



Lent 2019

An Exciting Time at St. David's

I am always hopeful about St. David's future but right now I am excited. Scattered through this newsletter are the details of many items that excite me.

This next week is full of activity. Tomorrow, Sunday, February 24, we are going to have an enjoyable Bean Blossom Music Series program. Ann Hawk has arranged for two excellent pianists to come from IU and treat us to romantic music. Friday, March 1, is Euchre, hopefully the weather will cooperate. Saturday Rev. Don Jones will lead the Vestry Retreat. With the addition of Madeline Webster and Ben Smith, the Vestry has a very different look and feel. The next day, Sunday, March 3, Bishop Jennifer will lead our worship service. Everyone will have a chance to talk to the Bishop and ask questions while munching on food during coffee hour.

The next week is just as full. It starts out Tuesday, March 6, with an upbeat, joyful, Mardi Gras pancake dinner that we will have in conjunction with the Nashville Methodist Church. The next day at 7:00 pm, we will have the Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes. Finally, on Thursday, Pub Theology meets at 6:00 pm.

For the first time in my memory, St. David's is going to have the picnic at Waycross Camp. This year, on May 5, we have reserved Dixon Hall which is a lovely setting. It is a shelter that has both a fireplace and electricity. It is very convenient to parking and of course there are no entrance fees.

Many groups are busy working behind the scene:

The Search Committee is actively vetting 4 candidates. Hopefully, 1 of these 4 will be our next Rector.

Besides organizing a big spread for the Bishop and the church picnic, the Parish Life Committee is planning 3 or 4 special coffee hours during the year.

The Worship Committee met with Rev. Wilson and organized the services and music for Lent and Easter.

The Farmers' Market Committee is actively preparing for the 2019 season which will run from the Friday of Memorial Day weekend to the Friday of Labor Day Weekend, May 24 to August 30. They are lining up vendors, cooks, and musicians. Right now, their biggest need is a Market Manager.

Finally, in the last several months 3 or 4 people have come to our Sunday service looking for a church home in Brown County. I hope they found St. David's as warm and inviting a place as my wife and I did when we first came roughly 25 years ago.

St. David's seems full of energy. I think it is going to be a great Spring

Jim Huber

Senior Warden

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer."

Ash Wednesday Service, *Book of Common Prayer*, p 26

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At our next regular Vestry meeting we'll be discussing commission liaison assignments. Look for upcoming announcements concerning these assignments.

What is a Methodiscopalian?

I was brought up in the Methodist Church (after being infantly baptized and having a few early years as a Presbyterian).

I grew up, finally, (well, mostly), and felt called to the Methodist ministry. After acquiring the necessary degrees in college and seminary, I did this for about 40 years.

I retired, but I am still talking or writing or something. Can't shut up.

Now the dry part (or dryer). Methodism grew out of the Anglican or English Episcopal Church, its founder, Anglican clergyman, John Wesley, not intending to start a separate denomination. However, for a number of reasons, plus the American Revolution, the Methodists and the now Episcopalians in America diverged from each other, and from the Mother Church in England, although they retained similar forms of organization, belief, and some parts of ritual. When we arrived in Nashville about nine years ago, our exploration of the local religious scene revealed to us that St. David's Episcopal seemed to fit us the best. Voila, a Methodiscopalian I have become.

Now, when I visit a Methodist Church, as I sometimes do when we visit Margie's sister down in Orange County at Bonds Chapel, I find the informality to be, well, a bit too informal. I have gotten used to the ordered service of the Episcopalians. I rather like it.

Now I know a more ordered Methodist church might work for me, but, I'm afraid it is too late now. I have become a Methodiscopalian.

Plus there is another thing: St. David's. Ah, St. David's. I have fallen in love with thee, a church full of loving people, with a kind of Christ-like caring for one another and for the world that is a joy to be a part of.

I am sure the Holy One has gathered such people in many places, and, under whatever denominational label, they do and share similarly.

I am glad I have found one of those places and I don't even have to spell or pronounce Methodiscopalian in order to be a part of it. So there!

Charles McClure Hill, 1-31-19.



Worship & Music News

Lent and Holy Week

Worship

We are grateful to have The Rev. Kate Wilson as our priest throughout the period of Lent and Holy Week. The Worship Committee has been working with her to plan services. As usual we will read the Passion Plays (parts to be assigned), and during Holy Week, Kate will offer an opportunity for confession for anyone who is interested. Date to be announced.

Reading and reflecting

As we move into the season of Lent, we begin a period of introspection, penitence, meditation, and spiritual reflection. To deepen our opportunity for spiritual reflection, the booklet "Living Well Through Lent 2019" is available to anyone who wants a copy. This is a collection of daily readings that begins March 6 (Ash Wednesday) and concludes April 21 (Easter). Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows is among the authors. You are welcome to pick up a copy for your personal use. We will also hold short discussion periods for the readings of given weeks during coffee hour for anyone interested in sharing thoughts and insights. Dates for those will be announced.

Music

The music we will sing during Lent will reflect the more somber and inward-searching period of the church year. The choir will sing mainly penitential English Renaissance music by such composers as Thomas Tallis, Christopher Tye, John Taverner, John Dowland, William Byrd, and Orlando Gibbons. As a congregation we'll sing traditional Lenten hymns that capture the spiritual resonance of the season.

We will sing new service music during Lent — the penitential Rite I Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei composed by Healey Willan. Willan (1880-1968) composed a wealth of liturgical music for the Church of England and is prominently featured in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. He was a composer, organist and teacher, Associate of the Royal College of Organists, and organist and choirmaster at St. John the Baptist Kensington, England. He later became head of the Theory Department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and Precentor of the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, which became a mecca for church musicians. He founded the Tudor Singers. In 1953 he was the first ever non-Briton commissioned to write an anthem for the coronation of Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey (O Lord Our Governour) and in 1956 he received the Lambeth Doctorate, Mus. D Cantuar from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The harpsichord will contribute to the meditative spirit of the season with music for spiritual reflection from the Renaissance.

Soprano Kathryn Summersett will join us during Lent and Holy Week, singing medieval chants, including those by the prominent female composer of the Middle Ages, Hildegard von Bingen. Kathryn will also add to our services with the lap harp and vielle. (A YouTube video of the instrument [see <https://tinyurl.com/yydg7sp7>] was shot in Chicago, 1 block from Jim Huber's #2 son's house.)

Kathryn is working on her dissertation for a Doctor of Music at Indiana University. She has been a featured soloist in the Boston Early Music Festival 2009-2013 and has performed by invitation in Argentina at the National University of Cordoba in 2010. Kathryn has also soloed with the Florence Voice Seminar, Amherst Early Music, Academia D'Amore, Berkeley Early Music Festival, and the Lute Society of America.

Looking forward to Easter, the Choir will sing music from Bach Cantata BWV 4, along with Kathryn and other musicians from IU's Jacobs School of Music.

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Contribute your musical talents

The choir is always looking for more voices. Those with other musical talents are most welcome to play during the services. Please contact Adrienne at 906-370-0790 or adrienne_shipley@yahoo.com if you're interested in singing in the choir or playing for one of our services. Adrienne is always interested in any feedback about the music during worship services. You're welcome to call her or share thoughts or suggestions after services.

Are you interested in serving the Worship Committee? If so, please contact Adrienne. We welcome new members!

—Adrienne Shipley and Jan Holloway

Parish Life News

Thanks to an amazing committee, all the Coffee Hour dates for March have been filled. April and May have open dates, so don't miss your opportunity. Please join us for food and conversation.

On March 3, come for worship and Coffee Hour with Bishop Jennifer. We will have a breakfast buffet with Andrea's Welsh Cakes.

March 17-Hoagies

March 24- Chili Day for Lent. We will have four varieties.

Mark your calendar for the church picnic at Waycross on May 5. There will be worship and a pitch-in with fried chicken.

May 12- Mother's Day and the men are serving.

—Carol Ruffin

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, March 5



Once again, we are celebrating Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, with our friends at the Nashville United Methodist Church.

Come between 5:00 and 7:00 pm for pancakes, bacon, sausage, fun and fellowship. There will be activities for the children, masks and beads for the adults.



Save the Date!



St. David's Church Picnic is 9:30 am on May 5th. This year we will be using Dixon Hall at Waycross Camp.

Treasurer's Notes

Since there has only been one statement so far in 2019 I have instead concentrated on a quick summary of the results of 2018 and a highlight of the budget for 2019. As can be seen in the first section we have increased our assets by just over \$10,000 in 2018 a combination of having no clergy expenses but spending to repair and improve the main building in the form of replacing old siding. Of this total \$32,609 is in restricted accounts that cannot be used for general operating but are dedicated to specific uses such as Bean Blossom Music Series, Rector Search, and similar. A complete list of the restricted accounts and their current status can be found in the financial statements loose leaf binder on the sign up table in the gathering place. I know that it is sadly out of date but I plan on keeping it up to date going forward.

For 2019 the budget shows a small increase in the revenues over the 2018 actual figures which will come from pledges that we received during the pledge drive and to a lesser extent to plate offerings and donations. As you can see from the numbers with a budgeted revenue of \$108,000 and \$105,000 expected in pledges we are overwhelmingly supported by the generosity of our members.

Expenses in 2019 are budgeted at \$112,892 which is less than budgeted revenue. The difference will be made up with a draw from our assets. How much this will be in 2019 depends primarily on when we get a new rector. As evidence in 2018, revenues, while below budget, still exceeded expenses by \$32,734.28.

Assets (not including fixed)	Previous Year	2018
Fifth Third Accounts	\$24,099.03	\$34,596.85
IUCU Accounts	\$24,223.40	\$38,107.71
IUCU Investments (CD's)	\$66,270.69	\$53,095.57
Total Assets	\$114,593.12	\$125,800.13
Revenues & Expenses		
	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Revenues	\$106,513.54	\$108,600.00
Expenses	\$73,779.26	\$112,892.00
Net	\$32,734.28	-\$4,292.00
Pledge and regular giving	\$101,829.74	\$105,000.00

As always I welcome any questions, concerns or comments regarding our finances.

Ralph Linscott

Search Committee Update

Rector Search Nears Interview Stage

St. David's Search Committee will begin scheduling interviews with four of our original five candidates for rector in early March, beginning the third round of reviews of the qualities, skills, and competencies we seek in our next priest.

One candidate found it necessary to regretfully withdraw after prayerfully considering St. David's needs and an illness of a family member that might require the commitment of an uncertain amount of time in the future.

The committee has reviewed the Episcopal Office of Transitional Ministry Portfolio and the resume from each of the four priests. (The Portfolio is a standardized, in-depth summary of a priest's background, training, experience, leadership, and vision for ministry.) Our four candidates have indicated a desire to move forward in our search process, have responded to a set of brief questions, and will soon send us answers to more in depth questions on their vision for ministry, their leadership, and their spiritual life. We have also requested a video of a sermon.

Following review of the documents to be received, we will schedule personal interviews with each candidate using Skype where both the committee and candidates can ask and answer questions, with the chance for detailed dialogue on various topics. We expect discussions about St. David's, Brown County and the leadership we need to move forward together in ministry and mission. The search committee will then decide who will be invited to separate, in-person visits here for scheduled events with the committee, the vestry, Bishop Jennifer, and perhaps others for more conversation about St. David's and the Brown County area and allow the candidates to know us and our ministry more deeply.

By now, most of us have experienced the total involvement an Episcopal parish requests for a search that leads to the call of our next rector. Each one of us has had opportunity to share our stories and our experiences in being a part of St. David's: our joys and sorrows, our dreams and hurts, our good and not so good experiences with our priests, our work of ministry and mission, our friendships and love in community, our meeting the Holy One at the altar and in each other.

We, as St. David's, have done the heavy lifting for the search committee and vestry. When we elected our bishop, when we elected our vestry, when the vestry appointed a search committee, the stories of our community traveled with those selected to serve us. The St. David's stories are still up around Ackerman Hall on newsprint where the vestry and search committee meet regularly. And when the vestry makes a call, the bishop blesses the call, and a priest accepts that call, it will be the whole community of St. David's who shout, Alleluia!

Let it be so, and let it happen in God's good time.

-- by Gene Niednagel

UTO

Our UTO Blue Box Thanksgiving Offerings Help Fund Becoming Beloved Community Grants

The three-year budget of the Episcopal Church USA passed at the 78th General Convention in 2015, allocated \$2 million to fund a major new initiative on the work of racial justice and reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action. To pray and act for racial reconciliation is integral to our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to our living into the demands of our Baptismal Covenant. Becoming Beloved Community is the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice.

The three grants listed here have a common thread: Becoming Beloved Community. Many of the UTO grants awarded in 2018 are for programs devoted to racial healing, reconciliation and justice.

Iowa

Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) \$20,800

Hiring a staff person to lead The Beloved Community Initiative will help our diocese serve as a resource working for racial justice, healing, and reconciliation within communities where our congregations are located. This brand-new initiative is bringing together people from multiple faiths and cultures and includes many community partners.

Navajoland

The Hozho Center: Becoming Beloved Community Through Healing and Hope, \$33,815

To purchase an energy-efficient heating and cooling system for the newly renovated Old Hospital so that the space can be open year-round to house the Hozho Center, an alcohol recovery and domestic violence program to repair the breach with women, the most vulnerable and underserved in our community, and support them on their path to Becoming Beloved Community.

Southern Ohio

Beloved Community Centers – Communities of Practice, \$31,200

To fund a Becoming Beloved Community Coordinator who will develop 5-10 pilot Beloved Community Centers in neighborhoods throughout the diocese, together with church and community members. These communities of practice will be trained and will engage in missional community projects. They will become teaching centers for congregations and faith communities

“The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of Beloved Community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opponents into friend. ...It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men.”

The Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

For a complete description of Becoming Beloved Community go to: [https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/becoming_beloved_community_commitment_and_plan_1.pdf)

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Or just type Beloved Community Episcopal Church.

—Jane Savage

The Ground Hog Story

For my little sweet Great Granddaughters Abby and Bella
by Grandma Grimm

Did you know the Ground Hog comes out of his winter nest in the ground every February 2nd of each year. He looks out and if he sees his shadow we will have a long winter. If he doesn't see his shadow we will have a short winter. Then you girls can go outside and play much sooner.

When I was a little girl of eight I didn't like winters here in Indiana. There's not much to do outdoors like other states. It is usually cold and wet. Seems to rain a lot in the winter and there's not much sun, which makes for a dreary three months. So, I decided to try and do something so the Ground Hog would not see his shadow and we would not have a long winter.

I thought and thought and thought and came up with a good idea. First I had to go to the kitchen and pick out a frying pan, then pick out my warmest winter clothes, especially warm gloves. The hardest part was to find where the Ground Hog's hole was. Many days before Ground Hog Day I went out and looked and looked then, looked and looked some more. Finally I found it. I looked down the hole with a flashlight, but, couldn't see him. I was sure this was his hole. By Ground Hog day I was ready.

In the early hours of the morning of Ground Hog's Day, I dressed warm, put on my warmest boots, hat, mittens, coat with a hood and got a cushion from the couch. Got the frying pan and went out and found the Ground Hogs hole. I put the cushion down on the ground next to the hole and the frying pan beside it very carefully so he wouldn't heard me. I sat on the cushion with the frying pan in my hand and waited for the sun to come up.

When the sun began to peek out, I watched the hole without moving, with the frying pan in my hands. I waited and waited and thought he must be sleeping late. All of a sudden the top of his furry head appeared very slowly. He must have been tired and didn't like getting up so early to see his shadow. When his head was about half way out of the hole, I swung the frying pan and hit him on the top of his head. He let out a big yell and fell back down into his hole and didn't get to see his shadow. I waited for a long time to see if he would come back up, but he didn't so I went home and went to bed feeling very happy that we would have a short winter.

But, something was going on down in the Ground Hog's hole. When he fell back into his nest his wife was very surprise to see him and said "why are you back so soon"? Then she saw he was bleeding from his head and grabbed a dish towel to stop the bleeding and asked what happen. He said "I think a big rock hit me on the head" and I didn't get to see my shadow. Fix me up and I will go back up and look for it.

"You can't go back up now, I have to fix the bleeding and you need to rest awhile" said the wife. "No, No, No, just get me a cup of coffee and put a bandage on my head and I'll be alright", said the Ground Hog. "I am not going to get you a cup of coffee, but put you to bed and call the doctor", she said and she took him off to bed. He didn't feel so good so went with her and got into bed.

Dr. Ground Hog arrived and looked at him and told him, he had a concussion and needed to be in bed for several days and rest. Ground Hog just moaned and groaned and said, "but I have to go up and look for my shadow. It's the only job I have all year and I don't want to miss it, everyone expects me to do it". "Well, this year, the people will have to be on their own." said Dr. Ground Hog.

So this year the people of the world will have to make their own decision if the winter will be long or short. Poor Mr. Ground Hog is resting.

The End

Fun

I was thumbing through an old copy of the BOS (Book of Objectionable Services) and found these liturgies:

1. Liturgy for a Gender Reveal Party That Uses Explosives (includes collects for rain and fire-fighters)
2. A Service for Getting Off Social Media Forever. (Also includes a short prayer for returning a day later)
3. A Thanksgiving for a Viral FB post (includes an Anglican Chant setting for the viral post and all comments, repeat once for each Like)
4. The Commissioning of an Influencer (only on Instagram; must take place on beach at sunset; only attractive clergy can officiate)
5. The Litany of the Parish Coffee Maker Instructions (it's 50 bullet points IN ALL CAPS)
6. The Blessing of a House Hunter (with rubrics for the miracle of a Harmonica Tuner and a Dog Walker having a budget of \$1.2 million)
7. A Liturgy for Launching a Podcast.
8. The Blessing of a Messy Home Celebrant: (knocks thrice) Peace to this house and all who dwell therein Response: Come in, it's a mess
9. A Rite of Confession for Not Reading Harry Potter (penance is to watch all the movies and sit through a sermon with 2 HP illustrations)
10. A Litany of All the New Music Released After You Stopped Being Cool (Offertory Hymn: The Freshmen by the Verve Pipe)
11. The Public Declaration of Your Children's Successes (For children's failures and struggles a long period of silence may be kept)
12. The Invitation to a Keto Lent (or advent if you think advent is penitential) Earlier editions had this as "An Invitation to an Adkins Lent"
13. A Declaration of Growing One's Beard Out Opening Sentence: So, I see you're growing your beard out Response: Yep, I don't have to do anything! It grows on its own! (Chuckle)
14. The Blessing of the @Uber Fleet (The service is scheduled to start in 3 minutes but it will really start in 20-25 min; additional instructions: use lots of incense)
15. A Service of Solemn Preparation Before Making or Receiving a Phone Call (Pastoral note on length of service: the longer the service goes, the more chance we can move the phone call to a later date)

—*from Marilyn Day*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH

5 Bess Smith (Joan Amati's daughter)
 11 Charles Hill
 12 Angie Aumage
 12 Cynthia Kafoure
 21 Kyle Fittz
 28 Laurie Stant
 30 Michael Kafoure

APRIL

6 Sean Cole
 8 Andrea & Larry Barber - Anniversary
 11 Jane Savage
 12 Sandy Ackerman
 15 Bess Smith/Eric Cole - Anniversary
 24 Ian Fleser

MAY

6 Coral Hamlin

10 Jan Halladay
 16 Michael & Cynthia Kafoure Ann.
 20 Ray Laffin
 26 Dona Glentzer
 27 Jim & Judy Huber - Anniversary
 27 Gene & Donna Niednagel - Anniversary
 28 Marge Wright
 29 Charles & Margie Hill - Anniversary
 30 Joe Ridenour

JUNE

2 Marge Grimm
 4 Anne Hawk
 6 Ben Smith
 7 David Savage
 21 Jim Huber
 22 Judy Laffin

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

Poster Found in a Church

When you enter this Church it may be possible that you will hear "The Call of God".

However, it is very unlikely he will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning your cell phone off.

If you want to talk to God,
 enter,
 chose a quiet place,
 and talk to Him.

If you want to see and talk directly with Him,
 send him a text while driving.

—from Jan Drum

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:

Pentecost: May 26, 2019
 Fall: August 18, 2019
 Advent: November 17, 2019

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SERVICES

Sunday 9:30 AM Holy Communion

Wednesday 6:00 PM Evening Prayer

Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Sunday	March 3	Bishop's visit <i>(breakfast buffet to follow service)</i>	9:30 am	St. David's
Tuesday	March 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	5-7 pm	Nashville United Methodist Church
Wednesday	March 6	Ash Wednesday <i>(Lenten season begins)</i>	7 pm	St. David's
Thursday	March 7	Pub Theology <i>(LBGTQ in the church w/Madeline Webster)</i>	6 pm	Brown County Inn
Thursday	April 4	Pub Theology	6 pm	Brown County Inn
Sunday	April 14	Palm Sunday	9:30 am	St. David's
Thursday	April 18	Maundy Thursday	7 pm	St. David's
Friday	April 19	Good Friday	7 pm	St. David's
Sunday	April 21	Easter Service	9:30 am	St. David's
Sunday	April 28	St. David's leads worship at BCH&L	2 pm	BCH&L
Thursday	May 2	Pub Theology	6 pm	Brown County Inn
Sunday	May 5	St. David's Picnic	9:30 am	Waycross
Friday	May 24	Farmer's Market at St. David's <i>(will continue on Fridays through Aug. 30)</i>	4—7 pm	St. D parking lot
Sunday	May 26	deadline for Pentecost newsletter		
Sunday	June 9	Pentecost	9:30 am	St. David's