

# ST. DAVID'S

## GOOD NEWS LETTER

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### Hymn 291— O' thank the Lord for all his love

*Submitted by Father David*

*We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

*We thank thee, then O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:  
the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,  
but chiefly thou desirest our humble thankful hearts.*

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above:  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

*Word: Matthias Claudius, translated by Jane Montgomery  
Campbell*

*Music: Wir pflugen, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz*

The above hymn is one of my favorites, one I think of often in the autumn season. After almost 40 years I still delight in the colors, smells, tastes, and delights of autumn. Just today, gray as it was, I stood in the front yard of the Rectory and took great delight in the stunning red maple in front of the house. Earlier in the week when it was sunny, the yellow maple in the backyard dropped leaves, creating an incredible golden yellow sun-filled cascade of motion. For me, it is impossible not to praise God and give thanks to him for the beauty of the season.

The above hymn is a good reminder of how truly blessed we are by God. Yes, we work and plant the seed, but it is God who created the perfect environment to cause the mystery of growth. In the beginning God set in order the seasons: a time to plant, a time to wait, a time to tend, a time to harvest, all for our benefit.

God has blessed us with intelligence to be good stewards of the land and to store up for the long barren winter season. Farmers throughout the land are busy right now

bringing in the harvest that will sustain us for months to come.

It is easy to look around us and see others more fortunate than we are. People have better jobs, newer cars, bigger houses, more wonderful vacations, and finer clothes. But if we take a moment and evaluate what we need for a truly happy and healthy life, we will discover that all of us have more than enough. God has blessed us all abundantly. Just think for a moment of how the rest of the world lives and you will realize how true this statement is.

In this season of rich abundance, in the richest land in the world, begin by taking a few minutes to evaluate the blessings God has bestowed upon you. Look beyond the material wealth that surrounds us and focus on the intangible blessings with which we are covered. After a few minutes of reflection, with truly grateful hearts, give thanks to God for all those blessings. Move on from the intangible to the tangible and examine the possession we have. Do we have too many possessions? Do our possessions, possess us? Do we have something that someone else needs more than we do? Do we have closets, attics, basements filled with things that we no longer need or use, but which others need and could use?

It is hard to part with things. Some we have worked hard to get. Some were gifts, which hold huge emotional attachment; some we simply don't have the energy to part with. Do we have "things" that were once blessings, but are now simply possessions?

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*Please note the  
deadline for the  
December 2006  
newsletter will be  
November 15, 2006.*

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*HYMN, continued from front page*

See how God has blessed you. Now discover how you can be a blessing to others. I know, for me, the greatest blessings I have are not the physical items located at 1707 Sagebrush or 1519 Elmwood. My greatest blessings are a Lord who loves me “warts and all,” a loving, faithful wife who is ever at my side, wonderful loving children, family, friends, and this parish. These are wonderful rich blessings, which make me thankful to the God who provides

them all.

May God continue to richly bless you, and may you see your blessings with new eyes.

With deepest affection and blessings.

Father David

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## Directory Updates—please make changes as needed

Neil & Jennifer Cronkite  
Area code should be (269)

Craig & Abby Leinbach  
Daughter’s name should be Sydney

Mr. & Mrs. Jones  
Son Casey Jones, DOB August 24th

Dick & Lorayne Otto  
Arizona address should be used from January 1st through April 15th

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## Upcoming Events—please mark your calendar

### Operation Christmas Child

Once again we have the opportunity to brighten Christmas for a child in need. We will be filling shoeboxes for the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child. These shoes boxes are distributed to children in many countries such as Uganda, El Salvador, Kosovo and the United States. Operation Christmas Child is an easy missions project that every member and family can participate in by bringing a gift-filled shoebox to church by November 12, 2006. Details are in the OCC brochure that has been given out and is available on the table in the Narthex. If you have extra shoe boxes please bring them to church early so others may use them for their gift. Any questions – ask Carol Abbott.

### St. Nicholas Day Bazaar

When: Friday, December 1, 2006 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,  
Saturday, December 2, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. David’s Episcopal Church  
1519 Elmwood Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917  
(½ mile north of the Lansing Mall)

Beautiful hand turned wooden bowls, lovely handcrafted jewelry, photography, candles and much, much more!

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Outreach Committee is starting to plan for the church’s annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets. This year we will be buying food for 50 needy families. On average we spend about \$75 for each family and provide enough food for a week.

There are two ways you can help:

1. Donations—Please use the Food Basket envelopes in your Sunday Bulletin for your donation. If you write a check, please write “Food Baskets” in the memo line.
2. Packing and Distributing Food Baskets—Due to a scheduling conflict, packing and distributing will occur on **Wednesday, November 15, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.** All are welcome. We need people to pack and deliver food baskets.

Thank you, in advance, for giving generously of your time and money so that we can extend God’s love to these families.

**NOTE:** Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled on December 14, 15 and 16.



## An E-mail from Steph Post (retyped from E-mails received)

*Amigos y Familia,*

*With my job comes an immense amount of treasureable moments. I am working with kids, all the time. My job is to love kids and to show them how much Jesus loves them. How can there not be precious moments in this life?*

*I have been working with kids at Santiago Christian School since I arrived here in May. I've had to remind myself, although things are going great with kids, that significant relationships take time to build. And this is what I have been working for since I arrived.*

*As well as doing Young Life, I have also been coaching the girls' soccer team. This has been a great way for me to meet kids, like Natasha.*

*The other day, after soccer practice, I noticed that she was still following me around in a way. She walked me to my car and then said, "Miss! Let's drive around the parking lot!" I laughed at first, and it took me a minute to remember what it's like to be 15 and excited about people that can drive. So, we got in my car, she controlled the radio, and we drove in circle around the parking lot of the school. Many people would not consider something like this part of their work day, but for me, this was the most important and most treasured moment of my day. After several laps and several songs on the radio, we parked my car and had quality time just to talk and to be silly. We watched the boys' soccer team practice and talked about siblings, life, her friend losing her mom, what she liked to do, etc. This is what I am here to do, and I thank God for that everyday. The best part of this afternoon was when she looked at me and said, "You know Miss? You're really cool. We should go to the Plaza sometime." I am here*

*to walk in the lives of these kids, and Natasha has invited me into hers.*

*I am reaching the point with several girls now that I would say we are on our way to building strong, significant relationships. Last night, as kids came into the Club House for club, I realized that I was beaming with excitement to see them. All the hard work of planning, organizing, meetings, etc. pays off when girls like Natasha and Nyline come running up to you yelling, "Ahh! You're here!" This is why I am here, and this is why I am at home in Santiago, DR in the middle of God's will.*

*I have attached a photo of some of our 50ish kids from Santiago Christian School (photograph would not attach to newsletter) that have been attending Young Life clubs. We kicked off the school year with a "Progressive Dinner Party." We all hopped in vehicles and traveled around the city eating courses of a meal at different leaders' houses. It was a major success.*

*Please pray for me specifically:*

- *As I am beginning to start a twice a month small group with freshman and sophomore girls.*
- *As we are planning and preparing for our Outreach Camp in November.*
- *As I coach soccer, that this continues to be valuable window into the lives of our kids.*
- *My budget, that it remains stable for the next fiscal year beginning in October.*

*Thank you so very much for all of your continued encouragement, support, prayers.*

*To donate, send a check made out to Young*

*Life with X386 POST on the memo line to:*

*Young Life Income Processing  
PO Box 2920  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901*

*Or go online to: [www.younglife.org](http://www.younglife.org)—click on Giving, specify Post X386*

*Love,*

*Steph Post*

*Hey friends!*

*As most of you already know, we are taking our kids from Santiago Christian School to camp November 10-12. I am SUPER excited for this weekend, as well as the kids. We also have three people coming from the States to help with the program. And the singer/songwriter TJ McCloud (look him up on iTunes) is coming to be our speaker. Woo!*

*What I wanted to let you guys in on is a great opportunity to be a huge help! Camp costs around \$40 for each kid. For most kids, money is the biggest issue for getting kids into camp. So we are searching out individuals to support kids to go to camp. Please E-mail me and let me know if you are interested in helping in this way. It would be HUGE and SUCH a blessing to be able to pay for kids to come with us to camp.*

*Also, please just pray, pray, pray for our camp!*

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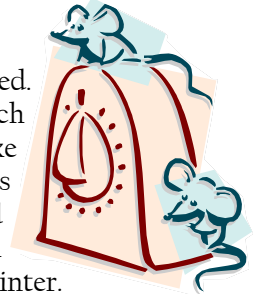


## Joshua, the church mouse, overheard

David Bell continues to recover from his surgery and is back at the 8:00 a.m. service. Steve and Toni Bolin have moved and their new address is in the Fall 2006 Parish Directory. If you haven't picked up a new directory they are in the mailroom or available from the Parish Office. Kathy Brown made the cutest little painted pumpkins as favors for the Senior World Luncheon. Our guests enjoyed them very much. Nancy Burns and her team of gardeners have been busy getting the church gardens ready for winter. They even planted bulbs in Fr. David's Alley. Debbie and Kevin Cornell have bought a new home and the address will be corrected in a future newsletter. Dick and Fran Homer are home from a trip south to visit family. Carey Draeger, her daughter Adrienne and grandson Koby are almost settled in their new home in DeWitt. Their new address is also in the new directory. Mike Johnson continues to recover from his surgery. Keep Ken and Lois Klumpp in your prayers that their house might sell quickly. Thanks to them as well for building the swell shelves in the Youth Room closet. Soon there will be all kinds of stuff on them for me to hide in! Thanks to Gail Donovan, Carolyn Jacobs, Bob Muncie, Barb VanDyke and Father David's who represented St. David's at the Annual Diocesan Convention in Kalamazoo. Francis Jacobs was present as our Alternate. Keep Patrick Lynaugh in your prayers as a good friend of his died this past month. Bob and Glen-nis Muncie were present at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Michael's and All Angels, which they helped establish. Dave Byers, Edie Nordlund, and Nancy Pike worked on the latest Cursillo Weekend.



From the parish Karen Burt attended. Gini Orcutt has a new house much closer to the church and I will make sure Edie gets the address out as soon as it is available. Harold Payne is off visiting family and will soon be on his way south for the winter. Already the snowbirds are leaving! A group from St. David's attended the Order of St. Luke Conference in Dayton Ohio. I know John Post, Lorayne Otto and Betty Jean Frost went, but don't know if there were others. Father David wants everyone to know that soon we will be participating in KidsHopeUSA and that Patricia Purol is the coordinator for St. David's. If you want to help mentor a student from Elmwood School one day a week for one hour, see Father David or Patricia Purol. Keep Father Jerry in your prayers as he still is having health problems and the worst time of the year for him is just around the corner. Gennie Strang has been in the hospital and I know would appreciate prayers and maybe even a card or a note. Her address is in the directory. Lore Tuttle has moved into Delta Retirement Center and is nicely settled. Her new address is already in the new directory. Don't forget to help put together the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and help deliver them. See Jerry Williams, Nancy Howard or Pat Vine for more information. On behalf of the poor in Lansing, thanks for those who walked and those who supported the CROP walk. Maria Leiby should have a total for my next article. I'm off to gather some grass seeds from the back lot to eat later in the winter. See you next month.



## Senior World program off to a good start

*Submitted by John Post*

The St. David's Senior World Luncheon program got off to a wonderful start on a snowy Thursday in October. Despite the bad weather, 57 persons attended, including 18 from St. David's. Some of those who helped to make our program a success were Kathy Brown who prepared miniature "pumpkins" as favors, Nancy Burns who provided flowers for the tables, Edie Nordlund who played the piano for the singing, and Dan Durbin and Bob Muncie who assisted the handicapped off the buses and into the church. Pearl Brooks and her crew of Gloria Bastian, Carey Drager, Nancy Burns, and others worked in the kitchen. The program was led by Father David who gave an interesting and inspiring talk about some of the lesser known women of the Bible and their faithful roles.

The next Senior World luncheon program will be held at St. David's on Thursday, November 9th at 11:15 a.m. Lorayne Otto will be presenting an entertaining program that you will not want to miss! Come and learn about Swabedoodahs from Swabedoo. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the program. Let Lore Tuttle know you are coming (517) 321-2469, bring a dish to pass, and enjoy the fellowship with our guests from Lansing Manor, Serenity Place, Sterling House, and other locations. If you have questions, please see Father David or John Post.

*If you think dogs can't count, try putting three biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. - Phil Pastoret*



## Christian Education—Calendar for the upcoming school year

*Submitted by Debbie Cornell*

November 5, 2006—High school “Spaghetti Dinner” after the 10:30 a.m. service Tickets are \$5.00 per person. You don’t want to miss out on their delicious super spaghetti dinner!

November 12, 2006—Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

December 10, 2006—Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

December 17, 2006—Children’s Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. service

December 24 and December 31, 2006—No Sunday school

January 7, 2007—Sunday school resumes

January 14, 2007—Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

January 19, 2007—Nursery through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

February 11, 2007—Youth Sunday  
Kindergarten and Grades 3-5<sup>th</sup> will be host/hostess for coffee hour and clean up. Please bring a dish to pass of your favorite dessert, veggies or fruit. Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

February 17-18, 2007—Middle school class “Winter Retreat”

February 23-25, 2007—High school class “Winter Retreat”

March 11, 2007—Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

March 16, 2007—Nursery through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 25, 2007—High School Brunch after the 10:30 a.m. service

April 1 and April 8, 2007 – No Sunday school – Spring Break

April 8, 2007—Easter Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 a.m. service

April 15, 2007—Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

May 6, 2007—Youth Sunday and Teddy Bear Sunday- Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and high school will be host/hostess for coffee hour and clean up. Please bring a dish to pass of your favorite dessert, veggies or fruit.

May 18, 2007—Nursery through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 20, 2007—Student’s Car Wash  
Teacher’s Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

June 3, 2007—Sunday school recognition and Church Picnic

June 10 through June 14, 2007—Vacation Bible School

June 16-17, 2007—High school class “Cedar Point Trip”

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## Crop Walk—a huge success!

*Submitted by Maria Leiby*

The weather was perfect. All of St. David’s walkers enjoyed being out in a sunny, warm afternoon. It was a good memory to have later in the week when everything went cold and white! Eight walkers, plus Emerson Williams along for the ride, went the whole 10k distance. We’ll have a final total on the amount raise to help our neighbors in Lansing and around the world for the newsletter.

Thank you all for your support.



## The Cookie Walk is back

Submitted by Glennis Muncie



The ECW Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 17th after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We need small and medium size coffee cans or something similar. We will decorate the cans on Monday evening, December 11th.

We also need lots of small homemade baked cookies. Bring them on December 17th to the Great Hall before the 10:30 a.m. service.

We will sell the cans for \$3.00 and \$6.00 and you can fill the cans with cookies of our choice. Thanks in advance for your donations and for participating in our Cookie Walk.

Any questions, please contact Glennis Muncie or Andi Flitton.

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries...

### Birthdays:

3rd—Connie Fisher  
 7th—Jeanne Fraas  
 8th—Jon Jackinchuk  
 8th—Abby Leinbach  
 9th—Todd Poirier  
 9th—Kelly Zaske  
 10th—Alexa Brewer  
 10th—Laura McNeil  
 11th—Robert Nostrant

12th—Jarred Brabon  
 12th—David Sonnenberg  
 12th—Walter Reynolds, Jr.  
 14th—Michael Shadowens  
 14th—Gary Mugnolo  
 14th—Zoe Beckett  
 15th—Blake Stamper  
 16th—Charlene Sherman  
 18th—Margaret Jones  
 19th—Kari Hartwick

19th—Sarah Ostrom  
 19th—Krista Stanton  
 23rd—Connor Brewer  
 23rd—Robert Oleson  
 23rd—Lorayne Otto  
 24th—Richard Homer  
 24th—Kara Langenberg  
 29th—Smith, Shirley-Anne  
 29th—Reynolds, Nicholas  
 30th—Housler, Teresa



### Anniversaries:

8th—Mr. & Mrs. Steven Jones  
 21st—Mr. & Mrs. Kent Allemeier



## ECW news and upcoming events

Submitted by Andi Flitton

We had lots of fun with our Make and Take, which took place October 23rd at Piece of Mine in Grand Ledge.

Our Friday morning craft sessions have started, right after the 9:00 a.m. service. We will be working on projects for the St. Nicholas Bazaar—you can bring your own, or we have a fun project that doesn't require you to be an artist.

Speaking of the St. Nicholas Ba-

zaar—we are looking for more crafters this year. Please see Jan Volk or

Andi Flitton for more information. At the moment, we are also planning to have a Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday morning (Dec. 2nd) for the children—contact Carey Draeger for more information.

On January 27th we are planning an Old Fashion Tea Party. This will be fun time for the girls in your family. We will be asking you to bring tea

sandwiches and/or finger desserts. Wear your fancy hats, get on you furs, and get gussied up!

Next ECW meeting—November 12th, 1/2 hour after the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you have any questions, please see Andi Flitton or Jan Volk.





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## A few announcements...

### Become a Master Gardener

Would you like to learn to grow beautiful flowers, identify garden pests, control grubs and moles in your lawn, grow fruits and vegetables and learn environmentally responsible pesticide use. These are only a few of the things that you can learn when you become a "Master Gardener." Classes will be held starting in January, 2007, at St. David's. Call Eaton County MSU Extension Office at (517) 543-2310 for more information or see Nancy Burns if you have questions regarding these classes.

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### Recruiting Greeters

Have you ever thought about becoming a greeter at St. David's for either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service? It's a great way to welcome both visitors and members to the church; it only takes a few minutes every month or two. The schedule can be adjusted for those who spend winters elsewhere. If anyone would like to be added to the schedule or wishes additional information, please see Larry Carey, call him at (517) 627-6137 or E-mail him at hippie\_indian@hotmail.com.

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### Good News Letter looking for pictures

The Good News Letter is looking for pictures taken from events and happenings at the church in the year 2006. If you have digital photographs, please E-mail them to sarah.a.taber@gmail.com or if you have hard-copy photographs, please place them in mailbox #162. All hardcopy photographs will be returned. Be sure to include the name of the event and persons that are shown in the photograph. Thank you in advance!