

The Cornerstone

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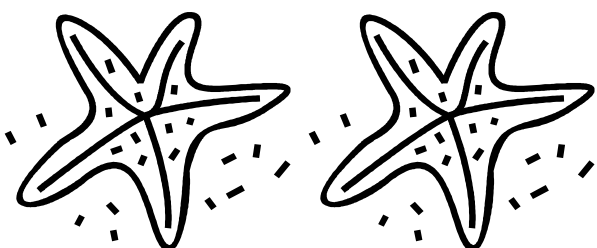
Message from the Missioner

There is a story that has been circulating on the Internet for many years about a man who came upon a little boy at a beach. The beach was filled with starfish that the previous night's storm had washed up on shore. The little boy was methodically tossing one starfish after another back into the surf. The man chided the boy, saying, "It doesn't matter how hard you work, you cannot save all these starfish." The little boy stooped, picked up another starfish, replied, "It matters to this one" and tossed it back into the water.

I wonder what would have happened if the man had instead taken the lead from the boy and joined him. A grown man can toss multiple starfish at once and can work farther from the surf, where the starfish in most critical need lay dying. What if the man had pulled out a cell phone and called friends to come and help the boy fling starfish back into the life-giving sea?

How often do we look at some overwhelming problem and want to give up in dejection? Poverty, crime, war, cruelty, addiction, personal sins can all capture our belief in hope and grind it into ashes. But it is those very ashes that are placed on our foreheads, with the words, "Remember we are dust, and to dust we shall return." Many hear those words and hear only despair. But those words are encouragement that it is through Christ that we find life, life that death cannot overcome, including the death of hope. In Lent, we witness the death of death itself and know that we are called to life within Christ's resurrection. I have seen too many people who find their freedom, their life, when they are facing certain death. The boy knew he could not save every starfish, but he knew he was totally free to help some. Our question then is, "what are the starfish in our lives and what can do to help?"

Rev. Marty Stebbins



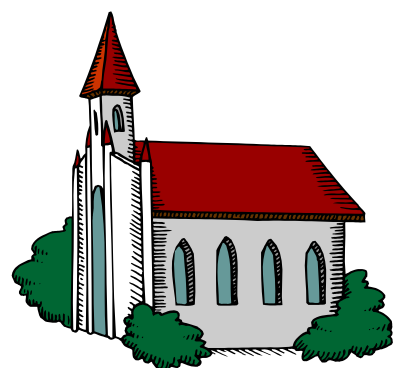
Words from the Senior Warden

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito. -- African Proverb

This quotation was in the signature line of an email I received recently. It got me thinking about life in a small church. St. David's is the smallest church I've ever attended. Being small has its advantages. It's nice to know everyone you see in church on Sunday. Yes, in the other churches I've attended I might have recognized someone's face, but I didn't know everyone by name. Because we know each other, it's hard for visitors to be unnoticed and unwelcomed.

I've been in churches where someone was hired to clean the floors or wash up after potlucks and other social events. The sexton (either paid or volunteer) unlocked the doors and made the coffee. Most church members came for the service and then left. At St. David's we unlock the doors, wash the dishes, clean the floors, make the coffee, and do everything else that's needed to make things happen. We pray together and work together. We have to if things are going to get done. Being part of a small church allows us to get involved in ways that we may not dream of in a larger church. What you get involved in, and to what extent, is up to you. Our challenge is not to remain content with our small, intimate church. We are called to reach out—through worship, individual and church-sponsored ministries, social events, and our interactions with others. By reaching out we can make a difference in ourselves, our church, and our community.

Jeanne Morse
Senior Warden



Junior Warden's Journal

"I've gotta river of life flowing out of me..." We have had a very frustrating and expensive problem of excessive water use at the church for a while now. The water bills from the city reached an alarming level and an ensuing investigation of some 50's vintage plumbing finally isolated the problem to the church building. At the present time we have no water in the church so the huge leak there is stopped. Soon we will re-plumb the church (old) kitchen but the vestry has decided to take the sacristy bathroom out and convert it to storage for altar and banner items. This will save us some money with the re-plumbing and we still have use of the bathrooms in the parish hall and office buildings. Many thanks to David Adams and Kurt Heckert, who were the "brains" behind the solution and generous givers of their time to get the job done.

John Beranek
Junior Warden

Vestry News

The vestry approved the 2010 budget at the January meeting. Based on the pledges received as of that meeting, and our other income for 2009, we are projecting a total income of \$87,900. Our estimated expenses, again based on 2009 figures, are \$84,094. As you can see, we plan to operate within our income. Our major sources of income are pledges and regular donations from those who do not pledge. Our major expenses are the diocesan asking and our share of the cluster expenses, including Marty's salary and insurance.

You may be wondering how repairing the water leak will affect the budget. As of this writing, I do not know what the repairs will cost. There is a church maintenance fund from which we can draw for major repairs. That fund was established with proceeds from the sale of the vicarage. It is not included in the operating budget.

This is where we stand as of February. Please ask me if you have any questions about the budget. If I can't answer immediately, I will find the answer and get back to you.

Jeanne Morse

Episcopal Church Trivia

Episcopal Words

None – This is the traditional time for afternoon prayer starting at 3pm. It is derived from Latin and means "ninth hour."

Sext – This is the traditional time for noontime prayer. It is derived from Latin and means "sixth hour."

Terse – This is the traditional time for morning prayers. It starts at 9 am. This word is derived from Latin and means "third hour."

These prayers usually consist of psalms.

Undercroft – An area underneath a church building, which is used for church, services. Some undercrofts house columbariums.

Thank You

David Adams and crew for a successful Pancake Supper

To the setter-uppers, the clean-uppers, the servers, the preparers, and sales persons that helped with the Pancake Supper

Bonnie Glenn and all presenters for another enjoyable evening of Lunacy

Anne Banker for facilitating our ECW meeting

Dick Prust and Barbara Cook for educational, user-friendly bulletins

Our work-ship day crew

Our chili cooks

Kurt Heckert (and his plumbing helpers) for finding the major leak...and stopping it

March Birthdays

March 17 Ray Fidler

March 18 Jeremy Moore

March 21 Emma Jones



Church Announcements

Heartburn Chili Cook-off Results:

1st Prize - Dee Heckert

2nd Prize - David Adams

We had 5 chilies (3 meat and 2 vegetarian) to taste and vote on. It was a pretty hard decision because they were all tasty.

New Church Directory

It is time to create a new directory for the Cluster churches. Bonnie Glenn has kindly agreed to photograph the parishioners of St. David's. There will be announcements soon for the photography schedule.

Church Announcements

Lenten Series

Our Wednesday night Lenten Series will be continuing through the 24th of March. Soup and bread will be served at 6pm with a program on spiritual types and gifts following. The evening ends with either Stations of the Cross or Compline.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week begins With Palm Sunday on March 28th. During that workweek, the Scotland County Minister's Association will be hosting mid-day prayer services at First Methodist in downtown Laurinburg. St David's services for that week will begin with Palm Sunday at 11am on Sunday, March 28th outside on the church's portico, weather permitting. Maundy Thursday service begins at 7pm on Thursday, April 1st with Vigil in the Garden beginning after the service. Good Friday service with Reserved Sacrament will be on Friday, April 2nd at 7pm. Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist will be hosted by St. David's and will be on Saturday, April 3rd at 7:30pm. Easter service, a celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, will at 11am on Sunday April 4th, with an Easter Egg hunt following.

Cluster Council Meeting

The Sandhills Episcopal Cluster Council will meet on Monday, March 15th, at 7pm in the Douglass Room of Penick Village's South Building.

Schubert Mass

You are invited to a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist featuring the music of Franz Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G Major Sunday, March 21 5:00 pm At Trinity Episcopal Church 1202 N. Chestnut Street Lumberton, NC 28358

The choir and string quartet is under the direction of Dr. Bill McConnell of St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Organist-Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church is Lee Harris. The celebrant for the service is Fr. Roger D/ Kappel, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Franz Peter Schubert (1797 – 1828) composed this short Mass between March 2 and March 7, 1815 for his home parish of Lichenthal, his birthplace and a town just outside of Vienna. Schubert constantly struggled with illness and poverty, but he continued his ceaseless composing. In his short life, he composed 9 symphonies, 22 piano sonatas and a multitude of short piano pieces for two and four hands, about 35 chamber compositions, 6 Masses, 17 operatic works and over 600 *Lieder* (songs). He was a deeply religious man and therefore liturgical music was a very important avenue for a serious composer in the early 19th century. The *Mass in G* is the shortest of his Masses and considered the most well known. It was published in 1844 after his death.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time Change is on Sunday March 14, 2010. Don't forget to reset your clock to an hour later before you go to bed on that Saturday night.

Stop Hunger Now

Penick Village and the Sandhills Cluster are hosting a packaging event for Stop Hunger Now on Saturday, March 20th. Each meal costs 25 cents and there are 5 meals in each bag to be packaged. In order to help SHN with their ministry of feeding the needy around the world, we need to not only package the food, but also pay for the ingredients. You can donate money for this event by writing a check to St. David's and earmarking it on the memo line for Stop Hunger Now. About half of the meals that we packaged last year went to needy schools in Haiti.

The Vagina Monologues

For those of you unfamiliar with the production, The Vagina Monologues is an episodic play written by Eve Ensler, which originally debuted Off-Broadway in 1996. The production has been staged internationally and was adapted into a television version in 2002 on HBO. In 1998, Ensler started the yearly "V-Day" movement, an international movement to stop violence against women and girls, which was originally funded from performances of The Vagina Monologues. "V-Day" typically is celebrated from February to the beginning of April.

Check out <http://www.vday.org> for more information on what Eve Ensler and her movement have done for women and girls around the globe. Sponsored by: Fayetteville Now, Fayetteville State University, Planned Parenthood, Cumberland County Rape Crisis Center, and Women of Democratic Republic of Congo.

Performances will be March 27 at Fayetteville State University's Butler Theatre at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$10.00. Call 910-484-7936. Be a part of this special event and international movement to end violence against women & girls!

Call Carolyn Beranek by March 15 if you would like to go as a group from St. David's. 844-5098.



Calendar of Events

- 03/01/10 St. David's Feast Day
Morning Prayer, 8am
Christian Education, 10am
Holy Eucharist I, 11am
- 03/02/10 Compline, 7:30pm
- 03/03/10 Soup and Bread Supper and Lenten Program, 6:00pm
Compline, 7:00pm
- 03/04/10 Holy Eucharist Rite II, 12:15pm
- 03/06/10 Red Cross Celebrity Dinner-Fundraiser
- 03/07/10 Men's Breakfast, 8:30am
Christian Education, 10am
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 11am
ECW Meeting, 12:30pm
- 03/09/10 Compline, 7:30pm
- 03/10/10 Soup and Bread Supper and Lenten Program, 6:00pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
Choral Choir Practice, 7:30pm
- 03/11/10 Holy Eucharist Rite II, 12:15pm
Vestry, 6:30pm
- 03/14/10 Girl Scout Sunday
Daylight Saving Time begins -
SPRING FORWARD
Christian Education, 10am
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 11am
- 03/15/10 Cluster Council @ The Penick Village,
Southern Pines, NC, 7pm
- 03/16/10 Compline, 7:30pm
- 03/17/10 St. Patrick's Day
Soup and Bread Supper and Lenten Program, 6:00pm
Compline, 7:00pm
- 03/18/10 Holy Eucharist Rite II, 12:15pm
- 03/19/10 Church Newsletter Deadline
- 03/20/10 First Day of Spring – Spring Equinox
Stop Hunger Now @ The Penick Village,
Southern Pines, NC, 4pm
- 03/21/10 Christian Education, 10am
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 11am
Schubert Mass @ Trinity Episcopal Church, Lumberton, NC, 5pm
- 03/23/10 Compline, 7:30pm
- 03/24/10 Soup and Bread Supper and Lenten Program, 6pm
Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- 03/25/10 Holy Eucharist Rite II, 12:15pm
- 03/27/10 The Vagina Monologues @ Butler Theater, FSU, Fayetteville, NC, 2pm and 7pm
- 03/28/10 Palm Sunday
Christian Education, 10am
Holy Eucharist II, 11am
- 03/29/10 Compline, 7:30pm

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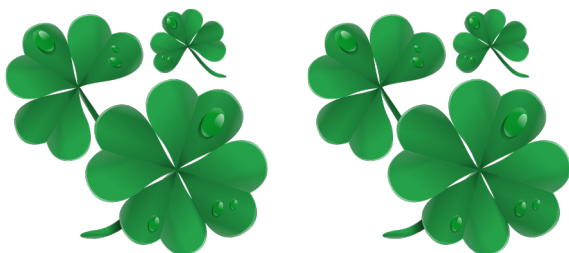
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