

2023

Impact Report

St. David's Episcopal Church
71st Annual Meeting
January 28, 2024



The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

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Amy Prather, **Parish Administrator**

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Jeanne Petersen & Maureen Mahar, **Church School Directors**

Anne Jeannette LaSovage and Diane Schoch, **Altar Guild Directors**

James Kenning, **Christian Service Brigade**

Judy Walsh, **Lifelong Learning**

Jojo Pearson & Maggie Lynch, **Childcare**

Deborah Davis, **Pastoral Care Coordinator**

Amy Prather, **Food Pantry Coordinator**

Felicity Thompson & Alex Rienstra, **Youth Group Directors**

Purpose Statement

Our purpose is to love and serve God through worship, outreach and love for all.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a loving, inclusive community to help people worship God and love others.

2024 Goals

1. Regularly recognize volunteers
2. Create connection moments
3. Hold another gun buyback and investigate a gun disposal network
4. Explore faith formation around liturgy participation
5. Launch a capital campaign (kitchen and parish hall)

2023 St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden: Darryl Butler

Junior Warden: Rocco Romano

Mary Bensmiller	Marilyn Greening
Audrey Humphrey	Pat Tilley
Kenneth Miller	Rita Spiller
Alex Rienstra	Judy Walsh – Secretary

2024 St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden: Maureen Mahar

Junior Warden: Hampton Hanable

Mary Bensmiller	Marilyn Greening
Carol Wells	Pat Tilley
Alex Rienstra	Rita Spiller
	Judy Walsh – Secretary

Parish Clergy

Fr. Steve Bancroft, **Assisting**

Felicity Thompson, **Seminarian**

Fr. Chris Yaw, **Rector**

"St. David's is not a place we go to..... it's a family we belong to."

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Minutes

of the 70th Annual Meeting

Father Chris made a motion at 11:50 am to call to order the 70th Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded by Jan Ernst. All in favor and motion carried. Father Chris led us in prayer.

Roles were assigned to: John Hawkes: Parliamentarian
Maureen Mahar: Validation
Judy Walsh: Recording Secretary

Maureen verified we had a quorum of at least 25 people.

Father Chris presented the Year in Review Power Point Program. Included in the report was a month by month overview of highlights, review of the Vestry goals for 2022 and 2023 and a look at the year ahead.

St. David's Staff members were introduced and welcomed. We are especially pleased to welcome our new parish musician, Al Eppens and our new parish administrator Amy Prather.

Reports were received from our Senior and Junior Wardens, as well as from our staff members and outreach/ministry groups.

Attendees each received the complete Annual Impact Report.

Letters of Greeting will be sent by parish administrator to former St. David's rectors. Father Chris made a motion to send these letters, seconded by Alex Rienstra. All in favor and motion carried.

Parish Raffle was held and directed by Vestry member, Mary Bensmiller. Free raffle tickets were given to all parishioners and 10 mystery prize bags were raffled off.

Father Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Senior Warden, Darryl Butler. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Walsh
Vestry Clerk
January 30, 2023



2023: A YEAR OF CONNECTION

It's time to connect...

As I write, in the midst of our COVID bounce-back, I am so proud of the ways our parish is coming back together to form community based on worship, outreach, and love for all. You, good people of St. David's have sprung to action to take on challenges and answer the call to be the active, witnessing body of Christ that you are.

We have welcomed new people into their first full year of ministry - our new church school directors Jeanne Petersen, Maureen Mahar, and Alex Rienstra. Plus musician Al Eppens and new parish secretary Amy Prather, both whom God has blessed with invaluable gifts for the journey ahead.

But before we look ahead, let's look back...

To January... when we expanded our Food Pantry mission. The St. David's Food Pantry, which now feeds an impressive 600 families per week, was asked by our ministry partner, Lighthouse of Pontiac, if we could serve as its South Oakland County social service hub. We quickly agreed and Lighthouse staff moved in office furniture and signed a lease to rent office space from us for its planned work of meeting with clients generated by the adjacent food pantry.

January also brought us our new parish secretary, Amy Prather. Amy, who is related to parishioner Kathy Graham, brings a wealth of ideas and enthusiasm. Her entrepreneurial approach, paired with her expertise in designing web and print materials has made her an invaluable part of our staff in just a short period.

In February yet another ministry partner moved in. Moms for Gun Sense meets regularly to strategize around commonsense action to make our community safer. Moms has been an active partner in our gun buybacks as well as educational outreach, helping us better understand and organize around issues of gun safety.

In March we looked to a Lenten tradition we'd never tried and paired it with something we had - our Lenten Fish Fry and Taize Worship Service. Thanks to Deborah Davis, Audrey Humphrey, and many others we served up world class fish dinners in the Parish Hall and 'to go' - followed by a St. David's favorite, our candle lit Taize service in the church.

April welcomed a new addition that helped make our parish safer - an AED (Automated external defibrillator) which can save a life in the event of a heart problem. Vestry member Mary Bensmiller, who was instrumental in securing a grant for the device, help place it in a central location to both the church and parish hall, then led a Connection Hour talk to show us all how to use it.

May brought St. David's a front office re-do! Thanks to our Jr. Warden, Rocco Romano, plus new members Ben Epstein and Jason Lozon, we have new office carpeting. Then came another new member, Howard Rush (who actually has a long history with our parish), who owns an office furnishings business and has donated desks and chairs to bring us into the 21st century.

In June St. David's held its first-ever 'Metro Detroit March for Peace.' We partnered with local politicians and peace activists, including Moms for Gun Sense and End Gun Violence Michigan (founded by our bishop Bonnie Perry), and kicked off with speakers talking about our need for peace, especially in the area of gun safety. We hosted a welder who turns guns into garden schools and held a live demonstration, before we marched one mile with signs and calls for peace.

July brought another couple of new events: a garage sale and a blood drive! People from our neighborhood stopped by to shop, and several parishioners rolled up their sleeves to give blood, which is always in demand.

August was a time of gardening! Volunteer Cindy Rush along with Jr. Warden Rocco Romano took on a cleanout and rebuilding of our shed. And perhaps for the first time ever, we had every bush and bed around the campus cleaned out and trimmed!

In September St. David's realized one of my dreams for our parish: the establishment of a Legacy Society, a way to remember St. David's in our wills so that those who follow us can have more robust ministry and mission. We also kicked off a new Men's Breakfast – a monthly gathering for the men of our parish to get together, building friendships and community.

October brought back a St. David's tradition: the First Friday Feast! Parishioners take turns 'hosting' a dinner for all who would like to attend. Thanks Judy Walsh for being our first hostess. We also kicked off another new ministry: Ladies Night Out! The first trip was to The Melting Pot – a chance for people bond over melted cheese, does it get any better than that?

In November St. David's hosted its first-ever film festival! The Alafia Film Festival, the brainchild of Dr. Joseph Thompson, originally from Sierra Leone, brought us two short films, along with their directors, to introduce us to new ideas and experiences. The first film was on skin bleaching in an African culture, the other, a short-lived monarchy incubated in Germany with a pensive ending.

Finally, in December, for the first time in nearly two decades we moved our Christmas Pageant from Christmas Eve to Advent III, thanks to Jeanne Petersen and her crew of able thespians. We also saw St. David's on the front page of the Sunday New York Times for its work in buying back guns as we held our 2nd buyback collecting 253 firearms.

Our attendance has yet to regain pre-COVID levels of 122 people per Sunday, but we are getting close, we are averaging more than 119 people between in-person and zoom participants (zoom participating computers often include more than one person).

The year ahead will be exciting.

Your vestry has setting several goals at its annual retreat, they include:

- Regularly recognize volunteers
- Create connection moments
- Hold another gun buyback and investigate a gun disposal network
- Explore faith formation around liturgy participation
- Launch a capital campaign (kitchen and parish hall)

We are also super-excited to hold a winter game night and potluck in February, enter into our tenth year of Drive Thru Ashes, study the spiritual fruit of Joy during Lent, and welcome Bishop Bonnie for a visit on April 7 (mark your calendars!).

And personally, with the bishop's input, I'm finding much interest in celebrating more weddings. I find that meeting young couples helps widen our ministry, even though they are predominantly off-site.

It continues to be an honor and joy to serve as your rector, and on behalf of my wife Katie, and children James, Cate, and Jack, we look forward to continuing the work of our strong and vibrant parish into this new year.



The Rev. Chris Yaw, whose Detroit-area church has worked on buybacks, said he was "aghast and appalled" to learn what happens to the collected guns. Emily Elconin for The New York Times

5 YEAR STATS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Sunday Attendance					
8AM/10AM/12 NOON	12/107	8/104	6/119/4	?	11/110/12
Percentage Change Over Previous Year	6.25%	-14%	0%	1%	-5.50%
Services of Holy Eucharist					
Sunday	105	101	59	?	122
Weekday (includes online compline)	67	61	208	?	67
Home Communion	62	111	62	?	202
Total Eucharist	373	373	119	?	391
Total Attendance*	9,949	8,862	9,596	?	9,596
Holy Baptism					
Adult	0	0	0	0	0
Children	4	0	2	1	2
Marriages					
	16	9	3	1	2
Burials					
	5	9	11	6	10
Communicant Report					
Last Report	319	310	304	609	606
Added by Baptism	4	0	2	1	2
Added by Confirmation/Reception	0	0	6	0	1
Added by Transfer	0	1	3	2	2
Lost by Death	3	5	13	2	10
Lost by Transfer	0	1	13	0	2
Rector's Decree	19	14	15	306	10
Total Communicants As of Dec. 31, 2023	339	319	310	304	609

*in person attendance plus Zoom, Facebook watch is not included.

Treasurer's Annual Report for 2022

Below is a snapshot of the 2023 financial results. Actual results far exceeded the budgeted forecast. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Your St. David's Financial Team,
 Simone Charter-Harris - Treasurer
 John Hawkes – Financial Secretary
 Amy Prather – Asst. Financial Secretary

2023 Financial Snapshot

	Budget	Actual
Total Donations/Income	\$ 325,350	\$ 340,318
Total Expenses	\$ 332,996	\$ 320,038
Net Results	\$ (7,646)	\$ 20,280

St. David Episcopal Church

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023

	Year Begin Balance	Year to Date Balance	Year to Date Change	Balance Last Month	Year to Date Last Year
Assets					
Cash and Savings					
Church Operations					
1001 TCF - Checking Account	158,453.20	46,477.38	(111,975.82)	38,299.09	158,453.20
1002 Petty Cash Fund	82.00	213.00	131.00	213.00	82.00
1003 Chemical Money Market Account	0.00	156,886.82	156,886.82	155,392.18	0.00
Church Operations Totals:	158,535.20	203,577.20	45,042.00	193,904.27	158,535.20
Cash and Savings Totals:	158,535.20	203,577.20	45,042.00	193,904.27	158,535.20
Investments					
Church Operations					
1101 Diocesan Trustees	278,187.97	326,905.91	48,717.94	296,992.53	278,187.97
Investments Totals:	278,187.97	326,905.91	48,717.94	296,992.53	278,187.97
Accounts Receivables					
Church Operations					
1201 Account Receivables	5,660.00	8,139.00	2,479.00	0.00	5,660.00
Accounts Receivables Totals:	5,660.00	8,139.00	2,479.00	0.00	5,660.00
Physical Plant					
Church Operations					
1301 Land	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
1302 Building	602,000.00	602,000.00	0.00	602,000.00	602,000.00
1303 Building Contents	63,000.00	63,000.00	0.00	63,000.00	63,000.00
1304 Building Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Operations Totals:	785,000.00	785,000.00	0.00	785,000.00	785,000.00
Physical Plant Totals:	785,000.00	785,000.00	0.00	785,000.00	785,000.00
Total Assets:	1,227,383.17	1,323,622.11	96,238.94	1,275,896.80	1,227,383.17

Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Church Operations					
2001 Accounts Payable	275.00	14,771.72	14,496.72	0.00	275.00
2002 Rector Sabbatical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2003 Secy Matching	810.23	0.00	(810.23)	0.00	810.23
Church Operations Totals:	1,085.23	14,771.72	13,686.49	0.00	1,085.23
Accounts Payable Totals:	1,085.23	14,771.72	13,686.49	0.00	1,085.23

Payroll Withholdings

Church Operations					
2101 Secy 403B	1,093.48	0.00	(1,093.48)	0.00	1,093.48
2102 Rector 403B	608.34	0.00	(608.34)	608.34	608.34
Church Operations Totals:	1,701.82	0.00	(1,701.82)	608.34	1,701.82

	<u>Year Begin Balance</u>	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>	<u>Year to Date Change</u>	<u>Balance Last Month</u>	<u>Year to Date Last Year</u>
Payroll Withholdings Totals:	1,701.82	0.00	(1,701.82)	608.34	1,701.82
Mortgages and Loans					
Church Operations					
2201 SBA-PPP Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2202 Diocese Loan	285,686.79	273,877.06	(11,809.73)	274,873.64	285,686.79
Church Operations Totals:	285,686.79	273,877.06	(11,809.73)	274,873.64	285,686.79
Mortgages and Loans Totals:	285,686.79	273,877.06	(11,809.73)	274,873.64	285,686.79
Total Liabilities:	288,473.84	288,648.78	174.94	275,481.98	288,473.84
Net Assets					
Net Assets					
Church Operations					
3001 Operating Fund Balance	117,964.61	169,767.66	51,803.05	138,359.64	89,160.10
3002 Members' Equity	327,367.65	327,367.65	0.00	327,367.65	327,367.65
Church Operations Totals:	445,332.26	497,135.31	51,803.05	465,727.29	416,527.75
Net Assets Totals:	445,332.26	497,135.31	51,803.05	465,727.29	416,527.75
Dedicated Accounts					
Without Donor Restrictions					
	479,442.39	505,164.04	25,721.65	503,282.77	479,442.39
With Donor Restrictions					
	14,134.68	12,393.81	(1,740.87)	20,958.35	14,134.68
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	493,577.07	517,557.85	23,980.78	524,241.12	493,577.07
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	0.00	20,280.17	20,280.17	10,446.41	28,804.51
Total Net Assets:	938,909.33	1,034,973.33	96,064.00	1,000,414.82	938,909.33
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	1,227,383.17	1,323,622.11	96,238.94	1,275,896.80	1,227,383.17



St. David Episcopal Church

Statement of Activities

December 31, 2023

Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
Income						
General & Administration						
Church Operations						
Regular Giving						
4001 Pledge Income	16,765.00	21,666.67	229,209.00	260,000.00	260,000.00	242,943.00
4002 Cash Plate Donations	729.00	208.33	4,414.08	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,518.43
4003 Non-Pledge Income	11,228.55	3,333.33	81,148.79	40,000.00	40,000.00	75,457.17
4004 Initial Offering	5.00	16.67	170.00	200.00	200.00	190.00
Regular Giving Totals:	28,727.55	25,225.00	314,941.87	302,700.00	302,700.00	322,108.60
Seasonal Giving						
4101 Lenten Programs	0.00	0.00	356.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,733.00
4102 Holy Week	0.00	33.33	50.00	400.00	400.00	345.00
4103 Easter	0.00	0.00	3,098.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,056.00
4104 Christmas	3,245.00	3,000.00	3,405.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,740.00
4105 Other	140.00	20.83	485.00	250.00	250.00	347.00
Seasonal Giving Totals:	3,385.00	3,054.16	7,394.50	8,150.00	8,150.00	6,221.00
Rental Income						
4201 Alcohol Anonymous	830.00	166.67	3,662.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,182.00
4202 AI-Anon	0.00	33.33	0.00	400.00	400.00	480.00
4203 Parish Member Rental	100.00	25.00	898.00	300.00	300.00	375.00
4204 Other Rental Income	150.00	83.33	3,379.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	784.25
4205 SOS/Lighthouse Rental	600.00	550.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	0.00
Rental Income Totals:	1,680.00	858.33	14,539.00	10,300.00	10,300.00	3,821.25
Other Operating Income						
4301 Miscellaneous Income	89.05	16.67	332.87	200.00	200.00	50.00
4302 Worship Income	600.00	333.33	2,760.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,264.00
4303 Mid Year Pledges	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	15,350.00
Other Operating Income Totals:	689.05	350.00	3,442.87	4,200.00	4,200.00	19,664.00
Church Operations Totals:	34,481.60	29,487.49	340,318.24	325,350.00	325,350.00	351,814.85
General & Administration Totals:	34,481.60	29,487.49	340,318.24	325,350.00	325,350.00	351,814.85
Income Totals:	34,481.60	29,487.49	340,318.24	325,350.00	325,350.00	351,814.85

Expense

General & Administration

Church Operations

Office Operations

5001 Parish Admin Salary	2,550.00	1,806.25	21,675.00	21,675.00	21,675.00	20,255.70
5002 Parish Admin FICA	195.08	138.18	1,725.05	1,658.14	1,658.14	1,549.56

Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
5003 Parish Admin 403B-5%	0.00	90.31	0.00	1,083.75	1,083.75	1,012.78
5004 Parish Admin Matching	0.00	72.25	0.00	867.00	867.00	810.23
5006 Website Expenses	0.00	41.67	420.00	500.00	500.00	420.00
5007 Copier Rental & Maintenance	338.50	291.67	3,224.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,679.02
5008 Copier Supplies	0.00	41.67	196.00	500.00	500.00	236.00
5009 Telephone & Internet	206.40	200.00	2,480.49	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,344.71
5010 Processing Fees	121.08	25.00	634.56	300.00	300.00	269.00
5011 Office Supplies	633.55	358.33	2,538.56	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,382.85
5012 Computer Supplies & Maintenance	125.00	250.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,208.34
5013 Bank Service Charges	0.00	8.33	0.00	100.00	100.00	68.91
5014 Accounting/People Software	268.80	216.67	2,504.50	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,424.44
5015 e-Giving Fees	312.84	166.67	2,610.73	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,024.82
Office Operations Totals:	4,751.25	3,707.00	38,258.89	44,483.89	44,483.89	44,686.36
Church Operations Totals:	4,751.25	3,707.00	38,258.89	44,483.89	44,483.89	44,686.36
General & Administration Totals:	4,751.25	3,707.00	38,258.89	44,483.89	44,483.89	44,686.36
Ministry & Liturgy						
Church Operations						
Rector Compensation						
5101 Rector Stipend	3,879.66	3,879.67	46,555.92	46,556.00	46,556.00	44,435.28
5102 Rector Housing	3,333.34	3,333.33	40,000.06	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.08
5106 Rector Medical	0.00	2,750.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	31,680.00
5107 Rector Pension	2,320.96	1,291.67	13,925.76	15,500.00	15,500.00	15,086.24
5108 Rector Group Life & Dental	314.00	314.00	3,747.00	3,768.00	3,768.00	3,516.00
5109 Rector Education Expenses	174.58	100.00	1,479.63	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,084.91
5110 Rector - Other Expenses	79.10	66.67	996.24	800.00	800.00	592.51
Rector Compensation Totals:	10,101.64	11,735.34	139,704.61	140,824.00	140,824.00	136,395.02
Choir & Music						
5201 Choirmaster Salary	1,750.00	1,750.00	20,500.00	20,500.00	20,500.00	24,013.44
5202 Choirmaster FICA	133.88	129.08	1,501.36	1,549.00	1,549.00	1,750.98
5203 Piano/Organ Maintenance	311.00	166.67	1,537.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
5204 Choir & Handbell Music	300.00	33.33	1,045.91	400.00	400.00	62.92
5205 Guest Musicians	450.00	166.67	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,200.00
5206 Other Music Expenses	0.00	8.33	208.22	100.00	100.00	1,587.30
Choir & Music Totals:	2,944.88	2,254.08	26,792.49	26,549.00	26,549.00	28,614.64
Worship Expenses						
5301 Supply Priest Expense	0.00	16.67	913.64	200.00	200.00	200.00
5302 Altar Guild	690.00	375.00	4,201.73	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,543.86
5303 Other Worship Expense (Acolytes, etc)	0.00	166.67	1,222.38	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,320.94
5304 Childcare Salaries	400.00	303.33	3,874.61	3,640.00	3,640.00	1,180.00
5305 Childcare-FICA	30.60	23.21	358.02	278.46	278.46	76.52
5306 Zoom Account	50.85	16.67	216.21	200.00	200.00	219.79
5307 Podcast	30.00	15.00	165.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
Worship Expenses Totals:	1,201.45	916.55	10,951.59	10,998.46	10,998.46	8,541.11
Church Operations Totals:	14,247.97	14,905.97	177,448.69	178,371.46	178,371.46	173,550.77

Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
Ministry & Liturgy Totals:	14,247.97	14,905.97	177,448.69	178,371.46	178,371.46	173,550.77
Facilities						
Church Operations						
Building Operations						
5401 Gas	435.72	500.00	5,682.25	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,604.37
5402 Water & Sewage	0.00	125.00	1,826.95	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,442.16
5403 Alarm & Monitoring	0.00	50.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
5404 Electricity	533.60	500.00	6,042.81	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,813.91
5405 Kitchen Supplies	269.89	33.33	483.87	400.00	400.00	412.05
5406 Operating Supplies	0.00	58.33	2,787.75	700.00	700.00	677.17
5407 Janitorial Services	1,250.00	625.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,355.77
5408 Snow Removal	300.00	2,600.00	7,225.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	9,292.00
5409 Lawn Care & Mowing	0.00	0.00	5,903.81	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,536.37
5410 Building Repairs & Maintenance	323.61	583.33	8,004.28	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,151.04
5411 Insurance	0.00	0.00	14,738.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	13,526.50
Building Operations Totals:	3,112.82	5,074.99	60,794.72	63,700.00	63,700.00	59,411.34
Church Operations Totals:	3,112.82	5,074.99	60,794.72	63,700.00	63,700.00	59,411.34
Facilities Totals:	3,112.82	5,074.99	60,794.72	63,700.00	63,700.00	59,411.34
Religious Education						
Church Operations						
Education Expenses						
5501 Adult Christian Education	80.00	41.67	279.00	500.00	500.00	433.04
5502 Church School	0.00	41.67	105.63	500.00	500.00	0.00
5503 Book Study	0.00	25.00	674.60	300.00	300.00	270.61
Education Expenses Totals:	80.00	108.34	1,059.23	1,300.00	1,300.00	703.65
Church Operations Totals:	80.00	108.34	1,059.23	1,300.00	1,300.00	703.65
Religious Education Totals:	80.00	108.34	1,059.23	1,300.00	1,300.00	703.65
Charity & Outreach						
Church Operations						
Outreach						
5601 Christian Service Brigade	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5602 SOS	0.00	0.00	838.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
5603 Crossroads	0.00	83.33	604.18	1,000.00	1,000.00	751.70
5604 Haiti Mission	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5605 Outreach Discretionary	0.00	0.00	154.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
5606 Rector Discretionary Fund	2,305.57	0.00	1,530.57	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Outreach Totals:	2,305.57	83.33	9,127.92	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,751.70
Church Operations Totals:	2,305.57	83.33	9,127.92	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,751.70
Charity & Outreach Totals:	2,305.57	83.33	9,127.92	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,751.70
Other Church Programs						
Church Operations						
Other Church Programs						

Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
5701 Discipleship	0.00	83.33	227.88	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,302.31
5702 Parish Operations	(479.69)	8.33	716.59	100.00	100.00	0.00
5703 Newcomers	0.00	8.33	0.00	100.00	100.00	118.00
5704 Diocesan Pledge	0.00	2,245.08	24,695.88	26,941.00	26,941.00	26,457.96
5705 Youth Activities	0.00	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Other Church Programs Totals:	(479.69)	2,428.40	25,640.35	29,141.00	29,141.00	28,878.27
Church Operations Totals:	(479.69)	2,428.40	25,640.35	29,141.00	29,141.00	28,878.27
Other Church Programs Totals:	(479.69)	2,428.40	25,640.35	29,141.00	29,141.00	28,878.27
Non-Operating Expenses						
Church Operations						
Capital Improvements						
6001 Loan Interest Expense	629.92	666.67	7,708.27	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,028.25
Church Operations Totals:	629.92	666.67	7,708.27	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,028.25
Non-Operating Expenses Totals:	629.92	666.67	7,708.27	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,028.25
Expense Totals:	24,647.84	26,974.70	320,038.07	332,996.35	332,996.35	323,010.34
Income - Expense:	9,833.76	2,512.79	20,280.17	(7,646.35)	(7,646.35)	28,804.51



St. David Episcopal Church

Dedicated Accounts

December 31, 2023

Account Shortcut and Description	Beginning Balance	Month Credits	Month Debits	YTD Credits	YTD Debits	Ending Balance
Church Operations						
General & Administration						
8009 Reserve for Budget Shortfall	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Ministry & Liturgy						
8007 Rector Sabbatical Fund	21,618.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,618.42
Parish Purposes						
8001 Youth Fund	10,201.72	0.00	0.00	340.00	1,100.00	9,441.72
8002 Mission Fund Contribution	184,788.44	1,200.00	0.00	10,584.00	1,924.08	193,448.36
8003 Building Improvement Fund	229,315.28	554.00	700.00	8,236.39	1,534.58	236,017.09
8004 Music Fund	3,392.00	429.25	110.27	518.58	872.93	3,037.65
8005 McFarland Fund	2,491.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,491.59
8006 Spears Communication	1,307.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.96
8008 2021 Holy Land Trip	(0.60)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.60)
Parish Purposes Totals:	431,496.39	2,183.25	810.27	19,678.97	5,431.59	445,743.77
Other Outreach						
8101 CSB	1,355.00	200.00	995.00	1,600.00	1,335.00	1,620.00
8102 Food Pantry	10,054.88	1,206.25	378.98	6,869.75	3,714.03	13,210.60
8103 Gun Buy Back Program	0.00	8,780.00	17,348.52	17,342.00	17,348.52	(6.52)
Other Outreach Totals:	11,409.88	10,186.25	18,722.50	25,811.75	22,397.55	14,824.08
Haiti Outreach						
8201 Haiti Outreach Support	5,594.55	480.00	0.00	2,355.00	4,000.00	3,949.55
8202 Haiti Travel Expense Fund	(5,610.82)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(5,610.82)
8203 Haiti Fund Raising Inc/Exp	16,463.65	0.00	0.00	12,945.00	7,440.80	21,967.85
8204 Comedy Castle Tickets	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,460.00	0.00	2,460.00
Haiti Outreach Totals:	16,447.38	480.00	0.00	17,760.00	11,440.80	22,766.58
Capital Campaign						
9001 Capital Campaign Donations	484,030.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	484,030.92
9002 Capital Campaign Expenses	(478,425.92)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(478,425.92)
Capital Campaign Totals:	5,605.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,605.00
Church Operations Totals:	493,577.07	12,849.50	19,532.77	63,250.72	39,269.94	517,557.85
Total for selected dedicated accounts:	493,577.07	12,849.50	19,532.77	63,250.72	39,269.94	517,557.85

Senior Warden Report

At its retreat a year ago, the Vestry select goals for 2023 were:

1. Building Community Through Giveaways
2. Connection Boards
3. Launch Nursery Assistant Program
4. Implement Planned Giving
5. Starting a St. David's Youth Group

1. Building Community Through Giveaways

Our Vestry was giving the task to create ways to increase our congregation and to show our appreciation for our church members. One way of doing this was through small giveaways. This included giving candy on Valentines Day and patriotic pinwheels on Labor Day. We also give our new visitors a welcome package. It's the little things that make a difference.

2. Connection Boards

One of the things that our Vestry wanted to do was create a way of communication so our congregation could know some of the happenings in the church. We have installed "Connection Boards" in the hallway between the restrooms. These boards are so people can ask for prayer requests and also pray for others that have been placed on these boards. There is a board that will inform our members of the happenings in our church and around the Diocese. Also, we have marketplace boards so members can buy and sell items. We hope that everyone takes notice of these boards and use them as needed.

3. Launch Nursery Assistant Program

We know that our church is open for everyone. One of the things we noticed was that we had more people coming into our church with small children. To help with the needs of these parents we launched a "Nursery Assistant Program". We now have two day care/ nursery assistants on duty during our 10:00am Sunday service. We also have volunteers to help assist these two individuals so that we can always have two attendents in the nursery during this time. If anyone would like to volunteer to help assist in this duty they can contact Audrey Humprey or Alex Rienstra.

4. Implement Planned Giving

As inflation continues to grow, we as a congregation have to think about how we can maintain and sustain a church for years to come. One way is through "Planned Giving". This year we sent out our pledge cards with an extra line asking if our member would like to remember St. David's in their will. We didn't ask for a specific amount because we know everyone's situation is different. We ask that people remember St. David's with what they are comfortable with giving. These pledges can be designated to any fund that they feel they want to donate to. These contributions will be greatly appreciated to maintain a healthy church. We would like to thank all that have already participated in this offering. If you haven't already done this you may contact Marilyn Greening or Fr. Chris for more information.

Senior Warden Report

5. Starting a St. David's Youth Group

This is probably the hardest task that the Vestry faced this year. Although we are back to pre-pandemic levels of attendance our youth numbers in the congregation have not been the same. Our church, like so many, have seen a decline in youth attendance. The Vestry has and is still looking into growing our youth group. Our C.S.B. is still going strong for the young men in church. We are still trying to work on a similar group for the girls and young ladies in our church. Also the Vestry is looking into ways of having different activities and outings that would include both the girls and boys. We are always looking into having volunteers help with this difficult task of growing our youth group.

I would also like to say a few things that we as a Vestry were able to accomplish.

We ask the congregation to step up and help with the reconditioning of the organ in the Sanctuary and you all came through. Through your generosity the organ will get its much needed repair and reconditioning needed. Thank you all.

We were able to put together our first "Cultural Dinner". This outing was a resounding success. We had about thirty members of our church break bread at "Cornbread" in Southfield. We had many express to us that they want to do another dinner soon. Also, we went to the "Southfield Jazz Festival" for good music, food and great company. Looking forward to doing it again this year. Our gun buy-back was another success this year. Once again, we had a line of cars with people ready to give up their guns. A big thanks to the city of Southfield for partnering with St. David's to achieve this great program. Our social planning through our Vestry made it possible to have these activities. I am happy that you as a congregation allowed me to serve as your Senior Warden for the last two years. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve with a great team of individuals on this Vestry. Please welcome and support the new Vestry and the new leadership as you have in the past. I'm sure 2024 will be another successful year for St. David's.

Respectfully Submitted

Darryl Butler



Junior Warden Report

Property Committee: Chair - Rocco Romano

2023 Committee Members, Audrey Humphrey and Alex Rienstra

Here's a list of items the Lord directed us to accomplish in 2023 to better equip the parish to serve the community here in Southfield.

The Wooden Doors in the Hallway to Fellowship Hall were in need of repair. They have now been sanded and painted to match the new Hollow Metal Doors. The Hallway is much brighter and cheerful.

The condensate line for the new west boiler was freezing in very cold weather because the fresh air intake was oversized to accommodate the old boiler. The size of the fresh air opening was reduced and should resolve the problem. This boiler provides the heat in our Sanctuary. - Amen.

New carpet squares were installed in the Main Office. The space is cheerier and the sound level much softer.

We have made improvements to the Main Kitchen and Kitchen Storage Room:

The Kitchen now has better organized storage space in the cabinets along the serving wall.

The Main Kitchen Storage Room, continues to be cleaned out and reorganized. We received a new refrigerator to help with the large amounts of food we are handling through the Lighthouse Program. We will be receiving a new freezer for the Lighthouse program as well. It will also be housed there.

Because of this we are better utilizing the shed for items that are not Kitchen related. The shed has been cleaned out; the joints sealed and we are in process of storing non-kitchen items there:

- Old robes from the Choir Room.
- Carpet Tiles
- Building Materials ("attic Stock") left over from the 2020 Remodeling project. Floor & wall materials.

The light sensors for the entrance lights were not functioning, so they have been replaced.

The sloped shingle roof on the west side above the Sanctuary was damaged during an August storm. It was repaired and looks beautiful.

The Conference Room lights and east ceiling fixture in the Sacristy have been replaced with new LED lights. This completes the changeout to LED lights for the entire church. Amen!!!

The old and inoperative wireless microphone for the Parish Hall was replaced with a new system. It supports two microphones and operates on a modern frequency band. The system provides a clearer sound with less interference. It will also connect to the sound system used for outside services, which reduces the number of microphone cables.

Junior Warden Report

A new Defibrillator Cabinet was installed in the hallway outside the kitchen. It is mounted on the spare door to the Music Directors Office. The cabinet is 9 ½” deep and the recess for the door worked well to maintain hallway clearance.

The City of Southfield cited the Church on 2 items from their Cross Connection Control (Backflow Prevention) Program.

- A. At the Lawn Sprinkler System. Cregger Plumbing & Heating corrected the cross-connection issue at the lawn sprinkler connection located in Memorial Garden.
- B. At the Unisex Toilet Room Shower Head. The flex hose on the shower head was too long and touched the floor in the shower. This condition required us to install a Hose Bibb Vacuum Breaker at the shower head.

The sensors for the exterior Entrance Lights were not working. They were replaced. ‘Let There Be Light!’

Parking Lot Update: We will continue to patch the asphalt parking lot along with our neighbor St. Anne’s Mead since a replacement at this time is not affordable. Look for new patching in 2024.

CURRENT ITEM FOR ATTENTION:

The 2 floor sanitary traps in the Kitchen will to be snaked out.



Alter Guild Report

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for the honoring of God by the members and guests of St. David's. Guild members work diligently behind the scenes preparing the elements, vessels and altars for the many and varied services that take place in our church during the year. Altar Guild is a 12-month ministry.

The guild currently has 13 members. Kathy Graham is aiding our ministry by clearing the Wednesday service. We were graced with much assistance from our seminarian Felicity Thompson as well. We are additionally blessed to have many parishioners assist us with setting up and removing the Easter and Christmas decor.

Regular weekly duties include cleaning the altar area and preparing the vessels and elements each Saturday, and on Sundays clearing the 8AM service and setting up the 10 AM service. We also prepare and set up the Wednesday mid-week service. Altar linens are cleaned and ironed by the members each week. In addition to the weekly duties, Altar Guild prepares the kit for the monthly visit to the Detroit Rescue Mission and maintains the kits for the Lay Eucharist Visitation team.

Festival Days all require preparation and cleaning by the Altar Guild members. We continue to burn the prior years blessed palms for use during the Ash Wednesday services and for the popular drive thru applying of the ashes. Weddings, funerals, burials, baptisms and other special events all require additional assistance from our ministry, as do the outdoor services conducted on the back lawn during the summer months. We assisted at several funerals of parishioners and non-parishioners.

All services are currently held in the sanctuary. For Eucharist, we are continuing to offer intinction at the communion rail and the common cup is offered outside of the railing on the east side. We have reintroduced the processing of the elements from the narthex during the offertory (this was paused during the COVID times). Sanitizer is continuing to be used at the Altar and the Credence table.

Bob Masek still supplies flower arrangements to beautify our worship space. We are continuing to use the arrangements for 2 weeks to be fiscally responsible and to ease the duties of the guild members. Also, using the arrangements for 2 weeks reduces the amount of oasis going into the waste stream. During Advent I & II we placed our new Holly & Ivy arrangements to adorn the retable. These lovely arrangements were crafted by Anne Jeannette LaSovage, and beautifully represented the weeks of preparation and hope.

Alter Guild Report Continued

This year the members of the guild continued to successfully recycle our used swiffer pads (dirt and all). In June a shipment of a year's worth of used pads was sent to the swiffer recycling center of Terracycle. We also continue to recycle paper, batteries, cardboard, wine bottles and candles.

The Guild enjoyed a delicious lunch in June at Three Cats Cafe in Clawson. Donations made to the guild in 2022 for our assistance at non-parishioner weddings, funded this afternoon of friendship. On September 17th the Altar Guild members were commissioned, during the service, to continue our ministry enthusiastically and reverently.

It is an honor to serve God in this ministry. The members of the guild are so hard working and supportive of one another, and this ministry. This labor of love for God and our parish family, continues to bless our souls and allow us to help others reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist, where heaven and earth meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schoch and Anne Jeannette LaSovage
Altar Guild Co-chairs



Alter Guild Report Continued

ALTAR GUILD -- FINANCIAL REPORT 2023				TOTALS	
YEARLY BUDGET				\$2500.00	+ \$2500.00
EXPENSES					
Flowers/Plants/Ashes/Wreaths				- \$2567.00	
	• Weekly/Ordinary	-	862.00		
	• PS/MT/Easter	-	965.00		
	• M-Day Carnations	-	50.00		
	• Christmas Door Wreaths	-	90.00		
	• Christmas Flowers	-	600.00		
Candles/Lamp Oil				- \$ 478.59	
	• Seven-Day Inserts	-	157.14		
	• First-Light Baptism Candles	-	14.50		
	• Short 3s Candles	-	84.05		
	• Other Candles	-	222.90		
Communion Elements/Supplies				- \$ 295.24	
	• Hosts	-	163.30		
	• Wine	-	131.94		
Supplies				- \$ 99.60	
	• Plastic Insert	-	2.95		
	• Globe	-	8.85		
	• Butane	-	4.99		
	• Butane Lighter	-	6.99		
	• Brass Polish	-	26.23		
	• Flower Chart and Calendars	-	49.59		
Repairs				- \$ 269.00	
	• Paten	-	170.00		
	• Ciborium	-	99.00		
Luncheon for Altar Guild Members				- \$ 366.15	
	• Funded through 2022 discretionary donations provided from non-parishioner events				
Total Expenses (minus luncheon expenses)				- \$ 3709.43	- \$ 3709.43
INCOME					
	• Flower and Other Donations	+	2710.00		
	• E-Giving Donations	+	125.00		
Total Income				+ \$2835.00	+ \$2835.00
ENDING BALANCE:					+ \$1625.57
<i>Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hampel-Litwinowicz Altar Guild Member</i>					

Christian Service Brigade

This is the fortieth year that CSB has supported St. David's youth ministry. Our local unit is part of a national organization whose goal is to help teenage boys grow into mature Christian men. The program also has an evangelical outreach to the friends of St. David's youth. We have averaged six people at our weekly meetings on Monday nights. I would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support and participation. Jared Barnett, Ethan Oliver and Nathan Rienstra have joined the leadership team. While much of this report deals with the many activities of the group, these activities are only a means to an end. Of real importance is the establishing of friendships, personal growth in leadership and new skills, association with the church for a fun time that is consistent with Bible principles, and, most importantly, the strengthening of each individual's personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the deepening knowledge of what that means in each of their lives. Please follow the activities of the group via pictures on Instagram: stdavidscsb

The current leadership team consists of: Jim Kenning, Ken Miller, Ken Dial, Paul Veselenak, Don Taylor, Daniel McHardy, Steve Rienstra, Alex Rienstra, Robin Rienstra, Nathan Rienstra, Ethan Oliver, Quentin Campbell and Jared Barnett. The weekly meetings consist of group and individual activities, active games, special events and Bible based discussions. Any boys, ages 9 to 18+, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Monday nights or our outings.

This year we have had numerous outings and activities, including:

January 2023:

- winter camping in a warm cabin at the Island Lake State Recreation Area on January 13-15. No snow so we went hiking instead. The winners of the International Fusz Ball Championship were Alex and Robin Rienstra. Second place was Jim Kenning and Dave Oliver. Third place was Steve Rienstra and Ethan Oliver. Fourth place was Nathan Rienstra and Jared Barnett.
- studied bow and arrow shooting, including an "outing" to the in-house St. Ds archery range, led by Jim Kenning
- studied hunting led by Mike Love

February 2023:

- U of M hockey vs. Wisconsin on February 4th. Michigan WON 7 to 4
- snowboarding at Alpine Valley took place on February 18th, with a group of enthusiastic participants
- Shrove Tuesday on February 21, welcome back for Fellowship and Great Food!
- laser tag on February 27th, fun in the dark, trust no one
- studied effective praying led by Alex Rienstra
- studied home maintenance led by Ken Miller
- setup for Shrove Tuesday on February 21st

March 2023:

- overnight at All Saints Episcopal Church Pontiac gym on March 3-4. Fun all night!
- bowling occurred on March 13th, at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley.
- played ping pong (Bet you didn't know that St. Ds has a ping pong table!)
- studied baking led by Robin Rienstra
- studied film topics led by Kwame Henry

Christian Service Brigade

April 2023:

- rock climbing on April 1st at Planet Rock.
- paintball at Lone Wolf facility in Metamora on April 29th. There was paint everywhere!
- studied magic led by Alex Rienstra
- studied golf led by Ken Dial
- build and launch rockets led by Jim Kenning

May 2023:

- trap shooting at Island Lake State Recreation Area Range on May 6th. Everyone scored. The 410 bore shotgun allowed several members to shoot more comfortably.
- the final meeting on May 15th with traditional ice cream sundaes
- backpacking at Ludington State Park, May 19-22. A beautiful area with great beaches and cold swimming water.
- gun safety led by Jim Kenning and Ken Miller
- backpacking basics led by Jim Kenning

September 2023:

- first meeting on Monday, September 11th, complete with pizza to welcome everyone back for another fun filled year
- visited the Parade Company for a tour (as in Thanksgiving Day parade floats), September 30th. Very informative and fun. Followed by pizza at the original Buddies Pizza in Detroit.
- studied campfire safety with Ken Miller
- built a marshmallow gun with Jim Kenning. What was I thinking? Fired the guns at the St. Ds in-house range.

October 2023:

- trip to the USS Edson in Saginaw, October 7th. Very informative tour. Found the 5 inch powder casing that was donated on our last visit. Had lunch in the officers wardroom.
- trip to Halloweekend at Cedar Point on October 20-22. Iffy weather (some rain late Saturday) with all the usual haunted houses and thrilling rides. On the walk out, "no one goes ahead of Jim".
- misc. Navy topics led by Jim Kenning
- TikTok insights provided by Ethan Oliver
- Twitter (X) insights provided by Ethan Oliver
- visit by Southfield Police Department personnel. How should you interact with police in a variety of situations. Set up by Ken Miller. Authorized by Chief Barren. Many thanks to the officers who led the discussion.

November 2023:

- Whirlyball on November 6th was fun! We filled 6 cars with enthusiastic bumpers, passers and scorers!
- Visited an Escape Room on John R in Madison Heights, November 27th. The kids had a great time. AND we escaped the room!
- maintenance at St. Ds in the kitchen led by Ken Miller

Christian Service Brigade

December 2023:

- University of Michigan basketball game vs. Eastern Michigan on December 16th, Michigan WON 83 to 66
- Christmas party and gift exchange on December 18th, fun and games and food and friendship.
- recap of Jim Kenning's latest hiking trip to the Shenandoah National Park, complete with pictures. You too can prepare for the "wrong" trip, lessons learned!

This is just the beginning - honest! Yet to come in 2024 are:

January 2024:

- a winter outing at a cabin in the Island Lake State Recreation Area, complete with x-country skiing, sledding and other winter activities, January 12-14. Pray for snow!
- cooking using a dutch oven and charcoal led by Jim Kenning
- game night led by Jim Kenning
- survival topics led by Ken Miller

February 2024:

- snowboarding at Alpine Mountain, still fun, still falling, still getting back up and still trying again, Saturday, February 3rd
- Shrove Tuesday on February 13th. Welcome back for fellowship and great food!
- U of M hockey game at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor vs. Notre Dame on February 24th. GO BLUE!
- laser tag on February 26st, trust no one!
- survival topics led by Ken Miller
- film production led by Kwame Henry
- setup for Shrove Tuesday on February 13th

March 2024:

- overnight at the All Saints Pontiac Church gym, including: basketball, numerous video games and many other activities, March 8-9th (note the date change!). Many thanks to Fr. Chris Johnson for making the facility available.
- bowling, again, or how we will never score 300 even if the pins are in the gutters, Monday, March 11th
- rock climbing at Planet Rock on March 16th at Planet Rock in Madison Heights, great facility!
- study drones led by Jim Kenning
- trip planning led by Ken Miller and Jim Kenning
- geocaching led by Ken Miller and Jim Kenning

April 2024:

- Arcade extravaganza at Marvelous Marvin's, April 8th. How many points can you score with your quarters?
- paintball on April 20th . Date may change. Trust no one!
- gun safety lead by Jim Kenning and Ken Miller
- SCUBA discussion led by Don Taylor. Where in the world is "Carmen" Don Taylor diving now?
- compass and orienteering led by Ken Miller and Jim Kenning

Christian Service Brigade

May 2024:

- go to the gun range at Island Lake State Recreation Area on Saturday, May 4th, to practice the sport of trap shooting
- rockets, led by Jim Kenning, shoot'm, lose'm (using already built rockets)
- ice cream party on the last Monday meeting of the program year, May 13th, all you can eat with toppings
- visit the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on May 17-19. Civilized camping in a cabin. Great tour of the planes in museum.

The focus of CSB has always been on the youth of the church and their friends. After forty years, it is important to list the names of all of the boys, leaders and other young adults that this program has touched. The following roll call brings back many good memories: Matt Alman, Onyekachi (Kachi) Amanze, Onyebuchi (Buchi) Amanze, Onyenachi (Nachi) Amanze, Chikodi (Chiko) Amanze, Kortland Avant, Gilbert Awurum, Johathan Bahu, Dylan Bair, Jared Barnett, Jay Barnett, Cooper and Trey Bishop, Steve Bouren, Cameron Bowman, Elizabeth Bradley, Matt Brake, Gavin Brown, Natalie Brown, Jeanette Brown, Mike and Mark Buday, Zak Buday, Tony Birge, James Burns, Elisa and Andrea Callahan, Quentin Campbell, Trevor Carnovsay, Eric Cartee, Garreth Carter, Jeff Carter, Calvin Carter, Vincent Cassidy, Shenel Carver, Lauten Cerino, Nathaniel Charter-Harris, Simone Charter-Harris, Graeme and Keith Christianson, Matt Chynoweth, Pat Clark, Ed and Zoa Clark, Avery Cole, Tim Cole, Gary and Jenny Cole, Steve Connelly, Cliff Cook, Matt Cook, Roger Coon, Nick Corey, Al Corner, Chuck and Ian and Kyle and Jonathan and Amy Corry, Emmett Corry, Steve and Linda Corry, Phillip Cowan, Tom and Mike and Sarah Coyne, Cameron Craig, Phillip and Francine Crichton, Deborah Davis, Steve and Scott Delmar, Rick and Vicki Delmar, TJ Depalus, Ken Dial, Conor Dilworth, Justin Drumhellen, Steffen Dziczek, Gianci Eady, Walter and Brian Edwards, Nick and Sean and Mike Edwin, Nat Ernst, Steve and Jan Ernst, Jared and Nick Eudier, Ken Evangelista, Terron Favors, Austin and Jason Fecteau, Matt Fecteau, Brian Fisher, Jason Fegan, Donald Fisher, Manju and Nyonnohwah Freeman, Joey Fundaro, Anthony/Tony Garmony, Gage, Alex Goldworthy, Chandler Green, John Hagaman, Greg and Robert Hake, Chad and Sally Hake, Admiral David Halsey, Joel Harpootlian, Anthony and Marquel Harrell, David Harris, Kwame and Kwesi Henry, Jason Henshaw, Gordon Henshaw, Joshua Hess, Daniel and Jacob Hodgson, John and Vicki Hodgson, Josh and Christian Hoekwater, Frank Hoover, Tim Hoover, David Hottel, Chris Humphrey, Eric Imm, Tommy Catfish Ivinson, Tom and Jan Ivinson, Chris Jackson, Caleb Jacobs, Riley/Rin Jacobs, Ethan Janiszewski, Jason Jones, Jeff Kane, Steve LaMothe, Kristin and Sarah Kenning, Jim and Kitty Kenning, Sean Killian, Devon King-Betts, Christian and Ethan King-Chavis, April Kirsch, Jeff Kirsch, John Lackner, Andy Lang, Mike Lawrence, Matt Lawrence, Wade and Ann Lawrence, Corry Leggs, Melissa Lee, Eric Leismer, Matt Legsia, Peter Limbardi, Luke and John and Noah Litwinowicz, Ray and Cindy Litwinowicz, Bob Losey, Clara Losey, Mike Love, Pat and Amy Mackelroy, Nathan Madak, Andrew and Adam Mader, Maureen Mahar, Julian Malerba, Anthony Marls, Chris Maniere, Ramius Maniere-Spencer, Michael Mathews, Mendy Mbidi-Glaou, Azar McAfee, Josh McBratnie, Jermaine McClean, Keegan McCormack-Reamer, Seth McCubbin, Adam McFarland, Danielle McHar, Daniel McHardy, David Mentier, Nick Metcalfe, Jason and Matt and Megan Mika, Ryan Miller, Ken and Melissa Miller, Jared Minor, Josh Molnar, Emmett Moody, Vance Moore, Cole Morrisroe, Garrett and Trevor Murphy, Jay Neckrock, John Nelson,

Christian Service Brigade

Robbie Niess, Kristoff Noble, Terry Norris, Ony Nullka, Cyril and Kingsley and BJ Nwaguru, Ethan Oliver, Dave Oliver, Nathan Oneski, Colin and Darwyn/Jude Parks, Mike Patterson/Russell, KJ "Patterson", Alex Peters, Matt Pettigrew, Louis Pierre-Rich, Eric Pina, Robbie Plater, Chris Photiades, Blake Prather, Jack Rea, Clayton and Logan Reid, Jayden and Mickel Reid, Harry Reisig, Steve and Jessica Rienstra, Alex and Robin and Nathan Rienstra, Steve Ries, Chris and Andy Richie, Zachary Ristau, Austin Roberts, Luke Roberts, Jacqueline Robinson, Karl and Franz Rosenzweig, Chase Russell, Jay and Heather Sackett, Len and Joanne Sackett, Tim Savidge, Brian and Scott and Matt Schoch, Brandon Selby, David Severini, Brandon Selby, Dylan Smiley, Aaron and Adam Smith, Gavin Smith, Vinson Sorensen, Julius Sparman, Eleanor Stanley, Steve Satterfield, Jake Steinberger, Dave and Steve Taylor, Don and Diana Taylor, Brian Toohy, Anthony Torin-Lane, Ibrahim Toure, Don Thursby, Brian Turner, David and Scott and Sarah Veselenak, Paul and Barb Veselenak, Brian Vinson, Martin Wambui, Harrison Watts, Tammy West, Ian Wheeling, Fred Wiles, John White, Fred Wiles, John Wilkinson, Kristofer Williams, Mark Williams, Wade and John Wilson, Alex Wisz, James Yaw, Fr. Chris Yaw, Jason Zain, Derek Zmudka, Chris Zurek.

Sound like fun? Come on out and bring your friends. For more information, contact any of the group's leaders. I would like to thank all of the church members, the Ivinson family and St. David's organizations who have supported us by prayer, donations and by joining us in special activities. Many thanks to Ken Miller, Paul Veselenak, Ken Dial, Daniel McHardy, Alex Rienstra, Robin Rienstra, Nathan Rienstra, Ethan Oliver, Jared Barnett, Quentin Campbell, Steve Rienstra and Don Taylor who continue to enthusiastically support the group as leaders! A very big thank you to my wife, Kitty, who supports me and the program in numerous ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kenning, Brigade Chairman



CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE - 2023 TREASURY REPORT

Balance on hand 1/1/22 \$1.53

INCOME

St. David's budgeted funds	\$2,500.00	
Extra funds for Killarney Canoe Trip	600.00	
Donations	130.00	
Tommy Iverson Memorial Funds	1,475.00	
Fees for outings	3,670.00	
Shrove Tuesday ticket sales	310.00	

	\$8,685.00	
 Total Funding		 \$8,686.53

DISBURSEMENTS

U of M hockey, 2/22	265.00
Rockets, 4/22	91.64
Trap shooting, 5/22	222.50
Nordhouse Dunes Backpack, 5/22	46.54
Nordhouse Dunes Backpack, 5/22	498.64
Cedar Point, 10/22	153.36
Whirlyball, 11/22	135.77
IFLY, 11/22	799.90
U of M basketball, 12/22	155.00
Christmas party, 12/22	235.59
Cabin Outing, 1/23	954.60
Snowboarding, 2/23	653.00
U of M hockey, 2/23	270.00
Zap Zone laser tag, 2/23	308.89
Shrove Tuesday, 2/23	341.89
All Saints Pontiac, 3/23	100.00
All Saints Pontiac, 3/23	579.91
Bowling, 3/23	160.00
Planet Rock, 4/23	186.00
Rockets, 4/23	59.67
Trap, 5/23	289.58
Last Meeting, 5/23	214.75
Ludington Backpack, 5/23	653.05
Gas for Killarney Canoe trip, 7/23	190.00
Planning meeting, 8/23	100.86
First Meeting, 9/23	117.71
Parade Warehouse Tour	372.85
Whirlyball, 11/23	90.00
Whirlyball, 11/23	173.98
U of M basketball, 12/23	265.00

	\$8,685.68

Balance on hand 12/31/23 \$0.85

Respectfully submitted
Jim Kenning, Brigade Treasurer

Church School

This past year saw the continuation of the curriculum we used in 2022. Godly Play is our program for four-year olds through 1st/2nd grade and involves hands-on activities to help students understand parables, important biblical figures and seasonal events. Our middle school students continued to work on service projects related to gospel lessons. These projects included packing kid-friendly snack bags for the Food Pantry, decorating and filling Thanksgiving boxes, filling Easter baskets for Oakland County foster children, and making Valentines for Mead residents. The year concluded with an inter generational pageant written by the church school directors entitled: Angel Advent Alphabet.

We are grateful to our very dedicated teachers: Kitty Kenning, Jessica Mehalick, Megan Riherd, Joanne Sackett, Simone Charter-Harris, Jenny Sullivan and Paul Veselenak. We can always use more teachers so let us know if you can help. Finally, we thank our parents for your continued support. Our church school would not exist without your assistance in getting your children to church and encouraging their participation in special events.

Directors: Jeanne Petersen
Maureen Mahar



Daughters of The King

The Order of the Daughters Of The King is a little over 125 years old - one of the first all women spiritual formation communities.

The order started with a Sunday School Bible Study for young women and included prayer not just on Sunday but daily, and as the women of the church were very involved in “church” work, they became more involved with outreach in the community.

It is our hope to inspire more of our young women of the church to join us on this chapter’s journey in the coming years.

This commitment led to many chapters being formed throughout America and eventually many nations.

Sisters of Bethany is one of many chapters committed to meeting regularly to study and pray together and give time to St. David’s as a chapter with one of the primary gifts being the healing prayer ministry.

This past fall we gathered in loving fellowship with our sister parishes at The Cathedral for a Eucharistic Service with a luncheon and formal meeting afterwards.

Many also serve on committees of personal interest in the church as well as the outer community. We will be meeting together to further explore our journey and vision in service for Lay Eucharistic Visitor and Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Prayer Blankets and Cloths, Informational Teas, to name a few.

Today the chapter has six members who lead the Sisters Of Bethany, and are available if you would like to know more about the chapter. Our daughters at this parish include Audrey Humphrey, Gloria Knights, Pat Tilley, Julie Wagner, Traci Johnson and Deborah Davis.

We fondly remember our beloved sister, Elvia Jonespenick who passed away last year.

Our dear sister, DeaconCarolynn Johnson has been leading us as Treasurer and also serves at a sister parish.

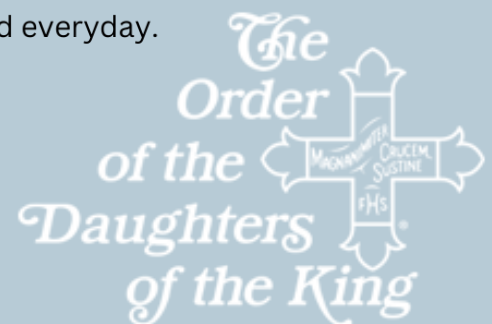
We continue to pray for our work in service to all.

May His Grace, Peace, and Joy continue to fill your hearts today and everyday.

Respectfully Submitted,

For His Sake,

Deborah Davis, Congregational Care



Haiti Outreach Team

Haiti is in a state of crisis that it has not experienced in generations. For the average Haitian, life has always been hard. Lack of jobs, food scarcity, government leaders who have not always been concerned with the plight of the population, floods, droughts and earthquakes have been a way of life. Now they are trying to live within an atmosphere of violence, kidnappings, and murders. Most Haitians are afraid to leave their homes for fear that they will not return. The violence has reached as far as Mirebalais, the location of our clinic and our Haitian partners: Fr. Jean Phillip Alphonse (St. Pierre Anglican Church and school), and Fr. Romel Eustache (St. Louis Catholic Church and school). The city police and citizens were successful in repelling the armed gangs and driving them out of town. Despite the adversity, our medical/dental clinic has been able to remain open most of the time and sees patients 5 days a week. Some of the medical staff have left for the safety of the United States, Canada and France but Fr. Alphonse has been successful in replacing those who have left.

In October, St. David's Haiti Outreach held a successful fundraiser at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. The event featured a delicious buffet dinner, silent auction and an hour's comedy by the headliner Crystal P.! It was a great evening and we raised \$8,500! Thank you all for your contributions and donations! This money will be used to support the work of the medical/dental clinic and other humanitarian projects in Mirebalais. In addition to our ongoing financial support for the clinic (which employs 14 people) we have identified 3 critical areas that we are targeting for fundraising campaigns in 2024:

Food for children who are showing up at the clinic in a state of nutritional crisis. Often these are children whose parents have fled the violence of Port-au-Prince and are seeking safety in Mirebalais. Fr. Alphonse is looking to provide emergency food for those children and families.

Solar power for the clinic. The national power grid is not operational. The clinic is running on generator power all the time it is open and fuel is scarce and very expensive. The power is needed for light in the examining rooms, pharmacy and lab as well as running the dental compressor and sterilizer. Our Phase I installation for the St. Louis Rectory has been very successful.

Support for the schools. Both priests have been allowing children who cannot pay the low tuition to attend school to keep them off the street and away from the influence of the gangs that are attempting to recruit them. About 40% of the children cannot pay tuition. Tuition pays the teachers, but they have had to miss payrolls because the funds are not available.

Haiti Outreach Mission website (www.hairioutreachmission.org) will be undergoing a major overhaul which will enable us to use social media more effectively in fundraising. Stay tuned for more information.

Please continue to pray for Haiti!

Submitted by,
Janet Ernst, St. David's Haiti Outreach Coordinator
Executive Committee Member of Haiti Outreach Mission

Crossroads Soup Kitchen

The Diocese of Michigan stepped up in 1971 and opened a social service agency.

Crossroads has always offered assistance in the form of a hand up not a hand out.

Crossroads is unique in having the only Sunday soup kitchen.

St. David's and St. John, Plymouth work together. We are responsible, three times a year for providing the food, cooking the food, serving the people and clean up.

Everyone who has participated find this to be a very rewarding activity.

Our last feeding was Dec. 17. We fed 450 people.

Thanks to all of our 2023 volunteers. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Carolyn Gamble
Crossroads Coordinator



Lifelong Learning Committee

With the leadership and guidance of Fr. Chris, the Lifelong Learning Committee plans programs designed to support the spiritual growth and education for adults. In addition to weekly Bible Study sessions led by Fr. Chris and offered through Zoom each Wednesday at noon, these learning opportunities take place throughout the year on Sunday mornings during the 9 am Learning Hour and at the 11:30 am Connection Hour.

The committee meets several times a year to share ideas and plan offerings for Fall, Winter and Spring. The committee discusses seasonal themes, book studies and activities, potential speakers from within and outside of the parish. Connection Hour sessions are designed to promote fellowship along with learning.

During this past year, the 9am Learning Hour, held between the Sunday 8 am and 10 am services, parishioners spent time sharing their own faith journeys, discussing “faith in the headlines,” and learned more about gun safety initiatives.

While a complete and more detailed listing about our Connections Hour programming can be found in the “Happenings” booklet published twice a year, following are just a few highlights from 2023.

2023 Winter and Spring:

- MLK’s legacy with the Rev Barry Randolph
- Valentines for friends at St. Anne’s Mead
- Services provided by Lighthouse
- Learning about the music of Lent from Al Eppens
- Five session Lenten Course on “Who is Jesus” with sessions led by Fr. Steve Bancroft, Al Eppens, Jonathan Tostige Ruthberg
- Discussion on book “The Underground Railroad”
- Learn about Mental Health therapy from Southfield Mental Health Associates from CEO Nancy Brenan.

2023 Fall:

- Outdoor Mass and Blessing of Backpacks
- Touring Our Organ with Parish Musician, Al Eppens
- Book Discussion on \$2 a Day led by author Luke Schaefer
- All Ages Pumpkin Carving
- Understanding the Hamas/Israeli Conflict with perspectives from Imam Steve Elturk and Rabbi Aaron Starr
- Learning how to use our AED by Mary Bensmiller

We thank all our committee members and parishioners for your suggestions and for your participation in the many learning opportunities offered throughout the year. Please feel free to contact us if you have any ideas for programs or topics you would like us to explore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lifelong Learning Committee:

Fr Chris, Edna Buday, Judy Walsh, Kitty Kenning, Linda Williams Bowie, Kathy Graham, & Felicity Thompson

Music Report

As I complete my first full year as Director of Music at St. David's, I have much for which to be thankful. I came to you on the heels of the COVID lockdown, and there were many tasks of rebuilding and restoration to be done. These tasks involved not only the musical instruments of the parish, but also the identification and recruitment of a greater number of talented individuals to supplement the faithful core of musicians already active.

First, as to the instruments, the piano in the church is now in good condition and well-tuned. We do soon anticipate restoration of the piano's hammers, which are worn from use. We were able to acquire a partial set of timpani from another church, which adds a thrilling energy to our music. They are played about once per month. The most immediate instrumental need was our Tellers pipe organ. It is difficult to find organbuilders who are willing to work on an instrument which is too new to be historic, but too old to have reliable solid-state components. After approaching several companies, we were able to engage the services of the Stephen Warner Pipe Organ Company, which is located here in Southfield. Steve is educated and trained in both music and pipe organ technology of all periods throughout the 20th and 21st century. Based on his repairs, and estimates for future work, we were able to raise the money to begin the restoration of the organ, through your generous contributions. In December, we signed the contract to have approximately half of the organ's stop actions to be restored and re-leathered, and that is now in process.

I have been able to make significant additions to St. David's music library, especially in the area of handbell music, and the library continues to be a strong and valuable resource. Liturgical music goes out of print very quickly, and so it is essential to have an established library to draw from now and in the future.

As to the wonderful people who make our music programs happen, we are so fortunate at St. David's to have many talented musicians in the parish, and I have been pleased to expand our prelude offerings to include several new people, both vocalists and instrumentalists. Throughout our services, our established instrumentalists on bass, congas and strings are invaluable to our musical sound. The Handbell Choir has excelled over the past year, playing frequently, and playing a wide variety of music of increasing range and difficulty, some in conjunction with other instruments. I am grateful to each member of that choir, who rehearse so diligently and make themselves available to play with such regularity. The core of a strong music program is its vocal choir, which leads and enhances the music of our liturgy. Week after week, they prepare, rehearse, arrive early, and sing with spirit to the glory of God. Some of our Handbell Choir members also sing in the choir. Our Chancel Choir has risen to new heights, with several new members, and many new anthems. All of our parish musicians are a joy to work with, willing to go the extra mile to get their music just right. We welcome any new members into the choir, and we currently have a waiting list for the Handbell Choir. We also encourage any other musicians to step up to sing or play a prelude for our services.



Music Report

My wife Dianna and I have found St. David's parish to be such a welcoming, appreciative and joyful community. Fr. Chris, and all of the staff, are so very helpful, both professionally and personally. I wish to also express my appreciation to Ellen Boyes, who is a valuable source of advice and counsel, as well as an invaluable music resource, always willing to supplement the choir, step in for a handbell piece, or cantor a liturgy. You, the members of the parish, are the ones who supply the wonderful music which we experience each week. My role is merely to organize the programs and to lead you musically. Thanks to all of you for making my job a joy and a pleasure. It inspires my faith, and, I hope, yours as well.

Respectfully submitted.

Alfred John Eppens



Newcomers Committee

During the past year the Newcomers and Outreach Committee concentrated their efforts to create and maintain connections between parishioners, visitors and our community. We designed a variety of activities to help everyone feel welcomed, included and valued. Listed below are highlights of these efforts:

- Committee members regularly wrote notes, emails, texts and made phone calls to parishioners. We focused especially on our homebound friends, as well as new visitors throughout the year. The committee also assisted with messages for our outdoor sign.
- Greeters were stationed at the Ministry Hub each Sunday. Visitors were welcomed and encouraged to sign our guest book. A virtual guestbook is now established for those who join us Sundays on Zoom. We presented visitors with a goody bag of St. David's "swag" as well as a jar of homemade granola. Follow up notes were written by greeters and sent the week following a visit.
- Welcome materials were restocked and upgraded. Committee members created a basket to display weekly at The Ministry Hub containing materials for new guests.
- A Kid's Corner was added to the Narthex with supplies for children (coloring books, crayons, stickers, picture books).
- Fr. Chris and Judy Walsh participated in the Ministry Fair at The Cathedral on May 6th. They gave a presentation on How to Welcome Newcomers.
- We created gift bags for the Welcoming of New Friends on October 29th. The bags were presented to 15 parishioners who were new to St. David's in the past year. Later that day, we held The Rector's Tea at the home of Judy Walsh. New friends attended and enjoyed an afternoon of conversation, connection and refreshments.
- Newcomers, Patrick and Jessica received a basket of goodies for their family.
- We supported new activities promoting connection, including Dinner at Cornbread, Southfield Jazz Fest, First Friday Feasts, Ladies Night Out and Men's Monthly Breakfasts.

We continue to plan welcoming activities for 2024 and look forward to greeting more visitors, as well as keeping strong connections with current parishioners. We are blessed to have Fr. Chris and our church family helping us to focus on our mission of worship, outreach and love for all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Newcomers and Outreach Committee:

Carolyn Gamble
Janny Milton
Linda Taylor
Greg Duross
Judy Walsh



Food Pantry Report

The St. David's Food Pantry is a joint venture ministry between St David's Episcopal Church and Lighthouse of Oakland County. This ministry began in February of 2020 operating throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and continues offering food staples and other donated items that are useful for families on limited budgets. Presently we are open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 noon, managed by extremely dedicated volunteers. We hand out boxes of food staples supplied by Lighthouse, Kroger, and Panera as well as a variety of other food and personal-care items from individual donations from the good people of St. David's and other folks familiar with the pantry. We will have served an estimated 6,800 to 8,000 people in 2023 (many are repeat clients). In addition, we handed out approximately 75 Thanksgiving turkeys and dinner fixings supplied by Kathy Graham, Lighthouse, and donations from St. David's. This year we continued our new approach to collect food donations we called "Reverse Advent Boxes", considering this was the second time, we experienced outstanding support with approximately 15 boxes from St. David's.

In 2023 we started accepting donations from Food Rescue and St. Vincent de Paul. These organizations have drastically increased our ability to provide fresh produce, meat, dairy and other perishable items. In June we received a new refrigerator for dedicated food pantry use from Kroger.

Our St. David's Community Food Pantry is a vital ministry that should be continued, the growth in this ministry in the last 2 years has demonstrated the consistent need from our neighbors. The conditions that prompted the increased activity from the original concept of the pantry still exist and probably will for some time to come. We are all aware of how close we are to food insecurity. This ministry allows us to support those who face hunger.

On a personal note, I took over the food pantry from Dr. Andrew Kari, who was a fantastic and dedicated volunteer. As I get to know and work with all the volunteers, I find great joy and honor in being able to offer this assistance to our community.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers, all who have donated to the food pantry and those who spread the word letting our neighbors in need know that we are here to help them.

Deacon Mike said it best "I believe this is a hallmark of St David's to do community outreach and the Food Pantry is an important element of that commitment."

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Prather

Donate Your Bags and Time to Help!

We are producing PLARN. Plarn (plastic yarn) is used to make sleeping mats for the homeless. The plarn will be crocheted into mats by Motor City Mission Mittens and distributed when needed. The mats provide some comfort and protection from the cold ground and gives plastic grocery bags a secondary use. Creating the plarn is a process of cutting plastic bags and joining the loops together. Instruction and supplies can be provided. Each sleeping mat requires about 720 bags. We appreciate all the bags that we have received. If you bring your CLEAN bags to church, they can be placed in the collection receptacle in the atrium, dropped off at the Food Pantry (M-W-F from 9AM – 12 Noon), or call and we will pick them up from you.

Volunteers are always needed to: a) Collect and sort the donated bags, b) Help with instruction, c) Create the Plarn and d) Pick up and deliver the finished product – bags of balls and bags of scrap to Motor City Mission Mittens.

We Plarn team started February 2022. Currently, we are meeting every Wednesday from 10am to Noon. All are welcome.

- 20 bags of plarn makes one ball.
- 35 balls of plarn makes one mat.
- The bags of scraps are used for stuffing for pillows.

Stats as of January 1, 2024

Date of Delivery	# Of Ball Bags delivered	# Of scrap bags delivered	Where delivered
January 2023	6 bags	6 bags	MCMM
April 2023	7 bags	8 bags	MCMM
May 2023	6 bags	6 bags	MCMM
July 2023	6 bags	6 bags	MCMM
September 2023	6 bags	8 bags	MCMM
October 2023	5 bags	6 bags	MCMM
November 2023	7 bags	8 bags	MCMM

We (St. David’s) have three planners that are also crocheting mats for Crossroads. We have two mats completed at this time.

To volunteer or get more information contact: Janet Ernst, 248 981-8851, jernst1998@gmail.com or Ellen Boyes, 248-840-0134, ellenboyes@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen L Boyes

Racial Justice Team / Community Safety Team

This was a big year of change for our group, which formed following the George Floyd murder in 2020. We began 2023 with monthly meetings becoming increasingly sparse in attendance. We decided to pivot and focus on the success of our 2022 gun buyback, followed by our June 2023 Peace March, thus re-naming our group to the Community Safety Team.

This group helped organize the December 2023 gun buyback, which gathered 253 guns and put St. David's on the map regarding the issue of gun disposal. We were mentioned on the front page of the December 10 New York Times as part of an investigation into gun disposal methods. This led to more activism on our part and the eventual change in State of Michigan policy toward gun disposal, which used to favor recycling guns vs. totally destroying the 11,000+ unwanted firearms collected each year!

We have broadened the membership of this group beyond the parish to anyone in the community who is interested in this issue. Parish volunteers Carol Detrisac, Mary Bensmiller, Jane Roberts and Felicity Thompson put in countless hours to make these events successful. We enter 2024 contemplating yet another change - perhaps founding the Gun Disposal Network and doing more robust gun collection efforts that can help keep this issue in front of our community.



Social Media & Website Administration

Podcasts: On September 20, 2021 we started releasing sermon podcasts on multiple podcast sites: Apple, Google, Chrome, Pandora, Deezer, Gaana, and Spotify, just to mention a few. As of January 11, 2024, 129 sermons are available, 928 were downloaded in 2023, 2765 sermons have been downloaded in total, and an average of 25 sermons/month are downloaded.

YouTube Channel: our sermon and service recordings are stored on our YouTube channel as well as the Kiddos Reading Room story videos. For 2023, we have 169 subscribers, viewers spent 743 hours watching our videos; 250+ videos stored on YouTube: Service and Sermon videos are viewed 4-10 times; Kiddos Reading Room videos are viewed 20+ times. Just click on the YouTube Channel box on our Home page for a list of recordings that are available.

Facebook: we have 471 members to our Facebook group; in the Media section of Facebook, clicking on the Video tab you will find recordings by Fr Chris, sermons, services, and bible study; on average, 50+ members receive our posts of our recordings each week. In addition, over the past 60 days, the Facebook views for our service, sermon, and bible study recordings range between 100-175 views per each post.

Web site statistics for 2023 were:

- 9728 web site visits – an average of 26 visits per day; 2+ pages viewed/visit
- 77% were new visitors – 23% were returning visitors;
- New visitors were on our web site for 1.3+ minutes;
- Returning visitors were on our web site for 2.4+ minutes;
- 22890 pages were viewed – an average of 62+ pages per day;
- 2632 visitors used hand-held devices (iPhones, iPads, smartphones tablets, etc.); 2416 visitors used desktop devices; total: 5030 visitors
- Our viewers were located in the following cities (top 10): Southfield, Detroit, Ashburn, Royal Oak, Columbus, Troy, Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, Cheyenne, and San Antonio. The next 15 visiting cities are: Sterling Heights, Des Moines, New York, Moses Lake, Madison Heights, Atlanta, Washington, Chicago, West Bloomfield Township, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, Livonia, Novi, Warren, and Oak Park.
- Top 25 pages visited were: *Staff, Bulletins, Calendar, Food Pantry, About Us, Sermons/Recordings, Home, Announcements, Worship Protocol, Welcome, Liturgy Schedule, e. library, Newsletter, Service Times, Outreach, Groups, Haiti Outreach Mission, Kiddos Reading Room, St. Davids Academy, Contact, Our History, How We Worship, Giving, Podcasts, Our Activities, and Prayer List.*

And finally, be sure to visit the ‘*e.Library*’ on the web site. The *Happenings* booklets, *Annual Reports*, and other more informational items are now in the ‘*e.Library*’ instead of having a dedicated page for them.

Sermons, services, and bible study sessions are recorded and posted on the *Media* page - if you miss a service or bible study session, you can go to the *Media* page, find the Sunday/study session you missed, and click on the appropriate link (YouTube or Facebook) in the description area.

Steve Ernst

Web Site & Social Media Administration



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