

THE HAPPENINGS AT  
ST. DAVID'S  
*Winter - Spring 2026*



*Living, Loving, & Learning at  
St. David's*

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## Join Us in Worship and Service!

St. David's is devoted to inviting, equipping and sending out our members to be the Lord's 'light to the world.' We invite through welcoming hospitality and equip by helping members develop a deeper walk with Jesus. We send out by providing opportunities for members to get involved by serving their community.

This booklet is designed to help us grow closer to the Lord and to one another. If there is a topic or event you would like us to offer, please contact one of us with your ideas.

*Judy Walsh, Edna Buday, Kathy Graham, Kitty Kenning, Linda Williams  
Bowie, Jessica Rienstra, Margaret Preston and  
Fr. Chris Yaw+*



## Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12:10 pm Holy Eucharist

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 pm Detroit Rescue Mission

4th Sunday 1:00 pm Waltonwood Royal Oak

Worship services are live on Zoom streaming to Facebook

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## Special Dates to Remember

**January 25:** Annual Meeting Eucharist & Potluck

**February 15:** Pastor Barry Randolph, Guest Preacher

**February 17:** Shrove Tuesday CSB Pancake Dinner 6 pm

**February 18:** Ash Wednesday Services 12 noon & 7 pm

**February 18:** Drive Thru Ashes 7am—6 pm

**March 1:** St. David's Day Celebration

**April 2:** Holy Thursday Service 7 pm

**April 3:** Good Friday Service Services 12 noon & 7 pm

**April 4:** 10 am Holy Saturday Service/ 8 pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 5:** 8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt** following 10 am Eucharist

**June 7:** First outdoor service & Parish Picnic



### Lunchtime Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 12n on Zoom

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# Sundays 9 am Learning Fellowship

Join us for our 9am Learning Hour in the meeting room from 9-9:45 am.

## **January 4: A Visit from Syrian Refugees**

It's been said that Metro Detroit is home to more people from Middle Eastern descent than any other place in America. This includes a large number of Syrians, and more than a few who have come to the U.S. due to violence or natural disaster. This Sunday we'll meet some of those refugees, who will come with their translator and friend of the parish, Nabil Abdul-Sater. Join us for a chance to learn and grow.

## **January 11: Housing Oakland County's Homeless with Curtis Smith**

How many homeless people are in Oakland County and what's being done to care for them? Join us in the Conference Room as we hear from a county executive in charge of keeping tabs on, and taking care of, the thousands of residents who find themselves unhoused. Who are they? What resources are available? How can I help?

## **January 18: Reflections on County Government with Marcia Gershenson & Linnie Taylor**

Vice-Chair of the Oakland County Commission, Marcia Gershenson alongside Southfield Commissioner Linnie Taylor are our special guests as we learn about the workings and offerings of Oakland County and its government.

## **January 25: Housing Oakland County's Homeless with Ryan Hertz**

Lighthouse of Pontiac, the biggest provider of aid to the unhoused, is on a mission. And its CEO Ryan Hertz will be here to tell us all about it. If you're wondering how well our Oakland County communities are tending to the homeless and hungry, we'll get a good idea from our good friend and partner. He'll also fill us in on the new expansion planned for the Lighthouse Pontiac campus.

## **February 1: Our Ticking Environmental Time Bomb with Andy Levin**

Climate inaction has many people worried about the future of the human race and the world. This compassion has motivated former U.S. Congressman Andy Levin to dedicate much of his life to solving environmental problems. He was active in this arena in Congress and now runs an environmental consulting company. Come with your curiosity and ambition as he tells us how our parish can improve its environmental impact.

## **February 8: What's the Mainline to Do? Mainline Christians and Palestine with Tom Russell and Geoff Drutchas**

Many mainline Christians feel uneasy about the ongoing tragedy in Gaza, but what to do? Tom Russell and Geoff Drutchas are outspoken, former pastors, who can fill us in on the kinds of actions Mainline congregations are taking, especially the Episcopal Church. Both are well-educated, thoughtful, and compassionate Christians who want to help end the suffering and promote peace.

**February 15: Plugging Your Church into the Community - Pastor Barry Randolph**

Few ministers have the gift of community compassion and involvement as Pastor Barry Randolph from the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Detroit. Come hear how he has used his church as an anchor for such diverse ministries as the neighborhood Internet provider and the catalyst for 400+ scholarships to local youth.

**February 22: Introduction to the Episcopal Church I with Rev. Chris Yaw**

Join us this Lent for a deep dive into the basics of the Episcopal faith using Fr. Chris' book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian and You Can Be One Too!* During this 5 week course we'll discuss theology, Scripture, Liturgy, history, and a whole host of topics designed as a refresher or an introduction into our Episcopal tradition. This week we discuss the world's great needs and how our particular lens of faith can help us respond. Classes are from 9-9:45 am.

**March 1: Introduction to the Episcopal Church II with Rev. Chris Yaw**

Join us this Lent for a deep dive into the basics of the Episcopal faith using Fr. Chris' book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian and You Can Be One Too!* During this 5 week course we'll discuss theology, Scripture, Liturgy, history, and a whole host of topics designed as a refresher or an introduction into our Episcopal tradition. This week we discuss the roles of reason, hospitality, and acceptance. Classes are from 9-9:45 am.

**March 8: Introduction to the Episcopal Church III with Rev. Chris Yaw**

Join us this Lent for a deep dive into the basics of the Episcopal faith using Fr. Chris' book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian and You Can Be One Too!* During this 5 week course we'll discuss theology, Scripture, Liturgy, history, and a whole host of topics designed as a refresher or an introduction into our Episcopal tradition. This week we discuss the roles of reason, hospitality, and acceptance. Classes are from 9-9:45 am.

**March 15: Introduction IV to the Episcopal Church with Rev. Chris Yaw**

Join us this Lent for a deep dive into the basics of the Episcopal faith using Fr. Chris' book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian and You Can Be One Too!* During this 5 week course we'll discuss theology, Scripture, Liturgy, history, and a whole host of topics designed as a refresher or an introduction into our Episcopal tradition. This week we discuss the roles of the Book of Common Prayer, history, and tradition. Classes are from 9-9:45 am.

**March 22: Introduction V to the Episcopal Church with Rev. Chris Yaw**

Join us this Lent for a deep dive into the basics of the Episcopal faith using Fr. Chris' book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian and You Can Be One Too!* During this 5 week course we'll discuss theology, Scripture, Liturgy, history, and a whole host of topics designed as a refresher or an introduction into our Episcopal tradition. This week we discuss the Church's prophetic call, it's organization, and worldwide connection. Classes are from 9-9:45 am.

### **March 29: Discussion: What Happens During Holy Week?**

Join us on Palm Sunday in the Conference Room for a deep-dive into the liturgies and customs of the upcoming Holy Week.

### **April 5, Easter: Discussion: What Happened at Easter?**

Join us on Easter Sunday in the Conference Room and we'll discuss the purpose and ramifications of Easter.

### **April 12, Holding a Pride Event? Here's How!**

Being hospitable and welcoming to our neighbors means including everyone. Join us as we discuss the possibility of holding a Pride event at St. David's in the Fall. Parish members Jessica Rienstra and Mary Lou Pfaendtner lead the discussion alongside a local expert in Pride event organizing.

### **April 19, Don't Be Scammed! with Monica Beach, Better Business Bureau**

Have scammers been in touch with you? From mail to phone to email, it seems we're being inundated with thieves trying to steal. Join us when Monica Beach, Educational Foundation Manager with the Better Business Bureau will be on hand to unpack the latest scams and tell us how \*not to fall prey to them.

### **April 26, The Threat of Biological Warfare: Keeping Americans Safe with Adam Pitt, U.S. Customs**

Join us while US Customer executive Adam Pitt gives us an overview of biological threats to the U.S. His presentation will include not just physical threats to citizens, but the ongoing work of protecting scientific inventions and keeping classified and critical information out of the hands of criminals. Pitt has been a pioneer in the U.S. Customs office in addressing the increasing biological threat to our nation. All are welcome.

### **May 3, A Lifetime of Health: Exercise Throughout Life's Seasons**

Join us while a local health expert speaks to us on how to keep active throughout our lives. Statistics show that many Americans suffer from poor eating and exercise habits that can take a toll. Bring your questions and curiosities!

### **May 10, What Is End Gun Violence Michigan? With Alyssa Moore**

St. David's is a founding member of the largest gun safety pressure group in the state of Michigan. It was started by our Bishop Bonnie Perry, and it's made an incredible impact. Come hear Alyssa Moore, executive with the organization, who will talk about its past, present and future.

**May 17, How to Avoid Traffic Tickets and Other Things I've Learned in 30 Years of Insurance with Matt Deighan.**

Join us on Sunday, April 19 at 9am for a deep dive into auto and home insurance - what it does, where it's been, and where it's going with insurance executive Matt Deighan. Bring your insurance questions and come here from this gifted expert at 9am on Sunday, May 17 in the Conference Room.

**May 24, A Lifetime of Service with Mayor Ken Siver**

Mayor Ken Siver has given much of his career to the well-being of the residents of the City of Southfield. As an educator, politician, and outspoken advocate for the elderly and for firearm safety, he has endeared himself to our community like few others. Join us for a warm conversation with a close friend.

**May 31, A Ministry of Love and Compassion: St. Anne's Mead Today with Robin Harris and Peggy Goodwin**

For decades, St. David's and St. Anne's Mead have shared a parking lot and a passion for helping others. Executives Robin Harris and Peggy Goodwin know all about this, as they have worked in intake and marketing there for years. Come hear about the past, present, and future of this award winning assisted living center right next door.

**11:30am Sunday Connection Hour**

Our Connection Hour is held in the Corner Parish Hall following the 10:00 am Eucharist. After allowing time for coffee and snacks, we offer a variety of special speakers, presentations, and conversations.



**January 4: Don't Throw Away Food! with Sara Covatta**

Did you know that 15% of the one-ton of garbage the average American generates is actually food waste? There's a new pilot program going on in Southfield to combat that. Make Food Not Waste will be using St. David's as a drop off point for people to bring their food waste in 2026 - how exciting! And YOU can be a part of it. Come hear the presentation and pick up a receptacle and start your new year tending to the environment. Also, come hungry! There will be a catered meal by Syrian refugees.

**January 11: Growing Up in Palestine with Terri Ahwal**

A new year is bringing a lot of new things our way. In this forum we'll hear from a local expert on how to keep our wits about us as things change.

**January 18: The Great Amens with Al Eppens**

It's a word that's been said and sung in religious services for thousands of years, yet how much do we know about the history of the word Amen? Join us for a forum that will look at the musical history and variety of that wonderful word of assent, Amen. Parish Musician Al Eppens is our instructor, so bring your voice as we sing our way through this fascinating educational offering!



**January 25: 73rd Annual Parish Meeting and Potluck**

It's our yearly celebration of God's love and faithfulness: our Annual Meeting! Bring a dish to pass and come celebrate the past and hear about our plans for the future.

**February 1: Why Are the Rich Getting Richer? with Andy Levin**

Budding trillionaire Elon Musk may soon make more money in a year than the total salaries of all U.S. elementary school teachers. The widening gap between rich and poor has a lot of Americans worried. And rightfully so, says former U.S. Congressman Andy Levin, who's

been outspoken on the subject for years. Come hear this informative and intelligent conversation on one of the most important issues facing our country.

### **February 8: Intergenerational Valentines**

Bring your creativity and joy to this annual festivity in which we hand-make Valentine's cards for our neighbors at St. Anne's Mead Assisted Living.

### **February 15: The Art and Science of Thriving in Life's Second Half with Judy Walsh**

Many people think the second half of life is for retiring, but it's also about reiring - and finding joy like never before. Taking a cue from the popular book Joyspan, parishioner Judy Walsh unlocks some of the most important concepts needed to thrive in the second half of our lives.

## **Lent at St. David's**

### **February 22: Lent 1 - Love in the Wilderness - Returning Love**

This Lent we're falling in love... with God, with others, with ourselves. This year we'll be examining 5 aspects of love designed to help us grow deeper into the image and vision of God. Here are the sessions: Returning Love, Selfless Love, Neighboring Love, Forgiving Love, and Resurrection Love. Returning Love is all about the love God has for us just the way we are, no matter what we've done or how far we've wandered. As a way to prepare for Easter, come learn and rejoice in God's love.

### **March 1: Lent 2 - Love in the Wilderness - Selfless Love**

This Lent we're falling in love... with God, with others, with ourselves. This year we'll be examining 5 aspects of love designed to help us grow deeper into the image and vision of God. Here are the sessions: Returning Love, Selfless Love, Neighboring Love, Forgiving Love, and Resurrection Love. Selfless Love is about the God kind of love that puts the needs and desires of others before our own. As a way to prepare for Easter, come learn and rejoice in God's love.

### **March 8: Lent 3 - Love in the Wilderness - Neighboring Love**

This Lent we're falling in love... with God, with others, with ourselves. This year we'll be examining 5 aspects of love designed to help us grow deeper into the image and vision of God. Here are the sessions: Returning Love, Selfless Love, Neighboring Love, Forgiving Love, and Resurrection Love. Neighboring Love is about the ways we share love with those around us who may or may not be easy to love. As a way to prepare for Easter, come learn and rejoice in God's love.

### **March 15: Lent 4 - Love in the Wilderness - Forgiving Love**

This Lent we're falling in love... with God, with others, with ourselves. This year we'll be examining 5 aspects of love designed to help us grow deeper into the image and vision of God. Here are the sessions: Returning Love, Selfless Love, Neighboring Love, Forgiving Love, and Resurrection Love. Forgiving Love is all about that kind of love that forgives and reconciles. As a way to prepare for Easter, come learn and rejoice in God's love.

### **March 22: Lent 5 - Love in the Wilderness -Resurrection Love**

This Lent we're falling in love... with God, with others, with ourselves. This year we'll be examining 5 aspects of love designed to help us grow deeper into the image and vision of God. Here are the sessions: Returning Love, Selfless Love, Neighboring Love, Forgiving Love, and Resurrection Love. Resurrection Love is about the hopeful side of love, its steadfast and resilience. As a way to prepare for Easter, come learn and rejoice in God's love.

**March 29: Join us for Coffee Hour!**

**April 5: Easter - Join us for Coffee Hour!**

**April 12: Join us for Coffee Hour!**

### **April 19: Being Dead is No Excuse! Preparing for Your Exit 1: *Addressing Financial Issues***

Join us for 3 stimulating presentations on life's eventualities as we hear from experts in finance, medicine, and mortuary science. On Sunday, April 19 we'll hear from an expert in financial planning who specializes in end of life planning. On Sunday, April 26 we'll hear from a medical expert who will detail end of life care and planning. And on Sunday, May 3 we'll hear from a funeral home director about important arrangements to be made now and at the time of death. Each session is free and open to the public.

### **April 26: Being Dead is No Excuse! Preparing for Your Exit 2: *Addressing Medical Issues***

Join us for our 2nd stimulating presentation on life's eventualities as we hear from an expert in medicine, who will detail end of life care and planning. Each session is free and open to the public.

### **May 3: Being Dead is No Excuse! Preparing for Your Exit 3: *Addressing Funeral Arrangements***

Join us for our 3rd stimulating presentation on life's eventualities as we hear from an expert in mortuary science. We'll hear from a funeral home director about important arrangements to be made now and at the time of death. Each session is free and open to the public.

**May 10: Mother's Day - Join us for Coffee Hour!**

### **May 17: How to Be a Good LGBTQIA Ally**

We all need allies - especially those who suffer from stereotype, bias, and negative discrimination. Nearly everyone knows at least someone who is LGBTQIA: how do you talk with them? Advocate for them? And come alongside them as Christ would? Our guest, a member of the local LGBTQIA community, will talk about the challenges and needs for support.

### **May 24: Help! My Gizmo Won't Work!**

Do you have a cell phone, iPad, or computer that just won't cooperate? Join us on Sunday, May 24 at 11:30am when the more technically savvy among us will give you advice and hands on assistance with all your rebellious electronic devices. Bring the culprit and we'll take a look on Sunday, May 24 in the Parish Hall.

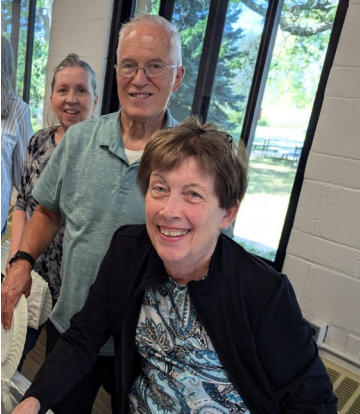
### **May 31: How We Feed 800 Families a Month: A Food Pantry Update with Kathy Graham**

Ever since COVID, St David's has been collecting and distributing food to those in need in our community. Come this Sunday, May 31st at 11:30 a.m., and hear volunteers from our food pantry talk about their experiences, giving us an overview of the past, present, and future of the St. David's Food Pantry.

### **June 7: Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic**

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. We'll supply a meal you'll talk about all week!





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