

2025 Impact Report

**St. David's Episcopal Church
73rd Annual Meeting
January 25, 2026**



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James Kenning, **Christian Service Brigade**

Judy Walsh, **Lifelong Learning**

Olivia Long & Laila Miller, **Childcare**

Deborah Davis, **Pastoral Care Coordinator**

Amy Prather, **Food Pantry Coordinator**

Purpose Statement

Our purpose is to love and serve God through worship, outreach and love for all.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a loving, inclusive community to help people worship God and love others.

2025 Goals

1. Investigating possibility of adding an associate priest.
2. Develop an ongoing discipleship course
3. Successfully transition St. David's firearm disposal ministry to a freestanding non-profit
4. Host one sizable community conversation.
5. Kitchen update.

2025 St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden: Ellen Boyes

Co Warden Sabbatical Coordinator – Maureen Maher

Junior Warden: Hampton Hanable

Howard Rush

Carol Wells

Darryl Butler

Rocco Romano

Pat Tilley

Rita Spiller

Cindy Rush – Secretary

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Gregg Morton

Margaret Preston

Cindy Rush – Secretary

Parish Clergy

Fr. Steve Bancroft, **Assisting**

Fr. Chris Yaw, **Rector**

"St. David's is not a place we go to..... it's a family we belong to."

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Minutes of the 72nd Annual Meeting

Parishioners enjoyed a potluck luncheon prior to the start of the meeting. Parishioner Mary Bensmiller and two of her grandchildren ensured everyone in attendance received a raffle ticket. Throughout the meeting at specified breaks, numbers were drawn and donated gifts were awarded. Parishioner Kitty Kenning played the piano as the participants sang, "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God."

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Chris at 12:05 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2025 with an opening prayer. John Hawkes was named as parliamentarian, Maureen Mahar was named as validator and Judy Walsh and Cindy Rush were named as secretaries.

Maureen Mahar validated a quorum of at least twenty-five qualified voters. All attendees received a copy of the 2024 Impact Report. Fr. Chris made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Ellen Boyes. All in favor and resolution carried.

Fr. Chris introduced and recognized staff; Al Eppens, Parish Musician; Amy Prather, Parish Administrator; Deborah Davis, Pastoral Care Coordinator; Maureen Mahar and Jeanne Petersen, Church School Directors; Felicity Thompson, Seminarian; Fr. Steve Bancroft, Assisting Retired Priest; Kaylin Matthews and Jojo Pearson, childcare workers. Outgoing vestry members recognized were; Mary Bensmiller, Marilyn Greening, Alex Rienstra. Current and incoming vestry members recognized were; Pat Tilly, Rita Spiller, Rocco Romano, Carol Wells, Maureen Mahar, Hampton Hanable, Ellen Boyes, Darryl Butler, Howard Rush. Parishioners associated with the vestry recognized; Simone Harris and Cindy Rush. Parishioners involved with various ministries were recognized by raising their hand.

The State of the Parish was presented highlighting statistics of; attendance, pledging, sacraments and services, new friends, and monthly events and initiatives. The presentation continued highlighting parish activities and outreach. The 2024 Vestry Goals and achievements were reviewed and the 2025 Vestry Goals and The Year Ahead activities were presented. Attendees were informed of the Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden reports located in the Impact Report, and the wardens were given the opportunity to address the group.

A motion to send letters of greeting along with the annual report to all living former clergy members of St. David's was made by Fr. Chris.

Fr. Chris made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Jan Ernst. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Cindy Rush – Vestry Clerk

ST. DAVID'S: RENEW AND REVIVE

As I sit down to write this year's report, I do so with a heart full of love – for family, friends, God, and you.

As you probably know by now, your months of June, July, and August were handled by a wonderful array of ministers as you made it possible for me to go on a life-changing sabbatical with my family, giving me more energy, determination, and peace than ever.

I believe the Gospel is about peace. It's about the peace that passes all understanding as we live into the love that God has for us, indeed, our belovedness.

It is because of this love that you had such an amazing year.

So, for the 18th time, I sit down to write for you the numbers, the highlights, the stories of our parish – which has been the joy of my life to serve.

It's now our 74rd year as a parish. I'm your 6th rector. And as you will read in the pages ahead, we are as healthy, vibrant, relevant, and God-focused as we have ever been.

We have welcomed new parish members (21 folks this year) and vestry members (Margaret Preston, Gregg Morton, and Dan Bair). We rejoiced in our veteran staff (Amy and Al, who celebrated their 3rd anniversary with us and Fr. Steve, 6 years), and welcomed Layla and Olivia into our nursery. And we have much to look forward to!

But before we look ahead, let's look back...

To January... we took up a wonderful offer by a friend of the parish, Sharkey Haddad who works with the Chaldean Chamber of Commerce. He hosted a group of St. David's parishioners on a tour of the Chaldean Cultural Museum. This very well-appointed exhibit space in the Shenandoah Country Club (since moved to its new home at Inkster and Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield), gave us a terrific overview of Chaldean history in Metro Detroit and helped us build relationships with our friends in this rich and generous community.

In February we launched an intention effort, led by our Pastoral Care Minister Deborah Davis, to alert the parish to the needs of our elderly and shut ins. 'Deacon Deeds' is a new, regular, column published by Deborah and our front office, that tells us about who is in need of care and how we can help. This month also brought us a passionate speaker on LGBTQIA+ issues, Dana Curley, herself transgender, who spoke eloquently and informatively to a packed house about her journey.

March was very busy for us. We held a blood drive in our Parish Hall, collecting several gallons of much-needed blood for the community. We also hosted an important community conversation led by a controversial Jewish scholar named Peter Beinart. This event attracted more than 100 people from outside our parish to learn more about the diversity of Jewish opinion over current events in the Holy Land. All this occurred as The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, which airs on a cable network called Comedy Central, released the long-awaited profile on St. David's firearm disposal ministry. This garnered much attention for our parish and spotlighted the work of this important ministry.

In April we officially moved this firearm disposal ministry out from under the St. David's ministry umbrella and established a separate 501c(3) non-profit entity called Disarmory Ministries. Fr. Chris and 2 other parish members are on the founding board joined by 3 other community members. This allows the work of firearm disposal to officially continue outside of St. David's, thus removing a layer of liability and controversy from our parish. During the first 8 months of its existence Disarmory has disposed of 300+ unwanted firearms, participating in firearm disposal events in Berkley, Toledo, Plymouth, and Ann Arbor.

In May we finally put in an electronic sign out front! This comes to the grateful hearts of many of our parish members who had braved chilly weather to manually change out letters in all sorts of weather. We also said 'goodbye' to one of the parish's favorite interns, Felicity Thompson, who completed her experience with us and went on to spend the year concentrating on her studies as she awaits possible priestly ordination in June of 2026. St. David's also hosted a well-attended talk by executives with USAID who were recently laid off by the federal government. Two professionals, who had served in Ukraine and in the Middle East, related their experiences and spoke of prospects for the future of life-saving aid in other countries.

In June, we kicked off a new ministry to an area assisted living facility. St. David's member Gerry Irwin has been a resident of WaltonWood in Royal Oak for years and upon retirement of the community's chaplain, asked if St. David's might provide a monthly Protestant worship service at the facility. Led by our Pastoral Care minister Deborah Davis, the answer was a resounding 'yes!' Every month, you can find Deborah, cantor Ellen Boyes, new member Debbie Cunningham, and others leading worship for dozens of residents as they shine Christ's light.

July brought us numerous celebrations and commemorations in the absence of me and my family. Our \$60,000 Lilly grant was not just spent on our travel, but on several special events, involving food, special music, and field trips. The parish took great pains to mirror our family trips, especially to Italy, France, and England. Meanwhile, 8 talented priests, both retired and active, took turns handling the Sunday morning duties while Fr. Steve Bancroft volunteered to handle any pressing pastoral care issues.

August was a time to roll up sleeves and get busy with a NEW KITCHEN! While the rector was away, boy did the mice play! New flooring, new countertops, and new cabinet paint. Ringleaders included Sr. Warden Ellen Boyes, Jr. Warden Hampton Hanable, and vestry members, including Howard Rush. Former Jr. Warden Ray Litwinowicz also played no small part. Thanks to their work, and many others, not only were new stainless steel cabinets purchased, but also new plates, glasses, and flatware. Following the removal and subsequent scrubbing of nearly every piece of kitchen furniture, this hasty group renewed this space in record time – just in time to surprise the rector upon his return at the beginning of September.

In September is when we decided to put the kitchen to good use! St. David's held special dinners in both September and October, to pull the community together and tighten our bonds. In September we held a pasta night, with pasta bread and a dessert. And in October it was a chili cookoff to keep warm inside as it began to get cold outside. Our goal was to provide fellowship and enhance relationships that are a pillar of our community.

In October our parish launched a new small group gathering: Living Loved. This is a drop-in gathering open to everyone in our parish and beyond. The subjects change each week, but the idea is to form a group that will do the hard Gospel work of not only loving our neighbors, but ourselves. The group, facilitated by Fr. Chris, discusses self-forgiveness, self-compassion, and ways to radiate the love of Christ into our world. This group averages around a dozen participants per session thus far.

In November we launched a new communication tool: robo-calls. These are automated phone calls to our parish members usually by Fr. Chris that offers a word of inspiration and updated announcements on upcoming events. Phone calls are 2 minutes or less and are sent out to our 150+ list of parish friends and members at 3pm each Friday. Of course, people can opt out by contacting the parish office, but so far it's been yet another way for our community to stay connected.

Finally, in December, we launched a new way to celebrate Christmas: a Jazz mass. Thanks to the connections and professionalism of our gifted Parish Musician, Al Eppens, we were able to bring a trio of jazz musicians to augment our Christmas carols and beyond. Don't be surprised if you see this wonderful offering next Christmas!

Our attendance, improved over last year – up from 120 to 121 ASA (Average Sunday Attendance) and our budget, once again, ended up very close to what we projected – all thanks to you and your commitment to our shared work

The year ahead will be exciting. Your vestry is meeting in retreat between the time of this publication so expect me to go into detail at our Annual Meeting.

In the year past though, your vestry set and met or addressed several goals:

- Investigated hiring a part-time Curate
- Transition our firearm disposal ministry out of the parish
- Hosted community conversations on Gaza and USAID
- Updated our kitchen

My highlight for the year ahead is deeper connections within and outside of our parish, connecting with you, connecting you with others, and connecting our parish to the wider needs of the world.

It continues to be an honor and joy to serve as your rector, and on behalf of my wife Katie, and children James, Catherine, and Jack, we look forward to continuing the work of our strong and vibrant parish into this new year!



5 Year Stats

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Average Sunday Attendance					
8AM/10AM/12 NOON	11/110	11/109	12/107	8/104	6/119/4
Percentage Change Over Previous Year	1%	1%	6.25%	-14.00%	0.00%
Services of Holy Eucharist					
Sunday	104	104	105	101	59
Weekday (includes online compline)	42	52	67	61	208
Home Communion	81	69	62	111	62
Total Eucharist	227	226	373	373	119
Total Attendance*	10,186	10,472	9,949	8,862	9,596
Holy Baptism					
Adult	3	3	0	0	0
Children	1	4	4	0	2
Marriages					
	22	29	16	9	3
Burials					
	10	9	5	9	11
Communicant Report					
Last Report	341	339	319	310	304
Added by Baptism	4	7	0	0	2
Added by Confirmation/Reception	0	0	0	0	6
Added by Transfer	0	0	0	1	3
Lost by Death	5	6	3	5	13
Lost by Transfer	3	7	0	1	13
Rector's Decree	16	8	19	14	15
Total Communicants As of Dec. 31, 2022	351	341	339	319	310

*In-person attendance plus Zoom, Facebook watch is not included.

Treasurer's Annual Report

For 2025 the vestry approved a negative budget of **-\$10,072**. Year end results we a loss of **-\$11,161** – which is approximately \$1,100 over budget. While coming close to meeting budget is good news – the better news would be to beat the budget and have positive year end results. We will strive for better results in 2026.

Thank you for your support.

Your Finance Commission

Treasurer's Annual Report

St. David Episcopal Church

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2025

	Year Begin Balance	Year to Date Balance	Year to Date Change	Balance Last Month	Year to Date Last Year
Assets					
Cash and Savings					
Church Operations					
1001 Huntington - Checking Account	68,434.25	34,998.31	(33,435.94)	13,895.76	68,434.25
1002 Petty Cash Fund	213.00	110.00	(103.00)	110.00	213.00
1003 Huntington Money Market Account	220,086.66	82,615.93	(137,470.73)	102,615.93	220,086.66
Church Operations Totals:	288,733.91	117,724.24	(171,009.67)	116,621.69	288,733.91
Cash and Savings Totals:	288,733.91	117,724.24	(171,009.67)	116,621.69	288,733.91
Investments					
Church Operations					
1101 Diocesan Trustees	349,108.19	426,686.67	77,578.48	417,186.67	349,108.19
Investments Totals:	349,108.19	426,686.67	77,578.48	417,186.67	349,108.19
Accounts Receivables					
Church Operations					
1201 Account Receivables	3,655.00	7,504.50	3,849.50	0.00	3,655.00
Accounts Receivables Totals:	3,655.00	7,504.50	3,849.50	0.00	3,655.00
Physical Plant					
Church Operations					
1301 Land	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
1302 Building	602,000.00	602,000.00	0.00	602,000.00	602,000.00
1303 Building Contents	63,000.00	63,000.00	0.00	63,000.00	63,000.00
1304 Building Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Operations Totals:	785,000.00	785,000.00	0.00	785,000.00	785,000.00
Physical Plant Totals:	785,000.00	785,000.00	0.00	785,000.00	785,000.00
Total Assets:	1,426,497.10	1,336,915.41	(89,581.69)	1,318,808.36	1,426,497.10
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
Church Operations					
2001 Accounts Payable	822.46	608.34	(214.12)	0.00	822.46
2002 Rector Sabbatical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2003 Secy Matching	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Operations Totals:	822.46	608.34	(214.12)	0.00	822.46
Accounts Payable Totals:	822.46	608.34	(214.12)	0.00	822.46
Payroll Withholdings					
Church Operations					
2101 Secy 403B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2102 Rector 403B	0.00	0.00	0.00	608.34	0.00
Church Operations Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	608.34	0.00

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	<u>Year Begin Balance</u>	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>	<u>Year to Date Change</u>	<u>Balance Last Month</u>	<u>Year to Date Last Year</u>
Payroll Withholdings Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	608.34	0.00
Mortgages and Loans					
Church Operations					
2201 SBA-PPP Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2202 Diocese Loan	261,738.43	249,255.17	(12,483.26)	250,307.78	261,738.43
Church Operations Totals:	261,738.43	249,255.17	(12,483.26)	250,307.78	261,738.43
Mortgages and Loans Totals:	261,738.43	249,255.17	(12,483.26)	250,307.78	261,738.43
Total Liabilities:	262,560.89	249,863.51	(12,697.38)	250,916.12	262,560.89
Net Assets					
Net Assets					
Church Operations					
3001 Operating Fund Balance	220,017.00	239,155.66	19,138.66	218,967.54	214,063.79
3002 Members' Equity	323,041.17	391,585.31	68,544.14	391,585.31	323,041.17
Church Operations Totals:	543,058.17	630,740.97	87,682.80	610,552.85	537,104.96
Net Assets Totals:	543,058.17	630,740.97	87,682.80	610,552.85	537,104.96
Dedicated Accounts					
Without Donor Restrictions	505,841.56	453,508.06	(52,333.50)	470,283.04	505,841.56
With Donor Restrictions	115,036.48	13,963.66	(101,072.82)	14,940.57	115,036.48
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	620,878.04	467,471.72	(153,406.32)	485,223.61	620,878.04
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	0.00	(11,160.79)	(11,160.79)	(27,884.22)	5,953.21
Total Net Assets:	1,163,936.21	1,087,051.90	(76,884.31)	1,067,892.24	1,163,936.21
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	1,426,497.10	1,336,915.41	(89,581.69)	1,318,808.36	1,426,497.10



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Statement of Activities

December 31, 2025

Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
Income						
Church Operations						
General & Administration						
Regular Giving						
4001 Pledge Income	17,049.00	20,186.67	214,155.31	242,000.00	242,000.00	237,558.22
4002 Cash Plate Donations	1,093.43	375.00	5,626.23	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,619.89
4003 Non-Pledge Income	25,361.98	5,416.67	97,758.50	65,000.00	65,000.00	70,424.86
4004 Initial Offering	5.00	0.00	130.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Regular Giving Totals:	43,509.41	25,958.34	317,670.04	311,700.00	311,700.00	312,802.97
Seasonal Giving						
4101 Lenten Programs	0.00	0.00	41.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,039.60
4102 Holy Week	0.00	0.00	(1.30)	50.00	50.00	23.00
4103 Easter	100.00	0.00	2,310.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,648.00
4104 Christmas	5,810.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,595.00
4105 Other	350.00	41.67	1,428.00	500.00	500.00	495.00
Seasonal Giving Totals:	6,260.00	3,041.67	9,777.70	6,550.00	6,550.00	5,800.60
Rental Income						
4201 Alcohol Anonymous	89.00	291.67	2,519.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,030.00
4202 AI-Anon	0.00	50.00	1,250.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
4203 Parish Member Rental	0.00	100.00	1,175.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,274.00
4204 Other Rental Income	550.00	416.67	3,524.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,147.00
4205 SOS/Lighthouse Rental	600.00	550.00	7,200.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
Rental Income Totals:	1,239.00	1,408.34	15,668.50	16,900.00	16,900.00	16,651.00
Other Operating Income						
4301 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	16.67	134.94	200.00	200.00	163.52
4302 Worship Income	807.00	250.00	2,392.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,016.00
4303 Mid Year Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Operating Income Totals:	807.00	266.67	2,526.94	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,179.52
General & Administration Totals:	51,815.41	30,675.02	345,643.18	338,350.00	338,350.00	338,434.09
Church Operations Totals:	51,815.41	30,675.02	345,643.18	338,350.00	338,350.00	338,434.09
Income Totals:	51,815.41	30,675.02	345,643.18	338,350.00	338,350.00	338,434.09

Expense

Church Operations

General & Administration

Office Operations

5001 Parish Admin Salary	2,884.50	2,083.33	25,787.43	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,225.00
5002 Parish Admin FICA	220.68	159.38	1,972.74	1,912.50	1,912.50	1,853.20

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Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
5003 Parish Admin 403B-5%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5004 Parish Admin Matching	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5006 Website Expenses	0.00	41.67	519.00	500.00	500.00	420.00
5007 Copier Rental & Maintenance	244.80	300.00	3,429.64	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,341.80
5008 Copier Supplies	0.00	58.33	672.25	700.00	700.00	545.00
5009 Telephone & Internet	304.29	250.00	3,635.49	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,934.45
5010 Processing Fees	30.00	33.33	427.00	400.00	400.00	782.55
5011 Office Supplies	383.43	250.00	2,140.17	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,660.24
5012 Computer Supplies & Maintenance	0.00	41.67	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
5013 Bank Service Charges	0.00	8.33	0.00	100.00	100.00	15.00
5014 Accounting/People Software	443.82	216.67	2,895.94	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,562.76
5015 e-Giving Fees	228.99	225.00	2,563.32	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,710.96
Office Operations Totals:	4,740.51	3,667.71	45,042.98	44,012.50	44,012.50	42,050.96
General & Administration Totals:	4,740.51	3,667.71	45,042.98	44,012.50	44,012.50	42,050.96
Ministry & Liturgy						
Rector Compensation						
5101 Rector Stipend	4,512.92	4,512.92	54,155.04	54,155.00	54,155.00	46,555.92
5102 Rector Housing	2,916.66	2,916.67	34,999.92	35,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.08
5106 Rector Medical	0.00	3,016.00	36,192.00	36,192.00	36,192.00	34,980.00
5107 Rector Pension	1,160.48	1,333.33	13,925.76	16,000.00	16,000.00	13,925.76
5108 Rector Group Life & Dental	329.25	307.50	3,951.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	3,768.00
5109 Rector Education Expenses	154.95	125.00	1,318.52	1,500.00	1,500.00	985.79
5110 Rector - Other Expenses	0.00	83.33	1,033.99	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,080.91
Rector Compensation Totals:	9,074.26	12,294.75	145,576.23	147,537.00	147,537.00	141,296.46
Choir & Music						
5201 Choirmaster Salary	1,916.68	1,916.67	23,000.16	23,000.00	23,000.00	21,840.00
5202 Choirmaster FICA	146.62	146.63	1,759.52	1,759.50	1,759.50	1,670.81
5203 Piano/Organ Maintenance	0.00	125.00	1,593.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	586.00
5204 Choir & Handbell Music	350.00	83.33	1,560.71	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.71
5205 Guest Musicians	1,350.00	208.33	4,775.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,025.00
5206 Other Music Expenses	0.00	41.67	224.35	500.00	500.00	457.86
Choir & Music Totals:	3,763.30	2,521.63	32,912.74	30,259.50	30,259.50	27,380.38
Worship Expenses						
5301 Supply Priest Expense	0.00	16.67	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
5302 Altar Guild	916.45	333.33	3,955.34	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,790.72
5303 Other Worship Expense (Acolytes, etc)	31.77	166.67	391.14	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,925.88
5304 Childcare Salaries	500.00	291.67	4,250.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,384.42
5305 Childcare-FICA	38.25	22.31	432.80	267.75	267.75	344.81
5306 Zoom Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5307 Podcast	15.00	15.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	150.00
Worship Expenses Totals:	1,501.47	845.65	9,209.28	10,147.75	10,147.75	9,595.83
Ministry & Liturgy Totals:	14,339.03	15,662.03	187,698.25	187,944.25	187,944.25	178,272.67
Facilities						
Building Operations						
5401 Gas	322.83	458.33	6,466.15	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,599.67

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Account Shortcut and Description	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
5402 Water & Sewage	35.02	208.33	1,235.78	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,295.90
5403 Alarm & Monitoring	0.00	0.00	630.00	650.00	650.00	620.00
5404 Electricity	702.46	625.00	7,129.64	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,543.53
5405 Kitchen Supplies	156.27	50.00	1,339.64	600.00	600.00	561.10
5406 Operating Supplies	149.50	41.67	1,498.58	500.00	500.00	351.45
5407 Janitorial Services	0.00	625.00	8,100.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
5408 Snow Removal	1,570.00	500.00	8,615.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,450.00
5409 Lawn Care & Mowing	0.00	0.00	6,089.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,027.71
5410 Building Repairs & Maintenance	5,101.71	666.67	14,822.55	8,000.00	8,000.00	11,145.24
5411 Insurance	4,387.00	0.00	17,114.17	18,000.00	18,000.00	16,593.83
Building Operations Totals:	12,424.79	3,175.00	73,020.51	62,150.00	62,150.00	61,688.43
Facilities Totals:	12,424.79	3,175.00	73,020.51	62,150.00	62,150.00	61,688.43
Religious Education						
Education Expenses						
5501 Adult Christian Education	248.75	66.67	1,187.04	800.00	800.00	701.35
5502 Church School	55.43	33.33	124.94	400.00	400.00	174.75
5503 Book Study	0.00	41.67	301.70	500.00	500.00	266.60
Education Expenses Totals:	304.18	141.67	1,613.68	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,142.70
Religious Education Totals:	304.18	141.67	1,613.68	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,142.70
Charity & Outreach						
Outreach						
5601 Christian Service Brigade	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5602 SOS	0.00	16.67	130.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
5603 Crossroads	0.00	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,144.00
5604 Haiti Mission	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5605 Outreach Discretionary	0.00	16.67	3.20	200.00	200.00	75.00
5606 Rector Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Outreach Totals:	0.00	158.34	7,833.20	9,600.00	9,600.00	8,919.00
Charity & Outreach Totals:	0.00	158.34	7,833.20	9,600.00	9,600.00	8,919.00
Other Church Programs						
Other Church Programs						
5701 Discipleship	0.00	250.00	2,045.65	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,983.59
5702 Parish Operations	0.00	41.67	0.00	500.00	500.00	494.49
5703 Newcomers	0.00	41.67	0.00	500.00	500.00	38.67
5704 Diocesan Pledge	2,709.58	2,709.58	32,514.96	32,515.00	32,515.00	29,511.00
5705 Youth Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Church Programs Totals:	2,709.58	3,042.92	34,560.61	36,515.00	36,515.00	33,027.75
Other Church Programs Totals:	2,709.58	3,042.92	34,560.61	36,515.00	36,515.00	33,027.75
Non-Operating Expenses						
Capital Improvements						
6001 Loan Interest Expense	573.89	541.67	7,034.74	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,379.37
Non-Operating Expenses Totals:	573.89	541.67	7,034.74	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,379.37
Church Operations Totals:	35,091.98	26,389.34	356,803.97	348,421.75	348,421.75	332,480.88

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Expense Totals:	35,091.98	26,389.34	356,803.97	348,421.75	348,421.75	332,480.88
Income - Expense:	16,723.43	4,285.68	(11,160.79)	(10,071.75)	(10,071.75)	5,953.21



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Dedicated Accounts

December 31, 2025

Account Shortcut and Description	Beginning Balance	Month Credits	Month Debits	YTD Credits	YTD Debits	Ending Balance
Church Operations						
General & Administration						
General Parish Activities						
8009 Reserve for Budget Shortfall	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
General & Administration Totals:	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
Ministry & Liturgy						
General Parish Activities						
8007 Rector Sabbatical Fund	21,618.42	0.00	0.00	635.00	6,382.66	15,870.76
Ministry & Liturgy Totals:	21,618.42	0.00	0.00	635.00	6,382.66	15,870.76
Parish Purposes						
General Parish Activities						
8001 Youth Fund	9,441.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	8,641.72
8002 Mission Fund Contribution	197,108.15	2,025.00	611.94	24,741.34	22,888.28	198,961.21
8003 Building Improvement Fund	232,550.29	5,529.78	7,108.26	14,810.76	59,690.69	187,670.36
8004 Music Fund	3,537.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	825.73	2,711.92
8005 McFarland Fund	2,491.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,491.59
8006 Spears Communication	1,307.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.96
8008 2021 Holy Land Trip	(0.60)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.60)
General Parish Activities Totals:	446,436.76	7,554.78	7,720.20	39,552.10	84,204.70	401,784.16
Parish Purposes Totals:	446,436.76	7,554.78	7,720.20	39,552.10	84,204.70	401,784.16
Other Outreach						
General Parish Activities						
8010 Rector Discretionary Checking Account	5,820.44	1,425.00	3,915.91	8,141.47	11,604.59	2,357.32
Other Outreach						
8101 CSB	840.00	200.00	325.00	2,750.00	3,605.00	(15.00)
8102 Food Pantry	16,618.36	285.00	114.54	6,962.00	2,190.66	21,389.70
8103 Gun Buy Back Program	29,980.20	132.00	0.00	2,713.00	32,736.87	(43.67)
Other Outreach Totals:	47,438.56	617.00	439.54	12,425.00	38,532.53	21,331.03
Other Outreach Totals:	53,259.00	2,042.00	4,355.45	20,566.47	50,137.12	23,688.35
Haiti Outreach						
Haiti Activities						
8201 Haiti Outreach Support	6,431.57	1,507.00	0.00	3,552.00	6,156.00	3,827.57
8202 Haiti Travel Expense Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8203 Haiti Fund Raising Inc/Exp	13,539.62	100.00	10,140.00	14,116.00	16,306.31	11,349.31
8204 Comedy Castle Tickets	7,965.00	260.00	0.00	1,660.00	0.00	9,625.00
Haiti Activities Totals:	27,936.19	1,867.00	10,140.00	19,328.00	22,462.31	24,801.88
Haiti Outreach Totals:	27,936.19	1,867.00	10,140.00	19,328.00	22,462.31	24,801.88

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Account Shortcut and Description	Beginning Balance	Month Credits	Month Debits	YTD Credits	YTD Debits	Ending Balance
CC-Activities						
9001 Capital Campaign Donations	5,605.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,605.00	0.00
9002 Capital Campaign Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CC-Activities Totals:	5,605.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,605.00	0.00
Totals:	5,605.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,605.00	0.00
Rector Sabbatical						
Rector Sabbatical						
8301 Lily Grant	59,022.67	0.00	0.00	3,191.30	60,887.40	1,326.57
Rector Sabbatical Totals:	59,022.67	0.00	0.00	3,191.30	60,887.40	1,326.57
Church Operations Totals:	620,878.04	11,463.76	29,215.65	83,272.87	236,679.19	467,471.72
Total for selected dedicated accounts:	620,878.04	11,463.76	29,215.65	83,272.87	236,679.19	467,471.72



Senior Warden Report

Dear St David's family and friends,

I have another year as Senior Warden on my resume. It has been my pleasure to serve you in 2025. This stint as Senior has been different and I think it is because I am retired and can work on St David's and not St David's and work. It has been an enjoyable and learning experience.

At the Vestry retreat of 2025 we reviewed the strategic plan that was set up in 2024 to see if our mission is still the same and how we did with the goals. Our mission is To love and serve God through worship, outreach and love for all.

Based on the pursuit of our mission, we established six (6) goals for 2025. Those goals were:

- 1. Investigate the possibility of adding an Associate Priest.** As part of this goal, Maureen Mahar and I led the task. We spoke to the Diocese and Simone about the feasibility of adding an Associate Priest. Collected responses to the parish inquiry and decide as to hiring. Unfortunately, Felicity thought and prayed about it and decided she could not take the job. So, we are to approach the Diocese regarding alternatives.
- 2. Develop an ongoing discipleship course.** We laid the groundwork for a midweek healing service and to investigate other discipleship programming. We have expanded bible study at the beginning of the Vestry meetings. We are completing research for small groups.
- 3. Successfully transition St David's firearm disposal ministry to a freestanding non-profit.** We looked for and found a physical location to host the program. We have had Disarmory Ministries fully transitioned away from St David's. We are continuing with community conversations regarding Gun Disposal.
- 4. Host a sizeable Community Conversation.** Identify relevant topics for community conversations. We hosted the USAid speakers to discuss gaps in the new administration. We are continuing to discuss ideas for additional community conversations.
- 5. Kitchen Update.** We wanted to redo/update the kitchen while Father Chris was on Sabbatical. We started on July 1 to paint the ceiling, walls, and cabinets. We replaced the cabinet at the window to the fellowship hall. We got new countertops, flooring, dishes, and utensils, movable counters in the center of the kitchen, a new sink, and a garbage disposal on the North wall. New coffee makers and a wet sink next to them. We have had the stove and ovens professionally cleaned. It took many parishioners and workers to complete this project. We finished it the day Father Chris came back to the office.

One of the most exciting things that happened in 2025 was that Father Chris and his family were able to take a three (3) month Sabbatical.

I know that there is much more that was done and so much more to do. The Vestry retreat is January 23rd and 24th of 2026. We will be laying out the goals for 2026.

Prayerfully submitted,

Ellen L Boyes

Senior Warden



Junior Warden Report

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

This report provides a summary of the past year's activities to maintain the property and facilities of our Church.

Members of the Property Commission are Rocco Romano, Howard Rush, and Hampton Hanable, Jr.

- As requested by Fr. Chris, an upgraded lock hardware was installed on the shed. It includes a new latch and lock for added security. Big D Lock City of Berkley, MI., installed the new hardware.
- In January of 2025, both heating boilers indicated the need for maintenance service. Cregger was called to do the work. Costs to provide the maintenance service was \$4,730. This included installing service ports to descale the heat exchangers (\$2790) and boiler maintenance to clean ignition and flame sensor electrodes (\$1690). The actual completion cost was \$4605.
- A Capital Campaign survey resulted in Air Conditioning and Kitchen upgrading a virtual tie. Fr. Chris requested the Property Commission to explore three levels of kitchen upgrades. We had several meetings to determine these three levels and the cost for each. Discussion continued at the vestry level to revisit how extensive an overhaul of the kitchen is needed or desired based on expected usage versus cost.
- We acquired a brand-new podium in Fellowship Hall. Kudos to vestry member Howard Rush for his unselfish gift. Kudos also to Leonard Sackett for his work on repairing the front of our existing wooden podium.
- A well-deserved thank you goes to Leonard Sackett for his repair work on the south-east corner entry wall of the Food Pantry. He utilized a large aluminum angle with screw attachments.
- The parking lot is again in need of pothole repairs along the eastern driveway adjacent to St. Annes Mead. The Property commission pursued bids for this work. Instead, kudos to Pat Hardy for having the parking lot potholes filled with Cold Pack Asphalt.
- The first proposed kitchen overhaul work will consist of a new serving counter (cabinets and countertop). This will also include the purchase of new coffee makers and increased headroom over the serving counter by reconstruction. The vestry will review any upcoming plans prior to construction for budget reasons.
- Teddy's Landscape company has signed a contract with our church to continue lawn care services. The cutting schedule remains an issue, since they typically cut on Monday or Tuesday, which leaves four to five growing days before Sunday Service.
- Cregger Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling had to be called to service the East Boiler Room Mop Sink drain which had clogged. The drain was serviced, and an invoice was submitted for payment.
- Kudos to Ray Litwinowicz for having the Atrium doors repaired for the removable million by an outside company. Also, the outside Atrium doors had the closer arm brackets replaced by Howard Commercial Door due to a defect in materials. When replaced, the doors can be propped open, if needed, without the flowerpots to hold them open.

Junior Warden Report

- For our kitchen renovation project, Howard Rush pursued bids on the serving- counter cabinets. Ben Epstein prepared bids for the remaining cabinets – either refacing or refinishing. Finishing touches were completed for our renovated kitchen. Kudos are due to our Senior Warden, Ellen Boyes, Property Commissioner Howard Rush, and parishioner Ray Litwinowicz for going-the-extra-mile for spearheading and bringing the entire renovation project to fruition.
- Our north boiler room was slightly reorganized to allow the Altar Guild to locate their new refrigerator/cooler for flower preservation. A few items were removed and donated to make room for this accommodation.
- Howard Commercial Door installed a missing kick plate to the new Fellowship Hall north outside door. The plate was omitted in error in the initial order.
- Orkin Pest Control was again contracted to remove chipmunks that were able to enter our building. The price tag for the pest removal was expensive.
- Our north boiler room needs additional clean-out. There are items left over from our Lighthouse shelter participation days as well as old Cannon copier boxes. These need to be considered for further dispensation.
- The winter months are here, and the vestry approved a new snow removal contract for the 2025/2026 season. We signed a contract for the winter months beginning Nov 1 through April 1. D&NL is the snow removal contractor located in Ferndale, MI. Two inches of snow initiates the removal effort.
- Kudos to Len Sackett for winterizing the Memorial Garden sprinkler system.
- Cregger Plumbing arrived in November to correct a north boiler room leak which resulted in the replacement of the impeller housing. Cregger also was called to correct a boiler calibration issue that prevented the sanctuary from achieving a comfortable heating level. Kudos to Ray Litwinowicz for spearheading this effort.
- An outside contractor has steam and chemically cleaned the kitchen electric range and chemically cleaned Fr. Chris' office carpeting.

Prayerfully submitted,

Hampton Hanable, Jr., Junior Warden



Sabbatical Report

In 2025, our Rector, Fr. Chris Yaw, took a long overdue sabbatical. Through hard work and collaboration with a team of parishioners, the plan was pulled together and a budget submitted to the Clergy Renewal Programs of the Lilly Endowment. The Clergy Renewal Programs provide grants to clergy seeking to take time to renew their spirit in a way that makes sense to them. The parish and clergy are to spend the time on renewal and reflection.

The theme of this sabbatical was Renewal and Connection. Discovering ways for Fr. Chris to focus on connections with his family, his wife and himself was the basis of his plan. Focusing on connections within the St. David's community was the job of the parish. Both plans were outlined, fleshed out and provided to the grant committee along with budgets for both plans. Fortunately, we were granted a \$59,990 gift to use for this purpose. Ninety percent of the budget was for Fr. Chris to pursue his plan and 10% was for the parish. As we had been planning for the sabbatical in our budget, we had a dedicated fund that we could use to support our plan along with the 10% from the grant.

On June 1st we had a going away event with a food truck to send Fr. Chris and his family off on their travels. It was a well-attended event that set us up to have a summer filled with many activities designed to help us connect with one another and re-connect with others. Some of the events were:

- French brunch (quiches and pastries catered by The French Lady and Chez Pierre et Genevieve)
- Crossroads Summer lunch program (3 visits)
- July 4th Celebration (catering by Chicken Shack)
- Bus trip to Church of Messiah in Detroit for mass
- Visit to the Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills followed by lunch at Ram's Horn
- Jazz masses (2)
- Love Retreat (with Bernie Les) and Haitian Fundraiser (food provided by Janny Milton)
- Outdoor Barbeque potluck

The barbeque was held on September 7th and was a welcome back for Fr. Chris and his family.

We had several give-aways of items that connected us to Fr. Chris on his travels. From Italian bookmarks to Eiffel Tower charms, Tootsie Pops (on Father's Day) to British Cheers Cups, we stayed connected.

We also had supply priests from throughout the diocese as well as a couple of retired priests that were happy to serve. Hearing from a variety of priests over the course of the summer was a wonderful way to stay connected to our faith and community.

The events were well received and well attended (especially the meals). We received positive feedback on most activities and saw new relationships created through the outings and the volunteers that helped in a variety of ways.

Sabbatical Report

Many thanks go to all of the volunteers that helped make this a success, especially Jenny Sullivan for her planning and execution skills, to Judy Walsh for supplying the give-away items and going away and welcome back cards, and for Amy Prather for making sure that all of the supply priests were coordinated and kept informed of what was happening at the parish. Also, a special thanks to Simone Charter-Harris for making sure the financial aspects stayed on track.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mahar

Co-Senior Warden for the Sabbatical



Alter Guild Report

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for the honoring of God by the members and guests of St. David's. Guild members work diligently behind the scenes preparing the elements, vessels and altars for the many and varied services that take place in our church during the year. This is a 12 month ministry.

The guild began in 2025 with 13 members. We were graced with much assistance from our seminarian Felicity Thompson prior to her departure from the parish in June 2025.

Monthly teams clean the sanctuary and prepare the vessels and elements on Saturday for about 1 hour. On Sundays they clear the 8 AM service, set up the 10AM service. We also prepare and set up the Wednesday mid week service. Altar linens are cleaned and ironed by the members also. In addition to the weekly services, Altar Guild prepares the kit for the monthly visit to the Detroit Rescue Mission and Walton Woods. We also maintain the kits for the Lay Eucharistic Visitation team. Weddings, funerals, burials, baptisms and Festival Days all require preparation and cleaning by the Altar guild members. We continue to burn the prior year's blessed palms for use on Ash Wednesday during the services and also for the popular drive thru applying of the ashes. We also assisted at several funerals this year of parishioners and non parishioners. We assisted at 3 weddings this year. Outdoor services during the summer were conducted on the back lawn, requiring Altar Guild to lend a hand in setting up. Father Chris' sabbatical went smoothly for the guild.

Bob Masek continues to supply flower arrangements to beautify our worship space. We are continuing to use the arrangements for 2 weeks to be fiscally responsible. We continue to utilize the Thanksgiving altar décor for the month of November, and transition to our Advent display for the 4 weeks of Advent.

The guild continues to successfully recycle our used swiffer pads (dirt and all). We also continue to recycle paper, batteries, cardboard, and wine bottles. Using the flowers for two weeks reduces the amount of oasis going into the waste stream.

St. David's was graced with 2 donations of items this year. A donation to the Altar Guild in 2024, from the Frances Damery estate, was used to purchase a new paten. This was dedicated in November of 2025. A memorial donation for Eugene Buday was used to purchase a Rose chasuble and stole and matching burse and veil set. These items were dedicated in December of 2025. The family of David Motley donated the Ascension statue in the Narthex. This will be placed on the altar on Ascension Day, and the following Sunday. Ray and Cindy Litwinowicz donated a used cordless Shark vacuum to be used in the sanctuary, without having to hunt for open outlets. A new flower cooler was purchased for the storage of our floral arrangements closer to the sanctuary, and freeing up space in the main refrigerators for the Food Pantry. Thanks Leonard, Rocco, Hampton and Ray for their assistance with clearing space in the boiler room and set up of the unit. Ray Litwinowicz added additional taller posts to our cruet drying rack to accommodate the larger silver cruets safely.

The Altar Guild has a responsibility to the parish, to ensure that worship services are well prepared, so their attention can be guided to God, allowing them to partake in the mysteries of the Eucharist, where heaven and earth meet. The members of the guild perform their tasks with respect for our obligations, to each other, and to the members of St. David's.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schoch and Anne Jeannette LaSovage
Altar Guild Co-chairs

Altar Guild Financials 2025

ALTAR GUILD -- FINANCIAL REPORT 2025				TOTALS	
YEARLY BUDGET				+ \$4000.00	
EXPENSES					
Flowers/Plants/Ashes/Wreaths				- \$2842.64	
* Ashes		- 23.90			
* Weekly/Ordinary		- 1060.00			
* PS/MT/Easter		- 943.74			
* Mother's Day Carnations		- 75.00			
* Father's Day Carnations		- 75.00			
* Christmas Door Wreaths		- 105.00			
* Christmas Flowers		- 560.00			
Candles/Lamp Oil				- \$ 544.10	
* Seven-Day Inserts		- 160.72			
* Pascal Candle		- 107.95			
* Short 3s Candles		- 87.95			
* Wick Oil Candles		- 83.30			
* Other Candles		- 104.18			
Communion Elements/Supplies				- \$ 359.95	
* Hosts		- 156.50			
* Wine		- 203.45			
Supplies and Repairs				- \$ 453.39	
* Drive-Thru Ashes Envelopes		- 36.67			
* Kalendars		- 19.80			
* Flower Chart		- 9.99			
* Chalice Repair		- 50.00			
* Chasuble Repair		- 75.00			
* Cooler for Flowers (1/3 split)		- 151.93			
* Damery Paten Engraving		- 50.00			
* Wagner Chalice Engraving		- 50.00			
* Visitation Bag Repair		- 10.00			
Total Expenses				- \$ 4200.08	
INCOME					
* Easter Flower Donations		+ 630.00			
* Christmas Flower Donations		+ 727.00			
* Other Flower Donations		+ 1035.00			
Total Income (Includes E-Giving)				+ \$2392.00	
ENDING BALANCE:				+ \$2191.92	
<i>Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hampel-Litwinowicz</i>					

Christian Service Brigade

This is the forty second year that CSB has supported St. David's youth ministry. Our local unit is part of a national organization whose goal is to help teenage youth grow into mature Christian adults. The program also has an evangelical outreach to the friends of St. David's youth. We have averaged six people at our weekly meetings on Monday nights. I would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support and participation. While much of this report deals with the many activities of the group, these activities are only a means to an end. Of real importance is the establishing of friendships, personal growth in leadership and new skills, association with the church for a fun time that is consistent with Bible principles, and, most importantly, the strengthening of each individual's personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the deepening knowledge of what that means in each of their lives. Please follow the activities of the group via pictures on Instagram: stdavidscsb

The current leadership team consists of: Jim Kenning, Ken Miller, Ken Dial, Paul Veselenak, Don Taylor, Steve Rienstra, Alex Rienstra, Nathan Rienstra, Ethan Oliver, Quentin Campbell, Dave Oliver and Jared Barnett. The weekly meetings consist of group and individual activities, active games, special events and Bible based discussions. Any youth, ages 9 to 18+, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Monday nights or our outings.

This year we have had numerous outings and activities, including:

January 2025:

- winter camping in a warm cabin at the Island Lake State Recreation Area on January 17-19, with plenty of snow. Sledding at Island Lake plus cross country skiing. The winners of the International Fusz Ball Championship were: Dave Veselenak and Dave Oliver. Second place was Will and Wyatt Corry. Third place was Chase Russell and Noah Litwinowicz. Fourth place was Nathan Rienstra and Jim Kenning.
- Public speaking lead by Alex Rienstra
- Electrician as a career led by Mike Love, many thanks!
- Backpacking in Yellowstone led by Jim Kenning

February 2025:

- snowboarding at Alpine Valley took place on February 1st, with a group of enthusiastic participants
- U of M hockey vs. Minnesota on February 15th. Cancelled due to ice.
- laser tag on February 24th, trust no one!
- Power tools and safety led by Steve Rienstra
- Woodworking led by Steve Rienstra
- game night led by Jim Kenning

March 2025:

- Shrove Tuesday on March 4th, welcome back for Fellowship and Great Food!
- overnight at All Saints Episcopal Church Pontiac gym on March 7-8. Fun all night!
- bowling occurred on March 17th, at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley.
- rock climbing on March 29th at Planet Rock in Madison Heights
- setup for Shrove Tuesday on March 3rd
- Christian topics led by Felicity
- video topics led by Kwame Henry
- studied compass and orienteering led by Ken Miller and Jim Kenning

April 2025:

- paintball at Lone Wolf facility in Metamora on April 26th. There was paint everywhere!
- compass and orienteering led by Jim Kenning and Ken Miller
- gun safety led by Ken Miller
- make and shoot rockets. Never to be seen again!

Christian Service Brigade

May 2025:

- trap shooting at Island Lake State Recreation Area Range on May 3rd. Everyone scored. The 410 bore shotgun allowed several members to shoot more comfortably.
- the final meeting on May 12th with traditional ice cream sundaes
- Negwegon backpacking on May 16-18. Beautiful, remote and camping on Lake Huron.
- backpacking basics led by Jim Kenning

July 2025:

- Wonderful canoeing in the Chiniguchi Provincial Park, wonderful wilderness area, six portages where the canoes and all the gear were carried. The group consisted of: Jim, Dave, Noah, Ethan and Will. We used two canoes and a kayak. The weather was perfect (rained one morning). The drive to the site was long, 10 hours each way (we received attention as we drove down the 401 expressway with two canoes and a kayak on the roof of a Highlander).

September 2025:

- first meeting on Monday, September 8th, complete with pizza to welcome everyone back for another fun filled year. Promoted the upcoming canoe trip.
- Drone show at Wayne State University, very complex and colorful images plus great music, September 13th.
- canoeing on the Manistee River September 19-21
- how much does it cost to live by Jim Kenning with practical insights from Noah Litwinowicz.
- Make your own root beer. Used yeast and flavoring, tasted really good, great combination!

October 2025:

- trip to Halloween weekend at Cedar Point on October 17-19. Great weather with all the usual haunted houses and thrilling rides.
- wrote an article for the St. David's newsletter led by Jim Kenning
- knots led by Ken Miller

November 2025:

- Whirlyball on November 3rd was fun! We filled 8 cars with enthusiastic bumpers, passers and scorers!
- discussed Canadian canoe trip to Chiniguchi Provincial Park in Ontario. Staggeringly good trip! Led by Jim.
- black powder weapons (just looking) led by Ken Miller

December 2025:

- University of Michigan basketball game vs. Rutgers on December 6th, Michigan crushed them 101 to 60
- SCUBA Discovery with Sea the World SCUBA Center, Farmington Hills on December 9th. Really fun introduction to the sport of SCUBA diving. Great instructor!
- Christmas party and gift exchange on December 15th, fun and games and food and friendship.
- first aid led by Kathy Graham. Many thanks for sharing your experience!

This is just the beginning - honest! Yet to come in 2026 are:

January 2026:

- attend a Detroit Symphony Orchestra, DSO, concert while watching a Harry Potter movie, lots of fun!
- a winter outing at a cabin in the Island Lake State Recreation Area, complete with x-country skiing, sledding and other winter activities, January 16-18. Pray for snow!
- fix the pinball game led by Jim Kenning
- build a wooden Plinko game led by Steve Rienstra

Christian Service Brigade

February 2026:

- snowboarding at Alpine Mountain, still fun, still falling, still getting back up and still trying again, Saturday, February 7th
- U of M hockey game at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor vs. Penn State on February 14th. GO BLUE!
- laser tag on February 23rd, trust no one!
- crypto currency decoded. Invest your life savings any one?
- setup on February 16th for Shrove Tuesday dinner
- Shrove Tuesday on February 17th. Welcome back for fellowship and great food!

March 2026:

- overnight at the All Saints Pontiac Church gym, including: basketball, numerous video games and many other activities, March 27-28th. Many thanks to All Saints Pontiac for making the facility available.
- bowling, again, or how we will never score 300 even if the pins are in the gutters, Monday, March 23rd
- how to set traps for animals led by Ken Miller and Jim Kenning. Muskrat anyone?
- Learn to play poker led by our friendly card sharp Ken Miller
- build rockets led by Jim Kenning

April 2026:

- rock climbing at Planet Rock on April 11th at Planet Rock in Madison Heights, great facility!
- paintball on April 25th. Date may change. Trust no one!
- car maintenance led by Ryan Miller
- gun safety lead by Jim Kenning and Ken Miller
- make and launch rockets, shoot'm and lose'm

May 2026:

- go to the gun range at Island Lake State Recreation Area on Saturday, May 2nd, to practice the sport of trap shooting
- ice cream party on the last Monday meeting of the program year, May 11th, all you can eat with toppings
- Backpacking at Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area (I'll bet that you don't know where this park is) on May 15-17. Easy hike of only a couple of miles. Camp on Lake Michigan! All are welcome!
- backpacking basics led by Jim Kenning

Sound like fun? Come on out and bring your friends. For more information, contact any of the group's leaders. I would like to thank all of the church members, the Ivinson family and St. David's organizations who have supported us by prayer, donations and by joining us in special activities. Many thanks to Ken Miller, Paul Veselenak, Ken Dial, Alex Rienstra, Nathan Rienstra, Ethan Oliver, Jared Barnett, Quentin Campbell, Steve Rienstra, Dave Oliver and Don Taylor who continue to enthusiastically support the group as leaders! A very big thank you to my wife, Kitty, who supports me and the program in numerous ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Kenning,
Brigade Chairman



CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE - 2025 TREASURY REPORT

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Balance on hand 1/1/25 \$1.09

INCOME

St. David's budgeted funds	\$2,500.00
Extra funds for Canadian Canoe Trip	800.00
Donations	50.00
Tommy Ivinson Memorial Funds	2,855.00
Fees for outings	3,125.00
Shrove Tuesday ticket sales	388.00
Refunds from Seatgeek, resold unused tickets	427.50

	\$10,145.50

Total Funding \$10,146.59

DISBURSEMENTS

U of M hockey 2/24	355.00
SCUBA orientation 12/24	700.00
U of M basketball 12/24	255.00
Cabin Outing, 1/25	934.51
Snowboarding 2/25	1,761.00
U of M hockey 2/25	305.00
Shrove Tuesday, 2/25	321.51
Bowling 3/25	55.00
Overnight at All Saints, 3/25	274.02
Lone Wolf Paintball, 4/25	249.00
Negwegon backpack 5/25	641.15
Trap Shooting, 5/25	300.17
Final Meeting, 5/25	243.18
Leaders Meeting, 8/25	136.83
Azar's funeral flowers 8/25	150.36
First Meeting, 9/25	163.60
Manistee Canoe Trip, 9/25	700.55
Cedar Point 10/25	989.25
Whirlyball deposit 11/25	100.00
Whirlyball at event, 11/25	234.06
U of M basketball 12/25	280.00
SCUBA orientation 12/25	746.26
CSB Registration 2025-2026	250.00

	\$10,145.45

Balance on hand 12/31/25 \$1.14

Respectfully submitted

Jim Kenning, Brigade Treasurer

Church School 2025

This past year began with St. David's offering two church school classes: Godly Play for four-year-olds through 1st/2nd grade and a middle school class. Godly Play uses hands-on activities to help students understand Biblical stories and church seasons. The middle school students participated in discussions regarding the Sunday lessons as well as service projects. From January through May, students made Valentines for Mead residents and packed school supply bags for food pantry customers. On May 4, the first inter generational Easter pageant entitled: "An Internet Easter" was held. A great team of students and adult parishioners portrayed how the Easter story might look with today's technology.

The fall of 2025 found us running just the Godly Play class as our middle school students were now in high school and serving the church in other ways including singing with the choir, being acolytes, and serving as ushers. Another inter generational Christmas pageant entitled "Wow" took place on December 21 and explored how we might react if Jesus was born today.

We are grateful for our loyal and dedicated Godly Play teachers: Kitty Kenning, Joanne Sackett, Simone Charter- Harris and Teresa Huergo-Dooley. We also appreciate the many parishioners who participate in our inter generational events. Without the help of parents and the congregation, we could not provide a church school program. We look forward to the chance to once again offer multiple classes in the near future.

Directors:

Jeanne Petersen

Maureen Mahar



Daughters of The King: Sisters of Bethany Chapter

The Order of the Daughters of King, Sister of Bethany Chapter, Est. 2005.

Although we may not be as big of a chapter as we used to be. However, in 2026, even though we are a small group we are mighty.

This past year we served our community the best way we know how by supporting, helping, and uplifting those around us. Here are some of our services we participated in:

Our Bethany Chapter hosted a Diocesan Chapter meeting last spring here at St. David's Episcopal Church. We provided lunch to the confirmation candidates during their sessions. We also hosted the farewell reception for Felicia. We put together prayer walls where we offer prayers for those in need. Every year we put up the mitten tree in the Parish where hats, scarves, gloves and other various winter gear are donated and distributed to those in need. This year we adopted a family of 5 for the holidays. We provided meals, coats and winter gear, toys and presents for Christmas and offered financial assistance for their hotel stay. We also provided resources and assistance to help them into a shelter.

This next year we aim to continue our community outreach and offer our service to those who need it. Also planning events to help bring those together. We also plan to carry on our unwavering support to our home Church, St. David's, alongside Fr. Chris to continue uplifting those around us. As for our monthly task we will be starting small projects to help offer a tangible reminder of love, support and prayer, such as making prayer blankets, prayer cloths and squares and prayer beads.

Our Mission: The extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

Our Motto: For His Sake...

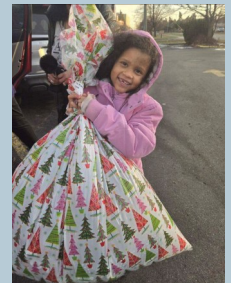
I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?



Our Vision statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Submitted by,

Traci Johnson
DOK President



The
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of the
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of the King

Haiti Outreach Team

St. David's is one of the founding churches of Haiti Outreach Mission, an ecumenical organization, comprised of five local churches and one in Billings Montana. St. David's has been part of the first group since its first mission trip in 2000.

Life in Haiti is never easy, but 2025 brought life changing events to the town of Mirebalais. The town's civilian volunteers had been able to repel the gangs several times. However, on March 31, 2025 the town was overtaken by well armed and organized gang 'armies'. The citizens were forced to flee into the countryside taking nothing and seeking food and shelter wherever they were able. Fr. Alphonse (St. Pierre Anglican) and Fr. Romel (St. Louis Catholic) were forced out of their rectories. They fled on foot, Fr. Alphonse carried his 95 year old mother on his back, taking nothing with them. Our clinic staff scattered and fled into the surrounding countryside. Mirebalais is empty except for the occupying gangs who have set up operations at the now vacant Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais and the Anglican and Catholic rectories. We do not have any information on the condition of the clinic.

When we were able to make contact with Fr. Alphonse and we learned that he was ministering to those displaced as best as he was able. HOM was able to send money to both priests (via bank transfer) which was used to purchase food, basic needs (soap, toilet paper, toothpaste etc) and in some cases secure temporary housing for the displaced. He would assemble food packages containing: rice, beans, cooking oil, some spices and whatever else he could obtain.

Our clinic staff has also come together and are trying to provide medical care to the displaced by doing mobile medical clinics in small towns and villages. Medicines are available for purchase (at a high price) on the black market and at times via the Dominican Republic.

The priests are very concerned about keeping the children in school and they have set up schools or combined with existing schools. Keeping the children in school not only continues their education but provides a sense of normalcy and also keeps them away from gang influencers.

St. David's Annual Help for Haiti fundraiser was again held this year at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle on October 28, 2025. The team introduced an electronic methodology for the Silent Auction. Bidders were able to view the items on the tables, or on their phones, then make a bid and follow the activity on their phones; increasing their bid as necessary and bidding on other items. Many of the attendees loved the change - and some didn't like it at all. This year we had the most successful event to date, raising \$13,000! \$10,000 has already been transferred to HOM to support our mission.

HOM is committed to being good stewards of the monies entrusted to us. We are diligently working with our priests to determine the best use of the funds: food & shelter, mobile clinics or education. We are also aware that when they are able to return to Mirebalais money will be needed to repair and reopen the churches, rectories and clinic.

You can help by praying for the people of Haiti, especially our brothers and sisters in Mirebalais. Please pray for the violence to end so the people can return to their homes. If you are able, donations can be made at <https://haitioutreachmission.org> or stdavidssf.org (choose Haiti fund).

If you have any questions please contact:

Janet Ernst

Jernst1998@gmail.com - (248) 981-8851

Crossroads Soup Kitchen

I would like you to take a trip with me. We are headed South into Detroit. The address is 2424 West Grand Blvd. We are at Crossroads. It's Sunday morning, 8 am. The first crew of volunteers are arriving at the Sunday Soup kitchen. This group will be responsible for cutting, washing, seasoning and doing all things necessary to prepare today's meal. On this Sunday, the menu is baked herb chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and carrots. The beverages are coffee, lemonade, and water.

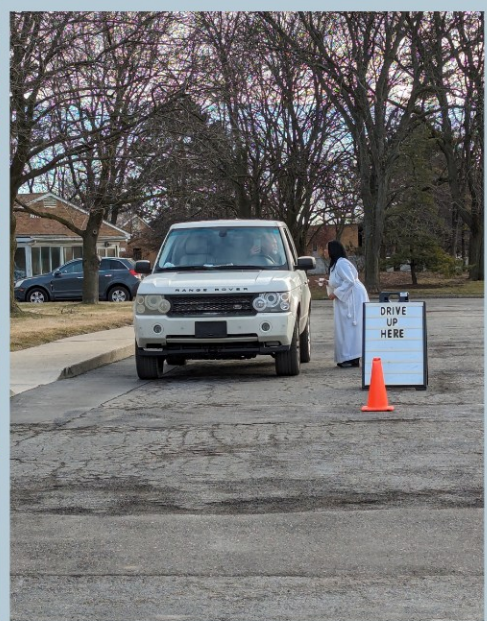
It is 10:30 am, and the second crew has arrived. This crew is responsible for putting the meals into containers and bags. This crew will serve GOD's people. The doors open at noon. On this Sunday, we will feed 350 -400 people.

I hope this trip has made you curious. I hope you're thinking this sounds like something you would like to do. We will go to Crossroads in 2026, date to be forthcoming. I would love to have you join us!

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in 2025. Spread the word – let everyone know how fun and rewarding this experience is.

Carolyn Gamble
Crossroads Coordinator





Lifelong Learning Committee

The mission of the Lifelong Learning Committee is to help in the planning of programs to help support spiritual growth for adults in our parish. With Fr. Chris' leadership and guidance, programs are planned for the 9am Learning Hour and the 11:30am Connection Hour each Sunday in addition to special events throughout the year and weekly Bible Studies led by Fr. Chris.

The committee meets twice yearly to share ideas and plan offerings for Fall, Winter and Spring. In addition to presenting learning opportunities, the Connection Hour sessions are designed to promote fellowship within our community with seasonal and intergenerational activities.

During this past year, the 9am Learning Hour, held between the Sunday 8am and 10 am services, parishioners shared personal stories of "God Moments" and spiritual journeys. Participants explored these topics through a series of questions to consider each week.

For more detailed descriptions about these offerings, refer to the "Happenings" booklets published twice a year, in January and in September. Below are just a few highlights from 2025.

2025 Winter and Spring

- Learning about Detroit River Conservancy
- Commemoration of MLK Day with presentation by Sister Veronica
- Annual Meeting
- Preparing Valentines for our neighbors at the St. Anne's Mead
- Hearing about Uncertainty and Understanding in the Transgender Community
- Parishioner-led book discussions on "Atomic Habits"
- Earth Day presentation by members of our Eco Committee
- Cultural Sunday Celebration
- Updates about our immigrants from Samaritas.
- Outdoor Mass with Farewell for Fr. Chris and family

2025 Fall:

- Welcome-Back Fr Chris at Barbeque and Potluck Luncheon
- Hear about dementia from speaker Cheryl Loveday from Alzheimer's Association
- Pavan Muzumdar from Automation Alley explains AI
- Learn about Human Trafficking from Sanctum House director
- Help prepare stocking stuffers for our food pantry visitors and hear from
- "Hearts of Gold" speaker, Dennis Muzahuzi
- Help support our outreach missions at the Annual Cookie Walk
- Christmas Caroling at the Mead

We thank all our parishioners for your participation in the many learning opportunities offered throughout the year. Please feel free to contact Fr Chris or any member of the committee with any topic ideas you would like us to explore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fr Chris, Edna Buday, Judy Walsh, Kitty Kenning, Kathy Graham, Jessica Reinstra, Margaret Preston
Lifelong Learning Committee

Director of Music Report

It remains a consistent joy to be a part of St. David's wonderful community. This is a congregation which is so appreciative of the efforts of each of its many musicians. Those who sing, play, accompany and lead are very important to the parishioners, who freely express their grateful praise. I am particularly glad that we have musicians outside of the Choir and Bell Choir who contribute regularly to the beauty and content of our liturgies. In addition, we are especially pleased to be able to have special instruments for Christmas Eve (flute and harp) and Easter Day (trumpets and timpani) to grandly celebrate these great feasts of the church.

This year saw the continuing growth of the Choir, with three new members. Week after week, the Choir rehearses and leads the music, singing a wide variety of choral anthems, hymns and songs. I am so grateful for the talent of Ken Miller, Manju Freeman, and Edna Buday, as they assist in the accompaniments. Our Bell Choir continued to grow in proficiency and dedication, as they played for so many of our services, adding the beauty and power of English handbells.

The organ largely behaved itself throughout the year, needing only minor repairs of a wiring problem, along with the regular tunings and maintenance. We are so fortunate to have an organ which is well suited to our church, offering a good variety of sounds, and powerful enough to shake the rafters when needed. The church's piano remains in good condition for now, though it will need more work on the hammers in the near future.

There were three events in 2025 which I wish to highlight. In June, we had a Jazz ensemble for the 10:00 service, which was of very high quality and very high energy. Building on that, we presented a more subdued Jazz Mass for the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve. Both were well-received by the congregation. Second, we hosted an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in November, inviting a number of churches and a synagogue, along with their choirs, to sing and pray together. It was very successful and well attended, and we hope to make it an annual event, rotating through the various churches. Third was our annual ministry of caroling next door to the residents of St. Anne's Mead. More than just the choir, we had many singers from our congregation to lift the spirits of those present.

This has been a great year, and I look forward to continuing to grow our programs and our choirs, along with the tradition of excellent music which St. David's has always embodied. Thanks to each musician and to the community at large for making all of this possible.

Sincerely,

Alfred Eppens



Newcomers Committee

In 2025 the Newcomers and Outreach Committee continued to focus on connection between parishioners, visitors and our church community. Most of our activities and initiatives centered on welcoming and establishing relationships with guests and new St. David's members. A summary of the highlights is listed below:

> Our committee regularly wrote notes, emails, texts and made phone calls to parishioners. We focused especially on our newest visitors and church members throughout the year. The committee also helped create messages for our digital outdoor sign. Thanks to committee member, Greg DuRoss for overseeing this effort.

> Greeters were assigned at the Ministry Hub each Sunday. Visitors were welcomed and encouraged to sign our guest book. A virtual guestbook is available for those who join us Sundays via Zoom. The committee sent notes to our online visitors to maintain connections. We presented in-person visitors with a jar of homemade granola and informational booklets. Follow up notes were written by greeters and sent the week following a visit.

> Welcome materials were re-stocked and upgraded. Committee members kept a welcome basket of supplies at The Ministry Hub for new guests and visitors.

> Greg DuRoss and Judy Walsh attended an online webinar on Welcoming, sponsored by The Episcopal Parish Network. A summary of the presentation was shared with other committee members.

> We continued to maintain a Kid's Corner in the Narthex with items for children (coloring books, crayons, stickers, picture books).

> Newcomers Committee, Vestry members and other parishioners were active with "shepherding" new members during the year. A "shepherd" is assigned to an individual, couple or family to establish a relationship, answer questions, give a church tour and meet with Fr. Chris. This has been an effective way to integrate new members into the life of the parish.

> The Welcoming of New Friends was held during the 10:00 am service on November 16, 2025. Goody bags were presented to 15 parishioners new to St. David's in the past year. Later that day, we met for The Rector's Tea at the home of Fr. Chris. New friends attended and enjoyed an afternoon of conversation, connection and refreshments. The committee will host a second Rector's Tea on May 3, 2026 from 2:00-4:00 pm to accommodate parishioners unable attend in November, 2025.

We continue to plan welcoming activities for 2026 and look forward to greeting more visitors and new church members. We are grateful for the support of Fr. Chris and our St. David's family.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carolyn Gamble
Janny Milton
Linda Taylor
Greg DuRoss
Judy Walsh*

Newcomers and Outreach Committee



Food Pantry Report

The St. David's Community Food Pantry is a joint venture ministry between St. David's Episcopal Church and Lighthouse of Oakland County. This ministry began in February of 2020, operating throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, and continues to offer food staples and other donated items that are useful for families on limited budgets. Presently, we are open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am -12:00 noon, operated by extremely dedicated volunteers. We hand out boxes of food staples supplied by Lighthouse, Kroger, and Panera, as well as a variety of other food and personal-care items from individual donations from the good people of St. David's and other folks familiar with the pantry.

This year we saw an increase in need and our community rose to the occasion. Our donations from our St. David's community, as well as our Southfield neighbors, allowed us to meet the needs of those who face food insecurity. We will have served over (estimated) 8,500 families in 2025 (some are repeat clients). In addition, we handed out Thanksgiving turkeys and dinner fixings supplied by Kathy Graham, Lighthouse, and donations from St. David's.

In 2023, we started accepting donations from Food Rescue and St. Vincent de Paul. These organizations have continued to help us with the ability to provide fresh produce, meat, dairy, and other perishable items to our clients. Our partnerships with these organizations continued in 2025 and will hopefully continue to grow.

In 2025, our volunteer crew continued to expand, and we welcomed a few new faces from the community as well as some St. David's regulars. The pantry would not run without the help of all of our fantastic volunteers, everyone who donates, and those who spread the word, letting our neighbors in need know that we are here to help them.

Our St. David's Community Food Pantry is a vital ministry that should be continued. The growth in this ministry in the last 4 years has demonstrated the consistent need of our neighbors. The conditions that prompted the increased activity from the original concept of the pantry still exist and probably will for some time to come. We are all aware of how close we are to food insecurity. This ministry allows us to support those who face hunger.

Deacon Mike said it best, "I believe this is a hallmark of St David's to do community outreach and the Food Pantry is an important element of that commitment."

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Prather



Donate Your Bags and Time to Help

We are producing PLARN. Plarn (plastic yarn) is used to make sleeping mats for the homeless. The plarn will be crocheted into mats by Motor City Mission Mittens and distributed when needed. The mats provide some comfort and protection from the cold ground and gives plastic grocery bags a secondary use.

Creating the plarn is a process of cutting plastic bags and joining the loops together. Instruction and supplies can be provided. Each sleeping mat requires about 700 bags. We appreciate all the bags that we have received. If you bring your CLEAN bags to church, they can be placed in the collection receptacle in the atrium, dropped off at the Food Pantry (M-W-F from 9AM – 12 Noon), or call and we will pick them up from you.

Volunteers are always needed to: a) Collect and sort the donated bags, b) Help with instruction, c) Create the Plarn and d) Pick up and deliver the finished product – bags of balls and bags of scrap to Motor City Mission Mittens.

The Plarn team started in February 2022. Currently, we are meeting every Wednesday from 10 am to Noon. All are welcome.

- 20 bags makes one ball.
- 35 balls of plarn makes one mat.
- The bags of scraps are used as stuffing for pillows.

Stats for 2025

Date of Delivery	# Of Ball Bags delivered	# Of scrap bags delivered	Where delivered	# of Mats
February 2025	7 bags	5 bags	MCMM	2
April 2025	7 bags	6 bags	MCMM	1
June 2025	6 bags	6 bags	MCMM	
August 2025	7 bags	1 bag	MCMM	2
Oct 2025	5 bags		MCMM	1
Dec 2025	6 bags		MCMM	1
TOTAL	38 bags	18 bags		7 Mats

We (St. David's) have two looms and three planners that crochet mats. We have completed 7 mats in 2025. We are still completing the balls that we take to the MCMM.

We have repurposed 26,600 bags for 2025.

Since February 2022 we have repurposed 10,000 bags.

To volunteer or get more information, please feel free to contact:
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jernst1998@gmail.com or
Ellen Boyes, at 248-840-0134,
ellenboyes@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen L Boyes



Social Media & Website Administration

Podcasts: On September 20, 2021 we started releasing sermon podcasts on multiple podcast sites: Apple, Google, Chrome, Pandora, Deezer, Gaana, and Spotify, just to mention a few. As of January 6, 2026, 230 sermons are available, 1892 sermons were downloaded in 2025, May and October were the most popular months, 7381 sermons have been downloaded in total, and an average of 36 sermons/month are downloaded.

YouTube Channel: our sermon and service recordings are stored on our YouTube channel, as well as the Kiddos Reading Room story videos. Currently, for 2025, we have 300 subscribers, viewers spent 239 hours watching our videos; our videos got 9308 views, 955 videos stored on YouTube: Service and Sermon videos are viewed 4-10 times; Kiddos Reading Room, approximately 36 videos were viewed 20+ times for a total of 4785 views. One video was viewed 1500+ times. Just click on the YouTube Channel box on our Home page for a list of recordings that are available.

Facebook: we have 625 members to our Facebook group; in the Media section of Facebook, clicking on the Video tab, you will find recordings by Fr Chris, sermons, services, and bible study; on average, 50+ members receive our posts of our recordings each week. In addition, over the past 60 days, the Facebook views for our service, sermon, and bible study recordings range between 100-175 views per each post.

Web site statistics for 2025 were:

- 9.1k active users, 8.9k new users – 156 seconds average engagement time
- 31,683 page views – an average of 38 visits per day; 2+ pages viewed/visit
- 3550 visitors used hand-held devices (iPhones, iPads, smartphones tablets, etc.); 5393 visitors used desktop devices; total: 9101 visitors
- Top 30 pages visited were: Home, Staff, Food Pantry, Bulletins, Announcements, About Us, Sermons/Recordings, Service Times, Calendar, Giving, Worship Protocol, e. library, Welcome, Newsletter, Liturgy Schedule, Trinity Gun Disposal, Outreach, Comedy Castle, Our History, Kiddos Reading Room, and Groups. Other pages included: Our Activities, Drive-thru-Ashes, Weddings, How We Worship, Podcasts, and Cross Roads Soup Kitchen.

And finally, be sure to visit the ‘e.Library’ on the website. The Happenings booklets, Annual Reports, and other more informational items are now in the ‘e.Library’ instead of having a dedicated page for them.

Sermons, services, and bible study sessions are recorded and posted on the Media page - if you miss a service or bible study session, you can go to the Media page, find the Sunday/study session you missed, and click on the appropriate link (YouTube or Facebook) in the description area.

Steve Ernst

Web Site & Social Media Administration

Pastoral Care Report

Galatians 6:2 reminds us to
"Bear each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Our Pastoral Care Ministry here at St. David's continues to look after parishioners and those in the community through home, facility, institutions, and hospital visits, phone calls, cards and notes. Not to mention the meals prepared and delivered. This shepherding care of one another is provided by clergy, trained lay persons (Lay Eucharistic Visitors), and parishioners.

Among those visited monthly are our Ministries at The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and Waltonwood Royal Oak.

These welcomed visits provide a source of comfort to those who are unable to be with us in person, who may not receive God's Word regularly if at all, and who long for someone to spend some time with. Our presence of just acknowledging each person as a whole, with support by listening during both peaceful moments, painful moments, and even nearing death, allows the same love and compassionate nurturing that Jesus provides to us.

Visits include administering communion, prayers, and Scripture, providing a calming presence felt where God is in the midst. During visits, it is not unusual for family and caregivers to gather so they too may be fed with God's goodness, and to feel the connection of God and one another as they bear burdens themselves.

As we enter 2026, let us continue this spiritual caregiving to others and one another and let our loving care to flow freely as the body of Christ.

Deborah Davis

Pastoral Care

Men's Breakfast Report

The Men's breakfast ministry continued to grow during 2025 and we are looking forward to a thought provoking 2026.

The topics discussed during the 2025 season included: the growth of St Davids, Who are we to the community and to the world, understanding the fabric of our differences, what happens when we die and if peace is a natural state or a learned state. These amongst others are the conversations being had at the mens breakfast.

Every month a question is put to the group and always a fabulous conversation follows. There is a very strong sense of brotherhood and trust being developed within this group.

We welcome all the men of St David's to join us the first Saturday of every month in the conference room at 9:00. The meetings typically run until 10:30. Breakfast is provided and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Howard Rush

