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FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

"All Are Welcome in This Place," is the refrain we sing in a hymn. "Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live" is part of the first verse. We are about to welcome our new Rector, and predictably some new parishioners. Perhaps for some English is not their native language, or perhaps some do not put an "r" in words we are accustomed to hearing it; perhaps someone will have a southern accent, etc. St David's has always been open to those pilgrims who enter our doors to gather around the table and share the meal Jesus shared with his friends from many places. We are entering an exciting time, my friends, I look forward to seeing who will come to help us build this house where love can dwell and all can safely live. Thanks be to God. Sue Hurn, Senior Warden.

UPDATES ON THE SEARCH FOR A RECTOR...

....can be found on the parish website, stdavidsonthehill.net. It is updated regularly. If you have any questions, please see Sue Hurn, Senior Warden

THE RECTORY

We are still working on the Rectory. If you would like to help, we will be at the Rectory on Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm. At this point, what remains to be done is touch-up painting here and there, and loads of cleaning. The address is 121 Sagamore Rd, Cranston. If you have questions, please call Frank Pellegrino.

PARISH PRAYER DURING THE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

O Heavenly God,
Our Father and Mother, who has gathered us together as our church family,
We humbly pray for Your guidance, and faithfully ask the blessings of
patience, trust, and wisdom in our search for a suitable rector
to shepherd, serve, and inspire St. David's.

We ask this for the sake of Your great Love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ENGAGING IN GOD'S WORD Sunday Mornings, 9:00 am

Until Advent we are following and studying the Sunday Old Testament readings. If you have any questions, please contact Grace and Fred Malaby or Sue Hurn. All are welcome.



HOLIDAYS ON-THE HILL BAZAAR & GRANNIES' ATTIC INDOOR YARD SALE

St. David's on-the-Hill Church
200 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, Cranston RI

Saturday, November 18, 2017
9 am -3 pm

Jewelry Baked Goods Holiday Items
Themed Baskets Elsie's Tea & Desserts Craft Vendors
Breakfast items Homemade soups for Lunch

***Plus* EVERYTHING YOU EXPECT IN A YARD SALE in a
WARM ROOM IN NOVEMBER**

TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, CLOTHES, DISHES, KITCHEN ITEMS, CURTAINS, COMFORTERS,
CRAFT ITEMS, PLANTS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, CHRISTMAS ITEMS, WREATHS,
DECORATIONS

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE
10 am – 2 pm



GRANNIES' ATTIC

Deadline to drop off items for Grannies' Attic is November 8th.

Grannies Attic Parish Pre-Sale for parishioners is Friday evening, November 17, 2017, 4-7 PM. This is a great event to peruse and purchase "treasures" without all the hustle and bustle of the yard sale groupies.

Come back on Saturday AM and enjoy the Holiday on the Hill Bazaar.

Thanks, the Grannies

WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH THE BAZAAR AND GRANNIES' ATTIC



Parishioners are welcome to help with set up on Thursday & Friday evenings.



Help is needed and would be greatly appreciated for breakdown and clean-up, 3 pm, Saturday (18th).



Flyers about the Bazaar are available in the Narthex. Feel free to take some and share with friends and neighbors. Still time to post at your favorite shopping places.



Bake for the Bake Table. Information after this piece.



Come. Bring Friends. Bring Neighbors. Enjoy!

Please contact Paula Bolig or Evie Bain to let us know how you'll help. We depend on everyone. See you there!

We need your help!

Baked Goods Table at the Holiday Bazaar

It's time to pull out your favorite family recipes and showcase your culinary talents. Cakes or cookies, pies or candy -- all donations to the Baked Goods Table at the Holiday Bazaar happily accepted and appreciated.



Please drop off your baked goods at the church lower hall Friday afternoon (November 17) after 5:00 pm or Saturday morning after 7:30 am. Baked goods should be packaged ready for sale. For questions you can call Deb Davison at (802) 424-1075 or email at debdavison2@gmail.com.

Let's make this bake sale the best one ever!!

**The Cranston Clergy Association
Welcomes all to the 2017
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
November 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**



Hosted by St. David's on the Hill Episcopal Church 200 Meshanticut Valley Parkway Cranston, Rhode Island

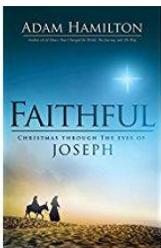
Attendees are asked to bring new white socks, undergarments, winter gloves, hats and scarfs for men or women. There will also be a Freewill Offering to be presented to Loaves and Fishes, RI. All gifts go to support their work for those in need.

**HOPE AND CHANGE FOR HAITI
FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY
November 19th Coffee Hour**

Norly and Aniece Germain will host the November 19th Coffee Hour (after the 10 am service) to commemorate the one year anniversary of the creation of "Hope and Change for Haiti" (HCH) and to celebrate the support the people of St. David's gave at that time. All are invited.

ADVENT STUDY

We will study Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton. The study will run on Tuesdays, November 28, December 5, 12, and 19. - all starting at 6:00 pm with a short service, followed by a light supper, and discussion.



A limited number of books are available for \$10 - please see Grace or Fred Malaby or Sue Hurn. First come, first serve. Otherwise, the book is available from Barnes and Noble and Amazon, including Nook and Kindle versions.

From Amazon: "From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. "

"As you read this book, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season. Learn to accept and glorify God's will even when circumstances make it difficult to do so."

**COLLECTION OF WINTER CLOTHING
BY LOAVES AND FISHES RI**

The Loaves and Fishes Ministry is looking for men's, women's and children's winter clothing. If you have any winter clothing in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact Tom and Carol Blackinton or any member of the Loaves and Fishes team. Thank you for your support.

PULL TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Our Sunday School is spearheading a parish drive to collect POP TABS for Ronald McDonald House which is a home away from home for parents (and grandparents and siblings) who have a critically ill child-prenatal to 21-- in hospitals in our area, i.e. Women and Infants, Hasbro, Butler, Bradley and any other hospitals in which children meet the criteria. As the POP TABS on all kinds of cans are aluminum they can be sold to raise money to keep the House running.



We are hoping all of our parishioners will get involved. There is information in the Narthex for you to take home as well as a collection box in the Narthex and in the lower hall for you to put the POP TABS in that you save.

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." (John Wesley)

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS FORM

Please list the people you wish to be remembered/printed in the Christmas Memorial bulletin, and return this form directly to the parish office or dropped in the collection plate any Sunday together with your check (for \$35) by **Sunday, December 10th**. If you would like to take the plant you have donated home please check the area below and the flower guild will make them available on Sunday, December 31st.



Your Name and Phone Number

Yes I would like to take home the plant I donated_____

In Memory of_____

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS/UPDATES

November:

November 5th is our first Youth Sunday of the Sunday School year and we are also celebrating All Saints Day. Children should be in the lower hall at 9:45 am. The Sunday School will be hosting coffee hour. Sunday School families are encouraged to bring a small treat to share. Thank you for your ongoing support.



November 4th-12th will be our annual Thanksgiving Outreach. Please see the posted information in the Narthex for suggestions and sign-ups. The Sunday School will be assembling the bags during Sunday School on November 12th.

November 26th there will be NO Sunday School. There will be one service at 9:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead:

December 3rd there will be one service at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will be in the upper hall from 9-9:45 am.

December 2nd-17th will be the Giving Tree Outreach. The tree will be decorated with gift tags. The gift tags will have a mother's and child's name and an item they would like for Christmas. Additional information will be provided after Thanksgiving.

December 3rd, 10th, & 17th are Epiphany Pageant Rehearsals. They will take place in the upper hall.

Please email, call, or text if you have a question. Cheryl Boscia. mia4@cox.net/401-480-6009)

FLOWER GUILD



A reminder that if you would like to offer memorial flowers- you may sign up in the book in the narthex. You also can call the office to make arrangements. Please include your telephone number so that we can contact you to discuss a choice of flowers or specific colors.

Sincerely,
Betsy Barber, Rosemary Soccia and Suzanne Greenbacker

CALENDAR OF ST. DAVID'S EVENTS

You will find a Google calendar of events/rentals on St. David's website, www.stdavidsonthehill.net. This calendar is updated regularly. You can use this calendar to look up events as well as finding when our facilities are open for rental. A reminder to committee/organization leaders to contact the Parish Office to add your event to the Parish Calendar

**ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAYS NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 3
9:00 AM FOR BOTH DATES**

LOAVES AND FISHES OF RHODE ISLAND
November 3rd, November 14th
Both beginning at noon.

Questions? Please contact Tom and/or Carol Blackinton. Loaves and Fishes is supported through donations. If you would like to donate, please write a check to St. David's on the Hill and put Loaves and Fishes on the memo line. You can place in the offering plate or mail to the parish office. There is also a clear vase in the narthex where you can place your donations at Saturday/Sunday services. We thank you for your generosity.



ST. DAVID'S CHOIR

The choir rehearses on Thursdays, beginning at 7pm. New members are always welcome. Youth and adults are invited to join. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Alan Cotnoir, Organist and Choir Director.

8:00 am SERVICE USHER SCHEDULE

November 5	Richard Bolig
November 12	Bob Gamba
November 19	Frank DelSanto
November 26	<i>One Service, 9:00 am</i>
December 3	<i>One Service, 9:00 am</i>
December 10	Richard Bolig
December 17	Bob Gamba

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEM COLLECTION SCHEDULE
FOR INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY
(Note: these are suggestions only.)

Pet Food	November 5
Canned Vegetables	November 12
Juice Boxes	November 19
Beans, dry or canned	November 26
Coffee/Tea	December 3
Pasta Meals, canned/ packaged	December 10
Macaroni and Cheese	December 17
"Your Choice"	December 24
"Your Choice"	December 31
Spaghetti Sauce	January 7
Gluten Free non-perishable	January 14
Protein Item	January 21
Rice, Rice Mixes	January 28

PRAYER LIST: If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List you just need to call the Parish Office.



Prayer List: For those who are poor, hungry, bereaved, distressed, and sick, especially Ron C., Bernard Dilullo, Mary Evans, Joseph F., David Silva, Tara Lonardo, Carol Ann, Paul Correia, Frank R., Kathy Mellon, Stephen Visinho, Jessica, Marty Wein, Michelle, Leona Hendrick, William S., Michael Byrnes, Janice, B. Latham, Mike, Diane, Graham, Dale, Meaghan Kuen, Jean Winch, John Y, David, Tom, Conrad and Gus Eckelson. That all find assurance of God's unending love for us.

GOD'S WORD IN LITURGY (Lectionary Year A)

November 5th

Revelation 7: 9-17

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

November 12th

Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

November 19th

Zephaniah 1: 7,12-18

Psalm 90: 1-8, (9-11), 12

1Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

November 26th

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95: 1-7a

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

Psalms 95:1,2,6

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

