

September is here and fall activities are starting up again.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

St David's Day School begins September 8. We are delighted with the success of this program! A morning Kindergarten Readiness program is being added this year, and both the morning and afternoon programs are fully enrolled. See the article on page 7 for more information.



GODLY PLAY RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

“Godly Play” is a Montessori-based education program for age three through grade five. Teachers tell the ancient stories of our faith tradition, and invite the children to explore the meaning of the stories for their own lives. Godly Play begins at 10:30 Sunday mornings in Gryphon Hall.



CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS THURS., SEPT. 8, AT 5:30

See the article on page 8. First performance of their new season is Sunday, September 11!



BREAKING NEWS – Parish Meeting to be Rescheduled

Session Two of the Action-Vision process is being rescheduled – see page 2.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS AT SAINT DAVID'S

Sept. 5	Church Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 7	Holden Evening Prayer & Potluck at 5:30
Sept. 8	Day School begins 2011-2012 Year
Sept. 9	ECW Brown Bag Luncheon at Noon
Sept. 10	Memorial Service for Judy Packard at 11:00
Sept. 14	Vestry Meeting at 4:30 in Gryphon Hall
Sept. 24	Mt. Baker Region Ministry Resource Day in Bellingham
Sept. 25	Day School Board Meeting after 10:30 service
Oct. 5	Holden Evening Prayer & Potluck at 5:30
Oct. 8	Parish Work Day from 1-4 pm followed by potluck BBQ
Oct. 14	ECW Brown Bag Luncheon at Noon
Oct. 21-22	Diocesan Convention in Lynnwood

Check www.saintdavidsepiscopal.org for schedule updates & photos.



THE VIEW FROM GRYPHON HALL

Congratulations to Alissa Newton and her husband Andrew. We have just received word that they are about to become parents once again! Alissa and Andrew have been hoping to adopt a second child, and have now been notified that a child is waiting for them to become her parents.

They will be travelling to the east coast for two weeks to get to know the new baby. Unfortunately, that is where they will be on September 11, the date the parish had chosen for our next all-parish meeting.

We put a great deal of time and effort into choosing the best possible date for the next session of the Action-Vision process, and it's disappointing to have to reschedule. But celebrating the gift of New Life is what the Church is all about,

even when that life makes its appearance at an inconvenient time!

The Action-Vision process will continue, and I look forward to the next opportunity for us to gather as a parish to reflect together on topics vital to the health of the congregation. Once Alissa returns home, we will work on finding a date to reschedule Session Two of the process.

Thanks to the Bishop and Diocesan Council for approving our request to be relieved of our \$23,000 debt for the unpaid 2009 diocesan assessment. We suspended payment of the assessment in 2009 as a measure to help us avoid defaulting on our mortgage loan. With the success of our Mortgage Elimination Campaign, we were able to meet our mortgage obligation AND pay our 2010 and 2011 assessments. The Bishop and Diocesan Council have agreed to write off the debt from 2009 in order to allow us to plan for the future without being burdened by an old debt.

The money that would otherwise have gone to pay that debt has been used to balance this year's budget, allowing us to maintain operations at the same level as last year. Without this action by Diocesan Council, we would have been required to cut an additional \$23,000 from our operating budget, which could only have been done by significantly reducing staff time. Thanks to *you* for your support of the Mortgage Elimination Campaign, and thanks to Bishop Rickel and the Diocesan Council for supporting our financial recovery!

Wishing you Peace and Blessings, Doug+



KING'S RECEIPTS RECORD BROKEN AGAIN

Submitted by Dar McCarthy, ECW Treasurer

Thanks to all of your efforts, the ECW received \$626.00 during 2010 from King's Market by submitting your receipts. That is \$110 more than 2009...another record breaker! PLEASE keep on saving those King's receipts! Let's break the record again for 2011.

On the first two Mondays in September, the 5th and the 12th, ECW will be turning in King's receipts for purchases made in June, July and August. Please place your receipts, including those for purchases made at King's Marine and Clothing, in the containers located on the table in the Lower Narthex on Sunday mornings, or the one in David's office at Gryphon Hall any time the office is open. King's generously donates 1% of the total back to us as a local non-profit organization.

Once again, we want to thank all of you who faithfully save your Kings receipts for us. They are a major source of income for ECW, and we are grateful to you for taking the time to bring them in. We have a couple of people in 12-step groups who bring their receipts in when they come to meetings. So feel free to ask your friends and neighbors if you can have theirs, too.

PLEASE NOTE: The "Financial Snapshot" will return in the next issue of this newsletter. The latest financial information can be found on the bulletin board in the church undercroft.



DAY SCHOOL WISH LIST

Submitted by Margaret Barker

- 12 small chairs (\$18/chair)
- 1 rug for group time
- 1 water/sand table
- 2 rolling carts (\$99/each)
- 4 math manipulatives and counters (\$20/each)
- 5 sets of math and language materials to go with HWOT program (\$70/each)
- Printer Ink
- Children's games
- Children's books
- Help to make the bulletin board more sturdy (repair work)

ECW LUNCHEON FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, 2011

Submitted by Nancy Sheplor

We extend a “welcome back” to all our ECW members. Starting this year, the Episcopal Church Women will meet for our monthly luncheon on Fridays. This will enable the growing Saint David’s Day School to not have any disruption in set up or breaking down. After a brown bag lunch, we are pleased to introduce to you, Cali Bagby from the *Journal of the San Juans*. Cali is newly returned from active news gathering in Afghanistan and Iraq. She has experience and insight into not only our involvement in the Middle East but also in the lives of the civilians, the women and the children. This meeting will be both welcoming and informative. Please join the ECW on Friday, Sept. 9 at noon in the undercroft. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.



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DIOCESE FORGIVES ST. DAVID’S UNPAID 2009 ASSESSMENT

This news came with the message, “The Council was encouraged by the good work you have been doing over the past two years in the area of finance. They know this has not always been easy but that it has had a good outcome.”



ECW MEETING DAY CHANGE

Submitted by Nancy Sheplor
and Dar McCarthy

At their last meeting, the Episcopal Church Women decided to change their regular monthly meeting date from the 2nd Wednesday to the 2nd Friday of each month. The “brown bag” luncheon meetings are held at noon in the Undercroft every month except July and August. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 9th, at noon.

Every woman who attends St. David’s is an Episcopal Church Woman. We invite YOU to join us at our monthly meetings. We often have guest speakers who present a variety of excellent programs. Be sure to read the article in this issue of the Vessel concerning the financial projects we have supported recently. You, too, can participate in our activities and help support our many worthy projects, as well as enjoy the fun and companionship we share.

REGIONAL RESOURCE DAY ON LITURGY

Saturday, September 24, 8:30am-4:30pm at St. Paul's Bellingham

Ministry Resource Day is coming to Bellingham! Join other congregations from the Mt. Baker Region for a day of training, networking, and sharing resources about liturgy, with presentations by The Rev. Dr. Samuel Torvend, Chair of the Diocesan Commission for Liturgy & Arts, and by The Rev. Canon Janet Campbell, Canon for Liturgy. Trainings include:

- Licensed Worship Leader Training (requires 2 sessions: 11:00- 12:30 & 2:30-4:00)
- Licensed Eucharistic Visitor Training (requires 2 sessions: 11:00- 12:30 & 2:30-4:00)
- Serving at the Table: Acolytes, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers (one session only)
- Proclaiming the Word: Biblical Texts as Oral Performance (Training for readers – one session)
- Ten Creative Ways to Enrich Your Worship (one session only)
- Other workshops are being added, check www.ecww.org for details by clicking on the Sept. 24 date on the event calendar and then clicking on “Regional Resource Day on Liturgy.”

This event is presented by the Diocesan School for Ministry & Theology, in partnership with St. Paul's, Bellingham. RSVP to Shannon Jergenson at faith@ecww.org or 206.325.4200. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for youth and children. Lunch, snacks & child care included. Transportation from the ferries and scholarship assistance are available. Please let David Bentley or Doug Simonsen know if you plan to attend.



ATTENTION, SAINT DAVID'S SHOPPERS

Submitted by Wiloma Harrell

Please bring your “gently used” clothes, clean and on a hanger, to the closet in the entryway of Gryphon Hall. I will pick them up and take them to Second Act as my ongoing service to the ECW. If the clothes sell, the money goes into the Discretionary Fund, and is used locally for outreach to those in need. So far this year, the ECW account at Second Act has produced the sum total of \$70.90 for the Discretionary Fund. Let's all clean out our closets this fall! Just remember to bring the clothes to Gryphon Hall rather than take them to Second Act yourself. This insures that sales get credited to the correct account.



ECW CHURCH STORE

Submitted by Dar McCarthy & Nancy Sheplor

The Episcopal Church Women recently voted to open a “Church Store” as a fundraising project. Our little store is a beautiful cabinet hand built for us by Dick Rehm. We have several items for sale including prayer beads, note cards, cookbooks, Episcopal decals, and religious reading materials. The store will be open each Sunday during fellowship time. All items are priced, and we will operate on an honor system, with a basket containing change sitting on the large shelf. We invite you to peruse the store frequently, as we plan to continually add new items.



CHOIR RETURNING THIS FALL

Submitted by Margaret Barker

During the summer I have heard many times, "I miss the choir!" Well, we are approaching that time of year again when the choir will begin its rehearsals and participation in the worship services.

Last year we were blessed to see our numbers increase and also the opportunity to combine with the Lutheran singers and instrumentalists for Christmas and Easter services making a much larger choir and fuller sound. We are looking forward to working with them again this year on special anthems.

Our first choir rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 8th at 5:30 p.m. You are cordially invited to join. Becoming a choir member at St David's requires attending rehearsals on Thursday evening and Sunday pre-service rehearsals at 9:50 a.m. Some of our members are only able to participate during certain times of the year. Anthems are sung most Sundays with occasional special services and rehearsals.

St. David's choir is a fun group and we enjoy each others company, support and singing together. I have tried to select a variety of music for the fall and advent season which I hope choir members will all enjoy singing. Please come and join us!



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Submitted by Jan Champlin

Things are starting to slow down at the marina, but there is still a lot going on at the church. The generous folks at Key Bank gave one of their no longer used fire-proof file cabinets to the church to be used in the finance room. I want to thank Key Bank for the gift; and I want to thank Jay & Liza Westphalen, their son Andrew Westphalen, and their son-in-law Mark Wagner, for helping me move the heavy cabinet from the basement of Key Bank to the finance room in Gryphon Hall. Our Treasurer and Parish Administrator will move important documents to the fire-proof file cabinet this fall.

I also want to thank everyone for their generous pledges to both the stewardship campaign and the Mortgage Elimination Campaign. Our operating fund is only slightly behind what we budgeted, and it is wonderful to see how quickly our mortgage has dropped. Thank you, thank you, thank you, one and all!

I'm looking forward to our September 11 Action-Vision Process meeting as we continue our ongoing conversation together. And I hope to see many of you at the October 8th Parish Work Day and BBQ potluck that Wally and Pam Gillette are organizing. "God bless us, every one!"

ECW CONTRIBUTIONS

Submitted by Dar McCarthy

Most of you have supported our Episcopal Church Women fundraisers in one way or another, and we are happy to let you know how we use those funds.

It was late last fall when we last reported our financial activities to you. In December, we made donations of \$125 to the Family Resource Center and \$35 to the Food Bank. We also gave a 5-ride ferry ticket (\$145) to someone who had to make numerous off-island trips for medical purposes. In March, we purchased a third rolling chair rack for the stacking chairs in the Undercroft (\$290, including shipping). In April, we purchased two large coffee pump pots for the kitchen and the building materials for our Church Store cabinet, hand built for us by Dick Rehm. We also honored David Bentley on Professional Administrator's Day with a monetary gift. In May, we emptied the "Change for Children" jar and gave the contents, \$75, to the Family Resource Center. Thank you to everyone who adds their change to the jar – it adds up quickly. We also donated \$300 to St. David's Day School for the purchase of a table and a math curriculum program.

We give our thanks to everyone for supporting our fundraising projects. Beginning in September, we will be meeting on the second FRIDAY of each month at noon in the Undercroft. We invite and encourage you all to attend.



DAY SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Margaret Barker

St. Davids Day School will begin its second full year on Sept. 8, 2011. New this year is the addition of a morning Kindergarten Readiness Program for 4/5 year old children which will meet from 8:15-11:00. The Kindergarten Enrichment program will continue its regular schedule of 11:15-3:00. Both sessions meet Monday-Thursday.

I'm happy to report that this year our Enrichment program is full with 12 students and a waiting list of 2. Our morning program has 8 students and we are opening the remaining spaces to children who attend the afternoon Kindergarten program at the elementary school.

Also new to our program is the hiring of an additional teacher/aid. Kim Erickson will be our morning teacher and work along with Carmen Tompkins until 11:00. Margaret Barker will be teaching from 10-3 overlapping the two programs and providing music and extra individual instruction with students in the morning class. We are blessed to have Kim with us. She has been such a help this past year as our regular substitute and supports our program and philosophy.

During this past summer Carmen and Margaret attended the Handwriting Without Tears preschool workshop in Issaquah and a reading and writing conference in Anacortes provided by the

Anacortes School District. Special thanks to Cindy Simonsen for inviting us to attend this great workshop.

Our board members this year are Jay Westphalen, Liza Westphalen, Dick Wright, Susan Mahoney, Dar McCarthy, Ruth MacGinitie, and Cole Hull as chair. Kris Bayas will be joining the board as our parent representative. The board's primary goal this year is to establish our non-profit status. Ruth and Cole are heading up this project. In addition the school has hired a part-time accountant to work with payroll, monthly statements and quarterly reports. Thanks to Darlene Nixon and Dar McCarthy for all their work and help these past two years.

The day school would like to thank our many supporters who generously helped us with donations for materials, supplies and tuition assistance. The ECW helped in the purchase of our new tables and math materials. These donations helped us to end the year with a slight surplus.

With the increase in enrollment, there is also an increase in expenses. The additional tuition income will cover daily expenses but larger items, such as furniture and educational materials are the most costly and require extra funds. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Thank you so much for your support of the day school!