



Fall 2020

Brothers and Sisters of St. David's,

As I reflect on the time that has passed since the last newsletter; I realized that this pandemic has lasted several months now. While we once anticipated being back together by now it just has not been possible to do because of continued safety concerns. While there are a few churches that meet outside of their buildings, at this time I believe that this community is able to participate most fully by zoom.

We looked at the last four vestry minutes at our vestry meeting today and I was energized by the work that has been done by our community in the last four months. While the Farmers Market is not currently running, we are well on our way to being a food resource for Northern Brown County. Donna Niednagel and the Northern Brown County Food Alliance (NBCFA) committee have done tremendous work bringing together churches and volunteers to aide this effort. We held a very successful food drive and will have another one this week. We are hoping to connect even more with our neighbors in Northern Brown County to ease their food insecurity and other areas of scarcity.

While we are not able to meet in person there have been a couple things happening in our church building. Annie Hawk coordinated a piano concert with Andreas Ioannides performing. It was wonderful. Our attempts at live streaming will need some adjustment but it was good to have great music in the church again. We also lost a beloved member, Charlie Hill. His funeral was a private family funeral which was held at St. David's. We used Ralph Linscott's new holder for the paschal candle and it is beautiful. Charlie and the Hill family are in our prayers, a big loss to our community. Ralph and the NBCFA have also created a food box which is located outside Ackerman Hall. This is for anyone who is in need of a meal.

Looking ahead, it is time to think about pledging. Stay tuned for news about making a pledge for the upcoming year. Your pledges for this year can be made by check to our P.O. Box or through the diocesan online payment link.

I am consistently being fed by your love and passion for doing God's work in the world and for one another. Although we are physically separated, we are still the one body of Christ at St. David's Episcopal Church in Bean Blossom. You are a blessing and a strength to me and the community.

May God's Peace and Love be with you all,

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## ***Regathering***

As your Senior Warden I was invited by Carol Ruffin to address the issues of regathering and reopening at St David's Beanblossom.

There are several key points that are important to our time together in worship and other activities. Bishop Jennifer has a revised plan published in July. Here is a link to that document:

[https://indydio.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Dio\\_Indy\\_Reopening\\_Plan\\_Version\\_3\\_RV5.pdf](https://indydio.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Dio_Indy_Reopening_Plan_Version_3_RV5.pdf)

The Regathering Committee chaired by Carol Ruffin have read the guidelines and have tried to address the issues outlined in the document. We know that any document on a Diocesan level must consider the various ways the different churches in our Diocese worship. The committee has prepared and is working on the plan for St David's. With the rise in cases with Covid-19 it is a moving target.

Issues affecting St David's specifically include:

- The average age and health of many of our parishioners. Young and old, the impact of contracting Covid-19 poses a significant risk for quality of life, economic resources, and the welfare of those living in the same household. The decision to continue meeting via Zoom was not taken lightly. We are all anxious to be with each other, there are so many things that have happened since March of this year; death of a beloved parishioner, the birth of a new parishioner, and the moves to Bloomington of parish members. We miss the children of the parish. We miss grieving with families, the children's excitement about Sunday School and the beginning of school, and the noisy coffee hour time. Some of the parish members may feel isolated and the Pastoral Care and Vestry are making a concentrated effort to stay in touch. Not only for problems but to share joys.
- The infrastructure of the physical plant of the facilities. The Diocesan guidelines recommend fresh air to be circulated through our heating plant but members of the Building and Grounds committee must find a compromise between the guidelines and our financial position. Presently, as with many of your homes, fresh air is not circulated through a heating and cooling system so this guideline was a surprise.
- We have tried a few small events to test our plans for cleaning and sanitation and use of the buildings and grounds. One was a concert, one was a funeral, and there is a plan for a card making group to meet this month. All these small events point out where we might need to do more work to make our buildings accessible, the first step in worshipping together.

So, the decision to not worship together is not an easy one but I would ask of you and myself for a little patience. This Covid-19 was first a pandemic but now I think we are in an endemic phase which will require constant vigilance. Covid-19 is not going away but like a Flu vaccine, the Covid vaccine may reduce its impact on our lives. Things are changing so fast my mind is whirling and sometimes it makes me a little cranky, I do not get things done like I want, and keeping up with change is overwhelming. Some of you heard me say "The only person who likes change is a wet baby". And by the way we are all so anxious to see our church babies.

We are grateful to the Center for Congregations which gave us a grant to improve our technology, Jim Huber spearheads that effort. We have also received support from the Diocese in case we have financial issues that affect our diocesan participation. It really feels like we are not alone. Please pray for the work of Carol Ruffin, Jennifer Heller, The Vestry, the committees, Mother Mary and all who add so much to our life at St David's.

With gratitude for the life we share at St Davids, Yvonne

## Memories

*Although it was difficult to choose a piece the process of reading over Charlie's writings was a pure pleasure. Loved this one for his thoughts about St. David's. —Jane Herr*

### **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.

**My favorite memory of Charlie Hill** was our mutual love of McDonald's restaurants for breakfast. We usually wandered in at about the same time most every morning...Charlie eating his biscuits and gravy (boy, was he mad when they took it off the menu for a few months, but by popular demand - I'm sure Charlie's was included - they brought it back) and me eating my "Marylin" muffin.

Shortly after this routine began some years ago, Charlie called me over to his table and said, "now don't you tell Margie I'm eating biscuits and gravy every morning because she'll scold me about my cholesterol and eating healthy!" Of course, I promised not to tell but I know Margie knew exactly what he was eating every morning!

He was usually reading a book from Margie's precious library while eating and having his coffee and many times he'd find a funny or poignant paragraph to read to me. I loved it when he'd read me something from his favorite travel books (especially Bill Bryson), so much so, that I bought several at his advice for Mike for Christmas.

Thank you Charlie for your humor, warmth and love. You will be sorely missed.

—Marylin Day

I found this picture of Joe Ridenour which I believe I took just before a Christmas concert many years ago. I didn't know if you wanted to include it in the newsletter, I have many memories of Joe's concerts. One concert in particular, he wanted me to sing a solo at a Christmas concert and asked me a week in advance to learn it, but it also happened to be in Latin! I spent the week singing along with the recording until I had it memorized, driving my family nuts. I think I still remember most of it. The night of the concert, I found out I'd be singing with three instruments. I don't think anyone heard me over them! I always loved Joe's choices of pieces for the choir and how we did our best to live up to his expectations, sometimes incredibly high. Another memory I have is of an acapella gospel piece he chose for us to perform at a Sunday service. We did sing the piece with gusto, and when the last note of the piece hung in the air, no one moved or spoke. We thought for a moment, "uh oh.." and then everyone started clapping! Joe was a force of joy for music and he shared it with everyone.

—Jennifer J. Heller




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## St. David's Episcopal Church Early Beginnings – Part 2

Following the decision to establish an Episcopal Mission Church and the petition was approved by the Diocese and the mission led by Rev. William Casady, this small group moved forward. After much discussion the empty Old Bean Blossom Schoolhouse was selected for use until May 1960. Much work needed to be done to get it in readiness for church services. They immediately began work plans, setting up in work squads with duties assigned to each squad. A borrowed stove needed to be connected and oil purchased. Many work hours were donated to scrub, clean, paint and repair the building. Several paid their November pledges so there would be money on hand.

Bishop John P. Craine came to the Episcopal Mission on December 1, 1959, to preside over an official organizational meeting. The name Brown County Episcopal Mission would be used until the mission was given a permanent name. The second Sunday of the each month a service of Holy Eucharist would be held by a visiting priest. The amount of \$15.00 would be paid to him. Morning Prayer to be held on other Sundays by lay readers. Service to be a 10 AM.

The first service (Morning Prayer) was held on December 6, 1959, with James Mara as lay reader, in the Old Georgetown Schoolhouse. (It is currently our Ackerman Hall). Forty new folding metal chairs had been purchased for \$3.73. Secretary Elizabeth Percival wrote in her notes for the year 1959, "Now we think we are very elegant with all matching chairs".

The first **Holy Eucharist Christmas Eve** service was held on December 24, 1959, with Rev. R Stewart Wood Jr. officiating. Again Elizabeth wrote, "It was a very inspiring service with our very young priest and makeshift equipment".

Elizabeth ends that memorable year of 1959 with this note. "Pray with and for us that the enthusiasm shown so far will continue as we need this mission here, for there are so many children in this group who need to be brought up in the Episcopal faith.

*Taken from the book "St. David's Episcopal Church, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History 1959-2009".  
By Marge Grimm*

## **When the Market Closed, We Found Another Door and Knocked**

The Bean Blossom Farmers Market offered SNAP and Farmers Market WIC vouchers that gave our customers not only access to Indiana grown fresh food but more affordability.

It started out being challenging to know what to do on Friday nights after the decision to cancel this season of the Bean Blossom Farmers Market. Every Friday evening for seven years, we prepared for the opening bell at 4 p.m. Suddenly, there was no need to put up signs, canopies, set-up for musicians or outreach or preparing the Café for dining and gathering in community. With the decision to cancel the season due to COVID-19 safety concerns came the first challenge of informing our vendors and finding how to continue a way to promote their locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, meat, plants, and artisan and craft goods.

In just a few weeks, members of St. David's vestry and outreach committee, along with community leaders, began to address the underlying purpose of the Bean Blossom Farmers Market, which is to address food insecurity particularly for our neighbors in Northern Brown County.

Covid cases and deaths were soaring globally. In our nation, unemployment was the highest in years, schools were going virtual while continuing school delivery of lunches and weekend backpacks to elementary schools and homes. We knew that many families and seniors in our area relied upon delivery of food to their doors and did not know what food resources were available. We developed and delivered lists of food resources to all those people. We got people connected to services and have provided monthly calendars of food distribution. This group became the Northern Brown County Food Alliance (NBCFA) and has expanded to include seven neighboring church representatives, Access Brown County service, St. Vincent DePaul volunteers and board members, Triad and Mother's Cupboard volunteers, and the Jackson Township Trustee. Our phone number and email are: 812-720-4054 and [lnbcfa@gmail.com](mailto:lnbcfa@gmail.com).

The NBCFA sponsored the first drive-through food distribution event July 16. Eighty-six households with 176 adults and 76 children received produce, meat, cheese, milk, pizza, bags of non-perishables, and drinks supplied by Mid-West Foods and St. Vincent DePaul. Ninety Mother's Cupboard Meals were preordered and distributed. The NBCFA prepared swag bags containing community resources information and each vehicle was given a survey with a pencil attached to gather information of the family and their needs. These surveys indicated that of the 76 households, 69 had addresses in Northern Brown County and 20 indicated they needed transportation/delivery services.

From this event, the Alliance has begun planning methods to addressing the need to get food to our portion of the county and establishing calling trees. We will have proxy agreements which allow volunteers to place orders, pick-up, and deliver to those who cannot get to services.

Ministry opportunities and collaboration with the area church representatives has sparked a coordinated effort to respond. In addition to connecting our neighbors with current services, churches are starting new ministries and coordinating promotion with the NBCFA. Examples of new ministries include St. David's Food Pantry and Unity Baptist Church providing a drive-through serving of meals cooked at Mother's Cupboard beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing the second Monday each month. We are having the second drive through food distribution at the Fruitdale Fire Department on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM.

The Bean Blossom Farmers Market cancelation was a disappointment, but just may have been God at work. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us but particularly those living in poverty, minorities, and the elderly. We now are recognizing how many live with food-insecurity.

So, we are putting up signs again, even setting up a few canopies, filling food sacks, making calls, ads, and fliers. Join us—there numerous opportunities for outreach ministries.

—Donna Niednagel



## ***Inspiration***

### **Garrison Keillor on Episcopalians ...**

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them.

If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of “Michael Row the Boat Ashore,” they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they’d smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! ....And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person’s rib cage. It’s natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison.

When you’re singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it’s an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you’re in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they’ll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they’ll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their Rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don’t notify them that they are there. Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children’s choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace. Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall. Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church. Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:

- It’s 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, “May the Force be with you,” and you respond, “and also with you.”
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye . . . .

(NOTE: Garrison Keillor attends St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota)

—from *Jean Furlong*

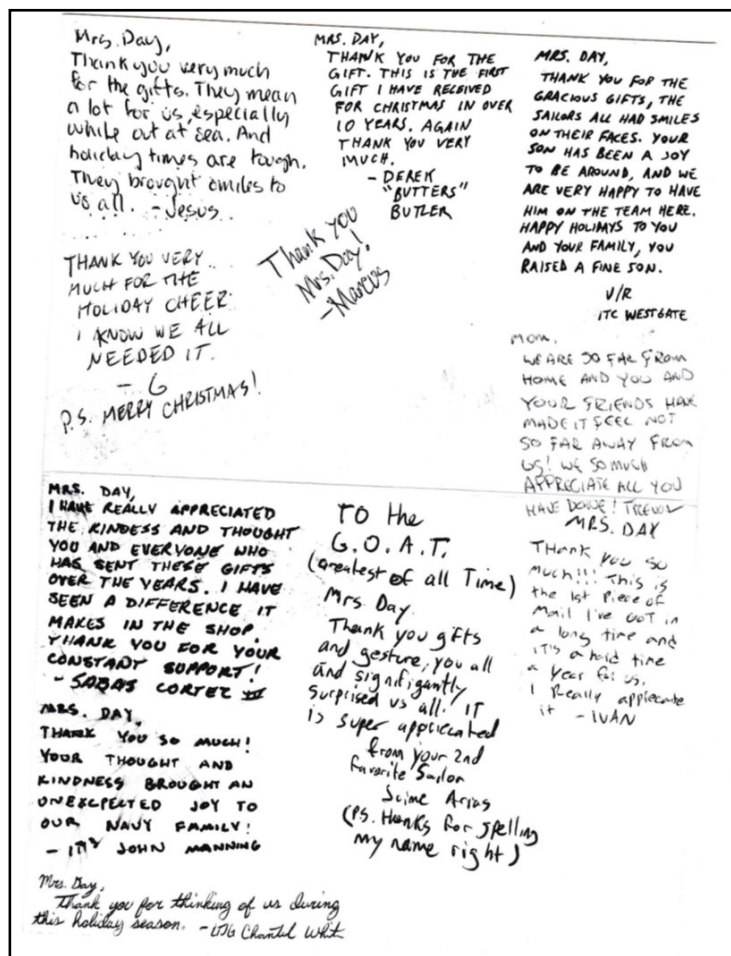
## Outreach News

In December of 2019 the Outreach Committee sent a large box of Christmas goodies to Petty Officer 2nd. Class Trevor Thomas' team on the USS Barry based in Yokosuka, Japan.

It took a long time to get a something back from these sailors stationed a long way from home but some of the notes are heartbreaking. One replied, "I haven't gotten a Christmas present in over 10 years." Another said, "this is the first mail I have received in a long time."

So, St. David's, because of you and your dedication to Outreach, these young men and women received something special. Thank you for your dedication to Outreach and service to others.

—Marylin Day





## Parish Life News



Ben and I welcomed Everett Noah Woodworth on July 14, 2020 at 8:27 am. He was 19.5 in and 7 lb. 9 oz. We appreciate all of the love, support, prayers, and well wishes we have received from our St. David's Community. We are enjoying our time together as a family of three and look forward to when we can safely introduce him to the St. David's Family.

**News from our friends in the West:** Judy and I are bored with not being able to attend church services on Sundays. Here in the desert, (Arizona), it is too hot to go outside the air conditioned house to even work in the flower beds. Ray waters the front of our house and then the back of our house each morning (6:00 am).

We have a friend at our church who has a wonderful outside pool and has invited us to do water aerobics quite often. The pool temperature is 90 degrees. She will not go in the pool by herself. We are welcomed by her generous offering at least 2 times per week.

Ray saw two birds flying across our back yard (both were wearing portable air conditioners on their backs).

How are the Sindlingers doing at their condo in Bloomington?

Ray and Judy Laffin



Check out this video of Kate and Danielle Nolan on Facebook Watch. It is a show called Boost My Business and showcases their adventure company, DNK Presents.

<https://www.facebook.com/facebookbusiness/videos/296255744924261>

## *Fun*

### **What I did during the Coronavirus Quarantine**

I decide on the photo for our Christmas card.

I washed out the cat boxes.

I binge watched all the Jeopardy episodes that were rebroadcast

I sent half my wardrobe to Goodwill.

I walked the dog about a million times.

I brushed my cat till he shone.

I looked around the house to see what needed to be updated. I found lots.

I had my white pants shortened. Never mind the only place I have to wear them is Walmart.

I read old Charlie Hill stories.

I wore out my washer and drier and had to get new ones.

I cleaned up cat vomit ad nauseam.

I bought a new toaster oven; the old one wouldn't turn off.

I didn't master the smart TV.

—Judy Huber

For a devoted recluse there are just too many people around.

—Jan Drum

Quarantine? More like BORING-tine.

—Juniper McCabe, 4yrs old

I've really enjoyed cancelling all of my cell phone alarms - except for "water houseplants" every Monday at 10am.

—Cori McCabe

Dear Amazon: Please do NOT send any more books to me no matter how many I order!

—Marylin Day

I not only talk to my dog but now I ask him questions. So far, he hasn't answered.

—Sandy Ackerman

Verne and I got in line for what we thought was a drive-through COVID test only to discover we were in line to order Chick-fil-a!

—Phyllis Sindlinger

During the Covid quarantine, I'm waiting for Photoshop to combine with Zoom meetings so I can edit out my wrinkles.

—Jennifer Rekers

### **Viral Jokes**

Every disaster movie starts with the government ignoring a scientist.

Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE Quaranteens.

The owner of my gym just emailed a more thorough, detailed, thoughtful plan for dealing with coronavirus than the President of the United States.

In an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am now yelling at my parents for going out.

Q: Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? A: It's a long story...

Q: What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine? A: Inside jokes

—Jane Savage

## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

### **AUGUST**

1 Maggie Linscott  
 1 Sharon Kitchens  
 18 Adie Smith  
 22 Sandy Ridenour  
 23 Verne & Phyllis Sindlinger - Anniversary  
 26 Richard & Jan Halliday - Anniversary  
 30 Richard Halladay

### **SEPTEMBER**

3 Ralph Linscott  
 4 Len Glosque  
 7 Ed McCabe  
 11 Ben Herr  
 13 Margie Hill  
 13 Juniper McCabe (Ed & Cori's dau)  
 16 Jan Benham  
 24 Louis and Laura Wenzler  
 27 Eric Cole

### **OCTOBER**

4 Marylin Day  
 7 Bob Oliger  
 7 Jonathan & Linda Lee (anniversary)

10 Marge Steiner  
 11 Jim Drum  
 25 Gene Niednagel  
 26 Jonathan Hutchison  
 26 Laura Wenzler  
 26 Yvonne Oliger  
 31 Jonathan Gosser

### **NOVEMBER**

8 Rich & Eli Rodriguez Hill - Anniversary  
 9 Joan Amati  
 9 Tim & Laurie Stant - Anniversary  
 11 Wesley Smith (Adie & Ben's son)  
 11 David Sindlinger  
 12 Jan Holloway  
 12 Jane Herr  
 13 Andrea Barber  
 18 Adie & Ben Smith - Anniversary  
 20 Ralph & Maggie Linscott - Anniversary  
 22 Dan Furlong  
 28 Carol Ruffin  
 30 Pat Bolinger

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary - drop me a line at [jane@rjherr.com](mailto:jane@rjherr.com)*

### **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](mailto:jane@rjherr.com)

Next deadline for submissions:

Advent: November 15, 2020

*The following was written by Rev. Cathy Tyndall Boyd for Forward Movement Saturday, August 10.*

“Christianity is not a very orderly religion. God is more of an artist than a mathematician - things rarely add up. Our lives of faith are not so much about possessing the truth, exacting certainly, or bending God's will to our will. Life in Christ - a life in community - asks us to be flexible and open to a bit of miraculous Holy Spirit chaos.”

A good reminder. —*Jane Savage*

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<b>SERVICES</b>
<b>Sunday 9:30 AM Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 6:00 PM Evening Prayer</b>

### **Fall Holidays**

Monday	Sept 7	Labor Day
Friday	Sept 11	Patriot Day
Sunday	Sept 13	Grandparents Day
Tuesday	Sept 22	First Day of Autumn
Sunday	Oct 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Monday	Oct 12	Columbus Day
Saturday	Oct 31	Halloween
Sunday	Nov 1	All Saints Day
Sunday	Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time ends
Monday	Nov 2	All Souls' Day
Tuesday	Nov 3	Election Day
Wednesday	Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Sunday	Nov 15	deadline for Advent newsletter
Sunday	Nov 22	Christ the King
Thursday	Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Sunday	Nov 29	First Sunday in Advent