



Pentecost 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of St. David's Episcopal Church, Bean Blossom!

As we prepare for Pentecost and the celebration of the Holy Spirit's presence among us, I am excited that we will also be gathering together for the first time for Sunday worship in one week. We have been doing in person Evening Prayer the past three weeks and it has been amazing for me to hear our voices lifted up TOGETHER in prayer. It fills my spirit to be able to be at the altar once more telling the story of Jesus Christ and his life, death, resurrection and his continuous work through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It has been more than a year and most of us are yearning to be in the same space together worshipping the same God together and doing our work together in community, at St. David's. We are eager to return to "normal" and resume activities as they have been in the past. That will not happen right away. For instance, we won't have a live choir right away, still recordings. We won't have coffee hour immediately. Communion will be given with only the bread for now. That has always been sufficient for this sacrament and in the church and continues to be so now. There will be no passing of the peace. I invite you to create new ways of greeting one another at this time that convey the same message. That can be as simple as a peace sign, or a hands together, at heart, bow or whatever seems appropriate and acknowledges those around you.

We will be resuming some of our activities and starting some new ones! The Strawberry festival will be held on June 6. In addition, we will have our first Creation Care event for Children on May 23. We are looking forward to sharing our beautiful property with the community in new and unique ways that help educate all on how to care for our creation. As you all know, the climate crisis is real and needs to be addressed immediately and that means educating our children and community so they can grow up learning how best to care for the environment.

I'm looking forward to seeing most of you in person. I am vaccinated and I know you are too. Masks will still be in place but that certainly doesn't slow down the work of the Holy Spirit in our beloved community. This year has been one of the most challenging of my life and I suspect many if not most of yours too. I pray that we can be gentle with one another and our neighbors as we move forward to a new normal.

May God Bless this beloved community and help us to share God's love of one another and creation with all those who will listen.

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Mother Mary discussed this documentary during her sermon on May 9. It is currently available on Netflix. A beautiful film!

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Bean Blossom Music Series



The next Bean Blossom Music Series concert will be outside at St. David's in the backyard. The Hammer and the Hatchet will be performing Americana standards as well as some of their own original songs, Newgrass and Bluegrass.

If you'd like to bring a blanket to sit on the grass or a lawn chair please do. We will also have chairs available for people who want them. We won't be serving food but people are welcome to bring a picnic supper or snacks.

We will be practicing social distancing and will be wearing masks when not eating. This is a kid-friendly event. All ages welcome!!!

This event was originally planned for Sunday May 9 and has been rescheduled to **May 16 at 7 pm**. Stay tuned for more details from Anne Hawk.

Hear the Lute at a July Recital

World-renowned lutist Nigel North will be playing a recital at St. David's on **Sunday, July 11th at 7pm**.

Please mark your calendars for this evening of exquisite music!



Our Trip to Israel

By Rev. Deacon William Morris

One of the most momentous times in my life came in 2015 when my wife Sarah and I had the opportunity to visit Israel. We were joined by Sarah's awesome Aunt Jeri, who inspired us all to take the journey. We did one of those 10-day, cram-in-as-many-sites-as-you-can tours, but it was awe-inspiring and deeply moving to see the actual places that are mentioned and described in the Bible; everything came alive!!

The following places, in no particular order of inspiration, are some of the highlights:

- Galilee: Much of the Gospel accounts take place in Jesus' home area of Galilee, especially areas on the rim of the Sea of Galilee. First, it does not really look like a "sea", but more like a "lake". Still, it is breathtaking in its radiance. One can squint and still see the bucolic beauty in which Jesus lived and taught.
- Capernaum: This town by the sea, which was the hometown of the apostles Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, is referred to as "[Jesus'] own city". Substantial ruins there testify to the town's historical authenticity; this includes the synagogue where Jesus is told to have taught and healed. My wife Sarah, as an anthropologist, states that "There is an archeological stratum in Capernaum that indicates this as the place where Jesus lived." Capernaum is also the town where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and where the paralytic was lowered through the ceiling of her home. Being in the same earthly space as Jesus was surreal and indescribably inspirational. A voice from deep in the "Thomas" part of my soul seemed to say: "It's real. It's real. It's real!"
- New Jerusalem: Of course, Old Jerusalem has a special power of its own, especially the Western Wall with its deep ancient roots. However, it was in new or modern Jerusalem that Sarah and I found an unexpected joie de vivre.
- On one of our last nights of the tour, Sarah and I set out to explore this other part of Jerusalem. We ate at a jazz club, watched Orthodox street musicians play Led Zeppelin, and witnessed a protest of young folks marching to Bob Marley. We had seen some of this dynamic spirit in Tel Aviv and Haifa, but we were caught wonderfully unawares.
- Caiaphas' House: Located on the same side of Old Jerusalem as the Western Wall is Caiaphas' house, and everyone on our tour was particularly moved by this place. First, there is a sort of "holding cell" located deep underground. Dug out of stone, it is believed to be the place where Jesus was held immediately after his arrest. This place emits a solemn sadness and profound grief. Second, outside Caiaphas' house are a large number of well-worn white stone steps that wind down into the Valley of Kidron, across from which is seen the Garden of Gethsemane. The Garden, replete with shadowy paths and olive trees, is no more than 200 yards east of Caiaphas' house. Again, there is archeological evidence that Jesus walked over these stones as he was led from the Garden to the holding cell. Both Sarah and I shuddered with reverence as we stood upon these stones.
- Masada: "WOW!" is the word I said again and again as we walked through the various chambers of this remarkable rock fortress high on a mountain overlooking the Dead Sea and the Negev Desert. Related to us in the writings of Josephus, Masada gives clear testimony of both Roman ingenuity and the Roman revolt. Especially ingenious was the way in which Romans "captured" water from extremely arid desert air. Also, there was an omnipresence in Masada of the courageous and tragic lives of those who reportedly took their own lives there only 50 years after the death of Jesus.

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Of course, there were many other magnificent and holy places along the way, including the sites of Jesus' birth, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the site where Jesus' body was washed after the crucifixion. And, there was Joppa (where Peter raised Tabitha from the dead) and Caesarea Maritime on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea (the site of Paul's imprisonment prior to be transported to Rome). We even dipped into the Jordan River.

Of course, we met many wonderful people along the way: Palestinians on the West Bank, Sudanese refugees in Tel Aviv, Zionists, and others. There are many other sights, sounds, smells and images of Israel for which I don't have enough room to write, but our time there was – without a doubt – one of the great gifts and experiences of my lifetime.



Masada



The ruins of the synagogue in Capernaum

Parishioner News

Jennifer Raises Money for St. Jude

We had another Saddle UP for St. Jude Trail ride on May the 8th and despite poor weather predictions, had 13 riders and raised 1400 dollars. This was our 20th year of this event and we've raised over \$85,000 over the years. Some families come back every year. All the money raised goes to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Thanks to donors, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food -- because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since it opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude won't stop until no child dies from cancer.

—Jennifer Heller

Thanks from Jean



I appreciate the expressions of sympathy extended to me on the loss of my husband Dan.
Mother Mary's visit was very helpful and I thank her for her time.

—Jean Furlong

Contact Info for Vivien

Vivien Bridges has been hospitalized with bacterial spinal meningitis but is currently on the road to recovery. Her daughter Heidi Cramer has been posting updates on Vivien's Facebook page. Her address is:

Vivien Bridges
30581 Drayton Court
Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527

Berry Fest!

St. David's will have a strawberry festival **Sunday, June 6** starting at **12 noon till 3 pm**. The cost is \$6:00 for shortcake, strawberries, ice cream and whipped cream. This will be an outside, mask required event.

We will need volunteers. I think in the past each volunteer only needed to work one hour. We also will need help with set up of tables and chairs. Plans are in the works for music as entertainment.

Watch for a sign up sheet. Hope all will come and enjoy the day. See you then!

Contact Joan Amati (812-597-0439) for volunteer opportunities or inquiries.



Nolan's welcome baby #2

Knox Joseph Nolan born 4/29/2021 at 4:29pm, 7 lbs. 14.5 oz, 19 inches long we're all doing great and Asher is getting used to his new little brother. ♡



Danielle is taking some time at home with Knox Joseph and gives the following references for DNK presents events and courses:

If you have questions on the **Backpacking Series** trips including Intro to Backpacking, or The Knobstone please contact **Blair Dietrick**: blairdietrick@gmail.com

If you have questions on the **Canoe Series** trips including Canoe Day Trip, Canoeing Blue River, Canoe Camping please contact **Darlene Patterson**: darlene_patterson@nobl.k12.in.us

If you have questions on the **Tecumseh Advanced Backpacking** trip please contact **Candice Baggett**: candicebaggett@gmail.com

If you have questions on the **Wilderness First Aid and CPR** course please contact **Danyeale Green**: dcottrel@iu.edu

If you have questions on the **Garden of the Gods** trip please contact **Blair Dietrick** or **Darlene Patterson**: blairdietrick@gmail.com, darlene_patterson@nobl.k12.in.us

Any mountain bike questions please contact **Kate Nolan**: kate@dnkpresents.com, browncountybikes@gmail.com or call the Bike Shop Brown County Bikes 812-200-1115

Check out the adventures we have coming up [here!](#)

For the next St. D picnic? LOL!



—from Marilyn Day

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY

10 Jan Halladay
 16 Michael & Cynthia Kafoure - Anniversary
 26 Dona Glentzer
 27 Jim & Judy Huber - Anniversary
 27 Gene & Donna Niednagel - Anniversary
 28 Marge Wright
 31 Ronald and Jane Herr - Anniversary

JUNE

4 Anne Hawk
 6 Ben Smith
 7 David Savage
 21 Jim Huber
 30 Ben Woodworth

JULY

1 Danielle Nolan
 2 Mary Bargiel
 4 Danielle & Kate Nolan - Anniversary
 7 Verne Sindlinger
 9 Fran Dugan

14 Everett Woodworth
 20 Yvonne & Bob Oliger - Anniversary
 27 Judy Huber
 29 Lou Wentzler
 29 David & Jane Savage - Anniversary

AUGUST

1 Maggie Linscott
 1 Sharon Kitchens
 7 Lauren Woodworth
 17 Angie & John Aumage - Anniversary
 18 Adie Smith
 22 Sandy Ridenour
 23 Verne & Phyllis Sindlinger - Anniversary
 23 Dave & Roberta White - Anniversary
 26 Richard & Jan Halliday - Anniversary
 30 Richard Halladay

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:

Fall: Sunday August 15, 2021

Advent: Sunday November 14, 2021

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SERVICES

Sunday 9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5:00 PM Evening Prayer

St. David’s Events

Sunday	May 16	Bean Blossom Music Series 7 pm (The Hammer and the Hatchet)	St. David’s
Sunday	May 23	Pentecost	
Sunday	June 6	Strawberry Festival 12 pm-3 pm	St. David’s
Sunday	July 17	Bean Blossom Music Series 7 pm (Nigel North recital)	St. David’s
Sunday	August 15	deadline for Fall St. David’s newsletter	