



ST DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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2023 VESTRY NOMINEES

As Chair of the Vestry Nominating Committee, I would first like to thank the following members of the committee—Larry Lamade, Chip Nottingham, Clare Piercy and Lizzie Polk.

Vestry members typically serve a three-year term, and each member serves on one of the three working groups—Property and Grounds, Finance and Administration and Mission, Education and Outreach

This year we present the following candidates for parish approval to serve on the St. David's Vestry:

Ted Jackson, Senior Warden

Richard Bland, Mary Kathryn Covert Steel and Pamela Wise

All candidates are active members of the St. David's community and are committed to the future growth of the parish. They all bring unique and diverse talents and energy.

Hadley Cooper, Junior Warden



RICHARD F. BLAND

As Vice President at WETA/PBS NewsHour, Rich leads a team of fundraisers who raise \$30M+ annually in institutional funds for WETA's multiple business units that serve the nation by providing programming for the 330+ PBS stations across the country. These WETA programs include: *PBSNewsHour*, *Washington Week*, national productions by Ken Burns and Henry Louis Gates, and local productions which include five television stations and a radio station, Classical WETA 90.9 (Washington's Classical music station).

Rich started his career working for U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as a Speechwriter and Deputy Chief of Staff. After then earning his law degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from Harvard University, Rich has dedicated his career to nonprofit management which included roles as Director of Federal Government Relations for the YMCA of the USA, National Director of Policy, Advocacy and Development for Save the Children, and Chief Operating Officer for the Washington National Cathedral. Rich received his BA from Bowdoin College, his JD from the University of Virginia and his MTS from Harvard University. Rich has a 16-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son, Noah. He and his wife Deborah Bland live in Spring Valley.

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MARY KATHRYN COVERT STEEL

Mary Kathryn and her husband, Michael, have been members at St. David's for four years. They have baptized both of their children — Anderson (age 3) and Eloise (7 months) at St. David's and are active with the children's ministry. Mary Kathryn has served on the Stewardship Committee, creating new fundraising materials for the church and speaking at services. She works at Bristol Myers Squibb as the Executive Director of CEO Communications. The family resides in McLean.



PAMELA WISE

Pamela and her husband, James, joined the St. David's community in Fall, 2020. They have four children: Peter, Henry, Virginia (Byrdy) and Smith. Pamela grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and graduated from The College of William and Mary with a B.A. in History and a minor in Religion. Since 2011 she has been a Senior Vice President in the Wealth Management Division at Merrill Lynch/Bank of America in Washington, DC and currently serves as Resident Director. Pamela and her family live in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of DC and during the summer in Northport, ME. Her sons currently board at Christchurch School in Saluda, VA (Episcopal Diocese of VA) where she is also currently restoring the historic home "Oakenham." No matter where you find Pamela, she is likely outside- in her garden, running or sailing. Her other volunteer work is on the finance committee and board of The Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockland, ME. In 2019, she founded Syndibat, a micro fashion line focused on bohemian streetwear..



TED JACKSON (Senior Warden)

Ted and his wife, Jennifer, have been active members of St. David's for 4 years. They have three children: Emily (21), a student at Tulane; Charlie (18) a senior at McLean High, and Jacob (16) a sophomore at Madison High. Ted is the CEO of ClearPoint Strategy, a small software firm in Rosslyn. He was born and raised as an Episcopalian in Mobile, AL, and he went to Duke University and Harvard Business School. He now lives in McLean, VA. He has been serving on the St. David's vestry for the last year on the MEO committee. He has played a variety of roles at St. David's prior to joining the vestry including the Greeter's Guild and the re-opening committee (post Covid shutdown). You can find Ted at a variety of services. He is also engaged with Loaves and Fishes as well as monthly sandwich-making. He served on the vestry in his former parish and taught Sunday School for many years.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Welcome, friends, to the 2023 Saint David's Annual Meeting! It is hard for me to believe that this is the 5th Annual Rector's Report I have written to you all and it boggles the mind at just how different... and yet so similar... each of those reports have been. Each year there are new beginnings, endeavors, hurdles and the occasional pandemic to embrace or tackle and each year, while trying to give voice to such things, I end up simply writing about being always in a state of humility and awe... I am awed by the generosity, joy and graciousness of the people of Saint David's every day. I was humbled and awed by you in 2017, when called to be your rector and... even more so in 2023 after five years of life and ministry together. Thank you, friends. What a gift it is to live, work and pray alongside such a faithful people.

To our parish community; your reputation as a joyful, faithful, giving and welcoming church has gotten out and is well deserved. Five and a half years ago, one of the search committee members told me that their dream for this parish was that it would become a place that they wanted to bring their friends and neighbors – a place of purpose and pride. And now every week, one or more of you introduce me to your neighbors, co-workers and friends. You are inviting others to “come & see” and **creating and being the church that you want to share with others**. Thank you.

To those who have carried the heavy load of leadership through the pandemic and into this new time; we would not be in this place of health and vibrancy without you and your tirelessness to step in and lead us here. From moving chairs, tents and tables to running guilds with only a handful of people or preparing feasts for coffee hours and picnics. Covid changed so much, especially the ability and desire to commit to volunteering and those of you who doubled down and continue to jump in whenever you see a need – thank you. Your example and willingness to serve others is *inspiring a new generation of leaders* and volunteers who want to be part of the parish in new and meaningful ways.

To those of you who help us remember to turn out and toward our brothers and sisters who suffer, thirst, hunger and ache; thank you for leading us to follow. From working with refugees and asylum seekers to supporting Ukrainians in an unjust war, increasing the number of families supported through our angel tree, sending parishioners to Honduras to build up relationships, working together at Loaves and Fishes, making sandwiches, bringing in needed clothing or toiletries and giving to our mission partners... you are making a difference. Thank you for your faithful dedication and for reminding us all that our mission as Christ's body is to *do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God*.

To all who give financially and, especially to those who pledge through our annual giving campaign; our reach, our programming, our offerings of prayer, music and fellowship are all growing because of



your support. Thank you. Treasure comes in many forms, but financial treasure is often the hardest to share in an economy built on scarcity and your practice of giving to Saint David's is a testament to the culture of abundance and generosity that our parish professes and models. Thank you for being generous givers who put their treasure where their hearts are.

To the clergy and staff who work together to love the people and the work; I give thanks for you all every day. How fortunate are we to have a team of individuals with such gifts who not only want to share them, but do so joyfully? I would like to say that this is the case in every church, but it is not and I am often overwhelmed by the dedication and goodwill that is cultivated and shared by each of you. Welcome to the team this past year, Sarah, Jordan and Shawnte'l – we are so fortunate to have you alongside to walk with us. You make us better. I am so grateful for each of you and your dedication to this parish.

To the vestry that all other Rectors would covet if they only knew how great you are; you really are the answer to prayer. It cannot be said often enough! There was no better advice given to me before arriving at Saint David's than the advice to cultivate and depend on the vestry to help build a parish up. You are the engine, support and source of good humor that has kept the parish moving and growing. I cannot say thank you enough. A special thank you to Larry Lamade and Stuart Prince as you roll off. Rental agreements, by-law revisions, budgets, reconciled accounts, columbarium agreements and more are ours because of your work and leadership. Thank you. And, thank you to those of you elected today, for taking a chance on joining the team – welcome aboard.

And to the wardens; your counsel, support, time, labor and general hilarity are worth more than gold. There is no aspect of the parish that you have not immersed yourselves in and no time that I have not felt your complete support and dedication. Thank you. Jim Beardsley – you were and have been the perfect Senior Warden at the perfect time. From water events and renovations to helping strategize and lead us through a pandemic, your leadership has been constant, transformational and always served with a grin. Thank you, dear friend, you have helped this parish and this rector grow in surprising and wonderful ways!

Friends, there are always more people to thank than time or space... but know that I am ever grateful for the people, life, worship and work of this parish. So many good things are happening here on Macomb Street... far more than even what is listed in this collection of reports. Thanks be to God! And... thank you.

Here is to another five years of being church together!

With gratitude and love,
Kristen

ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT

In September I joined the ministry team at St. David's. My focus when I first join a community is always on getting to know the people. It has been a pleasure and a joy to begin to get to know the vestry, staff, and parishioners of St. David's. As a newcomer to the community myself I helped to organize a Newcomer Welcome Party in October which was a wonderful opportunity for folks new to St. David's to meet and begin to get to know each other. Another focus during my first few months was a Christian formation offering during Advent called God Speaks, in which a group of us met weekly in the evenings to read, listen to, and reflect on the intersection of poetry, Scripture, and our daily lives. I look forward to continue to serve the people of St. David's.



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Happy 2023, St. David's! In some prior years, I've used terms in this report like, "delivering improvements with urgency and thoughtfulness", "unexpected events", "staff changes" 'tight budget" and "cooking with gas." All of them sound like phrases that carried significant consequences if immediate action wasn't taken, with some limited resources on hand to address them. Of course, the pandemic didn't help, especially in 2020-21. And while covid is still an issue, unexpected events still happen and budgets remain limiting. 2022 and certainly 2023 felt and feels different to me though.

In earlier reports, I've highlighted many of the projects, initiatives and organizational improvements that the vestry, in partnership with clergy and staff, have achieved to address the emergencies and quell the fear of ominous consequences. 2022 was another of those years with a lot of activity. But last year, we also pivoted somewhat from an approach that seemed to have an element of "crisis Whack-a-Mole", to launching a forward (and inward) looking strategy, built around what we as a parish do well and what we could improve. We contemplated what kind of parish we are and what parish we long to be. None of this change in focus is to suggest that we are complacent or even overly comfortable. What this means to me is that St. David's foundation is solid and that we continue on a palpable, upward trajectory. Still, we have much work to do. Your vestry has been and continues to be ready, willing and able to lead the challenging work of improving communication, becoming more welcoming, continuing to be more transparent, investing more into Christian Formation and much more. There are many opportuni-





ties to engage in and we would love to have you right in the middle of it all. That's one of the pillars of the parish that we long to be, having the full congregation at the center of how we get to where we're going.

In the past, right about here in the report, I would include a highlight reel of accomplishments by the vestry of which I'm so proud to be a member. As I've pressed, this year feels different. Instead, I'd like to brag about how wonderful being on the vestry is. In my four years as the Senior Warden, I can tell you that each of the four vestries were a little bit different, of course. However, several characteristics were clearly present in all four. Our vestry members are among the most intelligent, interesting, diligent, imaginative and friendly people that I've ever had the pleasure of working with. Oh, and they're funny too! Whether in-person, on Zoom or over the phone, we have truly enjoyed each other's company, more than I ever thought we could. Honestly, I've probably made more friends in the past four years, than in any other four years in a row that I can remember. Being on vestry is FUN!

"Personality and professionalism" are just two of the gifts shared by two members whose vestry terms are expiring at this meeting, Larry Lamade and Stuart Prince. The ongoing vestry will miss their expertise, diligence and commitment, for sure. But what we'll really miss is a monthly (or more) dose of their very individual humor and charm. Thank you gentlemen, for everything. Also, thank you, Stuart for agreeing to stay on as Church Treasurer, for a while longer.

In closing, as most of you know already, the third vestry member whose term is ending is me. I am filled with gratitude for this parish and for your support, your candor and your ideas, shared with me over the past 48 months. It has been a joy and one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life so far, to serve you as your Senior Warden and I assure you that you're in very good hands, going forward.

Thankfully,
Jim Beardsley

FINANCE REPORT

St. David's had another very healthy year from a financial perspective, benefitting from robust pledge and plate support from parishioners and an unexpected major gift of \$500,000, evenly directed to the Endowment account (\$250,000) and church's reserve account for capital upgrades (\$250,000). Pledge activity in 2022 totaled just over \$428,000, just under pledges for 2021, but nearly \$40,000 over projection. Plate collections in 2022 of \$111,000 were \$23,000 more than the amount collected in 2021 and \$36,000 over our projection.

While our Endowment saw losses given the market downturn, the losses were offset by the \$250,000 gift cited above, leaving the Church with a similar balance of around \$1.6 million at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022. As stated in the Investment Committee report, our Endowment allows for an annual 5% draw to fund operations, calculated as 5% of the average of the prior three (3) year-end balances for the Endowment account. Given the health of our operating cash account throughout 2022, the Vestry did not feel it necessary to make a full Endowment draw of \$74,000 as projected in 2022 budget. We did, however, draw \$40,000 from the Endowment in December of last year to cover anticipated cash needs for 2023. We expect to make a full Endowment draw this year in the amount of \$72,000.

Notwithstanding significant capital upgrades at St. David's in the last few years, including the Parish House buildout, undercroft renovation, and construction of the Columbarium, the Church still faces some significant capital needs, most notably the HVAC system, elevator upgrades, and the organ & audio system. While the \$250,000 capital gift gives us a strong base to address those issues, we plan to explore other avenues to finance the totality of the church's needs, including a loan through the Episcopal Church Building Fund, which offers loans on attractive terms to qualifying parishes such as ours.

Given the encouraging trajectory of St. David's, last fall the Vestry decided to make a further investment in the Parish through the addition of the Reverend Sarah Miller, who has already provided a meaningful impact to our pastoral offerings and much-needed support to Reverend Hawley. Without her as a complement to Reverend Hawley's activities, we believe the St. David's mission is limited.

I assumed the Treasurer's role in the summer of 2021, and my goal has been to improve the financial controls and operations of St. David's. The Vestry and our staff have made great strides over the past eighteen months and look forward to further progress this year. On behalf of St. David's, I greatly appreciate your trust and the increased support from the Parish as it continues its mission in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Prince
Treasurer



SAINT DAVID'S 2023 BUDGET

Saint David's 2023 Budget						
	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	\$ OF CHANGE
INCOME						
Pledge	\$422,400	\$430,695	\$390,000	\$428,188	\$490,000	\$61,812
Plate	\$45,000	\$88,000	\$75,000	\$111,906	\$115,000	\$3,094
Building Rental	\$10,000	\$18,700	\$18,000	\$19,325	\$18,700	-\$625
Endowment Draw	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$74,000	\$40,000	\$72,000	\$32,000
Columbarium	\$24,000	\$18,000	\$24,000	\$34,000	\$36,000	\$2,000
Other	\$30,000	\$30,734	\$25,000	\$14,462	\$12,000	-\$2,462
Parish House Rental	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$591,400	\$694,129	\$654,000	\$695,881	\$791,700	\$95,819
EXPENSES						
Personnel	\$357,766	\$371,228	\$329,000	\$359,387	\$458,000	\$98,613
Administrative	\$43,000	\$47,726	\$48,250	\$35,465	\$38,000	\$2,535
Property	\$20,000	\$64,431	\$50,000	\$59,860	\$56,000	-\$3,860
Education	\$3,000	\$5,708	\$4,800	\$5,556	\$6,300	\$744
Parish House	\$0	\$19,070	\$14,800	\$16,208	\$16,000	-\$208
Utilities	\$20,000	\$21,312	\$22,700	\$24,210	\$27,000	\$2,790
Insurance	\$15,000	\$15,724	\$16,000	\$15,865	\$17,300	\$1,435
Worship & Music	\$26,700	\$42,052	\$33,750	\$62,759	\$56,300	-\$6,459
Livestream	\$0	\$23,235	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$2,000
Fellowship	\$2,500	\$4,315	\$3,500	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$1,000
Diocesan Giving	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$34,000	\$9,000
Outreach	\$8,800	\$6,465	\$11,900	\$8,000	\$13,000	\$5,000
Columbarium	\$0	\$2,465	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Fund/Cap Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$513,766	\$655,731	\$595,700	\$658,310	\$770,900	\$112,590
NET GAIN/LOSS	\$77,634	\$38,397	\$58,300	\$37,571	\$20,800	-\$16,771

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The endowment enables a 5% draw to the operating budget each year. An unsolicited \$250,000 contribution to the endowment recently leaves the endowment at \$1,626,817 as of 1/24/2023, only \$39,047 below where it was 12/31/2021 when the stock and bond markets were near an all-time high. As a result, this year's contribution to the budget won't take the hit it might have given the record poor year for both the stock and bond markets in 2022.

This illustrates how important the endowment is to the annual budget of St. David's. Direct gifts or bequests under wills or trusts certainly assure the continued health of the parish. Remember, the draw every year goes to operations, not plant and equipment. Funding the latter is often done by a capital campaign.

The rate of return of the account over the 12 months ending 1/24/2023 was minus 9.94%. The beginning value of the account at Schwab in December of 2016 was \$1,165,207. The endowment was established in 2001 with a gift under the will of Tom Clagett. Investments are a balance of stock and bond mutual funds.

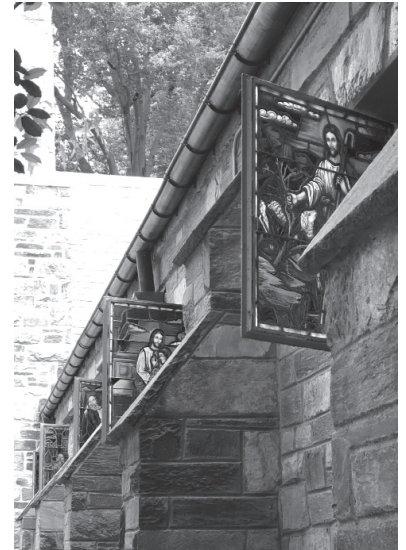
The investment committee, appointed by the vestry, is comprised of Chip Nottingham, Jack Clark, and the undersigned as chair. The treasurer Stuart Prince also attends meetings and periodically the rector and senior warden also attend to observe.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Whelihan



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

The Building & Grounds committee continued the momentum from last year, completing a number of upgrades and repairs and initiating others, as we seek to maintain our marvelous church. Outside, we relaid and repointed stones in the ramp and walkways and rebuilt the small patio by St David's front steps. We also replaced large sections of walkway near the columbarium. In the nave, the old carpet runners were removed, and the stone floor underneath was polished to a fairthewell. The church now has a new stainless refrigerator and a new freezer in the kitchen. We cleaned out the mechanical room, and added locks to the electrical and mechanical room doors. Several of our sump pumps failed during the year, so we upgraded the pipe connections, which have held up well. The fire system was inspected and repaired. We took the initial steps towards making our elevator fully operational, evaluating what work needs to be done in the next few months to stay current with DC inspection. On St. David's most pressing project, a new HVAC system, we made significant progress and now have design drawings from the engineer we hired, which we will be sending out for multiple bids.



COLUMBARIUM REPORT

After the 2021 consecration of our beautiful columbarium, parishioners and neighbors alike have contacted us about the possibility of making Saint David's their final resting place. After decades of planning and raising funds, Saint David's is now able to say yes to such requests! Currently, we have interred beloved parishioners and families in five of our niches and reserved another four. So many of you have expressed interest in the columbarium, and for good reason. It is a gift to each of us to know and choose where we would like to be buried or interred and it is a gift to our families to put such plans in place ahead of time.

Saint David's offers not only a beautiful setting, but the promise of being part of the life and witness of this faith family long after our mortal bodies have returned to dust. Children find easter eggs hidden about it and we feast often at tables and under tents near the spot where our beloved are interred. In addition to burial services this year, our columbarium has also been the sight of both our All Souls liturgy and the final spot in our Stations of the Cross liturgy for families. Thank you all for making the columbarium a part of our parish life.

For those interested in learning more about the columbarium, please see our website for details or speak with the clergy.



FLOWER GUILD REPORT

The St. David's Flower Guild is responsible for arranging flowers on the altars and throughout the church each week and also on special occasions, including weddings, funerals and baptisms. Our biggest floral occasions are Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas, where we work to decorate both the inside and outside of the church.

The floral industry continues to have supply chain problems as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and, unfortunately, that negative impact trickles down to St. David's, presenting us with higher costs and difficulties obtaining specific flowers and greens. With that said, we are very happy to report that our Flower Guild has remained very positive and joyful when creating with available materials and we are always pleased with the results of our efforts! It is the joy of being together and creating to the Glory of God in His Church that delights and inspires us!

Over the last year we have had twelve active members in our all-volunteer guild. Our three co-chair model has allowed us to divide responsibilities so no one person is overly burdened and the church always looks its best, especially on special occasions. We find that this model works very well for us and we will continue with it. St. David's is incredibly lucky to be growing and we have had many more weddings and baptisms this year than ever before. We hope that this wonderful trend continues but we are in need of more experienced arrangers than ever.

Therefore, the Flower Guild is actively recruiting new members who have some experience or who are interested in learning this skill and participating regularly. Requirements for joining the Guild include attending the National Cathedral's flower arranging workshop, attending Flower Guild meetings and arranging flowers regularly at St. David's. Those interested in joining or with questions should please reach out to one of the co-chairs.

The Flower Guild continues to support the Flower Delivery Ministry team, led by Kirstie Tucker, which delivers the altar flowers rearranged into glass vases to home-bound parishioners and Grand Oaks Assisted Living Community. There is always room for new team members! Please contact Kirstie.

The Flower Guild is planning at least one in-person meeting for 2023. We send out regularly updated Sign Up Genius links so people are able to sign up for their preferred dates at their convenience. We also are planning at least one live demonstration and hands-on project for our guild members to both learn new skills and socialize with each other during the 2023 year. Again, if interested in joining the Flower Guild, please reach out to one of the co-chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alex Shockey, Kirstie Tucker and Pepper Van Noppen
Flower Guild Co-Chairs



YOUTH AND FAMILY REPORT

It has been an honor for me to continue to serve as the Saint David's Youth and Family Missioner. It has been my pleasure to deepen my connection to St. David's families as well as welcome several new ones. The children and youth programs have continued to grow this past year, and there is lots of exciting development ahead.

A cornerstone of the youth and family programs is Sunday school, which is held each Sunday (except First Sundays) during the first part of our 10:15 a.m. service, from 10:15 a.m. until The Peace. This schedule frees parents/caregivers to listen to the readings, sermon, and prayers while allowing their children to engage with Bible stories and ask questions in a very approachable way. Our children then rejoin the congregation to share the Communion service with their families. A huge thanks goes out to all the amazing folks who volunteered to teach Sunday School this year: Patty Mason, Indra Chalk, Sheryl Dolan, Tim Mock, Vanessa Sarchet, and Adriana Brown. Sunday School has continued to be a time of learning and fun for our young parishioners. Sunday School lessons come from the Spark Lectionary curriculum, a three-year curriculum, which aligns each week's Sunday School lesson with the readings the adults hear in the church. These lessons are designed to engage children with the bible stories through songs, chants, crafts, art and thoughtful discussion. We have seen a marked and exciting increase in the number of children attending Sunday school at St. David's this past year.

Nursery care is also offered each Sunday during the 10:15 service for babies and toddlers aged 0-4. This year we have employed several local college students and recent graduates, Charlotte Airosus, Elizabeth Keller, Hannah Grossman, and Abigail Gallagher. In addition, we have been lucky enough to have some of the middle and high schoolers from the St. David's family babysit in the nursery as well: Sally Prince, Catherine Cooper, and Clover Cooper. All of our wonderful babysitters have provided excellent care to the babies in our nursery each week.

First Sunday children's services have flourished this year! On the first Sunday of each month the children are invited to help lead the 10:15 service and the sermon is directed toward the kids, too. The children seem to really enjoy this opportunity to take leadership roles in the service and connect with the full St. David's parish. The most exciting additions to the first Sunday services this year were performances by the newly re-formed children and youth choir.

Family Night at St. David's was perhaps the most exciting development in the youth and family programs this past year. Helmed by Marybeth Sanders-Wilson, Family Night is held on the last Thursday



evening of each month. Families gather to enjoy a meal, followed by choir rehearsal for the children and youth (led by Rob Church and Marybeth Sanders-Wilson) and fellowship for the adults. Family Night has been a wild success! A wonderful time is had by all; families are especially encouraged to attend, but all are welcome!

The children and youth of Saint David's were able to participate in several special holiday/fellowship opportunities this year. Lent in a box and Advent in a box activity kits were made available to families to support faith formation at home. Children enjoyed coming to church in costumes for a special Boo-charist service; visiting with St. Nicholas on St. Nicholas Day (thank you, Jim Beardsley!); decorating cookies and gingerbread houses at our annual cookie decorating party; and petting animals, eating doughnuts, and participating in a pop-up Christmas pageant during our live nativity/food truck/Christmas pageant extravaganza! These special events help our children feel valued as members of our community where their friendships are encouraged and nurtured. In addition to fun events, many children also participated in outreach activities as well. One outreach activity that many children participated in, along with the rest of the parish, was the purchasing of Christmas gifts for students in a Title One school in Montgomery County. Christmas morning was made a lot merrier for 50 young people in our area thanks to the generosity of the Saint David's and Little Graces communities. Many children also participated in making sandwiches and dropping off food for our monthly SOME sandwich collection. Additionally, Sunday school students made holiday cards for patients at Sibley Hospital to receive during the holidays.

It is my hope that the Saint David's children and youth programs continue to expand and flourish in the years to come with the aim of providing our young people a welcoming, loving place to grow up as members of our church. I look forward to continuing to serve our current families and welcome new ones with open arms.

Respectfully submitted,
Lizzie Kiernan Polk, Youth & Family
Missioner



OUTREACH REPORT

The Outreach Committee meets via zoom at noon, on the first Tuesday of the month. There are 10 members of the committee. Meetings are open to all parishioners and we enthusiastically welcome new members! The committee oversees St. David's outreach efforts, which focus on six primary partners: the Bishop Walker School (BWS), Friendship Place (FP), the Honduras Independence Bilingual School (HIBS), Iona Senior Services (Iona), So Others Might Eat (SOME) and Loaves and Fishes (LF). In addition to working with our outreach partners we have held clothing drives and volunteered to support refugee respite services in DC.

Since July 2020 we have organized monthly "Third Sunday Donation Drives" encompassing "distanced sandwich makings", and in calendar year 2022 we collected approximately 4000 sandwiches from the parish and the community to donate to SOME. Neighborhood families have embraced this opportunity to help feed the hungry from their own kitchens and St. David's is now a local hub for outreach to the food insecure. In addition to sandwiches and fruit we often also collect clothing items or personal care essentials for SOME, for the elderly population served by IONA, or for refugees.

Once a quarter St. David's collects food and/or personal hygiene items for Iona Senior Services to meet the needs of seniors in the three wards they serve. The agency educates, advocates and provides community-based services to help people age well and live well. In addition to serving seniors in upper Northwest, in 2019 Iona opened a new service center in Congress Heights to serve seniors in Wards 7 and 8. In 2022, we substantially contributed to Iona's Food Pantry Plus program which provided 708 deliveries of food and basic necessities to 146 older adults.

We conducted a Lenten Egg effort in support of Bishop Walker School, a tuition-free Episcopal boys K-5 school in ward 8, which serves traditionally underserved communities and seeks to foster in each student a love of learning, intellectual curiosity, a spiritual foundation, and the moral character that each boy will need as a student, a citizen, and a child of God. St. David's congregants contributed over \$2000 in grocery store gift cards for students and their families who are food insecure.

This March we returned in person to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes. A core group of five to six parishioners volunteer regularly to ensure that Saint David's provides a team to work at Loaves and Fishes every fourth Saturday of the month to cook and distribute meals to the homeless and hungry.

In July we made our first trip to HIBS, a coed K-10 school which helps students from poor families in Quimistan, Honduras, achieve a





life of independence. Crucially, the students learn English, a vital skill for them to support themselves and a subject unavailable in the public school. As a parish we have made a commitment to provide a bilingual education for four children who live in extreme poverty in the second poorest country in the western hemisphere, where life has become even more precarious. Our congregation pays the school tuitions for Genesis, Meyssi, Veronica and Kerin. In addition, thanks to the generosity of the parish, we purchased four laptops and collected numerous backpacks for the students at HIBS.

The Outreach budget for 2022 was \$8000. The cost of HIBS scholarships is approximately \$5200. At yearend, monetary gifts of support from the budget, Advent donations and fundraising were sent to BWS, FP, HIBS, Iona, Loaves and Fishes, SOME and Palisades Village, a non-profit helping older residents in our neighborhood “age in place.”

This year we created an Outreach brochure (available at the entrance) to describe our work with our partners. We have tremendous opportunity to grow our work with current partners, while remaining nimble and offering timely, hands-on service opportunities, such as the refugee clothing drives. We are planning for an even larger group to travel to Honduras and volunteer at HIBS in 2023 and we hope to have at least one in-person sandwich making so that the whole congregation has the opportunity to participate in hands on service if they choose.

Ways to get involved:

- Make sandwiches at home once a month on the third Sunday to benefit the hungry folks served by SOME
- Volunteer at Loaves and Fishes at Saint Stephen’s and the Incarnation (16th and Newton Streets NW) at 8 am on the fourth Saturday of the month to cook for and serve meals to the homeless
- Join fellow parishioners this July on a week-long trip to volunteer at HIBS, a co-educational school in Quimistan, Honduras
- During Lent contribute grocery store gift cards for the benefit of the families served by Bishop Walker School, many of whom are food insecure
- Participate in ad hoc opportunities to support the work of the Cathedral Sanctuary Committee in refugee respite and other efforts (clothing drives, clothing sorting, serving at respite centers)
- Reach out to the Outreach committee— Susan Ashburn (susan.ashburn@gmail.com), Harvey Bale (harvey@stdavidsdc.org), Betsy Edgeworth (ewedgeworth@earthlink.net), MaryAnn Griffin, (magriff-mail@gmail.com), Meredith Griggs (mmgriggs@gmail.com), Sarah Miller (sarah@stdavidsdc.org), Maggie New (maggienew10@gmail.com), Dianne Parsons (diannepar@gmail.com), Jordan Rippey (jordan@stdavidsdc.org), or chair Margaret Johnson (makj21@yahoo.com)—for more information, or better yet, come join us!

ADULT FORMATION REPORT

It is with great joy that we have welcomed our new Associate Rector, Sarah T. Miller, onto the staff this year and that she has identified Discipleship and Formation as a key area of interest. Building on all that we have done in the past, Sarah is looking forward to helping us develop clearer paths of discipleship and formation while offering more opportunities to study, pray and walk together in 2023.

In 2022, with the help and leadership of clergy and staff of Saint David's, we offered confirmation and reception classes with members confirmed or received by Bishop Mariann at Saint David's in June. Seasonal classes, book studies and more were led by Sarah, the Reverend Christopher Worthley, the Reverend Dr. Harvey Bale and myself and the Tuesday morning Bible Study group continued to meet every first and third Tuesday with a break in August. More and more new people are finding their way to our formation offerings and we are thrilled to continue to grow both the number of our formation offerings as well as the variety to offer to all new ways to engage their faith, God and one another.

If you have ideas about what you might like to see in the coming year or have an idea for a class, gathering or program that you might like to lead, please reach out to us!

Gratefully,
Kristen



MUSIC REPORT

St. David's is blessed to have a robust music program for a parish of our size. Our adult choir consists of eight professional choristers funded by the generosity of your pledge contributions. Having this core group of singers allows us to present diverse and complex choral music to enrich our morning worship and evensongs. We also continued the Celtic evensong on the 4th Sunday of the month, a tradition that was started in 2021 and grew in popularity during 2022. Our annual Christmas Lessons and Carols in December, which included participants from the British Embassy, was complemented by the addition of an Epiphany Lessons and Carols service in January.

The past year began under the cloud of the Omicron variant, and despite the ongoing pandemic, we were very fortunate at St

David's to have had a full choir for the entire year. As 2022 wore on and the latest Covid-19 variants began to recede, we were finally able to stand next to each other and sing without masks. Singing with a mask is challenging, it is difficult to breath properly and project your voice, but masks were a necessary safety accessory that allowed us to sing together early on.

We celebrated the return of the St. David's Youth Choir during the fall of 2022. The Youth Choir sings once a month during the first Sunday family service. I'm very fortunate to have MaryBeth Sanders-Wilson running the youth choir with me. Her leadership and guidance has been essential in reestablishing the choir and I'm proud to lead this group alongside her. The Youth Choir practices monthly during our newly established Family Night, so if you have a young singer, please see our schedule and join for the next Family Night to see what it's all about. Singing in a choir is a great way to expand on one's musical education. Today's school music programs are constantly being cut, and the choir is a great way to learn more about music theory, music appreciation and music history. This is true for the grown-ups in our parish as well! So, if you would like to give choir a try, please reach out to me. Even if you just want to try it for a week or two, the St. David's Choir would love to have you, and we welcome any new volunteers from High School age and up.

The year 2022 was also the 200th anniversary of the birth of French composer César Franck. It was a privilege to share all of Franck's major organ works as preludes and postludes during even-songs and other services throughout the year with the church. Look for more organ recitals to be put on the calendar in 2023 as more parish programs get back into full swing following the pandemic slowdown.

In conclusion I want to thank the Rector, the staff, the Vestry and the many parishioners that support our music program. I also want to give thanks to my choristers for all your contributions to the music at St. David's over the years. I feel very blessed to be a part of this music program and community. I look forward to a bright future for our parish.

Robert M. Church
Organist and Choirmaster



Almighty God,
who called your servant David
to be a faithful and wise steward
of your mysteries for the people of Wales:

Mercifully grant that,
following his purity of life
and zeal for the Gospel of Christ,
we may, with him, praise you
both here on earth and also in
your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



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