



St. David's  
Episcopal Church  
Southfield

**Staying in Touch**

# Connections

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## Walking with Jesus . . .



*Jesus and the Pope went on a walk through the park.*

*'Good teacher,' said the Pope, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?'*

*Jesus said, 'Don't kill anybody, don't cheat on your loved ones, don't steal or lie, and honor your parents.'*

*The Pope said, 'But I've done that since I was a kid.'*

*'Ok,' said Jesus, 'You lack one thing. Sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, then come follow me.'*

*The Pope couldn't help but think about the Vatican jewels, the da Vinci paintings, the endless and priceless properties, not to mention the Prada shoes. So when he heard this he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.*

The point of this story isn't to take a cheap shot at a beloved ascetic whose

holiness few will ever rival, rather it's to point out that even the Pope has to deal with the prickly pear of wealth.

The Third World lives in hunger, poverty, and disease. You and I live where we spend more money on advertising than public education, could feed every hungry person in the world for the amount of money we spend on diets, and find ourselves devoting 1 hour to spiritual practice for every 5 hours we spend shopping.

The deal isn't 'poverty=good' and 'possessions=bad' – wouldn't that make things easy? The deal is that because of our inherent propensity to trust in things seen versus things unseen, we're constantly over-buying in a fruitless effort to quench our thirst for meaning and fulfillment.

It's never about what we possess, it's about what possesses us.

†Fr. Chris

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*By this all people will  
know that you are my  
disciples, if you have love  
for one another.*

~ John 13:35

## Mark Your Calendars

### Youth and Family Events

#### Wiggle Worship has Begun

*Join Us for Our Half-Hour Intergenerational Service Especially for Young Families*

Wiggle Worship is back! Join us Sundays at noon 10/31, and 11/28 as our toddlers and children lead worship in the church. No experience is required, it's from noon to 12:30 pm with fellowship to follow. For more information contact Fr. Chris or Megan Riherd at [mwriherd@gmail.com](mailto:mwriherd@gmail.com)

#### The Kiddos Reading Room

Do you enjoy great children's picture books and stories? Please join us each week on the St. David's YouTube Channel for a read aloud with retired teacher, Judy Walsh. We'll experience a book geared to readers and listeners between 5 and 12 years old, and all kids at heart! Themes such as friendship, kindness, humor and inclusion will be explored. Settle into a comfy chair with your pillow, stuffed animal or PJ's and get ready for some fabulous new stories. Videos can be accessed on the St. David's website, by clicking on YouTube Channel or Kiddos Reading Room.



#### Join Us for Pumpkin Carving October 24

*We'll Supply the Pumpkins, You Bring the Imagination*

Join us Sunday, October 24th at 4p in the Corner Fellowship Hall for a family-friendly pumpkin carving event. We'll bring the pumpkins and knives, you bring your ideas. See Kitty Kenning for details. All are welcome.



#### CSB Upcoming Events

Boys from 9 to 18 are invited to Christian Service Brigade for Christ-centered, adventure-packed activities scheduled throughout the year. Weekly meetings are at 7pm on Monday evenings. Contact Jim Kenning at 586 219-2588 for further information. October activities include:

10/8-10

Weekend camping at Lake Michigan Recreation Area, north of Ludington Michigan. All the usual fun activities plus swimming in Lake Michigan on a beautiful sand beach.

10/11 Monday

No weekly meeting

10/22-24 Weekend

Cedar Point Halloweekend returns! Join your friends for a weekend trip to Cedar Point for their Halloweekend, all the normal coasters plus haunted houses. We will be camping in Sandusky KOA.

10/25 Monday

No weekly meeting

### 9am Sundays Learning Fellowship: Faith Journeys

*Join Parishioners as They Talk About Their Faith.* How is God present in your life? How has God been there for you? How do you feel God with you now? Each Sunday we welcome a parishioner whom we haven't seen in a while (because pandemics keep people from seeing others in a while) and we ask them to tell us about their faith journeys —past, present, and future. Join us in the Conference Room.

### 11:15 am Connection Hour

Join Fr. Chris Yaw in the Corner Fellowship Hall along with an array of special speakers throughout the month of October as we host an exhibit on the history of race and housing in Metro Detroit. 'We Don't Want You Here' is a standing exhibit, on loan from the Michigan Roundtable, featuring photos and text, that is free and open to all throughout the month. Speakers scheduled in October are:

- 10/3 Dez Squire, esq. Curator, explains the exhibit to us
- 10/10 Peter Hammer on White Flight
- 10/17 Freda Sampson on the 1967 Uprising
- 10/24 Raul Acavaria on 'Other Voices' of People of Color
- 10/31 Dez Squire on the 'school to prison pipeline'

### Study the Bible

We are studying the ancient book of Proverbs from the Hebrew Scriptures. This 31-chapter book is a wellspring of wisdom that's applicable to today. Join us Tuesdays at 12noon or 7pm for the studies in the St. David's Zoom Room.

**Learning and  
Growing  
Opportunities**

### Welcoming New Friends and Rector's Tea

Please join us on October 17 at the 10:00 am service for the *Welcoming of New Friends*. If you are new to St. David's in the past year, we look forward to seeing you for worship and a special presentation.

Later that day please join us for *The Rector's Tea* from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Judy Walsh. Her address is 10104 Talbot Avenue, Huntington Woods (11 Mile and Woodward).

Kindly RSVP to [judycwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:judycwalsh@gmail.com) (248) 837-5358. All new friends are invited to join us for conversation, refreshments and an informal afternoon of friendship and connection. Hope to see you there!



## Outreach and Service Opportunities

### St. David's is Planning a Christmas Day Feast

*All Are Invited to Our Christmas Feast.* St. David's is hosting a Christmas Banquet on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 for anyone who would like to come. We need volunteers to devote about two hours on that day and help leading up to it. So, if you want to share God's love in this way, please talk to Fr Steve Bancroft.

### Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry has Resumed

*Join Us as We Minister with Our Friends.* St. David's is dedicated to our decade-long ministry with our friends at the Detroit Rescue Mission on Third Street in downtown Detroit. We arrive at 7 pm for the hour-long Eucharist. If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, please contact our deacon-in-training Mike Stutso at [mike@stdavidssf.org](mailto:mike@stdavidssf.org)

### Lighthouse Volunteer Opportunities

Several volunteer opportunities are available and if you would be interested in helping you can view the events and register via the links below. You must register yourself. If you have any questions, please email [marci@lighthousemi.org](mailto:marci@lighthousemi.org).

- \_\_\_ Distribute Emergency Food Boxes - Volunteers help load food boxes into vehicles at our drive-thru pantry in Waterford. Register Here: <https://cerv.is/m?0232x293>
- \_\_\_ Pack Produce/Set Up for Distribution -Help set up for the distribution of food boxes. Activities will include packing produce and toiletry bags; organizing food boxes, milk and eggs; staging food. Register Here: <https://cerv.is/m?0232x322>

### Crossroads Soup Kitchen

St. David's will be serving dinner at Crossroads on Sunday December 19. Please arrive at Crossroads by 10:15 am and plan on being there until about 3:30 pm. Please contact Len Sackett at [leonard123dranoel@gmail.com](mailto:leonard123dranoel@gmail.com) if you would like to join.

### Food Pantry Ministry Needs Food Donations

Our food pantry at St. David's is in need of our help. We need any and all donations of non-perishable food goods both can and dry goods as well as any toiletries. Our emergency food pantry continues to support dozens of people each week, we're open M-W-F from 9 am to noon, and in need of volunteers. Contact our pantry volunteer coordinator Fr. Steve Bancroft at (313) 570-1811.

### Help for Haiti

The need for help in Haiti continues unabated. See the St. David's website [www.stdavidssf.org](http://www.stdavidssf.org) for more about the crisis situation in Haiti and please consider a donation to the following sites.

Episcopal Relief and Development: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/where-we-work/country/haiti/> ERD offers 'feet on the ground' help for the people of Haiti.

Haiti Outreach Mission: <https://haitioutreachmission.org/> Contributions to HOM go directly to Mirebalais supporting our clinic and humanitarian efforts of our sister parishes, St. Pierre Anglican Church and St. Louis Catholic Church as they deal with the increasing need for food, healthcare and shelter.

## Meet Seminarian Donna Lockhart

by John Hawkes

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

This is the favorite Bible passage of Donna Lockhart, who is our new Seminarian at St. David’s. Donna comes to us from St. Michael’s in Grosse Pointe Woods. She is taking online courses with Bexley-Seabury Seminary in Chicago. Although it took some conversation from above to convince her, Donna is excited for the future on her faith journey.

“I talked to God first,” she began. “And then I talked to my Priest and the Bishop because I really didn’t expect to go this way. I was very successful in my job with a nationally based full-service employment agency.”

Donna also draws inspiration from the last phrase in *Matthew 19:26*, “with God all things are possible.” She gave an example saying, “when you are facing a mountain in front of you...if you invite God in, all things are possible.” On her spiritual journey, she envisions working towards honoring the last two questions of our Baptismal Covenant: 1) Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? 2) Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

“My ministry focuses on racial equality,” Donna said. “I think I am called to that area and how we as a church can lead the way. We must embrace our differences. Don’t run away from them.”

Donna loves what she describes as the “radical welcome” St. David’s has given to her. She looks forward to being a part of our community, participating in the Sunday morning Learning Fellowship series where parishioners share their faith journeys, and assisting with weekly worship services. She also has prior experience working with youth groups in other parishes.

Donna was born and grew up in northwest Detroit. She was raised in the Catholic faith and eventually became one of the first Altar Girls to serve in the Catholic church in the diocese of Detroit. She attended St. Mary’s, Redford in grade school and then after moving to the east side, graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. After getting married in her early twenties, Donna earned her bachelor’s degree in Business (specializing in Marketing and Sales) from Walsh College. She has two sons, Evan, who teaches high school photography, and Andrew, who is a project estimator in the areas of heating and cooling. In addition, her cousin is a part of the Servite Order of Nuns and just celebrated her 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary at the jubilee celebration in Omaha, Nebraska.

In her spare time, Donna loves being outdoors. She is an avid camper and describes herself as a good cook although it is not her passion. “I’m happiest when I am in a community,” she began. “I love music, people, camping and God. Jesus is my best friend. I’ve never been happier in my life than I am right now.”

We welcome Donna Lockhart to St. David’s.





Photo Gallery by Joanne Sackett

**St. David's Memorial  
"Remember Them"  
Dedicated  
on Sunday, September 5**



Special speakers included Mayor Ken Siver (at left) and Southfield Chief of Police Elvin Barren (at right),



A parishioner picks up a copy of the book to read the stories of all those who lost their lives because of abuse and violence by police.

Photographed at right, is Jane Roberts, who authored the book speaking with Mayor Siver and Police Chief Barren.







**'Remember Them' Protest Exhibit on Display through October**

*Join Us to Pray for Racial Justice*

*Remember Them: An Interactive Memorial of Violence Against People of Color for Reflection and Change is a protest installation aimed at raising awareness and inspiring action to further racial justice. It's a gravestone memorial containing 100 temporary gravestones aimed to help us reflect and take action on racial justice. Spend some time this fall in prayer and contemplation of this continuing injustice.*



**Sunday Morning Worship with choir, acolytes and our new seminarian**





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### Come Worship with Us

We're now able to Zoom from the new chapel, meaning our 8 am Sunday and 8 am Tuesday services of Holy Eucharist are now streamed live on Zoom and Facebook. We're also in-person for these services—so join us!



### Altar Flowers



The Altar Flower sign up chart is hanging in the atrium by the office window. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. We appreciate all who participate. Thank you.

### Please Wear a Mask at St. David's *We're Loving Each Other by Masking Up*

With the rise of the Delta variant, we want to keep everyone safe. So even if you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, please wear a mask indoors at St. David's. Oakland County is currently designated RED for high transmission. For more information, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/> Thank you!.



### How to Connect to Zoom

We are using a video conference and teleconference platform called Zoom. And we want to remain connected with you. This is an app you can download on your computer or phone. If you are not 'techie' and would rather use your telephone, you can call into all of our worship services and bible studies as well—here's how:

For all **ZOOM** meetings, use this link:  
[zoom.us/j/9252573320](https://zoom.us/j/9252573320)  
Password: 16200

By telephone  
1) Call 1-646-558-8656  
2) Enter our Meeting ID 925 257 3320  
3) Enter Password 16200  
4) You've joined us!

If you need any help installing, implementing, or otherwise using Zoom, please contact Fr. Chris at (313) 585-4840.