



Fall 2022

Greetings!

Do you hear it? Do you hear God quietly calling you to serve on St. David's Vestry?

At the end of this year, five of the seven voting members are scheduled to rotate off. Of course, Ralph has served as Treasurer for 18+ years! If anyone is willing to step up and answer that call, I'm sure he would greatly appreciate it. Further, Adie, our Clerk, is also scheduled to rotate off.

We need not only experienced leaders, but we need beginners. We need long-time Episcopalians and people who've just walked in the door. We need leaders from the congregations' heart and from its edges.

I believe that a church is not a business; it's a household of faith, and I have *faith* that some of you will accept this challenge.

Please start praying about your willingness to serve or, in the alternative, whom God would have you nominate for Vestry.

Vestry members will be elected for a three-year term, beginning January 2023. Please nominate yourself or someone else by December 11, 2022. Please send your nominations to Kate via email at pastorkatebb@gmail.com.

Peace, Sharon Kitchens



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:
Advent: November 20, 2022



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Inspiration

I know that this message already went out to everyone by a previous e-mail but myself I cannot get enough of Bishop Curry. If we could just get more people to listen to him we could see a change to the world. —ed.

The Jesus Movement, Walking the Way of Love

This message on Christian Practice was sent to our Episcopal House of Bishops by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry just before the 2022 Lambeth Conference began in Canterbury, England. All bishops in the 165 countries of the Anglican Communion are invited to the Lambeth Conference every ten years.

Bishop Curry sent this Practice to help prepare for discussions with some bishops of the Anglican Communion about their theological claim that the church marriage doctrine must hold that faithfulness in marriage is only between a man and a woman. The Episcopal Church and other members of the Communion recognize and bless same-sex marriage. That serious divide causes separation among church leaders striving to be one in Christ. Bishop Curry's recommended Practice dates back to other struggles for freedom in this country.

A Practice for the Lambeth Conference 2020 (Held in 2022) These practices were developed by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., for nonviolent protest marches in the 1960's.

- "As you prepare to march meditate on the life and teachings of Jesus."
- Remember the nonviolent movement seeks justice and reconciliation - not victory
- Walk and talk in the manner of love; for God is love
- Pray daily to be used by God that all men and women might be free
- Sacrifice personal wishes that all might be free
- Observe with friend and foes the ordinary rules of courtesy
- Perform regular services for others and the world
- Refrain from violence of fist, tongue and heart
- Strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health
- "As you prepare to march meditate on the life and teachings of Jesus."

Thanks for Prayers

Dear St Davidians,

Thanks so much for the prayers, cards and concern given to me for my health issues. I did have a heart attack on May 28th, and now have a stent in an artery. I would like to remind everyone and especially women, that heart attacks do not always have the traditional symptoms of chest pain and pressure. My only symptom was pain in my left arm. Women and diabetics frequently have non-traditional symptoms during a heart attack.

If you have left arm pain for no normal reason like strains, please don't hesitate to go to the Emergency Room. I will be having a surgery for a kidney stone that they found during the scans, so keep me in your prayers on October 19th. Jesus had a healing presence for me in Methodist hospital when I prayed for him to stop the kidney bleeding and it did stop. There is also a daily prayer given over the loudspeakers at Methodist in the mornings, which seems to be very effective in centering everyone in their busy day. Thank you all again, it was very comforting and uplifting to know that people were praying for me.

Jennifer Heller

A Note from our Interim - Pastor Kate

As much as I love summer, I'm ready for a nip in the air and the beauty of fall foliage. Especially here, in St. David's neighborhood, with foliage to spare. Today marks three months and one day of my tenure at St. David's, tenure as interim. It's been about five months since Ash Wednesday, moving from winter and Lent to Spring and Easter, to the long period of green during summer, the "Ordinary Time." Has it been ordinary for you? Not so much for me.

As your interim, my job is to accompany you while your Search Committee does the hard work of defining this parish, and then interviewing until they find someone who matches the description of St. David's, but with an ability to take it to the next levels—in whatever way the parish's spirit is drawn. It is also my job to make sure that the parish is ready for new leadership, that there are no impediments that might become stumbling blocks. As I said in my recent report to the diocese, "Creating is easier when the studio is in order."

We're a little messy. The messiness isn't obvious, but shows up when trying to track down policies, who does what, and records such as actual membership, or who might be candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception into the Episcopal Church. These sacraments are spiritual rites of passage and are a mighty surge of the Spirit when embraced.

I also mentioned in my report that I love being the opening act for the weekly celebration of the ministries that launch the grace that swirls among us and bursts through the doors to reach out to others; "Small but Mighty" is an apt motto for this lively church. St. David's has a passion for social service, following Jesus with so many decisions to serve others. We want those ministries to continue to thrive and bring satisfaction to those parishioners involved as well as to those they serve. So we are looking at what the ministries themselves believe hold them back or might be needed to thrive.

This period will result in a valuable inventory of ideas, definition, creativity, and personal interests. We'll have a handy reference to "Who's on First?" – who we contact to step into new service ourselves, to ask a question, to seek guidance. And we'll see what spiritual gifts unify us and strengthen those gifts by nurturing them. The possibilities are many and exciting.

We are a terrific physical space in Bean Blossom and the surrounding area, one designed to invite outsiders to concerts, speakers, strawberry festivals – the possibilities abound and are limited only by our imaginations and wherewithal.

The clay here at St David's is of high quality and we can shape it to support our wildest dreams. We are on the cusp of that. It's an exciting place to be.

Soul Collage

This is a meditative, reflective activity that may be right for you.

It is an expressive arts practice done individually or in community. Founded by Seena B. Frost, the method develops creativity and intuition, encourages self-discovery, and provides personal guidance.

SoulCollage® meets you wherever you are on this journey called life. You don't have to be an artist to make SoulCollage® cards. Anyone can create and enjoy this powerful practice

Read about it at <https://soulcollage.com> and mention your interest to Pastor Kate. It requires magazine images, scissors, glue, and you to create new understandings.

Sound Like You?

Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships is a project to help us see our facilities in new ways, to expand use by organizations and groups who might not think about calling us. CBCP has created ways to explore and communicate our strengths to welcome others. You are invited to take part. Interested in our architecture, outreach, evangelism, folks from other parishes throughout Indiana, and local people *and* finding ways to link them all? Use that gift by joining training Cohort 4. (All times are Eastern)

- ✦ Orientation Webinar: Wed., Nov. 30, 7:00pm
- ✦ Training 1 (via Zoom): Wed., Jan. 18, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- ✦ Training 2 (in person): Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 am – 2:30 pm (location tbd)
- ✦ Training 3 (via Zoom): Wed., Feb. 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- ✦ Site visits during the weeks of either March 20-24, or April 24-28
- ✦ Capital Grants Webinar: Wed., April 19, 2023, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- ✦ Next Steps Webinar: Wed., May 3, 2023, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Speak to Pastor Kate or Sharon Kitchens to take advantage of this opportunity. For even more information, see <https://cbcp.sacredplaces.org/>



Some Pentecost Pix

Come Little Leaves

It was autumn, probably thirty years ago; Aunt Belvadell, then in her nineties and I were in the back seat of our car, going to visit family in Akron, Ohio. She recited this poem to me, saying that she made all her fourth graders memorize it every year during her thirty-five-year tenure in New Alexandria Grade School. I was so delighted that I memorized it on the spot. Later she sent me a copy written in her beautiful cursive handwriting. I still put on my refrigerator on the first day of Fall.

COME LITTLE LEAVES

Come, little leaves said the wind one day,
 Come over the meadows with me and play
 Put on your dresses of red and gold,
 For summer has gone and the days grow cold
 As soon as the leaves heard the winds loud call,
 Down they came fluttering one and all
 O'er the brown fields they danced and flew
 Singing the soft little songs they knew.
 Dancing and whirling the little leaves went
 Winter had called them and they were content
 Soon fast asleep on their earthly beds
 The snow lay a coverlet over their heads.

Submitted by Phyllis Sindlinger for our children and those who are children at heart.

This year, like last year, the Finance Committee is using material prepared by the Episcopal Network for Stewardship, TENS. I found last year's motto was easy to grasp, **Every Perfect Gift**. This year's motto confused me; it is **More than Enough**. Did they mean that the church had more than enough money to support its activities, more than enough people with more than enough skills?



That did not make any sense. As you read the Theological Statement from TENS, you will see that is not what they meant. They mean that I will have enough to cover my needs and still donate and that congregations can be creative and find ways of doing things that stretch their resources. St. David's is such a place. I am amazed at how St. David's, through the Northern Brown County Food Alliance, has leveraged their resources and helped feed so many people.

Please join with the Finance Committee this fall as we explore the meanings of **More than Enough**.

Jim Huber



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Theological Statement

When Elijah meets the widow of Zarephath, as the story is told to us in First Kings, he asks to be fed from the very last of her stores. She explains to him that she's gathering wood for the fire she'll make to cook the last meal she expects to eat before she and her son die of starvation. Still, he asks her to make him some bread.

Even though Elijah promises that she won't run out of flour and oil, how can she know this is true? The first miracle of the story is that she shares the very last that she has with this entitled man who is asking for food and drink. In my opinion it overshadows the other miracles that follow – the never-empty jugs of oil and flour – because for the first miracle to be effective, the widow must first make the most daring risk.

I see this miracle replayed often in the Church. When faced with diminished resources, I have witnessed congregations get creative, roll up their sleeves, and find ways to engage their mission. In situations where old models were failing to attract new energy, I have seen members volunteer their ideas, their wisdom, to help a congregation move beyond its capacity. I have seen vestries take risks in order to extend more services, more ministry in their communities, even if the path to staffing or funding it wasn't immediately clear.

In every one of these circumstances, miracles were present, because in every one of these circumstances there was more than enough. More than enough people to do the work, more than enough money to cover the costs, more than enough creativity to carry the project forward. Even when we feel depleted, there is more than enough.

Maybe the recent pandemic has made you wonder if your congregation will be able to continue, able to provide ministry and pay the bills. Maybe you have had to make serious adjustments in your own household budget or your plans. Our stewardship of our personal and collective resources reminds us of the abundance around us. There will be more than enough because our faith will unlock the generosity of others. Expect miracles. |

Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and is a member of Holy Innocents, San Francisco

UTO

Our last United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering was in 2019! A pre-Covid event. As part of St. David's outreach ministry, we will once again have a UTO Ingathering Sunday sometime in November. Date to be announced.

From the website for the Episcopal Church United Thank Offering the following information reminds us of the important work of UTO.

Jane Savage

United Thank Offering Mission

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



How UTO Works

Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar offered in thanks through United Thank Offering is given to God's mission in the world. UTO disperses every penny offered into grants. Every coin and bill transforms lives in the United States and around the world. Your blessings become blessings for others.

UTO Leadership

The United Thank Offering is governed by an incredible volunteer Board. The Board is comprised of one representative from each of the nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church, two appointed Young Adult board members, and an Executive Committee.

To support the work of the board, the United Thank Offering has two staff members. Each year, to honor the historic tradition of the organization, UTO employs a Julia Chester Emery Intern.

UTO History

At the 1889 Triennial Meeting in New York, the Women's Auxiliary instituted the United Offering for the support of innovative mission projects and to send female missionaries to serve as nurses and teachers. The United Offering eventually became known as the United Thank Offering (UTO) collecting the prayers and grateful offerings of The Episcopal Church in thanksgiving for the many blessings of this life. Throughout its existence, the work of UTO was fundamental to expanding the mission of The Episcopal Church. While UTO has expanded and grown over the years, the United Thank Offering continues to promote the spiritual practice of gratitude.

Search Committee Update

Search Committee Preparing for a Busy Fall

This fall will be a time that all the contributions by St. David's members and friends to the Search Committee and Vestry will come together in our Ministry Portfolio, the document that will introduce St. David's across the national Episcopal Church to any priests searching for their next call to serve a parish.

First, some great news: Jen Phelps, our diocesan transition ministry coach, is returning to us after being away recovering from surgery. She is preparing for a September meeting with her counterparts from all dioceses to talk about opportunities to serve in the Diocese of Indianapolis, and she will prepare the church for the coming St. David's portfolio. Also, Bob Westbrook returned to the Search Committee at our August 31 meeting after a brief leave to recover from a heart procedure. He was in time to help us review our narrative descriptions of St. David's for the portfolio. We are close to having a draft of that work to submit.

All of you will know when our St. David's Portfolio goes live and be available to everyone. It will contain our story of ministry in Brown County and beyond by the Search Committee and the opportunities and benefits details of serving here prepared by the Vestry. This will be the time for all of us to let our priest friends know that the St. David's rector search information is online. You can also send names you recommend to Jen Phelps at the diocesan office. Ed McCabe, our chair, will post a rector search section on the St. David's website and can get you the contact information for Jen.

Please continue to pray for the work of the Search Committee and Vestry as we look for our next rector. We will be updating the parish regularly on our process and progress. The only thing we can't share is any personally identifiable information about candidates because of confidentiality rules protecting the candidates and their current parishes.

*Gene Niednagel
For the Search Committee*

St. David's Does Godspell!

On Sunday, November 13th, the musical Godspell is coming to the Brown County Playhouse. I am putting a group together to attend the 2:30 PM show. Because of the size of the group, dinner will be on your own. The show will be over at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$25.00. If you wish to attend, please sign up with me and either pay me cash or make a check payable to Judy Huber before September 24th....which is the day I pick up the tickets. I will be in church on September 4, 11 and 18.

*Thank you!
Judy Huber*



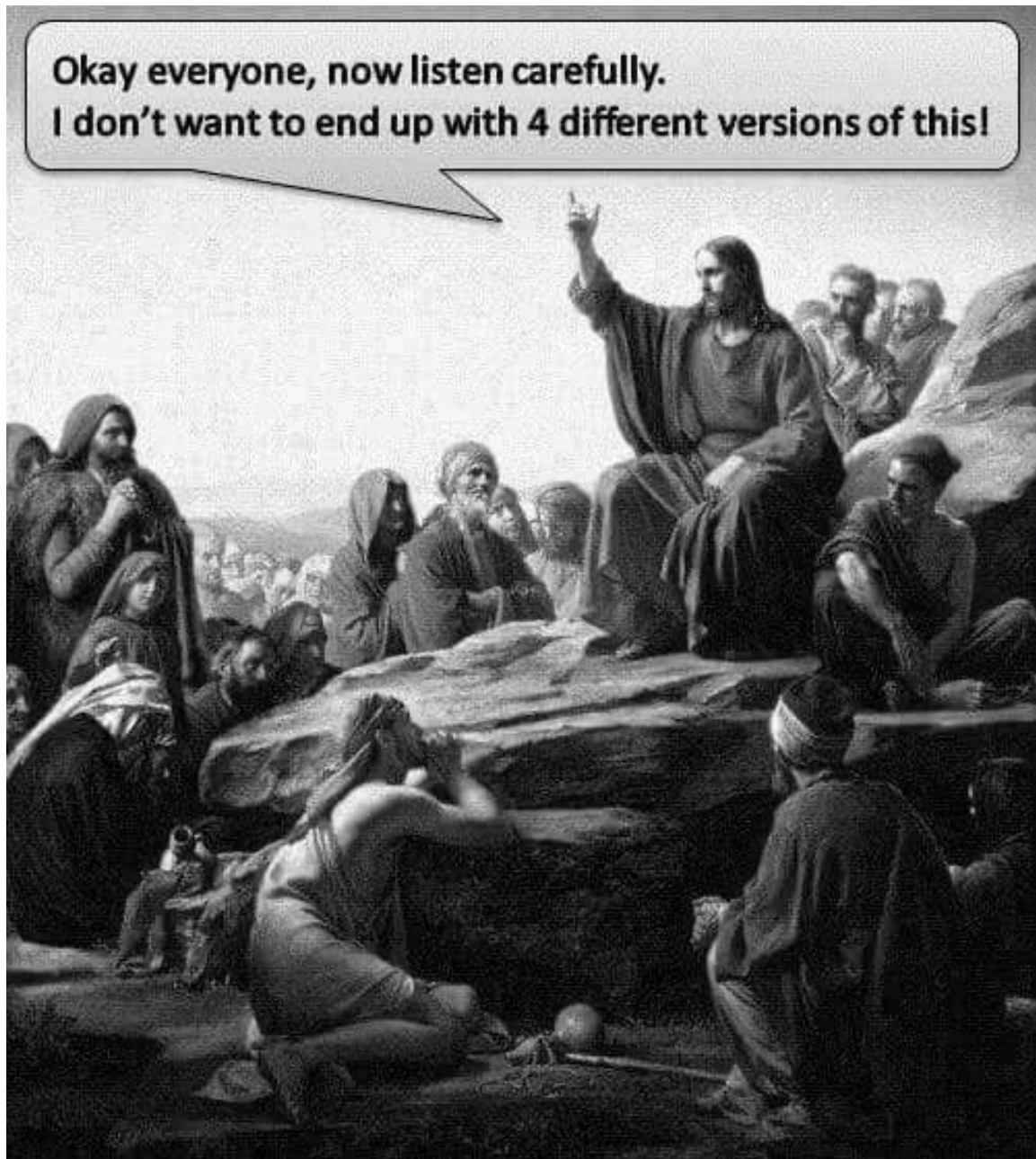
Fun

Some humor that I have stolen from others. from Judy Huber

Puns for Educated Minds

1. The fattest knight at King Arthurs round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: You stay here; I'll go on a head.
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: Keep off the Grass.
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says Dam!
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, I've lost my electron. The other says Are you sure? The first replies, Yes, I'm positive.
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal?
His goal: transcendental medication.

More Fun



from Jennifer Rekers

Outreach News

The Harvest is Coming

As the fall season approaches, at St. David's we continue to focus on our environmental and creation care understanding the need to protect pollinators and improve habitats that will ensure a season of harvest of the food supply and beauty in Brown County. This summer in our flower beds and lawn an abundance of honeybees has been at work. Also, several monarch butterflies have been spotted on the butterfly bushes and flowers.

The Brown County Pollinators once again will toss milkweed seed balls on another 100 acres of Brown County land. Over 4000 seed balls are being made by volunteers at the home and butterfly farm of Debbie Kelly. The seed making will be on September 11th and September 25th from 1-4PM. Please join us. This is like making childhood "mud Pies". The seed bombs will be dried in trays until the end of October, then distributed on the donated land. To donate land, help make the seed balls, or toss in October call Donna at (812) 272-9254.

To Celebrate the Harvest, St. David's will host one of our Ham and Bean Dinners (lunch-time) on October 9th from noon until 3Pm. Children and adults may visit spinner and weaving demonstrations. The Porch Rockers will be providing music during the festival which will be in the Gathering Place. Marilyn Day is chairing the festival and Joan Amati will organize the food. Put October 9th on your calendar, tell your friends and neighbors, and plan to celebrate!

During September and October as we celebrate the harvest, the pop-up drive thru food distributions that address food-insecurity in our neighborhood will continue. On September 3rd the drive thru pop-up will be held at Unity Church from 4-5:30 PM. Every Thursday from 3-5PM, a drive-up Produce Distribution will be held in the St. David's Parking lot. In September, the Brown County Week-end Backpacks will begin the packing for week-end food for Brown County students at risk. Ambassadors will be delivering food to our neighbors needing delivery of St. Vincent DePaul monthly and pop-up food distribution. St. David's Little Pantry located in front of Akerman Hall is available for emergency food 24-7. Volunteers are being scheduled for serving meals at Mother's Cupboard and we continue as the "peanut butter" church for them. We also have a basket for noodles at St. Vincent DePaul and corn for the Week-end Backpacks. Please help us keep the baskets full.

All of these ministries occur because of the dedication of many of St. David's "worker bees". Thanks to you all!

—Donna Niednagel



Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

3 Ralph Linscott
 4 Len Glosque
 7 Ed McCabe
 11 Jennifer Heller
 11 Ben Herr
 13 Margie Hill
 13 Juniper McCabe (Ed & Cori's daughter)
 14 Jonathan & Deborah Hutchison - Anniversary
 16 Jan Benham
 24 Louis and Laura Wenzler - Anniversary

OCTOBER

4 Marilyn Day
 7 Bob Oliger
 7 Jonathan & Linda Lee Gosser-Anniversary
 10 Marge Steiner
 11 Westley Smith (son of Ben & Adie Smith)
 11 Jim Drum
 18 Adie & Ben Smith - Anniversary
 25 Gene Niednagel
 26 Jonathan Hutchison
 26 Yvonne Oliger
 26 Laura Wenzler
 31 Jonathan Gosser

NOVEMBER

9 Joan Amati
 9 Tim & Laurie Stant - Anniversary
 10 Ed & Cori McCabe - Anniversary
 11 David Sindlinger
 12 Jan Holloway
 12 Jane Herr
 13 Andrea Barber
 15 Ben & Lauren Woodworth - Anniversary
 20 Ralph & Maggie Linscott -Anniversary
 23 Kate Nolan
 28 Carol Ruffin
 29 Roberta White
 30 Pat Bolinger

DECEMBER

9 Quinn Cole (Bess & Eric's son)
 12 Donna Niednagel
 17 Dave White
 27 Jim & Jan Drum -Anniversary
 28 Phyllis Sindlinger
 29 Deborah Hutchison

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



Pajama Sunday Pix



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SERVICES

Sunday 9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5:00 PM Evening Prayer

In-person services may be temporarily suspended when Covid cases increase in Brown County. You can attend our worship services via zoom and/or Facebook. Please contact the church office for more information.

Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Sunday	Sept 25	Bishop Jennifer visits St. David's		
Wednesday	Sept 28	Pub Theology	6:30pm	Out of the Ordinary
Friday	Oct 7	Euchre	7pm	
Sunday	Oct 9	Harvest Festival	1-4pm	St. David's
Wednesday	Oct 28	Pub Theology	6:30pm	Out of the Ordinary
Sunday	Oct 30	Acoustic Sunday	9:30am	St. David's
Friday	Nov 4	Euchre	7pm	
Sunday	Nov 13	Godspell	2:30pm	Brown County Playhouse
Sunday	Nov 20	Advent newsletter info deadline		
Sunday	Nov 27	Acoustic Sunday	9:30am	St. David's
Friday	Dec 2	Euchre	7pm	