



Getting Involved at **ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** **Ministry Booklet**

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Getting Involved at St. David's...

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...is easier than you think!

Whether you want to study the bible, feed the hungry, or weave a mat for the unhoused, we hope this booklet helps you take advantage of all that St. David's has to offer.

St. David's is on a mission to form a worshipful, service-oriented, inclusive community. We believe our fellowship forms us into a distinctive people who reach out in service and love for all.

This booklet outlines various ministries in which you may want to get involved. And because we're a growing community you may have a gift to share for which we don't (yet) have an outlet, feel free to contact us.

We're here to serve you!

Fr. Chris+ and the St. David's Staff



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Administration Commission

This commission meets regularly to discuss various administrative functions of the church including personnel and office procedures. For more information, contact Carol Wells 248-320-3776

Finance Commission

This commission meets monthly to discuss budget and financial dealings within the church. For more information, contact Maureen Mahar 248-351-6312.

Property Commission

This commission meets monthly and makes recommendations to the vestry regarding various property issues. All parishioners are welcome to join. For more information, contact Hampton Hanable 313-550-7066.

Hospitality Team

These folk help coordinate dinners, potlucks and receptions as needed. Contact Jan Ernst at 248-981-8851 or Joanne Sackett at 248-219-3069.

Lifelong Formation Team

This group meets three times a year and helps determine programming offered for adults including our 9a Sunday Learning Fellowship and 11:30am Connection Hour. For more information, contact Edna Buday at 248-338-4661, or Judy Walsh at 248-837-5358 for details.

Stewardship Committee

This group reports to the Finance Commission and makes recommendations regarding the charitable giving of the parish as well as organizing the annual pledge campaign. For more information, contact Simone Charter-Harris at 248-960-7368.

Write for the Newsletter...

Our church periodical, *Connections*, is published regularly and features stories and articles written by parishioners. As Edna Buday states, "it is where you can share your story, submit your reflections, a special prayer, your poetry or perhaps a review of a favorite book." To submit your ideas or to volunteer, contact Cindy L. at 586-306-5262.

Help Out in the Office...

Got a free morning or afternoon? Our front office could always use extra help answering phones or folding mailings. To volunteer, contact Amy Prather, Parish Administrator, at 248-557-5430.

Work on the Website...

Are you a 'techie'? We're proud of our new website. We can always use help keeping it up and running. To volunteer, contact Amy or Father Chris at 248-557-5430

Help with Social Media...

Are you 'media savvy'? We could use a hand to publicize events here at St. David's. To volunteer call Amy Prather at 248-557-5430.

Help with Zoom...

Would you be interested in helping us record and post services and specials, such as the 9am Learning hour or guest speakers? To volunteer call Amy Prather at 248-557-5430.

Archivist

Do you have scrapbooking experience? We could use your help preserving our parish's history. Contact Cindy Rush at 586-808-8244.

Financial Secretaries

These folks help us keep financial records. For more information, please contact John Hawkes at 248-399-0822.

Newcomers

It's not easy to visit a new church! Our Newcomers committee trains Sunday greeters and develops ways to better welcome our guests. To volunteer call Amy Prather at 248-557-5430.

Church Grounds

Like getting your hands dirty? Our grounds and gardens are blooming with possibilities. Volunteers tend to everything from dry weeds to wet cement. To volunteer call Junior Warden Hampton Hanable 313-550-7066.





HUNGER MINISTRIES

St. David's Food Pantry

Just in time for COVID, St. David's launched a food pantry out of our Narthex that became an instant hit. Now we open 3 days a week, MWF from 9:00am—12noon in a special room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to volunteer, contact Amy Prather at 248-557-5430.

Crossroads Soup Kitchen

St. David's partners with another Episcopal Church in preparing and serving meals to hundreds of hungry Detroiters on Sunday afternoons three times a year. For more information, call Carolyn Gamble at 313-535-0372.

Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets

During the Thanksgiving holidays parishioners put together food baskets for families in need of food support. Shoppers, delivery people and sponsors are needed. To volunteer call Kathy Graham at 248-288-3697.

Connection Hour

Our 11:30am Connection Hour programs are offered September-June following the 10:00 am worship service and touch on many topics. See the website, your Sunday bulletin or our 'Happenings' booklet for the weekly topics.

9am Learning Fellowship

Folks gather Sundays at 9 am for a variety of learning opportunities which may involve book discussions, St. David's Academy Online Learning discussions, bible study or faith sharing. See the Sunday bulletin and Happenings Booklet for current offerings.

Book Discussions

Book discussion and studies are held throughout the year on a variety of books. We have met on Wednesdays during Advent and Lent. Daytime and evening sessions are available provided there are enough people. Check the Church bulletin, Happenings booklet and web site for up-to-date information.



Parish Retreat

Retreats are a time to slow down, even for half a day, and spend time learning, listening, sharing and connecting with each other and with God. Food, fellowship and childcare will always be part of the experience. Check the website and Church bulletin for up-to-date information.

Lunchtime Bible Study

This study is offered on Tuesdays at 12n via zoom. Please check the bulletin or website for the Bible books we are currently studying.

Small Groups

Small groups form according to parishioner interests, so if you've got an idea, let us know! See the Sunday bulletin for current and upcoming offerings.

St. David's Academy

Our online academy offers a variety of classes which can be taken individually or as part of a group learning and discussion program. For more information about the Academy and how to become a part of this great learning experience, contact the church office at churchoffice@stdavidssf.org for more information.

Supper & Study

During Lent we offer occasional opportunities for supper as well as classes in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for these opportunities, current information will be in our Happenings Booklet.



Acolyte and Verger

What better way to learn about the liturgy of the church? Children (age 8 and up) and adults are welcome. To volunteer call acolyte leader Deborah Davis 248-835-3520.

Altar Guild

This guild is in charge of preparing our church space for worship, including the care of linens, vestments and silverware. To volunteer call altar guild directresses Diane Schoch at 248-376-0829 or Anne Jeannette LaSavage at nowalmba@yahoo.com.

Choirs

For more information on any choir, email our Choirmaster Al Eppens at al@stdavidssf.org

Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm and sings on Sundays at 10:00 am and on all special days.

Adult Handbell Choir

This group lends festivity to our worship. They rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 pm and perform once a month.



Soloist/Guest Musician

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St. Davids is always looking to promote our home-grown talent. If you have a gift of song or play a musical instrument we'd love to share your gift with the community. Please contact our Music Director Al Eppens at al@stdavidssf.org

Eucharistic Minister

Our Eucharistic Ministers distribute Holy Communion, and perform a host of other duties during a variety of Services. Diocesan licensing and training is required. Please contact Deborah Davis 248-835-3520.

Eucharistic Visitor

Our Eucharistic Visitors regularly visit and take Holy Communion to our shut-ins and those in the hospital. Volunteers also send cards, gifts and make hospital calls. Diocesan licensing and training is required for Eucharistic Visitors. Interested? Deborah Davis for more information at 248-835-3520 .

Lector

Reading Scripture and leading the Prayers of the People in congregational worship is one of the Church's oldest ministries. Training is required. Contact Deborah Davis for more information at 248-835-3520 .

Usher

Ushers serve once a month at our 10:00 am service as well as weddings, funerals and other special events. To volunteer call John Hawkes 248-399-0822 or Wayne Atfield at 248-545-3426.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Haiti Outreach Mission

For more than a decade, St. David's parishioners have been supporting outreach to Haiti through the Haiti Outreach Mission. Volunteers are needed to do a wide range of jobs including organizing fundraising, collecting donated medications, and actually traveling to Haiti. Contact Jan Ernst at 248-981-8851 for more information.

Detroit Rescue Mission Outreach

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On the second Wednesday of each month, St. David's celebrates Holy Eucharist with homeless men at the Detroit Rescue Mission downtown. Would you like to join us? Contact Deborah Davis at 248-835-3520.

Walton Woods

On the fourth Sunday of each month St. David's celebrates Holy Eucharist with the kind residents at Walton Woods. Would you like to Join us? Contact Deborah Davis at 248-835-3520



Disarmory Ministries

As an outgrowth of our Racial Equity Team, St. David's recently took on the task of helping Metro Detroit dispose of unwanted firearms. As members of End Gun Violence Michigan and participants of several gun safety initiatives, we work to promote gun safety. See Jessica Rienstra if you're interested in helping.

Plarning

Helping homeless people sleep more comfortably is the goal of plarning—or using 'plastic yarn' to construct a mat that can resist moisture for those sleeping outside. Our parish collects plastic bags, then our 'plarners' help turn those into mats. Contact Jan Ernst at 248-981-8851 for more information.

Healing Prayer Team

Join this group of devoted prayer warriors who pray for all those seeking healing and peace during our 10am worship service. Trained prayer staff would like to welcome you to volunteer as well. Contact Fr. Steve Bancroft for more information 313-570-1811.

Daughters of The King

This women's group deepens their relationship with God through prayer, reading God's word and serving others. Volunteering to better the community both inside and out of St. David's.

RECOVERY GROUPS

St. David's hosts a number of recovery groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Parents of Murdered Children and Thursday Noontimers. Contact Amy Prather for details at 248-557-5430.





YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Our children & youth programs reflect the convictions of our community: Worship and Outreach. So each Sunday we welcome our young people as participants in our liturgies AND to join us in a hands-on ministry to benefit others. We strive to provide the best curriculums; volunteers undergo training including child Sexual Abuse Prevention; Youth Ministry leaders would love to hear from you, Jeanne Petersen 586-995-5336.

Nursery

Every Sunday from 9:00 am to 11:30 pm we provide nursery care for our youngsters, ages 0-7. Dlyan and Evelyn are our child care professionals.

Godly Play

Our 3-6 year olds gather every Sunday during the first half of our 10am worship service for an amazing learning experience. Using wooden characters and a Montessori based curriculum, children learn Bible stories from trained leaders.

Elementary-High School

Our young people gather at the beginning of the 10am Sunday service and then are dismissed to class. They return to the service at the Peace joining their families to continue worshipping. Emphasis is placed on liturgical participation as well as hands on outreach activities that they participate in during the Sunday School time period. Some of these ministries include Vacation Bible School participation or staffing, St. David's or Crossroads Food Pantry service, helping in the kitchen, writing the annual Christmas pageant, singing in the choir, ushering, lecturing (reading a Sunday lesson), and being an acolyte.

Christian Service Brigade (CSB)

All young-people (9-18+) are invited to join together for Christ-centered, adventure-packed Monday evenings (7:00-8:30) at the church. Activities also include a wide range of off-campus outings like camping, canoeing, backpacking, & going to university hockey or basketball games. Contact Jim Kenning at 586-573-9886.



Vacation Bible School

Each summer kids and parents plan a 4-day Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed to do everything from shopping to chaperoning! To volunteer call Jeanne Petersen 586-995-5336 or Father Chris 248-557-5430.

Camp Michi-Lu-Ca

Our youth join with others from all over Michigan for a week of summer camp fun. Camp is located in Northeast Michigan. For more information, go to www.elcalivingwaters.com.

Men's Monthly Breakfast Club

Join men from St. David's each first Saturday at 9am in the Meeting Room. We'll build friendships over breakfast and shared conversation. All men are welcome. Contact Howard Rush at 248-379-7113.



St. David's Men's Fellowship

This group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at a parishioner's home for fellowship, prayer and study. Contact Steve Ernst at 248-506-2960.

St. David's Quilters

If you're a quilter, or want to learn, you're invited to join! Quilters usually meet monthly and work on their own projects. Contact Mary Connelly at 248-588-4730 for more information.

Living Loved

Living Loved is a bi-weekly drop-in gathering open to the community that explores a different twist on love at every meeting. Meetings are in the church hall. Topics include self-forgiveness, self-compassion, and self-worth. Living Loved helps you explore your inner light, your Divine spark within, and how it can radiate love out into the world. Contact Father Chris for more information 248-557-5430.