



Pentecost 2017

Engage.

Engage is an active word. It carries with it the implication of action from a party.

Back in November we were involuntarily thrust into a situation that quickly became polarized and gained national attention.

The actions of Nathan back in November took a turn that I think no one truly expected and it gave us a platform to spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

This message was one of love and forgiveness. It was a message that took power away from any hate that we assumed drove the perpetrator to vandalize our building.

In many ways our participation in those events was involuntary.

We have now learned the true reason behind Nathan's actions.

We are now at a turning point. We now have a choice.

I think it is timely that this is occurring near Pentecost.

Pentecost is when the world was gifted with the Holy Spirit. It seems like a very soft, touchy, feely kind of gift, but the Holy Spirit has not come just to comfort. The Holy Spirit comes to instigate, to set fires to burn in the hearts of believers.

It is the Holy Spirit that has driven us to this point of making a choice with how we want to engage with Nathan.

St. David's leadership and I have made the choice that we will enter into a Reconciliation and Restitution process with Nathan. However each person is responsible for how involved in the process you want to be. Your choice is to have nothing to do with Nathan ever again or you can Engage in the process and see where the Holy Spirit leads you.

The growth and development spiritually that I have seen at St. David's since November is absolutely incredible. I can only imagine if we truly engage with the process where we will be in six months.

I understand that the idea of seeing Nathan, of speaking to him can bring strong emotions. I understand that there is fear, anger and hurt. That is why all I can ask from you is that you try to engage in the process you never know where the Holy Spirit is going to burn you up!

God wants us to live relationally, it is vital to our faith and wellbeing as creations of God. The scriptures are filled with charges to forgive and reconcile with others. Our goal is to see God in every person; and be able to treat them like you see God.

The only way to truly do this is to engage.

The coming months will be difficult. But I have faith that with the Holy Spirit and God we will make it through stronger and our faith deeper than ever before.

I am so proud of y'all!

In God's Ever-Present Love

Whitsunday

Whitsunday (or Pentecost) is one of the principal feasts of the Christian church, celebrated on the 50th day after Easter, to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. The day became one of the three baptismal seasons, and the name Whitsunday is now generally attributed to the white garments formerly worn by the candidates for baptism.

Pentecost (Shavuot) is a feast of the Jews, celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. The word Pentecost is of Greek origin (pentekoste hemera) and translates into "fiftieth Day." Whitsunday is connected with the Jewish Pentecost not only in the historical date of its origin, but also in the underlying idea. The Jewish festival is one of thanks for the first fruits of the earth, the Christian for the first fruits of the spirit.

—from Ruth Reichmann

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Summer Help on the Pennsylvania Road

Slick with rain, the blacktop road was an accident waiting to happen. The old 1927 Nash's mechanical brakes did not take hold evenly. Dad did his best, but the car skidded off onto the shoulder. His effort to correct it did not work, and the car went up an embankment, slid back down, and, top-heavy at best, tipped over on its side.

Pennsylvania Dutch farmers appeared almost instantly, helping us climb out, and we began walking to their home. Amazingly, there were no serious injuries.

Taking care of us in their wonderful kitchen, giving us something warm to eat and drink, one of the men said to me, "Look at your shoes." I looked down and gave them an expert four-year-old's inspection. There were dark holes burned in the tops of my little two-buckle wing-tips. There were similar holes in my shirt pocket. "Looks like battery acid", someone said. It seems, the battery was under the floor, just in front of where I had been sitting in the back seat.

"Look out the window", someone said. Several men had gathered around our car, which lay on its side. They took hold of it and all together heaved it back up on its wheels.

We all got in, and though the wheel alignment had been skewed, Dad was able to cripple it in to Buffalo where Uncle Leslie had a Chrysler-Plymouth agency. Dad traded it in for a brand new 1938 Plymouth, which, by the way, had a more modern hydraulic brake system.

We continued our trip to northern New York to the farm of my Grandparents.

I will never forget those holes in my very best shoes. Later, as I thought back, I remembered something very much more important, the caring love of the 'Pennsylvania Dutch'.

We may not get to help in such a crisis, but there may be other ways we can show such love this summer.

—Charles McClure Hill , 5-22-17

The Coventry Cathedral in England Welcome Statement

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We're not that keen on it either. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to the cathedral. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost on the Ring Road and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters and you.

(In England a Ring Road is a bypass road around a city or congested area. JS)

—from Jane Savage



St. David's Rummage Sale!
 Toys, books, all sorts of treasures!
 Pre-Sale during Farmer's Market Friday August 18th
 The Big Sale, Saturday, August 19th
 8:00 am till 4:00 pm

We need Rummage!

Please price items.

Thursday, August 17th, from 12 to 6 pm, will be the main collection time.

You can start bringing items Sunday, August 13th

Items can be dropped off in the Gathering Place during the week.

NO CLOTHES. NO HANGERS.

We need your help!

We need people to set up during the day on Thursday till 6:00 and Friday till 3:00.

We need people to work the pre-sale Friday during Farmer's Market.

We need people to work the sale Saturday.

We need people to clear up after the sale on Saturday.

Got questions, want to volunteer?

Contact Fran Dugan

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Farmer's Market News

This years Farmers Market is off to a great start! Kids day was a blast, So far this season we have been able to use over \$100 in SNAP (food stamp) tokens! Community involvement is up and the educational series is a huge hit with our community partners. A huge shout out to Sandy for sitting in our welcome booth so often, we are looking for more volunteers in this area.

—Sarah Ford

Work on the Chapel Garden Shifts to Landscaping

The Chapel Garden has shifted to its landscaping phase as the committee works toward a plan to arrange the garden with a variety of plantings, both in the Garden where cremains may be scattered and along Highway 135 where a screen against traffic noise and sights will soften the memorial experience of churchyard burial.

Ed Kasena has the lead for the committee in the design and plant selection of the landscaping. Jane and David Savage are planning the highway screening.

With the staining of the alternate panels of the Commonbarium patio to give it more of an artistic feel, we have completed the Commonbarium feature of the Garden. We have on hand the additional back plates to hold a total of eighty names, a number we don't foresee a need for in a good long while. We also recently installed the continuation of a safety railing along the sidewalk from the Gathering Place rear deck to the walk leading to the Commonbarium. We are grateful once again to the skill and artistry of Ian Miller for the concrete work and Jim Connor for the metalwork at the altar and the new railing.

A series of nine educational yard signs are in use on request around the Chapel Garden to identify the purposes, features, and spirituality that the Garden has been created to share. The signs are currently being used during the Farmers' Market Fridays, and on other occasions and services as requested.

St. David's now has a process for interment of cremains, either by pouring them through the center of the altar and the symbolic Tree of Life into a vault below or scattering them within the landscaping of the Chapel Garden. Records of those interred in the Chapel Garden are maintained by St. David's. Use of the Chapel Garden is available to members and friends of St. David's according to guidelines being prepared for vestry approval.

Please speak with Mtr. Kelsey Hutto to plan for use of the Chapel Garden at the end of life. St. David's regularly makes time to discuss end of life issues and has a Caring Booklet available for planning.

Chapel Garden Committee: Joan Amati, Jan Benham, Sandy Fittz, Marge Grimm, Jim and Judy Huber, the Rev. Kelsey Hutto, Ed Kacena, Ralph Linscott, Gene Niednagel, Joe and Sandy Ridenour, David Savage, Verne Sindlinger.



God blessed us with a beautiful day for our annual parish picnic at Strahl Lake in Brown County State Park! We gathered on Sunday June 4 for a Pentecost service and pitch-in.



Bean Blossom Music Series

Saturday, July 15 at 3:00 P.M

The latest series event will feature Joshua and Fiona Ridenour in a joint concert at St David's Episcopal Church in Bean Blossom. Please join Joe and Sandy and family in welcoming these talented young people in this return engagement!



Joshua:

Joshua graduated from Covenant Christian High School and will be a freshman at Texas Christian University (TCU) in the fall. Joshua plays organ and piano. He has taken piano lessons for 12 years and organ lessons for 4 years. His organ teacher is Marco Petricic from Indianapolis University. Joshua is the current interim organist at Speedway Christian Church. Joshua plans to attend TCU to major in mechanical engineering and will continue taking organ lessons at the college.



Fiona:

Fiona is going to be a junior at Covenant Christian High School this fall and plays piano, flute, and piccolo. She has taken piano lessons for 10 years, flute lessons for 5 years and piccolo lessons for 3. She takes flute and piccolo lessons from Rebecca Arrensens, flutist for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Fiona has also been involved in the Indianapolis Children's Choir for 6 years and is currently a member of the Indianapolis Youth Chorale.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE

2 Marge Grimm
4 Anne Hawk
6 Ben Smith
7 David Savage
10 Audrey Evans (2011)
18 Mickie Williams
21 Jim Huber
22 Judy Laffin
30 John Pedrey

JULY

7 Verne Sindlinger
8 Steve Biggerstaff
9 Fran Dugan
20 Yvonne & Bob Oliger - Anniversary
21 Carol Bell
27 Judy Huber
29 Ruth Reichmann
29 Lou Wenzler
29 David & Jane Savage - Anniversary
30 Alan Hutto
31 Joan Amati & Joe Miller - Anniversary
31 Eli Rodriguez

AUGUST

1 Maggie Linscott
1 Sharon Kitchens
18 Steve & Sandy Fittz - Anniversary
21 Carol Walker
22 Sandy Ridenour
23 Verne & Phyllis Sindlinger - Anniversary
26 Richard & Jan Halliday - Anniversary
30 Richard Halladay

SEPTEMBER

3 Ralph Linscott
11 Ben Herr
13 Margie Hill
16 Jan Benham
18 Frank Fleser
24 Louis and Laura Wenzler
25 Steve Fittz
27 Eric Cole

Don't see your birthday or anniversary - drop me a line at jane@rjherr.com

I got the following lovely note from our friends in the west:

Jane,

Judy and I are enjoying our health despite "old age" problems. Summer in Arizona is here until the middle of September 110-115 in the middle of the day. 70's at night and early mornings. We need rain, but will just wait until some shows up. We don't have snow nor do we have to cut grass. Judy's has some beautiful flowers in front and back of the house. We do have an irrigation system plus our Home Owner's Association provides some water for the existing bushes, and flowers.

Say "hello" to all our friends at St. David's. All of our band activities will begin again the end of September. Our church choir is over until September. We are attending the first service each Sunday (8:00 -9:30)

We do miss your banana cake and the sincere fellowship of St. David's
Ray and Judy Laffin

Annual 4th of July Picnic at Joe & Sandy's

Joe and Sandy Ridenour invite their St. David's friends to their house for a Fourth of July Picnic on Tuesday, July 4! Eat at about noon and stay and sit and gossip, complain, flirt, swim, shoot free throws, nap or whatever suits your body. Our house is at 8350 N. Chickadee Drive, Morgantown. Meat, drinkables, and table service provided. Please bring a dish to share.

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SERVICES
Sunday 9:30 AM Holy Communion
Wednesday 6:00 PM Evening Prayer

Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Friday	April 28	Farmer's Market at St. David's <i>(will continue on Fridays through Oct. 6)</i>	4—7 pm	St. D parking lot
Sunday	June 11	Marge Wright 100th Birthday Celebration	2-4 pm	St. David's
Sunday	June 18	Father's Day		
Tuesday	July 4	Picnic at Joe and Sandy's	noon	Ridenour's
Thursday	July 6	Pub Theology (Creativity)	6 pm	Pine Room
Saturday	July 15	Bean Blossom Music Series	3 pm	St. David's
Thursday	Aug. 3	Pub Theology (Spiritual Landscapes)	6 pm	Pine Room
Fri/Sat	Aug. 18-9	Annual Rummage Sale (Fri. 4-7 pm) (Sat. 8 am-4 pm)		St. David's

Newsletter Submissions?

Please send your news items, stories of spiritual growth, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, recipes, etc. to Jane Herr (812)320-2340 or 4923 Stevens Rd., Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): jane@rjherr.com

Next deadline for submissions:

Fall: August 27, 2017