Father David during this long period. God Bless you all for your thoughts and prayers. Our love, Jeanne Fraas.

**Reminder:** If you are submitting something for an upcoming issue of the Good News Letter—please be sure to E-mail me the item (if possible) to [sarah.a.taber@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.a.taber@gmail.com) by the deadline date for that issue. The deadline date for the next issue can be found on the front cover of each Good News Letter. Please note, I cannot begin working on the newsletter until **all** items are received. If you cannot E-mail me the item, please place it in my mailbox (#162) and give me a call to let me know you've placed an item there.

Thank you! Sarah Taber

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