



ST. DAVID'S

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KIDS HOPE USA seeking volunteers

Submitted by Father David

A couple of weeks ago, Ms. Gloria Gonzales, principal of Elmwood Elementary School asked if I would be willing to attend a meeting at the Waverly Administration Building to see if St. David's might be willing to participate in a program to help children in need.

The name of the program is KIDS HOPE USA. This program began right here in Michigan and currently is spreading across the nation. The premise is quite simple. It is asking for members of St. David's to commit to one hour, once a week for one child at Elmwood School. The child may need help with reading, or math, or someone to do art with, or simply just a little TLC. Each child's need is different but the commitment is the same, one child, one hour, once a week for the school year.

I am very impressed with this program and talked at length with Bob Potter, a fellow Rotarian, who is very active in this program. It already is in place at Wynans Elementary on Michigan Avenue and in the fall will begin at Colt (with leadership from St. Gerard's), Windermeer View (with leadership from Willow Community Church), and Elmwood (with St. David's).

The Vestry is very supportive of this project and sees it as a way of continuing our Outreach to the surrounding neighborhood. Shortly, we will take on a part-time coordinator who will be

fully trained in the program and then carry out the training here at St. David's. The small stipend paid this person, will come from Outreach Funds. This person will be considered a staff person, report directly to Father David and together we will work at integrating this program into the vision of St. David's. Start-up of the program will be October 2005.

If you are interested in being a mentor and are committed to one hour each week during the school year (there are no meetings during holidays and school breaks) or might be interested in the coordinator's position, please pray about it and let me know.

The three-day training session will take place in July in Grand Rapids with all costs covered. If you have any questions, please see Father David or e-mail him and he will respond as quickly as possible.

If he does not know the answer, he will find it. There is a short DVD that will be shown between services and after Coffee Hour on May 8th with all kinds of information about KIDS HOPE USA.



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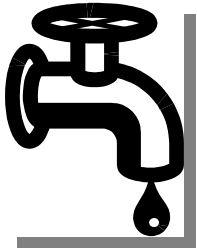
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Do you have a suggestion for a future Good News Letter article—e-mail Sarah Taber at sarah.a.taber@gmail.com



The Watermen's Corner

Submitted by *Jim Thurston*



In celebration of Mother's Day, May 8th, the Watermen will be handing out a lovely flower to each beautiful lady who attends church that day.

The only qualification for receiving a flower is that you must attend either service and be female. Sorry guys, you don't qualify!

In June we will be hosting a Men/Boys corporate breakfast at a local restaurant.

Remember the Job Jar:

The Job Jar is a communication request for church members to let the Watermen know of potential items they need to have done for them. See Jim Thurston for more details!



ECW: Scrapbooking Day Report

Submitted by *Andi Flitton*

We had a lot of fun on April 9th during the first annual Spring Scrapbooking Day.

Be sure to mark your calendars for September 17, 2005 for the first annual Fall Scrapbooking Day!

Patty Jablonski, was our Creative Memories consultant for the day. Abby Leinbach and Stephanie Cote' were new to scrapbooking, but you would never know it by the work they did, Megan and Maddie Cote' and their friend had a good time with their scrapbooks, and did an excellent job!

Carol Leigh was working on a couple beautiful albums. Norma Bunday, Carrie Severson, Joan Kriek, Jan Volk and I all had a lot of planning to do on our projects, Carrie's was coming along very well!

We hope you can join us in the fall.

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

Questions can also be directed to
to Debbie Cornell!

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.



Joshua—the Church Mouse Overheard



I had a wonderful little vacation, but now I am back and finally it is getting warmer and beginning to look like spring outside. Things have been busy around the church it looks like. Already stuff is coming in for the huge ECW Garage Sale. I am going to be quite busy checking everything out as it comes in! Here is what I have discovered since I returned. **Bob Bailey** continues to recover from Shingles. **Jay and Gloria Bastian** have returned from a winter stay in Texas. (Their normal place in Gulf Shores was destroyed by the hurricane last fall). **Eleanor Bishop** is back from time in the south with family. **Lee and Pearl Brooks** are also home from the southwest. **Kathy Brown** is recovering from a broken arm. **Clarence Burgess** is home and getting stronger after a brief stay in the hospital as a result of a fall in the basement. **Jim, Mary Jane and Daniel Buzzie** spent a week in Florida visiting family and son **Andrew**, who is doing quite well. **Dave and Janie Byers** have traveled so much I am not sure where they have been! **Larry Byers** has been traveling as well to Williamsburg, Savannah, and that part of the Atlantic Seaboard. **Edith Cole** has the prize for the farthest travel as she joined **Chris, Beth and the children** for 10 days in England. She says she had a wonderful time. **Gail Donovan** enjoyed a trip out to the West Coast for both work and pleasure and is glad to be home working in her garden. **Carey Draeger** has moved. Her new address is 1126 1/2 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing 48915. I am told she has a really nice bright apartment. **Dr. Tim Flynn** lost his sister-in-law in mid-April. Thanks to **Edie Nordlund** who filled in for him the Sunday he was gone. **Tom George** retired from GM May 1st. **He and Nancy** will be moving to Montague shortly and will be missed greatly. **Fay Gilman** had a heart attack but is home recovering. **Amy Hackney** died and was buried in the Memorial Garden. **Dick and Norma Hammond** have returned from a cool winter in Florida and will be busy this spring putting in their new lawn. **Bill and Paula Hawes** took a trip to Florida to see their daughter Terri and to take a cruise. They had a good time so I am told. **Jerri Hoffman** has been in pain with bursitis and hopefully the doctors will be able to help with the pain. **Nancy Howard** is back on both feet now and wearing shoes that match. **Patrick Jacobs** won the Most Improved Player on the Grand



Ledge Bowling Team as well as an award for the Capital Area Activities Conference and the All-Area Team in the Lansing State Journal. He had the highest game of 270. Way to go **Patrick!** **Brano and Beverly Kasper** are expecting their first child and **Grandma Jan and Grandpa Don Volk** are thrilled as well. Keep **Diane Kent** in your prayers as she deals with serious health issues. **Harold Koorndyke** fell and broke his hip. He is recovering at the Masons Home in Alma. **Joan Kriek** is recovering from surgery. Her daughter **Kay** is still struggling with cancer. **Helen Lee** is recovering from a hip replacement and unhappy that she cannot work in her garden this spring! **Steve, Maria, and Margaret Leiby** spent time visiting Jay in Germany and had a good trip. The wildfire that swept up the Lake Michigan Coast did damage to **Dick and Lorayne Otto's** cottage. The damage was not extensive and repairs will soon be underway. Keep **Harold Payne** in your prayers as he deals with the death of **Betty**. Her Memorial Service will be Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. here at St. David's. **Kristin Pfauth** has a new job with a Swedish firm with offices in Kalamazoo. **Nancy Pike and Kristin Pfauth** hosted a very nice shower for **Brian Paff and Courtney Cook**. The food was excellent and there were many wonderful gifts. **John and Barb Post** made a trip out east to be with their daughter, **Mary**, as she had to have hip surgery again. **Dick and Carol Schmidt** took a trip to Chicago to visit with family and had a good time. **Father Jerry Smith** continues to struggle with health problems and needs your prayers. I would go keep him company but he has a huge "guard cat" and so I'll just keep my distance. **Pauline Solomon** is almost recovered from her bout of Shingles. **Rachel Stanton** gave **Jennifer Pike** a very nice wedding shower with lots of people present, lots of food and many wonderful gifts. **Rita Stanton** is home from a visit to the desert southwest with her sister and mom. **John and Nan Strickler** are home after a cruise John won playing bingo on an earlier cruise. **Leo and Meda Thrall** continue to get ready to move north when the weather is better. They want to be closer to family. **Pat Vine** had a small heart attack while visiting friends in Traverse City. She spent a week in Munson Hospital but is home now. **Beverly Jean Ware** has moved to Friendship Village and likes her new apartment very much.



The Blessing that is St. David's

Submitted by Carolyn Jacobs

I find that I take St. David's for granted because I have been there for about 15 years; however, I should know better because I came from a parish that was about as far from St. David's as you can get in terms of spirituality and prayer life. I ran into an experience recently that reminded me how wonderful St. David's really is.

My mother has been under the weather, and I decided that I needed to contact her church and arrange for a visitation for her. She had missed about three Sundays so I was sure that her small parish would have wondered what happened to her. I immediately thought I could find the rector in the phone book but was extremely surprised to find that his number was unlisted. I was in disbelief but wasn't ready to give up yet.

I tried several parish members but couldn't find anyone at home. I then decided to call the church office number and, fortunately, the recording gave the senior warden's name. I then decided to contact the senior warden, and did I get a shock. Not only did I feel like he had no idea who my mother was (pretty hard after going to a church for 44 years), but I felt like I was putting him out. He told me he would pass on the information to the rector so, obviously, he had his number but wasn't about to give it to me.

I felt my irritation building to a pitch and probably didn't come across as I should have with him. I found I was pointing out how I expected a parish to behave under these circumstances. I'm sure he felt I was temporarily off my rocker. To top it off, it has

been a week since then, and my mother still hasn't received a call or a visit. As my mom points out to me on a regular basis, we can't all have rectors like Father David. That is a true statement if I ever heard one.

Lest we ever forgot what a gem we have in St. David's, most parishes don't work the way we do. I was told that it isn't uncommon for rectors to defer to senior wardens to take over, and there are rectors who do have unlisted numbers. I came away feeling that if you didn't get what you needed between 10:00 a.m. and noon on a Sunday at church, you weren't going to get it at all from the church that I contacted.

St. David's has a rich community life all during the week. We have wonderful outreach programs for people outside of our parish, but many of the programs that we have are for our parish to enjoy. We have a rector who is always willing to listen when we need him and care for us, and we have a community of parishioners who genuinely love each other and, for the most part, are willing to care and nurture the parish as a whole. We are most definitely not in the majority; we are a very small minority. I would encourage each and every one of us who belongs to St. David's to say a prayer of thanks every day for the blessings that we each receive on a regular basis. Our church is more like a home where we can all come for nurturing than only a Sunday morning church service.

Blessings to each and every one of you.

EDWM directory now available

Are you planning on taking a vacation in Michigan this summer? Did you know that you can receive a listing of all the churches in our diocese?



Please stop by the church office and see Sue or contact her between 9:00 a.m. and noon to obtain a copy of this booklet. You may also request her to leave it in your mailbox.



Mark your calendars!!

The St. David's Annual Garage sale is scheduled for May 12th and 13th.

You may start to bring your items to the church on May 8th. ECW will need your help with sorting and pricing items beginning on May 9th.

All items must be dropped off to St. David's no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, May 11th.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, May 12th and Friday, May 13th to help with crowd control. Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and we will be closing at 3:00 p.m.

We will also need help on Friday, May 13th packing up all of the items that did not sell, and help taking down tables.

Please do not bring items that we will be throwing away because they are torn, soiled or broken. If you have cookware that is Teflon lined and is peeling, please toss it!

Please see Andrea Flitton or Jan Volk for more information!



Kids-4-Christ/Cans-4-Kids wishes to thank St. David's Parish members

Submitted by Kevin Cornell

Dear St. David's,

We would like to thank everyone for your help with the Kids-4-Christ/Cans-4-Kids fundraiser and for making possible the "Winter Retreat of 2005."

We all got to know each other better over the weekend with good Christian Fellowship and Bible study, and also had lots of fun and excitement including, tubing at the Gaylord Ski Lodge, riding a toboggan behind the quad runner on Houghton Lake, sharing hot dogs and S'mores around a roaring campfire and just chillin' out in the neat log cabins at Houghton Lake.

All this was a great experience I'm sure the kids will remember for some time. All this, we give thanks to

you, the giving hearts of so many people who recognize the importance of our Church Youth. Over all we collected some 4,000 cans and bottles and some \$200 in cash donations.

With your blessing we would like to keep the Cans-4-Kids project going throughout the year in order to provide next year's class with a similar positive experience.

Your Friends in Christ,

Mr. C. and all the students in grades 6th-8th Christian Education.

Look for the "Cans-4-Kids" collection barrel located in the Great Hall.



A Note of Thanks to the St. David's Family

Submitted by the Buzzie Family

On behalf of Mary Hill, please accept our thanks for your prayers, cards, letters, telephone calls and visits to Mom during her rehabilitation at Burcham Hills.

Mom is especially grateful to Father David and the Eucharistic Lay Ministers who faithfully brought communion and ministered to her during her stay.

She was discharged from in-patient rehabilitation on April 21st and will continue transitional therapy at her new home, Delta Sterling House Assisted Living (Alterra, behind Horrock's on the West Side).

Her address and telephone number are:

Mary Hill
7323 Delta Commerce Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48917
Phone 517-323-6263.

Mom looks forward to returning to St. David's soon. God's Blessings to you all, and thanks again!

- Mary Hill and the Buzzie Family

Christian Education News Update

Submitted by Debbie Cornell

The **Kids-4-Christ Car Wash** will be held Sunday, May 22nd, in the church parking lot. Tickets are available following the 10:30 a.m. service or you may purchase your ticket the day of the event. Tickets are just a \$5.00 donation.

Recognition Sunday will be held on June 5th at the 9:30 a.m. service. This will be the last day of Sunday School for the summer. All Christian Education students will be receiving certificates at the time of announcements. Following the church service, we will be celebrating in the Great Hall. Please mark your calendar of this important event, you won't want to miss it.

VBS is well under way!!! The teachers are all excited about this year's theme "Serengeti Trek." It is sort of like the TV show "Survivor." We are looking for volunteers to help with the crafts, games and need storytellers!! VBS is Sunday, July 24th through Thursday, July 28th.

See Debbie Cornell for details.

May Birthdays

- 1st—Mark McNeil
- 1st—Jessica Menold
- 1st—Colleen Hill
- 1st—Madison Cote
- 2nd—Edwin Fraas
- 3rd—Jason Chapin
- 5th—Judith Grant
- 6th—Lore Tuttle
- 6th—John Strickler
- 6th—Janie Byers
- 8th—Amber Matthews
- 9th—Anna Marie Lipka
- 11th—Jennifer Pike
- 12th—Tim Cote
- 12th—Jim Tolsma
- 12th—Rhonda Sorrell
- 13th—Louise Henley
- 13th—Tami Varricchio
- 14th—Rachel Stanton
- 14th—Jaime Williams
- 15th—Samantha Stanton

- 23rd—Dennis McGinnis
- 23rd—Barbara Galvin
- 23rd—Steven Leigh



- 23rd—Jeff Spitzley
- 24th—Jim Swift
- 25th—Gage Williams
- 25th—Christian Zawadzinski
- 26th—Patricia Puro
- 26th—Sarah Sorrell

May Birthdays continued:

- 26th—Kristin Damico
- 28th—Eric Bastian
- 28th—Nancy Pike
- 28th—Randyll Shook
- 29th—Dan Buzzie
- 30th—Ron Schavey
- 31st—Eleanor Robinson
- 31st—Jim Combs
- 31st—Debbie Cornell

May Anniversaries:

- 1st—Dick & Norma Hammond
- 4th—Robert & Karen Oleson
- 12th—Leo & Meda Thrall
- 16th—Jim & Rhoda Swift
- 18th—Aaron & Sharon Phipps
- 21st—Faris & Carlene Howrani
- 22nd—David & Heather McGinnis
- 27th—Father David & Nancy Pike

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



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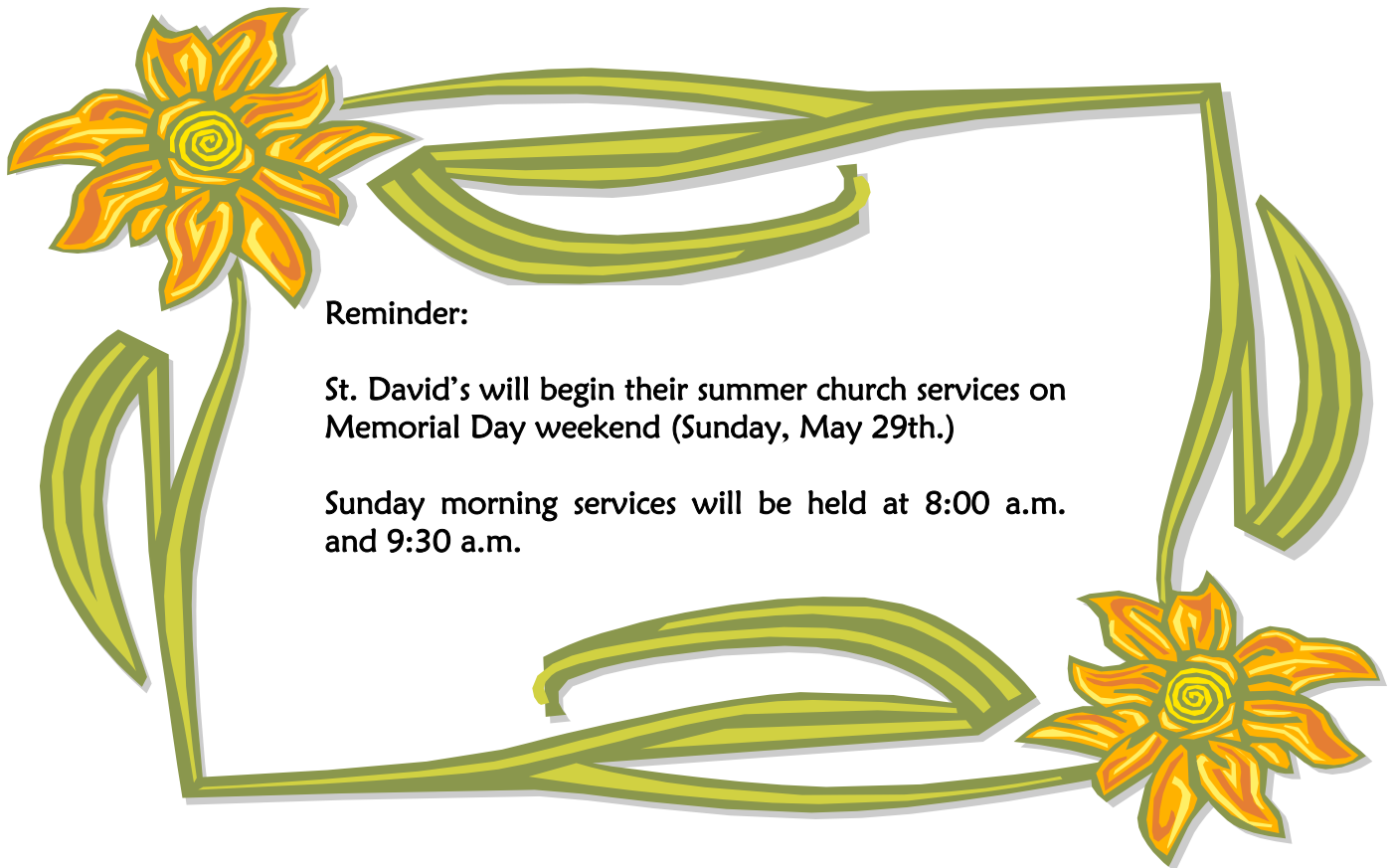
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The St. David's Good News Letter strives to provide accurate and fair reporting. It is our policy to correct errors of fact. If you think we may have published incorrect information, please call or e-mail Sarah Taber, Good News Letter Editor.

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Reminder:

St. David's will begin their summer church services on Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 29th.)

Sunday morning services will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.