

St. David's Page

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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One of best kept secrets about Page is not the Lake, but the beauty in the surrounding desert and plateaus. I often walk out to Horseshoe Bend, when the weather isn't good, just to be quiet, and always to be amazed at the beauty of this entrenched meander. It doesn't need to do anything...but it reminds me of the amazing power of water and the slow uplift of the continental plates. Both work together to create this amazing place. I think

that the work of the spirit is slow, like the Colorado River carving this meander. The work of the spirit is powerful, like the uplift of the continental plates. I am sure that this work will go on past May 21, when some think the world will end. The world and God and the church are here for the long haul, because the works of love have much yet to do. Sisters and brothers at St. David's, it is the same with you. During this interim and into the future God is at work and like Horseshoe Bend, the work of the spirit always produces something beautiful.

Your interim,

Pastor Jeff



THE FIRST SUNDAY

..... of each month is Food Pantry Sunday here at St. David's. On **June 5**, we bring contributions of nonperishable food for the Food Bank here at St. David's.

Our biggest need right now is cereal, especially with school ending and kids at home. Canned vegetables and fruit, rice, soups, and ramen noodles are handy to have on the shelves. Ready to prepare meals such as Mac n' Cheese, Tuna or Hamburger Helper and soup mixes are always good to have on hand. Fresh produce and other perishable foods are welcome any time when we can get them into the refrigerator.



Dinner at Paria Outpost

These days, dinner at Paria Outpost is much like visiting the mythological Brigadoon. Susan and Steve have gotten so good at their shuttle and guiding

service that they don't have as much time for the restaurant, so it's only open once month. You have to hope that it's the right weekend, unless you are good at planning. Fortunately, St. David's has someone with a Masters in it, so on **Saturday June 4**, we will all head out for a sumptuous barbeque feast. This is an all St. David's event, so everyone is welcome. Meet at the parking lot at 5 pm, and we can carpool out. Cost is about \$15 for all you can eat - and you'll want to eat it all, too!

Option to Hike?

On Saturday, June 4, many of us will head out to Paria Outpost for dinner. Some of us may want to work up an appetite for dinner, and are planning a hike for earlier in the day. There are several options for short hikes, including wading the Box at Paria, with a visit to the old Paria townsite or a hike into the mushroom rocks near Paria Outpost.

If you are interested in hiking before eating at Paria Outpost, please let Pastor Jeff or Larry know.



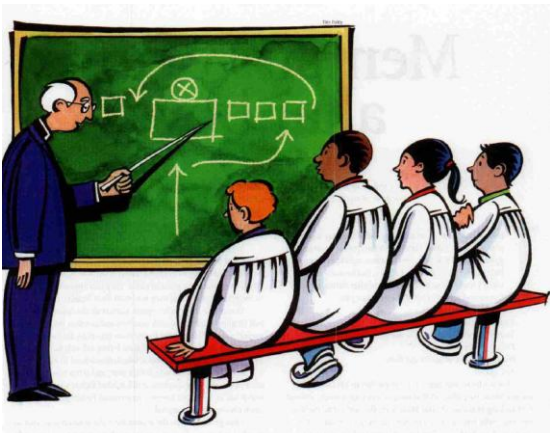
An American Concert

On **Sunday, June 5**, Mary McDonald will lead the Canyon Singers in a program of American music called, "Our Story Goes On."

It's a Broadway revue starring the community choir directed by Mary McDonald. It is also a program about life, love, friendship and human beings living day to day in Community.

News of the tragic earthquake and tsunami in Japan touched the Canyon Singers in such a profound way that they have decided to offer this concert as a fundraiser for the victims of this disaster, specifically the children. There is no admission charge; however a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. 100% of the donations will go to *Save the Children*, a worldwide organization that is a leader in creating lasting change in the lives of children throughout the world. Please mark June 5th at 7:00 p.m. on your calendars and plan on attending this wonderful concert for this wonderful cause. This event is made possible with the help of *CEBA, the Utah Division of Arts and Museums* and the *National Endowment for the Arts*.

If you would like to go hear Mary conduct, please let Jody know. We'll leave about 4:30 pm. Admission is free, so don't let cost be an issue. This should be a fun evening.



Not Just for Kids

Our acolyte corps is in need of a refresher course, and some new blood. If you are, have been, or want to be an acolyte, **young or mature**, then we are here for you. Acolytes,

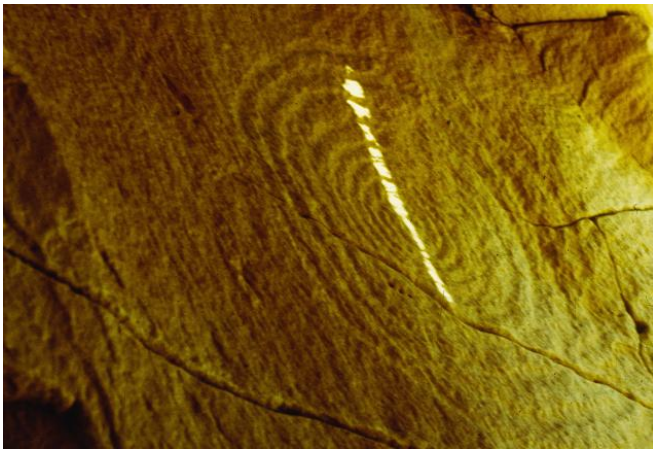
by definition, assist in worship by carrying the cross, helping to prepare the Table and clean up, and lighting the candles. An acolyte is a critical part of the worship service and a very important part of our church. Pastor Jeff is planning a **training session after worship on Sunday June 5**. If you can help out or would like to improve your skills, please come. We will all love you for it.



Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost has always held great meaning for us at St. David's. In the past, our kids have led us in worship, providing us with new insights to the meaning of faith and belief in Christ as they saw it. This year, we will hear the Scriptures spoken in many tongues as part of our worship.

And this year, Pentecost Sunday falls on the third anniversary of the dedication of our St. David's Sanctuary. We will celebrate not only the birthday of the church but our own rebirth as well. Come join us on **Sunday, June 12, at 10 am** to celebrate. It will be a service you won't want to miss!



Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk

On Tuesday June 21, we celebrate the Summer Solstice with a brief Liturgy and walk on the Labyrinth. The program begins at 7 pm.

The Summer Solstice marks the beginning of summer, the longest day of sunlight and the promise of a good growing season. It has been celebrated since ancient times as a time of first fruits of the harvest, of fertility and marriage, and light. The Summer Solstice month was considered the best time to harvest honey from hives - the June moon was called the "honey" moon. In early Christian cultures, the Feast of John the Baptist, marking his birth, was celebrated a few days after the Solstice, mirroring the birth of Jesus celebrated shortly after the Winter Solstice.

St. David's will mark this point in the year with a twilight walk on the Labyrinth and a short service, followed by a sharing of early fruits and vegetables. Come celebrate the shortest night of the year, **June 21 at 7 pm.**

Sabbath Summer

Several of St. David's programs have opted to take part or all of the summer off. The **Youth Group** will take the month of June off, looking to regroup and decide on whether our program

and the youth attending are a good match. When all is said and done, we hope to have a more committed Youth Group ready to find ways to make their lives and those around them better.



At the same time, **St. David's Women's Group** will take both June and July off, reconvening in August. We'll use this time to consider ways to reach more women, and welcome ideas from any of you who participate, or who don't. Please let Connie or Jody know what your ideas might be. We'll also try to talk to as many of you as we can to find out what you think.

But if you find that all that free time is getting boring, there are some ways to fill it here at St. David's. The **Food Bank** needs help during its service hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on delivery days, twice a month on Monday mornings. Pick one day, or a series of days and help pack boxes or unload trucks. The Food Bank is open on Tuesdays from 4-6 pm and on Thursdays from 10 - Noon. Deliveries take place on the first and third Mondays, starting about 8 am.



Summer Visitors

While we are relaxing and reviewing our programs, other groups will be out doing mission work and stopping by for a night or two on their way home.

On **June 17**, a youth mission group from Crossroad Christian School in Portland OR will spend the night here at St. David's. Their group, consisting of nine Junior High students and five adults will be returning from work on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

The following week, on **June 24 and 25**, we will host a Youth mission group from Shreveport, LA following their work week in Window Rock, AZ. They will be doing some touring on their free day and plan to worship with us on Sunday.

Then in July, we will again host the **Bike and Build Group**. These kids, mostly in their 20's, must raise \$4000 just to be able to bike across America stopping to work with Habitat for Humanity. Our group runs the hottest route, across the south and southwest, working in New Orleans, Dallas, Farmington and Yuba City, CA. Over two and a half months, they will log 3500 miles. We have offered to **feed them lunch** on **July 9th**, since they have altered their route to allow more time at Grand Canyon. They will share their stories of being on the road

and their background and goals. If you were around for last year's group, you know these are pretty amazing people. Rumors suggest we may have a work day that morning, making the lunch a simple segue. Details will come in July's newsletter.



From our Postulant

Dear St. David's family,

I am so grateful for all of your support and encouragement over the past years. I have now completed two of the three years of the Utah Ministry Formation Program (UMFP). It seems to have flown by so quickly! This summer I will be away from Page. I begin an internship in chaplaincy at St. Mark's Hospital on May 31, commonly referred to as CPE, which stands for Clinical Pastoral Education. A friend in the UMFP who went through it last summer jokingly told me that CPE really stands for "crucified practically everyday." I think she was trying to convey the intensity of the work in the hospital.

This summer also marks another possible change for me. I will be interviewing with the Standing Committee of the diocese and the

Commission on Ministry for possible recommendation to advance to Candidacy for Ordination. If all goes well, I will no longer be "the postulant," I will be "the candidate." Simply another step in the formation process, but I would welcome all prayers for God's will to be clear in this process.

So, while I will not be present with you, in person, know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers until I return in August.

Kathalin Walker



French Children's Choir in July

Last summer, Martine and Francis Bardot visited our church. They were impressed with our community and later contacted Mary McDonald about doing a concert here during their 2011 tour. To make a long story short, they will be here **July 17-19** for a visit and concert, then head to Kanab for a concert there.

If you heard the Phoenix Boys Choir in May, then you know how good and how much fun these concerts can be. Francis Bardot's Children's Choir is based in Paris, France and composed of two equal groups of boys and girls who can sing together or separately according to the repertoire. As pupils of the Conservatoire whose former director was and still is their conductor, they get individualized musical and vocal training.

The Children's Choir is a significant part of Parisian musical life and performs with famous orchestras. Each summer they go on a tour which has taken them all around the world.



We are looking for families who are interested in hosting 2 or more children (and/or chaperones) for the three days that the choir is in town. This choir consists of 48 boys and girls with 12 chaperones. The children must be placed in pairs. The host families should provide breakfast each day for their guest and a sack lunch for them to take on the outings for the day. Community dinners for the choir and host families will be potluck style with each night having a different theme.

To show their appreciation to the host families, the Choir will be providing a complimentary performance for the host families and members of the community on the evening of **Monday, July 18, 2011**, at a location yet to be determined. More specifics on the evening's events will follow.

If you are interested in hosting a pair of these truly talented children, or their chaperones while they will be in town, please contact Lynne Hoffman at "joeylynn@gmail.com" or 928-660-9003.