



Advent 2020

Brothers and Sisters of St. David's Bean Blossom,

It is hard to believe that time has passed so quickly and Advent will soon be upon us. I know it has been a difficult several months of physical separation. I have missed seeing our youngest members growing so fast and not being able to be with them in person. I am ever strengthened and encouraged by your presence on zoom and the ways that you are keeping yourselves spiritually and mentally healthy through what by any measure has been a most difficult year. I have been making pastoral visits via zoom and a few in person but it is taking a while to get to everyone. If you have any needs for pastoral support or know someone who needs assistance with basic necessities please let me or our outreach committee know.

While this is a time of many great challenges there is much good news happening at St. David's. The work of the church is not only to worship together but to work to make our community a place that reflects the kingdom of God. I see you all working toward that goal every day and I see God's love manifest in our community and that is a source of great joy.

We are all growing weary of zoom but it is so good to be together even in this limited internet space. It brings me great joy to see you and hear your voices on zoom. Worshipping together is so important and sharing the challenges and good news of our community is part of our work together. Zoom allows these things to happen in real time. Our music has been greatly enhanced by the work of Mark Bell the past few months. He is the tech guru that has been putting all the choir voices together every week and playing the finished product over zoom. Our organist/choir director Adrienne has orchestrated all of it and it brings not only the voices of our own beloved choir but the beauty of our hymns to us every Sunday.

The bishop will be joining us on December 6 for her annual pastoral visit. I hope you all can be at worship that day. She will be with us during coffee hour if you want to chat with her or have any questions for her. She will meet with the vestry following coffee hour. We will also be starting our Advent services on December 2 at 7pm on Wednesdays. Canon Kristin White will be joining us on Dec. 13 to preach and speak to us at coffee hour. In addition, we will be starting a book discussion on Michael Curry's book "Love is the Way" Sunday evenings at 7pm starting November 29.

Advent is a season of waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time to contemplate the hope, peace, joy and love that we as Christians both long for and experience each and every day. It is a time of being present to the light of Christ in our daily lives and longing for a day when we know this presence more fully. It is a time of hoping that through our actions and love for one another that we can participate as the body of Christ to make this world reflect the kingdom of God in our community. I pray that you all will find time during the weeks leading up to Christmas to grow in your prayer life, to connect with family and friends and to continue to grow in your spiritual life and your life as participants of the community of St. David's Episcopal Church, Bean Blossom. You are all a blessing to me, to one another, and to the community of Brown County and beyond. I give thanks for each of you.

Yours in Christ, MM

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“Conversation with Charlie”

I was browsing the shelves in the library today, searching for a book to read. After I had grabbed it off the shelf and was proceeding to the checkout desk, I imagined Charlie Hill sitting there in one of the easy chairs near the fireplace. Well, I just had to engage Charlie in a conversation about the books that I had chosen. Charlie and I always used to talk to each other about the books that we were reading and whether we would recommend them or not.

As I was leaving the library I had to smile and chuckle a bit. As usual, Charlie made me smile. Of course, the chuckling was done internally and not out loud, lest people would really suspect that I am “touched”.

As I was driving home from the library, I reflected on my “visitation”. I consider it quite an honor and a privilege to add Charlie to my list of deceased friends and family whom I will occasionally converse with. People like Joe Ridenour and my own father are members of this fraternity of sorts.

Isn't it neat to think that even after death one can still have a influence on people in the living world.? It's like you're not completely deceased! You are still communicating with people. Somehow this makes the idea of death less intimidating. Instead of suddenly being gone, one is just slowly fading away in the memory of the world.

These meandering thoughts also reminded me of my own influence on people, whether I am aware of all of them or not. It filled me with a sense of responsibility as well as privilege. I suppose someone will think of me after I have kicked the bucket. Will those thoughts be pleasant, or filled with four letter words?

In fact, that type of influence may already be occurring, even while I am alive. I think about all the people that I have run into in my life, but that no longer are an active part of it. I may never see them again, but perhaps in someway I have been an influence on them. Do any of them still have memories of me, and are they positive or negative?

So, people like Charlie remain in our hearts and minds. Occasionally when I think of my deceased friends and family, I have this weird idea that I want to send them some good feelings. Thank them for being part of my life. Just maybe thoughts can work both ways. I have this idea that if I just blow on those thoughts of mine that they will travel up into space and catch up with those deceased and cause them to somehow smile and laugh a bit too. A little extension of quantum physics if you will. pondering the unexplainable , the unfathomable.

Peace to all.
Mike Day



What We Say is What We Believe is What We Do

Advent, I have been told, is a time of preparation for Christ's birth. I vividly remember robustly singing "Away in a Manger" and "Joy to the World" as a child. I began to understand this birth was God acting, sending us a messenger to show me how to try to live my life. In circumstances of disappointment, fear, or suffering, when I stop, reflect, and ask for guidance and pray, "Your will be done," I eventually recognize God continues to act in mysterious ways to allow me to act and do my part to work His purpose out.

When the decision was made to cancel the Bean Blossom Farmers' Market this season, which would have been our eighth year to host the market, I was extremely disappointed and wondered what to do on Friday nights. But, reflecting with the Farmers' Market Advisory Board and the Outreach committees, Mother Mary and vestry, we began exploring "where to go from here". We realized why a farmers' market had become so important for our outreach ministry in our community. We realized God's call to action was to understand the needs of our neighbors facing food insecurity, isolation, and poverty. Thus, the Northern Brown County Food Alliance was formed.

The NBCFA has become a coalition working with area church members including: Church of the Lakes, Unity Baptist, Faith Full Gospel, Shepherd of the Hills, the Bean Blossom Community Church, St. David's, Brown County Presbyterian Church, and the Cottonwood Church. The Alliance members include members from service organizations, township trustee, and Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)—all working together to inform citizens of available food services, how to get connected to services, and communicate special events—such as the Pop-up Pantry Drive-thru events. To expand accessibly, the drive-thru pop-up distributions now alternate between Nashville and the Northern and Southern part of Brown County. In addition, St. David's members of the NBCFA are delivering each month an order from St. Vincent to our neighbors who do not have transportation.

During church services and this pandemic, I often hear our challenge "to go out and be the gospel". I hear "feed the hungry" and "love your neighbor". At the Pop-up Pantry at the Fruitdale Fire Department on November 16th, 225 households were served, 14,000 pounds of food was shared, and 100 winter coats for children were distributed. During Advent, St. David's will fill gift bags with household and personal supplies and hand-made ornaments to be given at the December 16th Food Distribution. Suggestions for filling our Christmas Gift Bags follows. Join us in preparing these gifts – our continuing act of spreading the Good News of Christ's birth while remembering that it was Jesus who showed us how to live. He died showing us the way. And the Resurrection with the capital R that followed was God's continuing gift of acceptance.

St. David's Gift Bags of Household and Personal Items (for 170 households)

Suggested Personal items	Name	Amount Purchased
Toothbrushes	Marylin Day	300
Toothpaste	Marylin Day	48
Shampoo/conditioner	Fran & Dona	35
Bar Soap	Jim Huber	150
Liquid hand soap		
60WattLED Light Bulbs		
 Suggested Household Items	 Name	 Amount Purchased
Laundry detergent	J&J Drum	65/10oz.bottles
Toilet paper		

Paper towels		
Dish soap	Fran & Dona	35
Band-Aids		
Pens with notepad	Donna N.	150+
2021 Calendars		
Books Children & Adults	St. V's	
Handmade items:	Name	Amount
Christmas Card	Marylin	170+
Christmas bags w/ind. Wrapped candy	Fran & Dona	8 boxes of Reese
Christmas Ornament	Craft Day	
Key chains	Craft Day Yvonne Oliger	

Phyllis Sindlinger shared a poem with us years ago reminding us what is at stake this year: I often read it at the first meeting at Outreach during the advent season.

The Cross in the Manger

By Ann Weems

If there is no cross in the manger,
 there is no Christmas.
 If the Babe doesn't become the Adult,
 there is no Bethlehem star.
 If there is no commitment in us,
 there are no wise men searching.
 If we offer no cup of cold water,
 there is no gold, no frankincense, no myrrh.
 If there is no praising God's name,
 there are no angels singing.
 If there is no spirit of alleluia,
 there are no shepherds watching.
 If there is no standing up, no speaking out, no risk,
 there is no Herod, no flight into Egypt.
 If there is no room in our inn,
 then "Merry Christmas" mocks the Christ Child,
 the Holy Family is just a holiday card,
 and God will loathe our feasts and festivals.
 For if there is no reconciliation,
 we cannot call Christ "Prince of Peace".
 If there is no goodwill towards others,
 it can all be packed away in boxes for another year.
 If there is no forgiveness in us,
 there is no cause for celebration.
 If we cannot go even now unto Golgotha,
 there is no Christmas in us.
 If Christmas is not now,
 if Christ is not born into the everyday present,
 then what is all the noise about?

The Tradition of Advent

The History of Advent

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God’s incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus ([Matthew 2:1](#)), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist ([John 1:29](#)), and his first miracle at Cana ([John 2:1](#)). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas.

Advent Today

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” ([Acts 2:17](#), [Hebrews 1:2](#)), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when he returns for his people.

Advent Liturgy and Practice

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent (through December 16th) look forward to Christ’s second coming, and the last two Sundays (December 17th – 24th) look backward to remember Christ’s first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ’s return in judgment, to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah, to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ’s arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

Advent and the Christian Life

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ’s birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ’s first coming and the yet-to-be-fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth penned these words: “Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promise and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise.” The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.

from www.holytrinityhillsdale.org

St. David's Famous Recipes

I found this recipe earlier this fall and adapted it based on ingredients that we had in the house. It's a super simple recipe but it makes a great dessert or breakfast cake- excellent paired with a hot cup of coffee.

Pumpkin Sticky Bun Cake

Lauren Woodworth

Ingredients:

For the cake:

1 box super moist yellow cake mix (some call this cheating... I call it time management)
 ½ cup vegetable oil
 4 eggs
 ½ cup sour cream
 ¾ cup canned pumpkin
 2 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

For the Filling:

¾ cups brown sugar
 ½ cup chopped pecans

For the Glaze:

1 cup powdered sugar
 2 tablespoons milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees and grease the bottom and sides of a 13x9 pan
2. Combine the cake mix, oil, eggs, sour cream, pumpkin, and pumpkin pie spice in a large mixing bowl. Combine on medium speed about 2 minutes until all ingredients are combined.
3. Split the batter in half and pour **half** the batter into the prepared pan.
4. In a small bowl (separate from the batter) combine the pecans and brown sugar. Stir. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the cake batter in the pan.
5. Spoon the remaining batter evenly over the filling, spreading the batter to the edges of the pan.
6. Bake in the oven 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Remove the pan to a cooling rack.

Make the Glaze:

Combine the powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla in a medium bowl (or large measuring cup). Whisk together then pour the glaze over the **hot** cake. Spread the glaze over the entire cake. Cool the cake before serving.



Hi to all St. David's family and friends:

Did you know you can support Outreach and get something you need at the same time?

We have hand made greeting cards available on the Outreach Table in the Gathering Place... I'm sure you'll need birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, get well, etc. card sometime in the near future.

Each card is \$4.50 (2 or more, \$4.00) and EVERY PENNY of this money goes to Outreach to help our friends and neighbors, here in Brown County and around the world!

Browse the racks on the Outreach table...most of the cards are 4 1/2" x 5 1/4," although the new tall slimline are now available, too. Envelopes are included. Money/check (made out to St. David's) can be placed in oval box on the table or given to any member of Vestry.

Here are some examples of the cards available - each is unique and hand signed by me...Marylin Day. Thank you and if you have a special request or larger amount, let me know and I'll do my best to accommodate your request.

Phone: 317-431-1989 or E-mail: mikeandmarylin@gmail.com.

See examples of these cards on the next page.

A Christmas Story from Dan Furlong

Viet Nam, December 24, 1966. There was a temporary cease fire in effect, because of the Christmas Holiday. I don't know who arranged it, but there it was. We were working 12 hour shifts 7 days a week, hauling supplies to Army and Marine camps all over the country. Everything from ice to turkeys to ammunition. At Tan Son Nhut Air Base we had already had the Bob Hope Christmas show and were just working. It did not seem like Christmas, even a little bit.

About 10 PM (2200 hours for you military time keepers), our senior non-commissioned officer, Chief Master Sargent Joe Waydak was leaving to go to his quarters. We were all wrapped up in our duties to think of anything else. As he was going out the door he stopped turned around and said, "Merry Christmas, may God bless everyone here." With those words, as a reminder of the season, a psychological light turned on, in everyone there. Frowns became smiles, and spirits took a quantum leap upward.

I personally felt a renewed sense of meaning for the season, and the fact that our Savior was coming in the form of an infant for all mankind. I think this was a feeling shared by all. In those 6 words spoken by Joe he did more for us than all the Bob Hopes and other entertainers that had been there. Don't EVER downplay the "Merry Christmas" wish. It has the power to heal through the memory of an infant gift from God.

In a follow up note, 9 years later, my family and I were having dinner at a military club in San Bernardino, California, when a man walked up and stood beside me. I looked up and it was Joe Waydak. I had a chance to meet his family and let them know what a terrific man he was. I will never forget him, or the TRUE meaning of MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Make an Advent Wreath at Home

Did you know that Advent wreaths were originally used in the home? They didn't become popular in churches until the middle of the twentieth century. You can make an Advent wreath with either four or five candles.

How to Make an Advent Wreath:

To begin, put four candles on a wreath or at least in a circle. Traditionally the candles are purple, because in antiquity, purple dye was very expensive and it was the color of royalty. We use purple for Advent because it is the season of the coming of the King. If you can't get purple candles, you can substitute blue ones. You can also make one of the candles pink if you like—technically, it is rose colored. If you have a fifth candle, it goes in the center of the wreath and it should be white.

How to Use Your Advent Wreath:

The idea is to use the wreath in conjunction with worship services or personal or family devotions on the four Sundays in Advent. You light candles at the beginning of each service and snuff them out at the end.

- On the first Sunday in Advent, you light the first candle. Have your service, then snuff out the candle.
- On the second Sunday in Advent, you light two candles, first the one from the previous Sunday, then the second one. Have your service, then snuff out the candles.
- On the third Sunday in Advent, you light the two candles from the previous weeks, in the order you lit them before, then you add the third one. Have your service, then snuff out the candles.
- On the fourth Sunday in Advent, you light the three candles from the previous weeks, in the order you lit them before, then you light the fourth one. Have your service, then snuff out the candles. You should get a stair-step effect, since each candle is a different length by now.

If you have a fifth candle in the center, then on Christmas Day you light the four candles in the order you lit them before, and then you light the center candle. Have your service, then snuff out the candles. You notice how I emphasize snuffing out the candles at the end of each service? This has absolutely no liturgical significance whatsoever, but it is vitally important and you must not leave it out. It prevents the candles from burning your house down. I recommend that you snuff out the candles, rather than blowing them out. The reason is that if you blow them out, you might spray hot wax over everything.

Prayers for Use with the Advent Wreath:

When you use an Advent Wreath in personal or family devotions, you can use whatever scriptures and prayers you like. If you need a point of departure, here is something to get you started. Please don't take it as a set form. You can use different readings, you can modify the prayers, and you can add hymns, carols, or other prayers as you like.

On the First Sunday in Advent

- Light one purple candle
- Read Isaiah 60:2-3

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light

of Jesus Christ, our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

On the Second Sunday in Advent

- Light two purple candles
- Read Mark 1:4

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way. We who like sheep have gone astray have found the way to you through Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

On the Third Sunday in Advent

- Light three purple candles
- Read Isaiah 35:10

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who brings us great joy. We who have walked in the shadow of the valley of death have found life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent

- Light all the purple candles
- Read Isaiah 9:6-7

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. We who live in discord and strife have found peace in the promise of eternal life, through Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Remember, it isn't Christmas Eve until sundown on December 24!

- Light all the purple candles and the white candle
- Read Luke 1:68-79 and Luke 2:1-20

We praise you, Lord God, because on this day, your Word became flesh in our Savior Jesus Christ, was born of a woman, and walked among us as a man. Help us to imitate your incarnation, by manifesting our faith in our conduct as well as in our speech. To you, O Lord, we give our honor, praise, worship, and love, in the most holy and precious name of the One who is born today; because He lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*This information was taken from: <http://www.kencollins.com/question-10.htm>
--from Judy Huber*



Christmas Inspiration

Celebrating Advent means learning how to wait.... Not all can wait – certainly not those who are satisfied, contented, and feel that they live in the best of all possible worlds! Those who learn to wait are uneasy about their way of life, but yet have seen a vision of greatness in the world of the future and are patiently expecting its fulfillment. The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come. For these, it is enough to wait in humble fear until the Holy One himself comes down to us, God in the child in the manger.

Source: [*Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Christmas Sermons*](#)

The Christmas Star in the night sky, the shining of the Christmas light in the night – all this is the sign that light breaks into the darkness. Though we see about us the darkness of unrest, of family discord, of class struggle, of competitive jealousy and of national hatred, the light shall shine and drive it out.... Wherever the Christmas Child is born in a heart, wherever Jesus begins his earthly life anew – that is where the life of God's love and of God's peace dawns again.

Source: [*Watch for the Light*](#) by Emily Arnold

There's nothing romantic about the Christmas story. If anything, it offers a slice of a brutal world in which a child is born on the street, so to speak, with next to nothing in the way of rights and security, and not even a home. He whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas said, even as a grown man, "I have nothing. I am nowhere at home. Even at night, I have no place to rest or lay my head".... But now this man from Nazareth comes to us and invites us to mirror God's image, and shows us how. He says: you too can become light, as God is light. Because what is all around you is not hell, but rather a world waiting to be filled with hope and faith.

Source: [*"Doors to the Feast"*](#) by Jörg Zink

No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor. The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything, look down on others, those who have no need even of God – for them there will be no Christmas. Only the poor, the hungry, those who need someone to come on their behalf, will have that someone. That someone is God, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God.

Source: [*The Violence of Love*](#) by Oscar Romero

Although we sing, "All glory to God on High and on the earth be peace," there seems to be today neither glory to God nor peace on earth. As long as it remains a hunger still unsatisfied, as long as Christ is not yet born, we have to look forward to him. When real peace is established, we will not need demonstrations, but it will be echoed in our life, not only in individual life, but in corporate life. Then we shall say Christ is born.... Then we will not think of a particular day in the year as that of the birth of the Christ, but as an ever-recurring event which can be enacted in every life.

Source: from a talk given on Christmas Day, 1931 by Mahatma Gandhi

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--from Jane Herr

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

DECEMBER

3 Mark Rainey
 9 Quinn Cole (Bess & Eric's son)
 9 Ray & Judy Laffin
 12 Donna Niednagel

27 Jim & Jan Drum -Anniversary
 28 Phyllis Sindlinger
 29 Deborah Hutchison

JANUARY

18 Jan Drum
 19 Natalie Stant

FEBRUARY

2 Ed Kacena
 3 Cori McCabe
 4 Mike Day
 5 Jaden Fish (Niednagel's grandson)
 7 Logan Fittz
 14 Jane Land
 15 Sandy Fittz
 27 Linda Lee Gosser

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary - drop me
 a line at 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

Next deadline for submissions:

Lent: February 7, 2021

One Night by Sister Wendy Beckett

One night about 2,000 years ago a momentous event took place. Dorothy Sayers, who did not only write detective stories, described it as thus: "something which was the power of life itself had gone through the world like a thunderbolt and split time into two halves" ... The birth of Christ, proclaiming God's love, set us free in a way so overwhelming and so demanding that we are still baffled by it. The advent of the second millennium is a summons to look more deeply at this birth, and the events that preceded and followed it, and so to seek all over again to accept it's glory. Christ came so that we might live life to the full, do we dare?

—*from Jennifer Heller*

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

We are still meeting via Zoom!

All Sundays: Full worship service with distanced Communion prayer

Sunday evening book club: **Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 at 7 pm** (discussing Love is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry)

Wednesdays in Advent: Celtic service at **7 p.m. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23**

Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will be visiting (virtually) St. David's on Sunday, **December 6th** for the worship service and coffee time after the service.

Winter Holidays

Thursday	Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Sunday	Nov 29	First Sunday in Advent
Monday	Nov. 30	St. Andrew's Day
Sunday	Dec. 6	St. Nicholas Day
Friday	Dec. 25	Christmas
Friday	Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Wednesday	Jan. 6	Epiphany
Sunday	Feb. 7	deadline for Lent newsletter
Tuesday	Feb. 16	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday