



ST. DAVID'S

GOOD NEWS LETTER

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Fifty Days

Submitted by Father David Pike

Time is an intriguing thing, if you think about it. We know scientifically that it is made up of so many seconds in a minute, so many minutes in an hour, and so many hours in a day. We know how many hours make up a year and as a society have agreed upon such things as time zones and daylight savings time. As a result of accurate clocks, plane connections are possible; following a specific timed sequence; we can knock down an aging skyscraper with the rubble falling almost perfectly into the basement.

Time in our hearts is a very different story. Minutes can seem like hours, days can feel endless; time to all appearances can seem to stand still. When we dread something, it seems like it happens all too quickly; when we cannot wait for a joyous event, it seems like the time will never pass.

How uneven the passage of time must have felt to the disciples. There was the unimaginably slow agony of Jesus' death. There were the excruciatingly slow fear-filled days prior to Jesus' resurrection. In the blink of an eye, 40 days had passed and Jesus ascended to his rightful place at the right hand of God, there to intercede for us. Now on the 50th day, the promised comforter arrived.

Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples, marks the beginning of the church. It is this empowerment that allows us to carry out the ministry God has created us to do. It is the mark by which we are known as Christians.

In baptism we bring into the Christian community new members. As part of the service we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit the person being baptized will be cleansed of all their sins and be born anew in the risen Christ. After an anointing with holy oil, we proclaim that the newly baptized is sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever, (BCP pg 307 - 308). This individual is now a Christian.

They may live out their lives following their promises and vows. They may wander far a field and even reject Christ as their Lord and Savior. But they cannot "undo" their baptism. This is why we are only baptized once and then have the option of reaffirming our baptismal vows each time we witness a baptism.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit empowered the community of followers of Jesus. This was to fulfill the final promise of Jesus before he ascended. In baptism, each succeeding generation is empowered by the same Holy Spirit. Claim that empowerment, and in faith and without fear carry out the command of Jesus that we go forth and proclaim the Good News and baptize. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ will be with us always.

May God bless and keep you always.

With deepest affection,

Father David

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Please note the deadline for the July 2006 newsletter will be June 15, 2006.

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Changes to the Church Directory- grab your copy and update

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Do you have a change to your mailing address, home number, cell phone number, or e-mail address? Please notify Edie in the church office.

Stephanie Post sends a thank you for her mission trip support

Submitted by John Post

(Note: This 'thank you' was retyped from the submission received. A copy of the original is posted on the church bulletin board.)

To my faithful supporters—

Thank you so much for your generous gift and encouragement towards my mission in the Dominican. I am honored to have you so closely behind me—and I know my Grandma would be

too.
I cannot wait to share stories with you about God's work in the DR!!!

God Bless & Hold You Tightly—

Steph Post

Birthdays:

2nd—Fred Wegener
2nd—Sarah Taber
3rd—Matt Munson
4th—Alyssa Shadowens
6th—John Post
7th—Jeff McNeil
9th—Dick Otto
9th—Kerry Chapin
11th—Virginia Nolen
13th—Harry Grant
14th—Carol Williams

15th—Andrew Pike
16th—Katy Rose Smith
18th—Pat Vine
20th—Alfonso Reynaga
21st—Kay Paff
21st—Jennifer Ryan
26th—Dominique Damico
27th—Carey Draeger
29th—Dylan Lovejoy

Anniversaries:

10th—Tim & Stephanie Cote
14th—Tom & Nancy George
16th—Ken & Lois Klumpp
20th—Brano & Beverly Kasper
21st—Scottie & Helen Lee
24th—Jeff & Nicole Spitzley
25th—Ric & Rhonda Sorrell
30th—Mark & Doris Hosmer
30th—Bobby & Kristin Pfauth



England/Wales Pilgrimage update

Submitted by Father David Pike

The first meeting of those interested in the England / Wales Pilgrimage was well attended and some decisions were made.

As a group we decided to fly to London and then go immediately to Canterbury. At Canterbury we will see the Cathedral, the ruins of St. Augustine's Abbey, and St. Martins. Time will be available to shop, tour and explore the marvelous walled town of Canterbury before we attend Evensong at the Cathedral.

The next day we plan on traveling further south to the port of Dover. There we will tour Dover Castle and the white cliffs of Dover with its World War II military installation.

From Dover we will take a bus to Stonehenge and after a stop there travel the short distance to Bath and Wells. There we will have the opportunity to tour the Roman baths and the Cathedral. The town of Bath is very beautiful and the gardens along the river are stunning. Our time will end with a trip to Tintern Abbey a truly graceful beautiful ruin.

Next we will journey to St. David's, the smallest city in all of Great Britain. (By definition a town cannot be a city unless it has a Cathedral in it.) We will have a pri-

vate tour of the Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace, and then walk the short distance to St. Non's located near the stunning coastline. The rest of the day can be spent walking the coastline, exploring the quaint shops of St. David's, exploring more completely the Cathedral, and once again we will participate in Evensong at the close of the day.

The next two days will be spent exploring the wonderful Welsh countryside visiting Castles, churches and other religious sites. We will enjoy local food, visits to pubs, and the warmth of the local Welsh people.

After our time in Wales we will return to London for a time of touring and exploring the riches of the city. At the end of our trip some of us will return home to Lansing, others will travel to further in England, Scotland, Germany, and France. All in all, it promises to be a most enjoyable time of fellowship and learning.

I have talked to Michael at Illume in Boston and he promises that in three or four weeks he will have an itinerary for us to approve with prices, for the total trip and for just the land package. For those who wish to travel further, Illume is willing to help with setting up the airline tickets.

A little church 'humor' ...

Monday

Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday

Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected though the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday

Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday

Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday

Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others

in need of love.

Saturday

Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday

The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.



Christian Education Update

Submitted by Debbie Cornell



June 4th is Sunday School Recognition Day at the 9:30 a.m. service.

June 10 and 11, 2006, the high school students are going to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.



June 16th—18th, the 6th through 8th grades will be camping at the Ionia State Park. If you have questions, please see Kevin or Debbie Cornell.

July 23 through July 27 is Vacation Bible School. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



The Church Picnic is scheduled for July 23rd at the Grand Woods Park. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

It's not too late to register for Youth Camp in Newaygo!!! Applications are on the bulletin boards.



WANTED

Sponsors and/or Golfers needed to participate in the Siren/Eaton 6th Annual Golf Classic

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2006
Location: Centennial Acres Golf Course
(Sunfield, Michigan)
Time: 8:30 a.m. shotgun start
Cost: \$65.00 per person—\$260.00 per team
(includes cart, food, golf & prizes)

Please return completed form and check payable to:

SIREN/Eaton Shelter
Eaton Classic
P.O. Box 369
Charlotte, Michigan 48813



18 holes—32 teams

Contact: Steve Wilson (The Masters)
Phone: (517) 622-8100

Proceeds go to benefit survivors of domestic violence and homeless families through SIREN/Eaton Shelter.

Registration Form

Team Captain: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Team Member #2: _____

Team Member #3: _____

Team Member #4: _____





Save the date—plans in process for Canterbury MSU's Fall Feast

Submitted by Barb Van Dyke

Plans are in process for CMSU's Fall Feast on Friday, October 20, 2006. Never fear, we are working around home football games and the MSU vs. U of M game is set for October 7th in Ann Arbor.

The ticket prices will remain the same at \$30.00 per person and the location will be at All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing. Chef David Baker will gain prepare a scrumptious meal for the diners.

And a further note for all the folks of St. David's who have generously contributed of your talents for the Silent Auction in previous years, plan to have a next fall's contribution in the past, and would like

to make a baby sweater, a quilt of any size, or a large quilt to use as a raffle item, we will be more than happy to receive the gift of your talent and time.

Any questions, call Barb Van Dyke, who is a member of the CMSU Board, at (517) 699-2366.

Remember CMSU stands for Canterbury Club of Michigan State University.

We are looking for folks who love MSU and want to support the college students at MSU who depend on Canterbury for their spiritual and religious needs while in college.

ECW Update

Submitted by Andi Flitton

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Annual Garage Sale a success!

For those of you that contributed and for those of you that worked—we couldn't have done it without you!

And a big Thank You goes to Carey Draeger for feeding us every day.

Since we didn't have much in the way of big ticket items, we didn't make as much money as we did last year, but we certainly had a lot more clothes, housewares, and a lot of craft projects.

I know that many of you that contributed clothes, etc., need receipts, please leave a note in my mailbox, #72, and we will get them to you as soon as we can.

Mark your calendars!

Plan to join us for an Overnight Scrapping Event! It will begin on Friday, June 23rd after 3:00 p.m., and end sometime Saturday!

There will be a fee for pizza Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning.

Stay overnight if you want, bring a sleeping bag, or a cot, or whatever you have to sleep on, or go home anytime you want and come back in the morning!

Look for a sign-up sheet and more information coming soon!

Reminder: The next Cursillo weekend will be held June 22nd—June 25th at Grace Episcopal Church in Holland, Michigan. For more information, please see Kerry Chapin, Kay Paff, or Father David.

Cursillo is a movement within the Church intended to help Christians know God's love and grace and to help these same Christians discover and live out their personal vocations in the world.



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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.

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Pancake Supper Update

With the smell of pancakes, syrup, and sausage still on my breath and on my clothes, I wish to thank each of you that donated and attended St. David's annual Pancake Supper. You made it successful and I hope each of you plan to attend next year. Thanks so much for all the volunteers and the hard work you gave to make this once again, a wonderful prelude to Lent.

Blessings to all.
- Jim Thurston

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