



**ST. DAVID'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Pentecost 2023

My Beloved friends,

We are moving now from the seasons of Lent and Eastertide, from the reviews of our lives and choices made into the glorious time of our redemption through Jesus Christ's death and, enthusiastically, his resurrection. We have greeted that with song and words of Alleluia! Nature generously punctuates that with glorious daffodils and redbuds and my favorite, dogwood blooms and fresh green leaves. With the excitement of the birthday of the Church marking the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples on Pentecost, we'll be partying and praying at Waycross. The fried chicken is our own liturgical addition, and we will have a great time.



The green seasons spanning from late spring, through summer, and into fall are all our seasons after Pentecost. (from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (*Pentēkostē*), meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition—we get our fried chicken variant from a long traditional line of borrowing and tailoring customs.) During the season of Pentecost, we will concentrate more on living the Christian life. As we mature, we find new expressions of what we may have learned as a child, growing our faith into adult understandings and solutions.

St. David's will embrace that growing in faith and will celebrate it with parties and "house work" around the campus. We have not just the Waycross picnic, but the Strawberry Festival, Father's Day, our rummage sale, Clean Up Day, and more. We will be exploring what we have learned from our visit from the people of Partners for Sacred Spaces and the Church Buildings Collaborative Project, an initiative funded by both dioceses of Indiana, in every Episcopal Church in Indiana, to make the best use of the spaces we have to invite God's people into communion with us. Not just evangelism, but partnership and friendship, for expressing St. David's bubbling passion for the greater Brown County community "out loud". Watch for more on this once we receive the report from these committed partners for sacred spaces: we have a wealth of ideas and they have a wealth of ideas about bringing them to life. Prepare for the excitement of brainstorming and fun, of seeing new sunlight on our creativity and passions as the growth season of Pentecost unfolds.

Faithfully, Kate+

## *Bean Blossom Music Series*

Local Singer-songwriters Dave Sisson and Kenan Rainwater will be performing at St. David's on Sunday, June 25th at 7pm

Please join us to support two of our talented local Brown County musicians! Watch for more details about this June 25th concert in the coming weeks.

Annie Hawk



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## **A Ride into Spring**

“Come,  
It’s a lovely day,  
Let’s go for a ride.

We’ll look for Dogwood trees  
May Flowers, Jack-in-the-Pulpits  
and unexpected  
surprises

Waiting for us on the  
floor of the Woods,

and feeling  
warmth on our faces and  
looking for signs of Spring.

You kids crawl in the back  
I’ll drive.  
Grandma, climb in beside me.”

The May wind blows  
In through the open windows of  
Our old 1947 Plymouth;  
My mother is at the wheel  
and Grandma points  
through the open car window at  
trees and flowers,

reminding all of us  
to delight in  
finding Spring.

As I do now  
in these memories.

—*Phyllis Sindlinger, May 8, 2023*





## **Pentecost and Shavuot**

Pentecost Sunday (May 28) marks the day most Christians believe the Holy Spirit descended on the followers of Jesus after his death, resurrection and ascension. The story comes from the New Testament Book of Acts: “Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Jesus’ followers were amazed — they could speak languages they never knew before and they could understand others they had never heard. The Apostle Peter stood up and preached his first sermon — so many Christians think of this holiday as the “birthday” of the church.

In the Jewish tradition Shavuot is called the “Festival of Weeks” because it is held seven weeks (and one day) after the second night of Passover. Originally tied to an ancient grain festival, it eventually became the holiday that marks God’s giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The link between the two holidays lies in their names. “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word “pentekostos,” which means 50. Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter, when Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead. And 50 days also represents the gap between Passover’s second day and Shavuot. Some scholars believe Pentecost owes its name to Jesus’ Jewish followers who were gathered together to observe the festival of Shavuot.

On Shavuot, which starts this year on the evening of May 25th, Jews mark not just the giving of the Torah by God, but their acceptance of the Torah. Some Jewish writers have compared the exchange to a marriage or other sacred covenant. One way the holiday is observed is through the reading of the Book of Ruth, the story of a woman who converts to Judaism and accepts the Torah.

The gifts of the first Pentecost have different meanings to different Christians. Some interpret them as the spiritual benefits of accepting Jesus that bring a more meaningful earthly life. Others — especially those Christians known as Pentecostals — believe the first Pentecost gave all followers of Jesus “the gifts of the Spirit” — speaking in and interpreting tongues, the ability to prophesy, the power to heal by touch, the ability to discern spirits. Pentecostals believe those things are available to all Christians, and only those who accept them are able to fulfill the work and destiny that God has laid out for them.

—*from crosswalk.com 5-17-18*

## *St. David's Out West*



Having a great time in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the winter home of Mike and Marilyn Day!

Dona Glentzer, Fran Dugan, Skip Wood and Marylin all sport their Beautiful Downtown Bean Blossom t-shirts at the McDonald's in Las Cruces with Richard, Ron and David, Marylin's McDonald's buddies!

## *Search Committee Update*

Hello brothers and sisters!

We continue with our search for a new Rector. We have had many visits to our listing. There haven't been any submissions to our ad in beautiful Brown County. The diocese continues in helping us with our quest, but that front has been quiet too.

In our last update, Ed has suggested maybe we create a short video of who we are and our wonderful surroundings.. I'd love to be pictures, what about you?

Peace, Bob Westbrook

## Deacon's Corner

Several weeks ago, Sarah and I were blessed to have THE time and opportunity to travel to the mountains of North Carolina for one of the biggest bluegrass festivals in the United States: Merlefest.

Starting 35 years ago, Merlefest was founded by the great bluegrass guitar player, Arthel Watson, affectionately known as “Doc”. Born blind, Doc was introduced to church music and guitar at an early age. He took to both like bees to honey, and Doc became a legendary figure in American bluegrass music (right behind our beloved Bill Monroe, with whom Doc often jammed here in Bean Blossom). One of Doc’s children, Merle, also grew to be a talented bluegrass guitar player. Doc and Merle’s stage performances together were jewels in the realm of bluegrass music. Sadly, in 1985, Merle lost his life in a farming accident.

After some years of deep grief, Doc decided to honor his son by starting a music festival in Merle’s name: Merlefest. MerleFest has become a huge celebration of “traditional plus” music, a unique mix of music based on the traditional, roots-oriented sounds of the Appalachian region, including bluegrass and old-time music, and expanded to include Americana, country, blues, rock and many other styles. The festival hosts numerous artists, performing on 12 stages during the course of the four-day event. The annual event has become the primary fundraiser for the WCC Foundation, funding scholarships, capital projects, and other educational needs. Merlefest has played host to virtually all the big names in bluegrass and country music: Dolly Parton (Sarah’s all-time favorite), Willie Nelson, Taj Mahal, Alison Krause, and John Prine to name a few.

And, this year, Sarah and I were blessed to attend. Our time there was a Course in Miracles, for sure. First off, at the last minute we had the “lightbulb thought” to leverage the Soul Kitchen to request press passes. Our request was granted. Press passes were issued, and we were refunded the money we’d spent for three-day passes. AMEN.

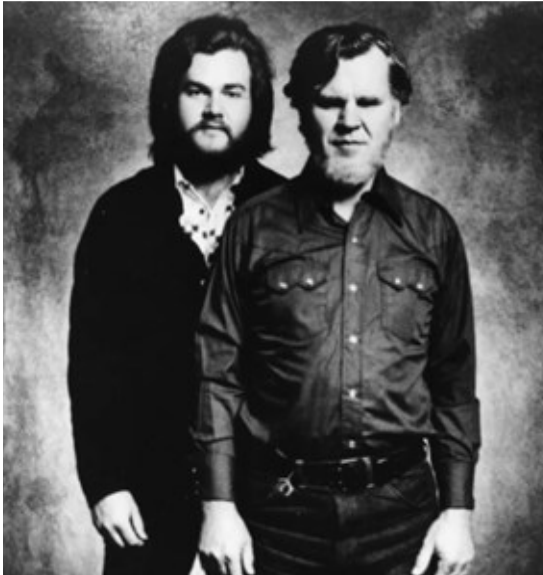
Next, the first half of the festival was visited by lots and lots of rain. We were awash in Carolina Mountain mud. However, unless lightning appeared, the music kept flowing. And, miraculously, after the last raindrop fell, a BIG, BIG double rainbow appeared. Magnificent! Word went around that Merle and Doc were smiling down from above.

Not too long after we entered the festival with our press passes, we began to strategize how we’d get some interviews. We soon developed a plan: Sarah took care of the technical stuff (recorder, mike, sound quality, the hard work, etc.) and I’d do the introducing and interviewing (i.e., “the talking”). Our plan worked out pretty well, as we roamed from stage to stage (12 in all), went backstage after performances, and chatted with all kinds of musicians, young and old. By the end of the festival, Sarah and I had a bit of a reputation as “interview sleuths”.

We interviewed old-timey bluegrass players (like Terry Baucom and Dom Flemons). We interviewed baby-faced bluegrass players (like Presley Barker, 19, who shared some of his experiences as a semi-finalist on *American Idol* and a band of fiddle-wielding 10-year-olds making their bluegrass debut); We interviewed a very popular group, *Scythian*, who is a BIG, BIG favorite at festivals here and in Ireland. Led by two brothers whose parents were born in Ukraine, *Scythian* sings songs full of hope and laughter and joy. Due to the Ukrainian connection, Sarah interviewed the two brothers, Alexander (“Alex”) and Danylo (“Danny”) Fedoryka. Fascinating! Her interview with Alex and Danny – and all the others – will be on WFIU sometime in the very near future.

Two other BIG treats of Merlefest were: the wonderful Sunday morning music, old-timey hymns played with love and joy'; and, our Airbnb hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Taylors, a very dear couple who once used their 15-acre property in nearby Deep Gap, North Carolina (Doc Watson's home, incidentally) as a camp for children with disabilities. In their late 70's, the Taylors awaited us with breakfast each morning, as we shared adventures from the previous day. We had good prayers, good food and good laughter every morning. What a BLESSING!!! Last, it is ALWAYS a profound joy to spend time with Sarah in the North Carolina mountains. This is the land of her birth and the *first* culture of her life. She glows in the mountains. Sarah and I are deeply grateful to God for this time of music and kindnesses and joy and safe travel - and rainbows. Amen.

—*Brother William Morris*



Merle and Doc Watson



Sarah interviewing brother Danny and Alex Fedoryka, of the band *Scythian*




Brother William with Dom Flemmons, formerly of the *Carolina Chocolate Drops*

*Rooted in Rest*

Rooted  IN Abundance  
A Pentecost Reflection

I have a vision of the Holy Spirit leaning against a tree, or perhaps sinking into her favorite chair, and feeling both exhausted and exhilarated after the day of Pentecost. Rushing wind, fire, tongues, and the many gifts of the Spirit that blast into the world on that day must take a lot of energy, even for God. Much as God the Creator rested on the Seventh Day, I imagine the Holy Spirit must need a bit of a breather after her big day.

This is an appropriate feeling as we look onto the Summer. Half of the year is over, and schools, families, and rectors might be considering or looking forward to Summer plans for rest. We need this – time off to recharge and time to pursue our hobbies and personal interests. A couple of days to sleep in, the chance to look at a different landscape, a trip out of our comfort zone give us the opportunity for new perspectives, new ideas, new approaches.

Rest is so important, that we should require it or at the least remind ourselves to take advantage of it when we can. We are called to offer our gifts to our churches, communities, and families and the gifts we offer will be strengthened if we have had a chance to get new perspective and energy and ideas. Find the ways this Pentecost season to rest up for the challenges that the fall will bring. | 



*Questions for Reflection:*

What are the ways that you find to rest and recharge?

What about ministry gives you energy or joy?



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THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP



## Ordering Items for St. David's from Amazon

St. David's has an Amazon account. Since the church is a charity, we do not pay 7% sales tax on items ordered on that account.

St. David's does not pay \$137 per year to get Amazon Prime. The cost of the items ordered must exceed \$25 for the church to get free shipping. If the items cost less than \$25, please order them using your personal Amazon account and submit a request for reimbursement. Items ordered on St. David's account are not sent directly to the church, they can either be shipped to Jean Brown's home or your home address.

Please contact Jean Brown, our Administrative Assistant, at [admin@stdavidsbb.org](mailto:admin@stdavidsbb.org) if you need to order something for St. David's. Jean will need to know just what the item is, the quantity, and what account to charge, for example Buildings and Grounds, Outreach, Worship Supplies, ...

—Jim Huber

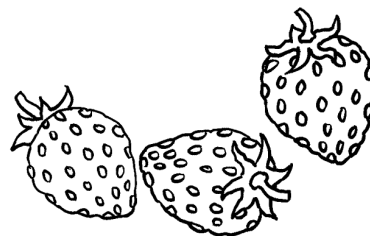
## "Strawberries, Ice Cream, Biscuits OH MY !"

It's time for St. David's annual Strawberry Festival: **June 4th from noon to 3 pm**. We will be serving Strawberry Shortcakes Deluxe outside St. David's. We are keeping the price the same, \$6—a real deal!

There will be 1 hour serving shifts available for volunteers on the day of the event. Bring your friends and neighbors to this important event to support Outreach.

This event will take a Village to make it successful, and I know we are that Village.

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



## Parish Life

Pentecost and the church picnic will be celebrated at Waycross on May 28 at 9:30. Take the first entrance to Waycross. At the entrance you will see a bouquet of construction flags. There is parking by the Rec Center. The church service will be in the chapel; lunch will be in the Rec Center. Fried chicken, drinks, and tableware will be provided. Please wear red!

Father's Day will be celebrated on June 18 with a taco bar. Ladies will provide the food for this event. A sign up sheet will be available on June 4.

The Cathedral Choristers will sing at St. David's church service on August 27. Parish Life will provide their lunch.

The Parish Life Committee will meet July 9 to make plans for the second half of 2023.


—Carol Ruffin

# Fun

## THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

### *Sermon/Homily*

# B I N G O

The priest mentions—implicitly or explicitly—shame and/or Brené Brown.	The priest prepares a sermon on the wrong reading, but preaches it anyway.	The priest sings from the pulpit, poorly.	The priest quotes a camp-meeting hymn text.	The priest references Downton Abbey.
The priest references NPR, specifically "On Being" with Linda Tippett	The priest expounds upon the liturgical season.	The priest reads an entire Wendell Berry poem.	The priest talks about love in an overly general way.	The priest talks about "justice" in an overly specific way.
The priest never mentions Jesus Christ.	The priest quotes from an obscure, outdated, or heretical theological source.		The priest mentions [insert random "saint" here].	The priest tells a joke that is not relevant to the sermon.
The priest ruins recent episodes of TV and/or current movies with spoilers.	The priest uses "midrash" as an excuse to "read between the lines."	The priest mentions the MDGs, 5 Marks of Mission, or Jesus Movement.	The priest mentions <i>The Great Divorce</i> by C.S. Lewis when talking about "hell".	The priest, in an effort to "stir things up," quotes from Borg, Crossan, or Spong.
The priest references overly specific family circumstances.	The priest uses the word "reconciliation," "embodiment," or "incarnation(al)."	The priest reads a whole excerpt from "Holy Women, Holy Men."	The priest's sermon illustration is more in-depth than the exegesis.	The priest encourages "radical hospitality."

## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

### **MAY**

10 David Jennings  
 14 Vicki King  
 16 Michael & Cynthia Kafoure - Anniversary  
 18 Linda Shackelford  
 26 Dona Glentzer  
 27 Jim & Judy Huber - Anniversary  
 27 Gene & Donna Niednagel - Anniversary  
 31 Ronald and Jane Herr - Anniversary

### **JUNE**

4 Anne Hawk  
 6 Ben Smith  
 7 David Savage  
 21 Jim Huber  
 27 John Wood  
 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  
 28 John & Skip Wood  
 29 Lou Wenzler  
 29 David & Jane Savage - Anniversary

### **AUGUST**

1 Maggie Linscott  
 1 Gail Fields  
 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  
 30 Richard Halladay

### **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)  
 13 Sally Walker Simpson  
 14 Jonathan & Deborah Hutchison - Anniversary  
 16 Jan Benham  
 24 Louis and Laura Wenzler - Anniversary

*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:

Fall: August 27, 2023

Advent: November 19, 2023

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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.

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### **Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events**

Wednesday	May 24	Pub Theology <i>(following on the 4th Wednesday of the month)</i>	6:30 pm	Out of Ordinary
Sunday	May 28	Pentecost service	9:30 am	
		<i>(followed by Pentecost pitch-in)</i>		
Friday	June 2	Euchre <i>(following on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	7 pm	St. David's
Sunday	June 4	Strawberry Fest	12 pm-3 pm	St. David's
Sunday	June 18	Father's Day taco bar lunch	after service	St. David's
Sunday	June 25	Bean Blossom Music Series	7 pm	
	June 27-29	Pollinator Day Camp	1 pm—4 pm	St. David's
Sunday	July 9	Parish Life Committee Meeting	after service	St. David's
Saturday	July 15	St. David's Rummage Sale		St. David's
Sunday	Aug 27	Fall newsletter info deadline		
Sunday	Nov 19	Advent newsletter info deadline		