



THE DOVE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"A welcoming, loving community centered in Christ."

For the week of November 22 to November 28

READINGS AND PRAYERS

for

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing"

I write this the day before Thanksgiving, trying to recall what it is that makes this holiday so important. Is it the food? Quite honestly, I am tired of turkey already. Sweet potato and pumpkin pie really does not do anything for me. And, please, don't get me started on shopping for Christmas this weekend. What really is the blessing is found in the gift of gathering.

Can you imagine what it must have been like being one of the first Caucasians in this land? Not knowing what the future holds. You are not sure if you would survive or not; how will you even endure the next winter. Still, to show gratitude for God being with you, you come to be with others to share in this moment of simply being thankful.

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Tomorrow, or over the course of the weekend, will be intentionally with family and friends. It is not about the food, or the glitz associated with this time of year. It is about being embraced by warmth, love and an intimacy so seemingly ignored for the rest of the year. We enjoy the presence of one another as we live in the moment and share the stories of how we are connected.

Maybe, this is what real worship is about. We gather. We share. We join in the reality of God truly loving us in the life of God's Son. "This is my Body" "This is my Blood." "Do this in remembrance of me." It is no coincidence that this portion of our worship is called the Great Thanksgiving.

May we all have a wonderful holiday the next few days. May they be filled with laughter, memories, and love. May we all be safe, be open and be willing to join in sharing something remarkable. May we also remember:

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing"

Fr. Scotty

How Do You Become a Vestry Member?

It's really very simple and we promise, it doesn't hurt!!

At St. David's, any person who is a confirmed member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Vestry. Vestry members are elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting, this year on December 10 after the **combined** 10 o'clock service. Vestry members serve for three year terms.

There are many opportunities to use your talents as members oversee the different ministries of St. David's. Think about what talents you use daily. Perhaps you have something you like to see added to our parish life. Opportunities exist in finance, stewardship, Christian Education, formation, outreach, pastoral care, fellowship, worship, and communication.

Vestry is a rewarding way to serve God and St. David's community.

If you feel called to serve, please contact any Vestry member so that your name can be placed in nomination. Thank you for your consideration.



In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor [William Bradford](#) organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the

event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you wish to add/remove someone from the Prayer List, please contact the church office (736-0866) or e-mail us at admin@stdavidscolumbia.org.

Members:

Kris Burns
Pat D'Alessio
Carol Fischbach
Hume Fulmer
Paul Johnson
Blanch McClure
Rich Miller
Lynn Nassivera
Jane Nurnberg
Steve Tillman
Deryl Tucker

Friends and Family of Members:

Glenn Addison
friend of Lynn and Larry Nassivera
Sandy Alexander, friend of Rudi Laub
Sue Ann Avin, co-worker of Beth Eskridge
Sara Barber, mother of Tim Barber
Alexandra Cross, niece of Sarah Perkins
Audrey Dearden, mother of former parishioner
Emma Grace, friend of Linda Tillotson
Aaron Holdridge, grand-nephew of the
Tillmans
Marvin Howard, uncle of Paul Eskridge
Kennedy Laine Kirouac, friend of Kara Addy
Sol Kline, husband of Tootsie Kline
Janice Kozdras, friend of Beth Eskridge
Paul Link, nephew of David Tyler
Linda Maynes, wife of Gordon Maynes
Joyce McCurry, cousin of MaryAnne Brock
Richard McDivitt, friend of Woody Fischbach
Marge Mitchell, mother of Glenn Mitchell
Tim O'Leary, Jr., stepson of Avis O'Leary
Rosheema Rucker, niece of Joyce Tensley
Lillian Vallone, mother of Joe Vallone
Mary Horning Walker, sister of Peter Horning
Caroline Warren, niece of Tori Turner
Rebecca White, daughter of Leon & Jean White
Kris Windham, son of Linda Brumbaugh

Departed:

SERVICE LEADERS for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Acolytes

Richard Baughman
Zachary Payton
Elias Payton

Altar Guild

Edna and Peter Horning

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Linda Brumbaugh

Prayer Team

Jeanette Tyler (8 am)
Janet Jendron (10:30 am)

AT A GLANCE

This Week at St. David's

Wednesday, November 22

10 am - EGA/Conference Rm
7 pm - **No EfM**/resumes next wk
7 pm - EYC

Thursday, November 23

Noon - Thanksgiving Dinner in
the Parish Hall

Friday, November 24

10 am - Quilters

Sunday, November 26

8 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, November 27

7 pm - Study Group/Conf Rm

Tuesday, November 28

8 am - Men's Bible Study
10 am - Lunch Bunch Bridge
5:30 pm - Girl Scouts

BIRTHDAYS

November 18

Hume Fulmer
Sarah Perkins

November 21

Margi Scotti

November 23

Jackie Hopkins

November 27

Robert Dzingleski
Calvin Yates

November 28

Christy Bowers

ANNIVERSARIES

November 28

James and Cathy Woods

Mary Finch
Charlotte Neville
Elizabeth Arnn
Suzy Ellison

Greeters

Connie Salisbury (8 am)
Margi Scotti (10:30 am)

Lectors

Larry Nassivera (8 am)
Molly Dougall (10:30 am)
Ray Hopkins (10:30 am)

Ushers

Jim Spearman
John Boozer

Vestry Persons

Larry Nassivera
T. J. Dill

Flower Donor

Paula Kretschmar
Royal Roseberry

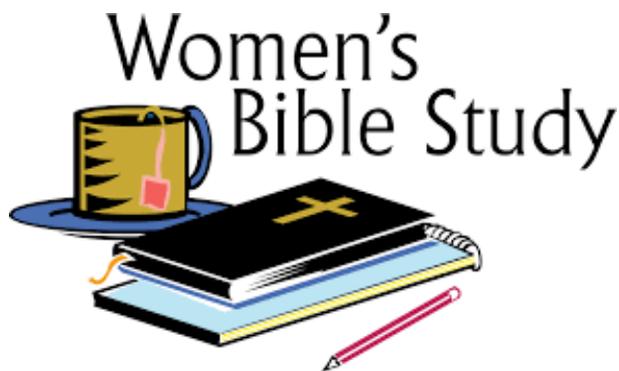
Please be sure to notify the office of the occasion for which you are donating flowers.

If your special day is not included in our weekly news, please contact the church office at (803) 736-0866 or e-mail us at admin@stdavidscolumbia.org to let us know.

Attendance Numbers

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am - 60
10:00 am - 89



The Women's Bible Study Group will begin an Advent Study on Thursday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Those interested in participating, please Sarah Perkins, 786-2508, to reserve a book. Cost is \$12.

Christmas: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

An Advent Study for Adults by Richard B. Wilke

In this four-week Advent study, author Richard B. Wilke focuses on people in the story of Christ's birth. There are those we associate with the joy and celebration of Christmas—the wise men, the shepherds, and Joseph. Yet the author reminds us not to forget that the evil King Herod is also part of the Christmas story, and how it is because there is evil in our world that we so desperately needed—and **need**—a Savior.

Each lesson includes a key scripture, brief reflection, questions to discuss, a suggested Christmas carol, and a prayer.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Forms are available in the Narthex for those of you who would like to donate poinsettias in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. You may place the completed form in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the Church Office at 605 Polo Rd., Columbia, SC 29223. The cost is \$15 per plant; the deadline to submit order forms is **Sunday, December 18.**



Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies take place at Arlington National Cemetery and over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. In 2016, Wreaths Across America and the national network of volunteers laid over 1,204,000 memorial wreaths. Your \$15 donation to Wreaths Across America will sponsor one wreath. If you purchase two wreaths, we will receive three wreaths for the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Wreath Sponsorship forms are available in the Church Office. You may also see Tom Dougall or Dan Neal for a form. Please make checks payable to

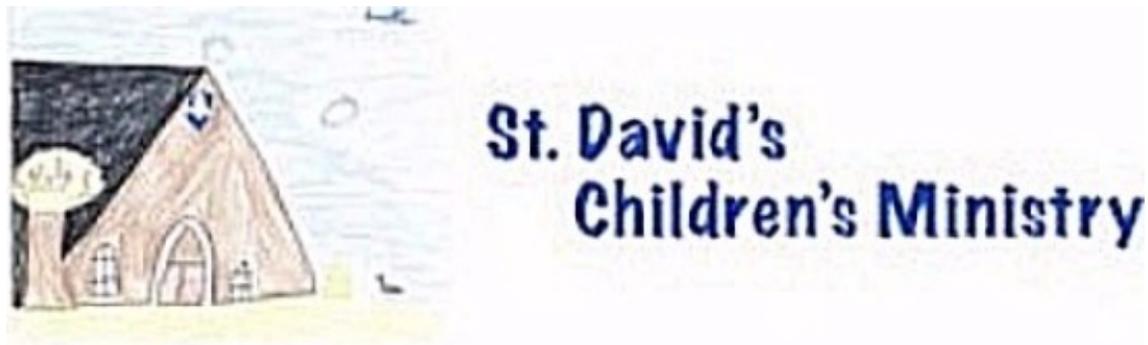
Wreaths Across America TM, complete the Sponsorship Form and turn in to the Church Office, Tom Dougall, or Dan Neal .

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Our annual Toy Drive will begin this Sunday (11/19) and will run until Sunday (12/3). Please donate NEW, UNWRAPPED toys suitable for children up to AGE 10. We are working with the Salvation Army of the Midlands again this year. They are an excellent organization whose motto is "Doing the Most Good". They work very hard each Christmas to bring joy to children in need. The Salvation Army will pick up the toys on Monday (12/4) so PLEASE ADHERE to the DEADLINE. Thank you for all the support you've given for the past three years.



~Terri Neal



Practice for the annual Christmas pageant will be held during Sunday School on **December 2, 9, and 16**. The dress rehearsal will be on **December 23, at 5:30 p.m.** If you will be in town on Christmas Eve and would like for your child to participate in the pageant, please send an email to Jordan Barber at jbarber24@gmail.com.

We plan to attend the Country Christmas Celebration at the State Farmers Market on **Sunday, November 26**, and will meet at the first shed on the right as you drive into the market. If your family would like to attend, please let us know no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 25.

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Episcopal Diocese of Upper SC - www.edusc.org
Anglican Cycle of Prayer -
www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/index.cfm
St. David's - www.stdavidscolumbia.org

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
10 am to 5 pm
Friday
10 am to 2 pm
Saturday and Sunday
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