

St. David's Page

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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We walked out to Horseshoe Bend last night after dinner at the Mandarin restaurant. The clouds were low and thick. The ground was moist. The air smelled fresh and clean. It was cool, but not cold. The Vermillion Cliffs were draped in clouds. The steam from the Navajo Generating Plant glowed with the safety lights from the inside. So Pastor Diana and Ann and I walked up to the crest of the hill and then down the short path to the bend, to the entrenched meander is what the new sign called it. The sun was behind heavy clouds, just about to set. The contrast was perfect. A group of photographers was at the rim, waiting for the pink to appear, before the sun set completely and it was dark. Below, on the river, some people camped. A fire was burning...a bright small yellow spot on the red soil. It was light enough to see the water flow. No wind at all. Calm and quiet. Even with all the people, it was quiet. The beauty was almost overwhelming. We walked slowly back up the hill, no rush at all. Mostly we were quiet, except for some gentle conversation with passersby.

What do you do when the world's weight is heavy, when news of damaged nuclear reactors, earthquakes in Japan and Myanmar and New Zealand, political uprisings not only in the Middle East but in our own Mid-West is on your shoulders? What do you do when the weight of the world is not far away, but near, when someone you know doesn't have enough money to make it through the month, or enough for the week, or when you decide that you are the one who must go to the food bank? What do you do when your own child suffers, or your spouse? What do you do when you don't have healthcare and have to go to the doctor?

Well maybe you take a walk to a favorite place of yours, like Horseshoe Bend or you go out on the lake, or for a drive in your car....you go on a journey to someplace beautiful, to see the world as it is meant to be, so that you can be renewed, so that you can be hopeful, full of gratitude, amazed at life....in spite of what you know...in spite of what you know. Maybe you go to find a deep well, which has nourished you all your life, to drink deeply from that water, so that you can continue on, one more day, one more hour, because you know deep in your bones that life isn't a burden, but a gift.

Paul writes: Suffering produces endurance. Endurance produces character. Character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us.

Hope. This is my prayer for you and for me and for St. David's, a hope that does not disappoint, a hope that helps us love each other and love the world, a hope that helps us bring strength to community. It is too much to go alone, too much to bear the sadness and brokenness of the world as individuals. But we are called to community, to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ, so that together we might love the world and each other and with that love, bring something good and new and needed into human community and with that love, lean on each, giving support and succor, so that we might know and taste the sweetness of God's good earth in this our life.

How does one get hope? Well we immerse ourselves in the world's life, hard as it may be, and then someone gives us a deep cup of clear cold water...fine tasting...and our lips and our hearts are made whole...we are still thirsty, but we have tasted hope, kindness, mercy. The water comes from deep within the earth, from hidden springs, there since the foundation of the world, that run pure and clean. Once one has tasted this, this hope, one is never the same, one can never go back.

Ah...can you taste it?

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff



Holy Week at St. David's

Palm/Passion Sunday + 10:00

Tuesday Passover Seder at 7 p.m.
led by Darlene Van Hemelryck

Maundy Thursday + Washing of Feet and Eucharist
"A new commandment I give unto you."

Good Friday + Procession across the Glen Canyon Dam Bridge at 3 p.m. with our Methodist sisters and brothers, followed by worship at 7 p.m.

Good Friday + Worship at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday + A brief Vigil service at 9 a.m. followed by the cleaning of the church, ending with lunch

Easter Sunday +
Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
with a grand party for Mary and Virgil following worship



THE FIRST SUNDAY

..... of each month is Food Pantry Sunday here at St David's. This month, it happens on **April 3**.

The Food Bank badly needs cereal and easy to prepare meals like Mac and Cheese, or Hamburger Helper. Other sources of protein such as peanut butter, beans, tuna and other canned meats are a good option. Canned vegetables and fruit, rice, ramen noodles, and soups are handy to have on the shelves. Much of the food we give out is for home preparation, but sometimes we get people who just need something to eat right then, so if you want to donate things like Vienna sausage, cheese crackers or something else with a little protein in it, we can always use it.



Women's Group Meets

On Friday, April 15, the women of St. David's will gather at Frances Cline's home for an evening of fellowship and maybe a little party planning. We have a celebration coming up on

Easter Sunday, and can always use some creative ideas.

Come any time after 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite spring food, remembering that it is still Lent, and join the conversation. Frances lives at 49 Cheryl Court, over behind the Methodist Church.



Youth Group Fundraiser

We've all seen the images of the devastation left by Japan's recent earthquake and tsunami. Many of us have given what we could to help in the recovery. St. David's Youth Group has decided that they want to do something too. They are planning a **community dinner on Palm Sunday, April 17, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, with all donated proceeds to benefit the victims of the Japan Earthquake.

The menu for the dinner will include spaghetti, with two types of sauce, meat or veggie, garlic toast, salad and a dessert. All are welcome to come and eat whether a donation is provided or not. There will also be gluten free options for those with diet restrictions. Come and support them in their efforts - what a great thing to do, especially on Palm Sunday.



“Page Attacks Trash/Earth Day”

This annual event in Page will be on **Saturday, April 16**. Come join in with the local community in cleaning up trash in and around town. Participants get a free T-shirt and a barbeque lunch. After the trash cleanup, which starts as early as 7 am, there will be a celebration in the City Park. Come check out all the great booths and activities for Page’s Earth Day event. If people in St. David’s would like to put together a team, please let Jody or Pastor Jeff know.



Passover Seder

Once again, St. David’s will be hosting the Jewish community in a Passover Seder at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19**. This is a wonderful family event; you won’t want to miss it. The

celebration of Passover is also a meaningful event for us at St. David’s, helping us connect with the historical traditions that Jesus himself celebrated.

There’s a lot to do to make this wonderful event happen, from setting up the fellowship hall for the meal, cooking or providing the food, and of course, clean up. Food preparation includes roasting the lamb, making hard boiled eggs, baked potatoes, and some strange sounding but delicious dishes such as haroset, tsimmes, and kugels. Food to be purchased includes kosher wine and grape juice, parsley, matzo, horseradish root and prepared horseradish, and gefilte fish. Jody’s got this well organized and broken down in small and big tasks. We expect about 40 people, so each task can be shared. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the church, or talk to Jody if you’re not sure what you can do. And if you can’t cook or help with set up, but still want to come, please do.



Holy Week Schedule
St. David’s Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday - 10AM

We recall Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem this day, as we process with palms into the Church. The Liturgy continues with the reading of the Passion

narrative. After worship, our Youth Group is holding a fundraising spaghetti dinner.

Tuesday, April- Passover Seder Dinner - Sundown - 7:00 PM

Please join us as we welcome the Jewish community of Page to celebrate Passover for us at St. David's. Passover commemorates the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt and is the originating moment for Judaism, and later, Christianity. Everyone is invited. Please invite your neighbors and friends, especially children. Passover is impossible to celebrate without the younger generation since the story is being passed on to them. Help us get the word out to everyone.



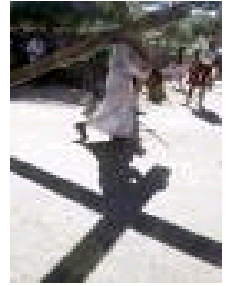
April 21- Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM

This day gets its name from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "commandment," referring to Jesus' instruction to love one another. We are to serve one another by following the example Jesus gave by washing the feet of his disciples on the night before he was crucified. On this night we also celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and Jesus' table fellowship. At the end of the service, the altar and church are stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This service

is perhaps the most meaningful of the year for many Christians. If you must choose one weekday service, this should be the one.

April 22 - Good Friday - 3:00 PM

This year, we join with our friends the Methodists in a procession with the cross on the Glen Canyon Bridge. In this journey, we recall Christ's last steps as he walks toward death.



April 22 - Good Friday - 7:00 PM

On Good Friday, we grieve the death of Jesus. The service of Good Friday helps us to also see our own brokenness and that of the entire world. This is the most solemn service of the year in the Christian church.

April 23 - Holy Saturday Liturgy - 9 AM, Church preparation 9:30 AM

We gather in the church on Saturday morning to prepare our church and ourselves both physically and emotionally for what will happen the following day. Come join us as we prepare the church and grounds for the big event and prepare ourselves by participating in the shortest service of the year. We'll follow with a pizza lunch.

Sunday, April 24- Easter Sunday - 10 AM



The day arrives. He is risen! We celebrate the fact that not only has Christ

risen from the dead, but that despite death, he remains with us. This is the centerpiece of Christianity and the reason we are here. Traditionally, we mark our own rebirth and that of others through the symbol of Holy Baptism. At our service, we will all affirm our Baptismal vows and celebrate with our newest members.



Easter Lilies

As part of our Easter celebration, we will be decorating the church with a multitude of flowers. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily or other plant in memory or in honor of someone, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The suggested donation is 10.00 each. Let us know in whose name you would like them and we will include this information in our Easter Sunday service bulletin. Or you can give or mail your request to Jody Gebhardt.

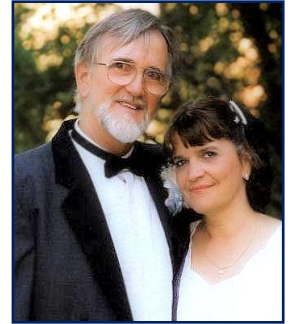


Easter Brunch and Farewell

It is a tradition here at St. David's to share an Easter Brunch every year. Sometimes a member hosts the brunch. Sometimes we go out to a local

restaurant. This year, we opted for a shared potluck in our Fellowship Hall following Easter worship. St. David's will supply main dishes, including ham and meatless entrees. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Or just bring yourself.

As part of this celebration, we will also be saying farewell to Mary McDonald and Virgil Barstad. After more miles than we can count, and more beautiful music than we can sing, they are hanging up their tires, but not their instruments, to stay closer to home in Kanab. Who knows if we can sing them "So Long, Farewell", but we will give it our best in a send-off to come close to what they have done for others. Come with your favorite memory. Mary has requested no live cats as gifts.



Phoenix Boys Choir to Visit

On Thursday, May 19th, the Phoenix Boys Choir will perform at St. David's. Some of you may remember several years ago when they came to the Catholic Church here in town. Now we are hosting them, not only for the performance, but also finding homes for the boys to stay in overnight. We already have a few places offered, but still need more. The boys need to be housed in multiples of two in non-smoking homes. If you can help out, please let Lynne Hoffman or Jody know. And spread the word, if you think you know someone who would help out.



Youth Group and Sunday School

We have had a few changes in our volunteer staff here at St. David's, which is not surprising, given that most of us are volunteers. Both Mary Jewett and Bernadette Pierson have stepped down as Youth Leaders. But Lynne Hoffman and Jeff Henry have stepped up to take their places in leading our growing Youth Group. Please give them your support. Because of her time commitment to Youth, Lynne has decided not to continue as a Sunday School teacher, which leaves just Erica Clites and Michelle Jackson-Keisling. If you would like to help out with Sunday School, please talk to Michelle, Erica or Lynne. It's a great group of kids who mostly come without parents - this is one of the best times of their week.

Looking Ahead

**...SERVE ONE
ANOTHER
WITH
WHATEVER
GIFT EACH OF
YOU HAS
RECEIVED.**



1 PETER 4:10

DAY of DISCOVERY 2010

Each year, the Diocese of Utah offers a Day of Discovery for people wishing to discover or re-discover their call to ministry. While the Day of Discovery is an essential part of the move toward ordination, the program helps all participants recognize their individual gifts, which may lead down a different path.

The Day is an introduction to a 12-week program of discernment for ministry that is offered annually. It is

a first-step prerequisite in the Diocese of Utah for anyone who may wish to discern for ordained ministry, but taking part doesn't obligate you to continue in the 12 week program.

The deadline for registration for the "Day" is May 12. The program will take place on Saturday, May 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah, 75 South 200 East, Salt Lake City. Please check with Jody in the church office for a brochure with registration form.



Camp Tuttle Summer 2011

Camp Tuttle has announced its schedule and is taking reservations. All of our kids who have been to camp in years past look forward to the next year - it's a great experience for them. If your child is wondering about going this year, have him or her talk to Jordyn, Coltan or Johnny about their times at Camp Tuttle. The schedule is as follows:

3rd-4th grade mini camp - July 5-8

5th-6th grade - July 10-15

7th-8th grade - July 17-22

High School leadership - July 24-29

Family Camp - Aug 5-7

If you are interested, let Jean or Jody know, and we'll make sure you get a registration form. We may also try to fudge on the age factors to keep our kids together, and reduce the amount of travel time between here and Salt Lake.