



# Saint David's Episcopal Church Kennebunk, Maine



## 2018 Annual Report

### Saint David's Mission Statement

*To serve all God's children with the love, strength and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We **celebrate** God's love for and unity with us through prayer and worship and by being Christ for one another.

We **strengthen** that love and unity by reaching out and reaching in, by living and learning Jesus' message in the world, and by embracing our oneness with all of God's creatures and creation.

We **invite** all to walk with us on this journey.

## **Agenda**

63rd Annual Meeting  
St. David's Episcopal Church  
January 27, 2019

### **Call to Order**

Rector, Andrew D'Angio White

### **Declaration of a Quorum**

Clerk, Tom Macisso

### **Nominating Election**

Ellen Tacy

### **Treasurer's Report**

Craig MacDonald

### **Rector's Report**

Fr. Andrew

### **Delegates Report on Bishop Election**

Adam Andrews, Dennis Ouellette,  
Suzanne Robinson, Ellen Tacy

### **Adjournment**

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*Fr. Andrew with the Rev. Peter Cheney at St. Ann's, Kennebunkport, on July 4th, 2018.*



*St. David's new look from Route 1. More open and accessible to folks driving through.*

## 2018 Church Staff

Rector:

The Rev. Andrew D'Angio White



Deacons:

The Rev. Kris Conley

The Rev. Gail Chandler



Pastoral Musician:

Tom Kovacevic



Verger:

Bill Rhines



Parish Administrator:

Cathy Zub



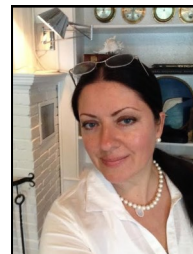
Custodian/Sexton:

Ed Verge



Nursery Care Provider:

Ludmila Murphy





## Official Church Register 2018

### Average Eucharist Attendance

Average Yearly Sunday Attendance - 121  
Without Summer Months - 134

Baptisms - 3      Weddings - 2      Funerals - 7      Confirmations - 0

## 2018 Vestry at Saint David's Episcopal Church

Ellen Tacy, Warden	(serving a second term)	Term Exp. 2021
Tom Macisso, Clerk	(retiring)	Term Exp. 2019
Craig MacDonald, Treasurer		Term Exp. 2020
Gail Freeman, Warden		Term Exp. 2020
Chris MacClinchy		Term Exp. 2021
Deb Howard	(retiring)	Term Exp. 2019
Jack Wilde		Term Exp. 2020
Michelle Keniston	(stepped down, Barbara Bowen filled out year)	Term Exp. 2020
Kate Keene		Term Exp. 2020
Elizabeth Eickmann	(retiring)	Term Exp. 2019
Mike Costello	(retiring)	Term Exp. 2019
John Dulude	(stepped down 2018)	Term Exp. 2021

## 2018 Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Rick Lombardi  
Rachel McCarthy

Eric Mihan  
Betsy Mihan



*Outdoor Service and Parish Picnic, June 2018*

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for election to the positions indicated below:

### **Warden**

*(One person for one full two-year term)*

Ellen Tacy

Term to Exp. 2021

### **Clerk**

*(One person for one full two-year term)*

Karen Perka

Term to Exp. 2021

### **Vestry Members**

*(Three persons for 3 full three-year terms)*

Tom Macisso

Term to Exp. 2022

Michael Donaghy

Term to Exp. 2022

Adam Andrews

Term to Exp. 2022

*(One person to fulfill a remaining two-year term)*

Ed Bellegarde

Term to Exp. 2021

*(One person to fulfill a remaining one-year term)*

Holly Margeson-Gamache

Term to Exp. 2020

### **Delegates to 2019 Diocesan Convention**

*(Up to four available positions)*

To be elected by the Vestry in the spring. If you are interested in serving, contact Fr. Andrew or a member of the Vestry.

### **Alternates**

*(Up to four available alternate positions)*

## 2018 Wardens' Report



The basic responsibilities of the Vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation and to support the church's mission by word and deed. We are in partnership with our Rector to oversee the spiritual, strategic, administrative and fiduciary aspects of the congregation. Our goal is to discern and implement what God is calling us to be and do as a congregation.

While continuing to monitor the health and well-being of the members of our parish, our finances, and the condition of our church building and grounds, we have had other areas of focus to live our mission in 2018. The Wardens and Vestry of St. David's in collaboration with Fr. Andrew, our deacons, and the many active ministries and committees of our parish, had a productive year to continue our work as stewards of our faith community. With ministries as our guide in discussion and discernment, we would like to report what has been focused upon by the Vestry this year.

### Third Service

A subcommittee of the Vestry was formed to consider the feasibility of a third service that is specific to Sunday based on feedback that was received from the stewardship visits conducted in late 2017. They determined that this new service would be considered to alleviate crowding (real or perceived), to provide an option that might be attractive to community members not currently part of our parish, or to provide a service that would allow some parishioners to attend more regularly. A survey was taken of the parish members and there were 100 responses. Of the 100 responses, 36% expressed interest in the third service and the time preferred seemed to be 4:00PM. The responses were varied and like the time of the service, there was no clear preference as to what type of service would best meet our needs. This subcommittee decided to have the stewardship visitors ask more specific questions about another service in their visits this fall and will evaluate all the data again in the near future.

### Spiritual Formation

This ministry is ever present in our faith community and part of our monthly conversation at meetings. In

2018, our focus has remained in the area of children's education and participation in the worship at St. David's. We have an enthusiastic group of teachers and helpers in the Sunday school program that keep our children engaged in the lessons from the Bible and how it has meaning in their lives. Fr. Andrew welcomes the children to be a part of our Sunday worship and encourages them to tell us about their spiritual journey. The Vestry has had discussion about the types of adult education that could be offered to enhance the spiritual journey of every member at St. David's. Special programs were offered and well received during the year that has encouraged us to explore adult education and enrichment more deeply. There was money in the budget for 2017 earmarked for use in this ministry and it has been moved into the 2019 budget as we continue to explore this further.



### Welcoming and Incorporation of Newcomers to St. David's

A subcommittee of the Vestry was formed to explore ways to enhance our ability to welcome visitors to St. David's and help those who are thinking of joining our faith family by presenting a continued message of welcome and giving them all the information that they are seeking to become active participants in our parish. This group put together two pamphlets to introduce ourselves to the greater community. One can be distributed out in the community to say who we are and where we are and all are welcome to come and see us for themselves. The other is to give to the visitor who has arrived at our door to tell them more about what we have to offer and welcome them. This group also has recruited new greeters and ushers to be part of the welcome at the door and be intentional in learning about who has come to visit us. A newcomers' gathering was also held in the summer to continue to help the new members of our church feel the love and fellowship of our parish. This is also a time when we get to learn about their interests and help them get more connected with the life of our parish. This is just a beginning point in this important ministry with many ideas on the table to explore in 2019.

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## **Emergency Preparedness**

In response to an increased awareness of emergency incidents of all kinds, the Vestry initiated a small group to develop procedures for emergencies that may occur while we are together. The group is developing responses for fire, medical, and intruder emergencies. The following actions have been taken or are in Process: Diagrams for each door in the building are being finalized to identify the nearest door, fire alarm box, and fire extinguisher. A meeting was held with the Kennebunk Fire Chief to ensure we are following department recommendations for fire prevention and response. Exits requiring modifications for mobility impaired parishioners have been identified and the necessary changes will be made in the spring. A fire drill will be scheduled in the spring with instructions provided in advance. Emergency Coordinators have been identified to assist in emergencies. Plans are in place to develop responsibilities and procedures for

these folks. A defibrillator unit has been donated and installed on the wall in the Great Hall. Arrangements are being made for training in CPR and use of the defibrillator.

More work is needed in all of these areas and we welcome all to join us in 2019. Please contact us if you would like more information or are interested in participating in these groups.

We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of people representing our parish on the Vestry and who, with love, devote the time necessary to continue the fine works at St. David's that enable us 'to serve all God's children with the love, strength and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Tacy and Gail Freeman

## **Outreach Ministry 2018**

During 2018, the Outreach Committee sought to strengthen and broaden St. David's response to those in need - both far and near - through program offerings and monetary contributions. We focused on growing our current programs and building our volunteer base while also launching a new initiative, Laundry Love.

Over the past year, more than 60 parishioners participated in Outreach Committee activities, not including those who regularly support our food and clothing drives, donate to HAOC, and patronize the annual Book Sale and the Alternative Christmas Fair, whose proceeds fund Outreach activities.

### **2018 Program Highlights:**

- Since April when **Laundry Love** was launched, more than 25 volunteers (on average 16/month) have served a total of 216 households, washed and dried over 1,000 loads of laundry, and put at least 11,000 quarters into coin-operated machines at Booms Laundry in Biddeford.
- **Food Boxes for Seniors**, a federally-funded commodity food program, has seen its

numbers grow from 15 to 38 recipients each month with a current volunteer team of 6 helpers.

- St. David's **Free Community Soup Lunch** has expanded to include a volunteer pool of 21 parishioners who cook, bake and serve an average of 40 guests each month.
- **Hands Across Our Community (HAOC)** collected a record-breaking 26,307 pounds of food for the pantry at St. Martha's Church which is operated by Community Outreach Services (COS of the Kennebunks).
- **Kennebunk May Day Festival** - 10 Parishioners represented St. David's at this annual event with handouts, a free raffle basket, children's activities and lots of good will.
- **Annual Winter Clothing and Boot Drive** for St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center in Portland produced 3 carloads of warm outerwear.



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- **Welcoming Immigrants Program**  
Assisted Biddeford refugee families through emergency funding and food cards, and donations of cribs, strollers and car seats.
- **Alternative Christmas Fair** raised \$1537 to fund Haiti LaSalle School through the sale of products from Haiti and Palestine, and new this year, from Navajoland Good Shepherd Mission. (Navajoland also benefited when their products were purchased for the Fair.)

With financial support from the Budget Box, record-breaking proceeds from both the Book Sale and the Alternative Christmas Fair, Outreach was able to provide monthly aid to St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center in Portland, Seeds of Hope and In-A-Pinch Pantry in Biddeford, the Harmony Ministries LaSalle School in Haiti, and Doctors Without Borders. Outreach monies also went to local and Diocesan programs such as A Place to Start in Kennebunk, Habitat for Humanity of York County, Full Plate Full Potential in Portland, and Camp Bishopswood in Hope. In addition, St. David's was able to fund

one-time emergency needs in a timely manner, such as a devastating Biddeford apartment fire; assistance to area families and school children facing hardships; and further afield, to the victims of hurricanes and forest fires through Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. A complete list of 2018 Outreach Distributions follows below.

As we look to 2019, the Outreach Committee gives thanks for the countless acts of service and generosity from the parishioners of St. David's. We welcome your participation in any of our activities.

Committee Members in 2018 were: Sue Andrews, Gillian Charbonneau (Retiring Recording Secretary), Nancy Clinton (Chair), The Rev. Kris Conley, Sue Cryer, Gail Freeman (Financial Secretary), Susan Goettlich (Recording Secretary), Polly Gosselin (Financial Historical Report), Carolyn Gowdy, Holly Margeson Gamache, Gale Mazzei, Betsy Mihan, Eric Mihan, Davis Robinson, Suzanne Robinson and John Soper (Retiring Financial Historical Report).

Nancy Clinton

## **2018 Outreach Distributions**

A Place to Start \$200  
Camp Bishopswood \$600  
Community Assistance \$1,425 - (Biddeford fire victims, dental care, sewing camp, mission trip)  
COS (Community Outreach Services) \$4,292 - Hands Across our Community (HAOC)  
Doctors Without Borders \$700 - (International medical relief)  
Episcopal Relief and Development \$2000 - (Disaster relief—hurricanes and fires)  
Full Plate Full Potential-South Portland \$200 - (Coordination of food assistance for children in ME)  
Habitat for Humanity - York County \$300 - (New home project)  
Harmony School\* - Haiti \$2,400 - (Teacher's salaries, and school supplies)  
In-a-Pinch - Biddeford \$1,200 - (Essentials Pantry)  
Laundry Love - Biddeford \$1,938 - (Laundry ministry)  
Long Creek Youth Development Ctr. \$350 - (Christmas gifts)  
Navajo-land Good Shepherd Mission \$470 - (Hand crafted items for Christmas fair)  
Preble Street-Portland \$200 - (Homeless shelter with resources for hunger and poverty)  
Refugee Support \$652 - (Car seat and household items)  
St. David's Card Ministry and Community Lunch Support \$104 - (Postage and supplies)  
St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center\* \$2,800 - (Essentials Pantry)  
Seeds of Hope Jubilee Center\* \$2,503 - (Drop-in center support)

\* Receives monthly financial support

**Total Outreach Distributions for 2018 were \$22,334**



## Treasurer's Report 2018

This year has been my first year as St. David's Treasurer. It is important to know that there is actually a team of people assisting me. Dick Clinton as Assistant Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee continues to guide me through our weekly meetings. Kirsten Camp, our new Bookkeeper has proven to be invaluable. I must say thank you also to all those behind the scenes such as the counters, stewardship volunteers, committee members, and Cathy Zub.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the community, we are able to pay our bills, support outreach, and maintain our property. 2018 began with a renewed spiritual energy thanks to our new rector. Our pledge drive brought in over \$200,000. We actually spent over \$300,000, but due to fund raisers, other income, and borrowing some money from our endowment we met all expenses. We can all feel good about all we have done, but we have set even higher goals for 2019. Let us continue to go forward and grow in faith together.

### 2018

Income	\$287k
Expenses	<u>\$307k</u>
Deficit	\$ 21k - covered by
Endowment borrow of \$25k	

- Unanticipated shortfall of pledge income by \$8k (death/incapacity)
- Three bills not paid (Sabbatical \$1k, Furnace \$7.6k, Outreach \$3.3k)
- B&G over plan ~\$6k -unplanned emergency spend, in part covered by donations
- \$25k was borrowed from the Endowment

CASH 2018 - essentially flat (begin \$484k, end \$491k)

## 2019 Budget

Our budget deficit is projected at \$17k. The Stewardship goal was an ambitious 'no Borrow,' that is, to fully fund our 2019 budget through pledges and other income without borrowing from our endowment. On Jan 8<sup>th</sup> the Vestry set a goal that the borrow should be less than 2018's borrow of \$25k, and ideally no more than 3%-4% of income (\$9k-\$12k.)

Income                \$307k

Expenses            \$325k

Deficit                \$ 17k - to be covered by

Endowment borrow, subject to preparation of a 'borrow' application to the Endowment Trustees.

## 2019 Budget Highlights

- Lay staff increases budgeted up 3% (about \$3k) There have been no salary increases in at least 5 years. Andrew requests no salary increase
- REDUCTION in Andrew's medical insurance by \$5k due to a new plan
- B&G cut requests in half (need \$24k, will defer half to 2020); vestry commit to raise funds for furnace repairs
- Since the normal contribution to Outreach was not made in 2018, Outreach will be funded \$3.3k in January.
- Vestry committed do the 'Italian Dinner' fundraiser.
- Diocesan Assessment up \$5k

## St David's Operating Account

### 2018 and 2019 Budget

Account	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Pledges</b>			
Pledges Current Year	211,000	204,201	
Prepaid Pledges	3,000		
Prior Year Pledges	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,350</u>	
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>206,551</b>	<b>228,000</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Unrestricted Gifts	3,000	0	0
Loose Offering	10,000	14,981	12,000
Holidays	2,000	1,355	1,500
Rental Income-Bldg. Use	4,500	6,097	6,000
Housing Loan Interest Pay	1,028	1,028	1,028
Bank Interest Income	0	0	0
Fellowship Coffee Donations	500	807	800
Fund Raising Operating Act.	16,000	22,848	19,000
Budget Box - Operating/Outreach	16,800	16,800	16,800
Misc. Income	0	308	300
Altar Guild	3,500	3,292	3,300
B&G Furnace fund raise (\$5.8k) in 2019			5,800*
Endowment Fund annual Draw for Operating	12,250	12,500	13,000
Endowment Fund Seed	8,000	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Endowment Fund borrow	0	0	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>77,578</b>	<b>80,016</b>	<b>79,528</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>292,578</b>	<b>286,566</b>	<b>307,528</b>

\* Total Cost of Furnace repair is now \$7,600

Account	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Rector Compensation	122,365	121,231	119,838
Additional Clergy Accts	3,600	1,518	5,400
Other Staff	70,253	70,187	69,728
Occupancy Expense	12,000	11,375	11,550
Property Maintenance	19,200	25,767	29,075
Operating Expenses	17,860	17,724	17,375
Insurance	6,000	6,500	7,100
Christian Education	10,500	1,310	4,350
Worship	4,100	4,650	4,600
Diocesan Expenses	34,228	34,228	39,198
Operating Fund Expense	900	1,299	1,300
Outreach Expenses	17,089	11,577	15,305
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>318,095</b>	<b>307,366</b>	<b>324,819</b>

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Summary			
Income vs. Exp. Summary	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Ordinary Income	292,578	286,566	307,528
Expenses	318,095	307,366	324,819
Net	-25,517	-20,799	-17,291
	Budgeted borrow	Actual borrow	Projected borrow - \$5k from 2018 borrow
		\$25,000	

St David's CASH 2018		
Summary cash		
	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>
Operating	-1,873	2,390 at KSB
Endowment	394,915	386,686 as of 9/30 with Diocese
Reserves	23,091	23,550 as of 9/30 with Diocese
Designated/Restricted	46,975	54,323 at KSB
Clergy discretionary	922	446 at KSB
Budget Box	<u>20,432</u>	<u>23,493</u> at KSB
Total Cash	484,462	490,888

#### OPERATING ACCOUNT CASH - held at KSB

<u>1/1/18</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>
-1,873	2,390

#### ENDOWMENT - invested at the Diocese -- as of 9/30/2018

<u>1/1/18</u>	<u>Fund adds</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Borrow</u>	<u>Invest</u>	<u>9/30/18</u>
394,915	0	-1,003	0*	-32,717**	25,491	386,686

\*Draw for 2018 was taken in Q4 '17 (\$12,500)

\*\*Borrow for 2017 was taken in Q1 '18  
Borrow for 2018 was \$25,000

#### RESERVES - invested at the Diocese as of 9/30/2018

<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>9/30/2018</u>
23,091	23,550

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## DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED RESERVE ACCOUNTS - held at KSB

	<b>Beginning Balance <u>1/1/2018</u></b>	<b>Additions in 2018</b>	<b>Withdrawals in 2018</b>	<b>Ending Balance <u>12/31/2018</u></b>	
Building Fund	732	7,225	6,457	1,500	Raised by Fred M. (sink trap)
Celebration Garden	165	0	165	0	
Chandler Deacon Grant	0	4,770	0	4,770	
Endowment Draw	0	12,500	12,500	0	
Borrow from Endowment 2017	0	0	0	0	
Borrow from Endowment 2018	0	25,000	20,000	5,000	\$5k to Operating in Jan '19
Haiti Project	1,272	2,752	2,400	1,624	
Hands Across Community	481	4,066	3,990	557	
Junior Choir	100	0	0	100	
Laundry Love	0	4,730	1,938	2,792	
Memorial Fund	8,853	5,276	756	13,373	
Memorial Garden	5,001	50	0	5,051	
Outreach Fund	5,616	8,802	13,739	679	
Pre-paid Pledges	23,255	17,100	23,255	17,100	
Sabbatical Fund	1,000	0	0	1,000	
Spiritual Direction	<u>500</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>777</u>	
<b>Total Restricted Account</b>	<b>46,975</b>	<b>92,548</b>	<b>85,200</b>	<b>54,323</b>	

## Saint David's Endowment Board of Trustees Annual Report

Your Board of Trustees respectfully submit this annual report in order that this Parish may be fully aware of the significant value that the Endowment provides to St. David's Episcopal Church. The Endowment provides a safe and secure depository for bequests of all types, that will enable the Parish to fulfill its mission.

As custodians of the Fund, our role is, to the best of our ability, protect the Corpus for the long-term. Our goal is to grow, or at least maintain, the purchasing power of the Fund while taking inflationary effects into account.

This year, we prepared, and Vestry approved, a new, more complete guideline related to 'Extraordinary Circumstances distributions' from the fund, that

includes a comprehensive vetting of the stated need for the funds. The new guidelines require that distributions of this kind shall be called 'Grants' and will require full review and approval prior to distribution of the funds.

Further, that if as a result of an approved Grant Application the fund Corpus is invaded, it shall be recorded on the Balance sheet as a debt.

For 2018, fund distributions totaled \$32,717 while, thanks to a former St. David's Parishioner, the fund balance is approaching \$400,000. The church balance sheet shows a debt liability of \$7,717 incurred in 2017 and \$25,000 incurred in 2018 (total - \$32,717.)

On behalf of your Board of Trustees,

Jim Eickmann, Rick Lombardi,  
Dave Monks



## Rector's Discretionary Fund Report 2018

The Discretionary Fund is designated for "pious and charitable purposes." It is funded by a monthly contribution from the parish, as well as by special offerings from individuals. In addition, it is my practice to deposit any fees or gifts received from funerals, baptisms, or other services into the discretionary fund.

Distributions from the discretionary fund are always confidential, but are never paid directly to individuals. People seeking help contact me directly, or are referred by General Assistance or the local clergy association. It is a way for us to help people who need help, but who might not qualify through regular channels. Most of the time, we are assisting with costs that just wouldn't be met otherwise – past due rent, emergency housing, gas, utilities, and other costs that help keep people in their homes. We also help people passing through the area get to where they need to go. From time to time, we have the chance to help provide scholarships for programs and activities that help enrich people's lives. I'm grateful to the Sunoco station in the Upper Village of Kennebunk for their support in helping those in need.

Thank you for your support of this fund and the small but important role it plays in the ministry of our church. Thanks to your stewardship and generosity, we are able to offer a tangible sign of God's grace in the form of a little leg up, without any strings attached.

Andrew

<b>2018 Starting Balance:</b>	<b>\$860.16</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Parish Support:	\$1,800
Special Contributions:	\$840
Honoraria:	\$1,950
Office Reimbursement:	\$100*
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$4,690</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Rent Assistance:	\$1050
Utility Assistance:	\$789.48
Gas Cards:	\$1,400
Vehicle Assistance:	\$335
Travelers' Assistance:	\$322.92
Motel/temp. housing:	\$276.91
Scholarships:	\$850
Medical Assistance	\$300
Office Expenses:	\$100*
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$5424.31</b>

\* Occasionally, pressing but minor church expenses are paid from the fund when no other payment is available, and reimbursed as soon as possible.

<b>2018 Closing Balance:</b>	<b>\$125.85</b>
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## The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is charged by the Vestry to oversee the financial affairs and governance of St. David's. Committee members typically have a professional background in business and finance. However parishioners with non-financial experience are welcome to join, participate, and learn about the financial side of the church.

We meet on an as-needed basis, about 6-7 times a year, typically between the Sunday services.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

- o Preparation and recommendation of the **budget** to the Vestry
- o **Monitoring** the Church's income and expenses against the annual budget
- o Managing the short-term **cash flow**
- o Overseeing our reserve accounts and **investments**
- o Recommending **spending** and investment policy to the Vestry
- o Providing financial **guidance** to the Treasurer, Clergy, and Wardens
- o Participation in the **Long Range Plan**, and identification of long-term capital needs
- o **Stewardship** Ministry support
- o Financial governance **oversight** including accounting, audit, bookkeeping, counters

In practice, Craig MacDonald, our Treasurer, is on the front line supervising and monitoring these areas.

The committee is a collaborative group focused on the financial well-being of St. David's, whose members include:

Alice Ferran, David Monks, Rick Lombardi, Bob Pagano, Tom Cryer, Michael Donaghy, Craig MacDonald, Treasurer, and Dick Clinton, Chair

## Stewardship Ministry

The Stewardship Ministry represents and promotes our parish-wide approach to spiritual giving in the form of our time, talent and treasure.

Members represent a diversity of backgrounds and share a common desire to interact with members of the parish throughout the year.

The Ministry meets 2-3 times per month during July through December and then monthly thereafter.

Ministry responsibilities include:

- Generating pledge income to help fund St. David's ministries and operations
- Development and implementation of the stewardship outreach plan
- Visitations with members of the parish to solicit constructive feedback and pledge commitments
- Maintenance of our stewardship database
- Planning and hosting stewardship events
- Managing and promoting planned giving
- Coordinating our efforts with the Vestry and Finance Committees

During 2018, we received pledge commitments totaling \$228,000 from 106 parishioners, including 14 first-time pledgers.

Core ministry members include: Bruce Brauninger, Tom Chappell, Dick Clinton, Andrew D'Angio White, Alice Ferran, Rick Lombardi, Bob Pagano (Chair), Ellen Tacy and Davis Robinson

In addition to the above, we are also grateful for the visitation support we received from Craig MacDonald, Jack Wilde, Michael Donaghy, John Cuzzo and David Monks.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pagano

## Budget Box 2018

2018 was a banner year for St. David's Budget Box! I am pleased to report 2018 surpassed 2017 by \$5,960.31 with a gross income of \$77,395.51. It was a fantastic year and we had our best day ever this past summer totaling almost \$700.00!

We could not do this work and have had such a successful year without our incredible volunteers. Our faithful group consists of Sue Andrews, Jane Bellegarde, Sandy Barton, Jeanne Kita Burke, Debbie Campbell, Gillian Charbonneau, June Cronin, Sue Cryer, Sheila Cunningham, Ruth Dater, Gail Freeman, Isabel Hauser, Rick Judge, Jacquie MacDonald, Ann Mallory, Gale Mazzei, Linda Mignault, Harriet Mill, Janet Phelps, Laura Randall, Carole Russell, Eleanor Saboski, Viv Schubert, Karen Smith, Ellen Tacy, Dawne Tilton, Jill Twombly and Ba White. Julie MacClinchy is still our treasurer. This is a big undertaking and we do appreciate her time. Kris Conley also continues to come in on Tuesdays to help pull expired clothing.

We lost Eileen Gross and Sharon Findley due to job changes. Christine Dunham started working with us this past summer but also got a job promotion which included Saturday mornings, so she had to stop working at the shop. Rick Judge left and Karen Marshon moved away. Joan Graham returned for the summer and Maroo Eymontt continues taking care of our jewelry in high style.

We also lost our two most faithful canine companions, Brody Gowdy and Max Charbonneau. They are truly missed by all.

On a happier note, Elaine Nicholson and Karen Perka joined us and have been a welcomed addition to our group. Karen even hosted a Christmas get together at her home for all of us this year.

Besides our monthly contribution of \$1400 to outreach and operations, we increased our donations by adding a monthly sponsorship to Doctors Without Borders. We now collect fabric and bias tape for Dress a Girl around the World, which could use more donations right now. A Place to Start was also added to our continuing list of Safe Haven, Heiffer, AWS (we sponsor a cage) Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, Marion Institute, Mt. Everest Foundation (both in Nepal), Hospice of Southern Maine, Women to Women

International (Monthly sponsorship) Center for Wildlife, Kennebunk Cares Closet, Talbot's Dress for Success. St. Elizabeth's, Seeds of Hope and Community Partners with clothing and Safe Haven with household items.

We still collect money for Safe Haven, Puppy Love, AWS, and our own Helping Hands Fund.

We adopted out six cats for Safe Haven. A low number due to the fact we usually get cats who need to be the only cat in the household. We could not do this without the added time of Sandy Barton, Sheila Cunningham, Jeanne Kita Burke and Eleanor Saboski, our cat care team seven days a week.

We had our second annual Blessing of the Animals in October which went very well.

Our fluctuating white ticket sales day has a great following but because all white tickets are half price, we have to double our sales to make it profitable.

A big thank you to all who shop, donate, consign and volunteer to make the Budget Box a success. Opportunities abound and we look forward to making 2019 bigger and better with your help and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn M. Gowdy

Budget Box		
Profit and Loss		<b>2018</b>
	Income	\$77,396
	<u>Expenses</u>	
	Consignments	\$19,599
	Outreach	\$20,164
	Rent	\$15,325
	Utilities	\$3,771
	Other	<u>\$15,476</u>
	Total Exp.	\$74,335
	Net income	\$3,061
<b>CASH</b>		
	Beginning cash	\$20,432
	plus income (above)	<u>\$3,061</u>
	Ending cash	\$23,493

## Building and Grounds Committee

2018 has been another busy and challenging year for the Building and Grounds Committee. Once again the committee has taken on and completed over 20 projects besides the Spring and Fall clean ups.

### Contracted Projects:

- Installation of 4 new ceiling fans (April 2018)
- Removed 11 pine trees in circle at church entrance
- Leveled pavers to handicap entrance to front door
- Leveled pavers to side entrance
- Leveled pavers to walkway along backside of church
- Repaired concrete base to parking lot light
- Installed new grease trap in kitchen (Nov. 2018)
- Sealed openings around church where insects, etc. could get into church
- LED light bulbs installed in 4 of the 13 parking lot lights (Dec. 2018)
- Major repair of the heating system to include rerouting the water piping on furnace
- New controls, thermostat, and circulator pump motor (Dec 2018)
- Added outdoor faucet at front of church (adjacent to front door)
- Replaced asphalt to failed areas of parking lot and driveway

### Indoor Projects:

- Painted Sunday school room (old Deacons' office) end of hallway
- Painted room known as 'Cave' (new Deacons' office)
- Painted Administrator's Office
- Sanded and varnished four 8 foot wooden tables
- Painted ceiling in Great Hall
- Cleaned beams of accumulated dust in Great Hall
- Repaired several window screens
- Repaired fireplace damper handle
- AED device purchased (by donation from Fred and Priscilla Madore) and hung on wall in Great Hall
- Closed in basement ceiling after grease trap repair

### Outdoor Projects:

- Cut back ground cover, branches and trees around playground area, Memorial Garden, and parking lot at backside of church
- Chipped all the brush during the Spring and Fall clean up

- At the back entrance, the boards around column, screen and molding around door were repaired, as well as the screen and frame
- Several new No Trespassing/No Hunting signs were made and posted
- Painted sign post around the church
- Repaired some of the exterior molding around triangle window in Great Hall

The 2018 Building and Grounds committee included: John Dulude, Bruce Gowdy, Fred Madore, and Earl Tracy. We are always looking for individuals who would like to be a member of the committee.

Presently we have over 20 projects to be completed and the list keeps on growing so it looks like 2019 is going to be another busy year!

## Saint David's Flower Guild

2018 was a good year despite two volunteers retiring from our group. Ann Browne and Louise Marshall both retired after many years of dedicated work. So, our very small group consists of Cindy Anderson, Kate Chappell, Deb Howard, Dennis Ouellette, Diane Pagano, and Linda Rhines. Dawne Tilton continues to record the Easter and Christmas memorial donations.

It would be really beneficial if more people would consider giving the Sunday flowers in memory or in celebration of someone or something in their lives. We will not be able to have flowers on the altar very soon if we don't have more people sign up. The cost is \$50.00.

We use Downeast Florist through the year and on high holidays, Calluna Fine Flowers in Ogunquit. The rest of the year, our group uses flowers from our gardens and florists. This saves a lot of money as most all the flowers are donated.

We welcome anyone who likes to arrange flowers. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Gowdy



## Deacon's Report - Kris Conley

It's hard to believe that another year has come to an end and it's even harder to believe that I have served St. David's as a deacon for twelve wonderful years!

It seems that this year one of my main focuses has been food. Our Hands Across Our Community effort to gather food for our neighbors in Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Arundel continues to grow. We set a goal of 30,000 pounds for the year 2018. At the end of the year our total pounds equaled 26,307, which was an increase from 2017 of 5,557 pounds. We didn't quite reach our goal, but our continued support of this ministry went a long way to feed those with food insecurity in the towns our food pantry serves. The generosity of the people of St. David's is truly amazing. Maybe 2019 we'll reach 30,000 pounds.

The other food event is my work in our monthly community soup lunches. It started out modestly and now we have as many as seven soups, and numerous rolls, breads, and desserts. We average forty people a month and there is a wonderful choice of food. Some of those who join us are folks who pick up a monthly food box and others are people who come for fellowship and a delicious lunch. Often we have enough to send take home, which makes for another meal for someone later or the next day. A special thanks to all our soup makers, bread bakers, and dessert contributors. It has been wonderful working with you all!

I have also served for this past year on the Board of Directors for St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry. For the first time in the history of the pantry they have established by-laws and are working on a sustainable budget. I began my involvement with St. Elizabeth's before I was ordained as one of its co-directors and now it has grown and serves up to 275 people weekly most of who are immigrants from Africa and the Middle East. I will serve on this board through 2020.

I have continued with my responsibilities on Sunday morning- reading the Gospel, preparing the table for communion, and sending you out into God's kingdom to do the work Jesus has called us to do. I also have the privilege of taking communion to some of our shut-ins on a monthly rotation and more often if needed. One addition I've made to the visit at Park

Street School is that I've taken my granddaughter Ivy with me. She loves going and the ladies love having her. Sadly this year one of the ladies, Doris, died quite unexpectedly. I did a service of remembrance for Doris at Park Street and it was a nice opportunity for those unable to go to a graveside service to share memories of their friend. It helped me be aware that although the residents of Park Street spend most of the time in their individual apartments they still care deeply for one another.

I was also happy to participate in this year's Christmas pageant as the innkeeper's sister. Thank you Holly and Tom for your courage and success in this new version of the same story. And I don't want to forget the service of Lessons and Carols in the Great Hall. It was cozily full and lovely with a fire in the fireplace, the fine reading of the lessons, and the gathered voices singing the familiar Christmas carols. And a special thanks goes to Tom for accompanying us on the piano.

Lastly, but not least, I have met with Bishop Lane and have been approved to serve another year as a deacon here at St. David's. Once a deacon reaches the age of 72, a yearly visit with the bishop is necessary to continue. I love serving the people of St. David's and look forward with joy to 2019.

Wishing you joy, peace, and abundant blessings in 2019!

Kris Conley, Deacon

## The Card Ministry

The Card Ministry volunteers are Sue Cryer, Deb Howard and Cindy Anderson. Elaine McLellan is the chair. Throughout the 12 months of the year, these volunteers send personal messages celebrating parishioners' birthdays, wedding anniversaries and other special dates. This is carried out in an expression to each member of St. David's of caring and joy. Our hope is that this outreach 'within' brings happiness and blessings to all. If you would like to be included in this ministry, please send your special dates (month and day only) to Cathy at the office and you will be put on the master list.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine McLellan

## Deacon's Report - Gail Chandler

2018 has been a year full of good energy here at St. David's. I feel blessed to serve as one of your Deacons.

I continue to assist at Sunday services, serving as Deacon at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service, as scheduled. I assist, when needed, at weddings and funerals and I preach as scheduled. One of my duties is to schedule the Eucharistic Visitors, a small and dedicated group of people who minister to those unable to attend church services. I served on the Pastoral Care Committee, attend Vestry meetings, make pastoral visits and take communion to people unable to attend church.

I have had the pleasure of volunteering at Laundry Love, a new ministry here at St. David's since last spring. It is a pleasure to be out in the community meeting and having conversations with the guests who come to the laundromat.

Out in the community I was part of a collaborative dedicated to eliminating poverty in York County called York County Partners for Prosperity. After serving for more than three years with this wonderfully dedicated group of people, I stepped back this fall because I began a new endeavor.

In August, I applied to a two year certificate program at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. The program is called "Forest Dwelling: Spirituality for Our Wisdom Years." The program requires two one-week residencies on campus each year and the rest is directed study online along with online meetings with an "Elder Circle," a small processing group. I was accepted in September and the program began in January 2019 with a week residency at the school. I am very excited about this program and am hoping to offer some programs here at St. David's that will grow out of my experience there.

On the Diocesan level, I am serving a second term on Diocesan Council as the clergy representative from our Area 8- York County. This is my second year serving as Vice President of the Council, having been appointed by Bishop Lane. The Council meets several times a year to conduct the business of the Diocese.

The Council is made up of the Bishop, his staff, and elected clergy and lay representatives from all areas of the Diocese of Maine.

This is my ninth year serving as a prayer guide on Wednesday mornings at St. Martha's for people experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Spiritual Exercises are offered as a "retreat in the world" and we meet once a week for thirty weeks from October to May. The retreat is a vehicle through which the retreatant has the opportunity to develop a closer, more personal relationship with Jesus.

The retreat is non-denominational. I would be happy to talk to anyone interested in learning more about this local spiritual resource. As a trained spiritual director, I also provide spiritual direction to people in and outside of the St. David's community.

I am looking forward to all the exciting ways the Holy Spirit may lead us in this New Year. I feel truly blessed to serve as one of your deacons.

Faithfully yours,  
Gail

## Confirmation Class 2018

A two-year confirmation class commenced September 2018 with five congregants, four lay leaders (with only two leading any one session), and Fr. Andrew. The program from which we're working is entitled Confirm not Conform, and interactively looks at several components of faith development.

The group is called together twice per month. One monthly session consists of lesson study, discussion, and individual or collaborative work, while the second session, whenever possible, involves a community project or other outside activity.

The Confirm not Conform program will run through the spring of 2020 (allowing for a summer 2019 break), and culminates in the congregant's choosing to be confirmed or not at the close of the class in May or June.

The congregants are: Mary Hauser, Andrew Keene, Emma Keniston, Luke Keniston, and Will Smith. The lay leaders are made up of: Bruce Brauningner, Tom Macisso, Janet Phelps, and Alison Rogers.

We are all glad to be a part of this opportunity, and especially thankful for Fr. Andrew's tutelage and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

## Centering Prayer 2018

St. David's Centering Prayer Gathering met from February 20 through April 3, 2018 to pray and deepen their life in the Spirit through Fr. Thomas Keating's Spiritual Journey DVD Series, Part 3, Paradigms of the Spiritual Journey (The Four Consents; Human Condition; Anthony as the Paradigm of the Spiritual Journey; Liberation from the False-Self System; Liberation from Cultural Conditioning; Spirituality for Everyday Life), with transcripts of the DVD Text.

During the summer of 2018, from the end of June to the end of September, parishioners from St. David's Centering Prayer, joined with parishioners and Vicar, the Reverend Peter G. Cheney at St. Ann's Church in Kennebunkport to begin with 20 minutes of Centering Prayer, followed by DVD teaching with Fr. Thomas Keating. This series was particularly poignant for us as we knew that Fr. Thomas had been moved due to illness, from St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass Colorado to St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts where he had once been Abbot during his earlier years, but was now being taken there to live out the remaining days granted him on earth by God. So the series in which we were living during the summer, reflected the life being lived and let go of by Fr. Thomas to the Glory of God. The deep interior message from Father Thomas was the ongoing essence of Life... we release our selves in love unto God that God may be All in all ~ One. Our ongoing summer relationship with St. Ann's began four years ago with a visit from Fr. Tom Ward from Sewanee who had come to St Ann's upon an invitation from Fr. Cheney to offer a weekend workshop on Centering Prayer.

In the fall of 2018, Centering Prayer began from October to Advent our continuing study of the Spiritual Journey DVD Series with Fr. Thomas Keating, Part 4.

Our Centering Prayer gathering has grown from a steadfast 12 parishioners to 15 depending on work schedules.

We are looking toward the possibility of offering an evening Centering Prayer gathering for those who cannot attend during the daytime hours.

This year, thanks to the inspiring leadership of the Rev. Dr. Mary Jane O'Connor Ropp, in conversation with Fr. Andrew D'Angio White, an Advent Quiet Day was offered on Saturday, December 8.

A Labyrinth was borrowed with the good will of Trinity Church, Portland, and the day included Icons with chant, coloring holy images, Centering Prayer, and a place set aside for prayer and reflection. We hope to continue this practice of Advent and Lenten Quiet Day opportunities for deepening in the life of the Spirit.

We welcome anyone who has questions or is experiencing a stirring within to come and join our ever evolving, awakening to the work of the Spirit and the sharing of God's love in our midst.

'For God alone my soul in silence waits.' Psalm 62:5

Suzanne Robinson

## Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee assisted with three major events during 2018; the Reception for Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane in March, the parish picnic held in June, out in the beautiful Celebration Garden, and provided dining room coordination and desserts for the annual Italian Feast (deliciously prepared by Roland and Patty Gagne) held in September.

Thank you to all who helped with these important parish events from the set up and clean up to serving the yummy desserts baked by our parishioners. This year some wonderful neighbors of the Gagne's even brought in desserts making the Italian Feast a true community venture.

In addition we are hostesses for special coffee hours as needed. Coffee hours are a vital part of our weekly services. We encourage parishioners to sign up for a Sunday coffee hour. If you have any questions about preparing for a coffee hour, feel free to ask any Committee member.

The 2018-19 Committee members are Harriet Mill, Donna Lombardi, Betsy Mihan, Susan Goettlich, Jane Bellegarde, Pat Musser, Sue Cryer, Sheila Cunningham, Nancy Monks and new members this year, Diane Drescher and Mary Provo. Thank you also to the husbands who often help.

New members for this ministry are always welcome - many hands make light work! Feel free to contact me at prism926@yahoo.com or 207-604-2729.

Thank you to Ed Verge for cleaning the church weekly and for setting up the Great Hall tables when we host special events!

Respectfully,  
Priscilla Madore, Chair

## The Celebration Garden



The Celebration Garden was created in the late 1990's by Mr. Barrett Stevens and Mr. Robert Mill. The

garden was a memorial to Rev. Mary Louise Stevens, the wife of Barrett Stevens. Together with help from Tony Eliot of Snug Harbor Landscaping, a design was drawn up to create a beautiful space resembling a cloister. Mr. Mill, along with many others, graciously contributed many plants – a number of which still exist today.

A small group of volunteers work to maintain the garden as a place for quiet reflection and prayer. Our active members are: Vivian Bachorik, Sheila Cunningham, Susan Goettlich, Sheila Kayser, Betsy MacDonald, Nancy Monks, Karen (and Ed) Welles and Ba White. Ann Browne, Jenifer (Bootsie) Stewart and Harriet Mill are faithful supporters and advisors. In 2018 we experimented with new ideas. We planted roses in the planters, installed a row of boxwood bushes behind the top Garden and heavily pruned the hornbeams to let in more sunlight. We also purchased a new garden bench.

This year we would like to continue the hornbeam pruning, design a better bird bath, install more stones in the path to lessen the weeding and dig and replant the side outer garden. If you would like to have fun, get dirty, and create joy and peace in the Celebration Garden, please consider joining our team. You can reach Sheila Cunningham at [sacunningham10@gmail.com](mailto:sacunningham10@gmail.com) for more information.

P.S. A special thank you to Mitar Khalsa, who has taken over the physical task of caring for the birds in the garden, while Ann Browne checks in periodically to provide seed.

## The Martha Circle



Thank you to the hard working and caring "Angels" of the Martha Circle who provided meals on 24 days in 2018 to parishioners who were in need: Sarah Armentrout, Jane Bellegarde

Ginger Bevan, Joanne Brauning, Kate Chappell, Gillian Charbonneau, Sharron Eastman, Alice Ferran, Susan Goettlich, Polly Gosselin, Carolyn Gowdy, Susan Gunter, Deb Howard, Carolyn Kershaw, Donna Lombardi, Priscilla Madore, Betsy McDonald, Karen Perka, and Janet Phelps.

Our name originates from the story of Martha and Mary. I always thought Martha deserved more credit for preparing the home for her guests.

The Marthas have had a busy year, and it seems that requests come to us in multiples. Here's how it works:

1. We receive a request for meals through St. David's office.
2. I send an email to the group, giving the name(s), address, phone number, and a list of dates we need to cover. Any allergies or special diets are noted.
3. Whoever can respond to one of the open dates adds his/her name next to that date and sends to "reply to all." We all then know which dates are covered.
4. On the designated date, the volunteer will cook the meal, call the recipient to arrange a time to take the food, and then deliver it.

P.S. We also are able to cover other requests such as dog walking, flower watering, mail pickup, etc.

If you would like to join us, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Carolyn Kershaw



## Harvest Fair 2018

A big thank you to all who worked at the fair, contributed items or came to support St. David's on this special day! This year's fair included over 500 participants and provided an opportunity to demonstrate our spirit of fellowship and hospitality to those outside our congregation. In addition to all the enthusiasm and participation, we were able to continue the trend of increasing sales each year by raising over \$16,000!

This year, we expanded our space to include more of the church and used that area to display the raffle baskets and silent auction items. In the Great Hall, dining tables were spread out around the kitchen area and the center of the hall. All the remaining tables were set up along the back and side walls, allowing plenty of room for visitors to view our wares and enjoy delicious food offerings.

Visitors were warmly greeted by Jeanne Kita Burke and her team as they entered the fair to sign up and purchase their raffle tickets. Once inside the church, participants were offered free doughnut holes and coffee while they examined the various displays for the basket raffle and silent auction. Elsie Eastman manned the microphone, providing songs and announcements throughout the day, and we even had a few special appearances by Father Andrew.

Late in the morning the **Kitchen staff**, under the direction of Dave Bowen, began to prepare their delicious luncheon combinations which were graciously donated by local businesses. This year we included takeout orders, in addition to our usual sit down lunches. After the winners were announced for the raffles baskets and silent auction, the cleanup crew made quick work of rearranging the seating and setting up in time for our Sunday services.

Offerings this year included:

- The **Raffle Baskets** were a big hit again this year, Nancy Clinton and Deb Howard, along with Diane Pagano did a great job of packaging and wrapping all the baskets. Although we had fewer baskets for the raffle, we more than made up for the shortage with the amount of items included in each of the theme baskets.

- This year's **Silent Auction**, chaired by Sharron Eastman, included Red Sox tickets, President George HW Bush golf memorabilia and a handmade doll house, along with over 60 other items. Her team of 'solicitors' were responsible for obtaining a large variety of new offerings, which included more gift certificates this year.
- The **Table of Treasures**, chaired by Lori Parkinson, contained 'gently used items' that were donated by our parishioners and carefully arranged for our visitors to choose from.
- Our **Jewelry Table** chair, Maroo Eymontt, did an outstanding job of creating a beautiful display and prepping items on short notice. We will be looking for someone to head up this ever popular table next year, along with Maroo's assistance.
- The number and variety of **Hand Crafted Items** was expanded over last year's start up. Ellen Tacy and her team had to add two tables to display all the new offerings. Please consider sharing your crafting skills to contribute to next year's fair.
- Included this year was a **special raffle** for a beautiful quilt made by Pat Musser, one of our parishioners. This raffle involved a limited number of tickets, with sales starting in October and all remaining tickets available the day of the fair.
- Cynthia McDonnell and Linda Rhines once again offered to share their delicious homemade **Jellies** and **Pot Pies**. The time and labor they put into their specialty offerings are such a gift to this event.
- Carolyn Kershaw, Holly Margeson-Gamache, and Susan Goettlich once again headed up this year's **Bake Table**. The selection of pies, cookies and other tasty desserts would not have been possible without the contributions of so many talented bakers in our community.

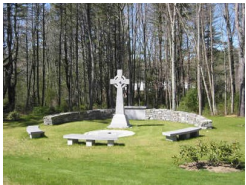
- **Christmas Wreaths**, chaired by Sarah Armentrout, Kate Chappell, and Karen Caprio took orders before, after, and at the fair. After the cutoff, they prepared the bows and made sure all orders were delivered before Christmas.

If you are thinking about sharing your talents, participating in next year's fair, or have any suggestion for new activities, please contact one of the committee members or Rick Lombardi and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We invite everyone to be part of this rewarding experience and look forward to making the 2019 Harvest Fair even better.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lombardi

## Saint David's Memorial Garden



Saint David's Memorial Garden has been a part of our church landscape since 2002. During the last seventeen years we have often slowly and reverently walked out to the Garden following a

memorial service to inter the cremated remains of more than forty members and family friends of Saint David's. Each and every time has been a spiritual and touching way to send a loved one home.

The Memorial Garden has continued to add new chapters to its never ending story along the way from its beginning, to new ones that have included a restoration project of our stone wall, the relaying of the stones around the communal burial vault, a new walkway to enter into the Garden and of late, trimming the overgrowth of trees and bushes surrounding it. Many thanks once again to the kind and thoughtful gentlemen of the Building and Grounds Committee who oversaw the writing of this latest chapter and so many more of the ones before it. They are good and generous, mindful stewards of the Memorial Garden and their hard work and care of it is noticed and always appreciated.

If you should be interested in learning more about the Memorial Garden and would like to talk about the possibility of resting there yourself some day, please call Jeanne Kita Burke at 985-7487. It would be a pleasure to meet with you.

## Sunday School 2018

2018 was a year of tremendous growth for the Sunday School Program at St. David's! Generally speaking, we had approximately fifteen students, and these numbers continue to grow into 2019! With this tremendous growth came a need for a second space. Thanks to the Deacons and the choir, who were willing to forfeit their space, we were able to add a second classroom. And of course, the Building and Grounds crew did it again! They created a new, beautiful, second classroom! Cynthia McDonnell moved her students into this new space, and they all have enjoyed it so much! A very special thank you to the Building and Grounds crew for helping us to create this second learning environment. We are so thankful!

Because of our new space, we were able to divide the children into two smaller classrooms, by age. Cynthia McDonnell and Michelle Keniston share the responsibility of teaching the older children, generally aged 6 to 8. Kate Keene teaches the younger children, generally aged 4-5. We were able to have some wonderful assistants help us in the classroom in 2018. A special thank you to Mitar Khalsa, Donna Lombardi, Anne Vitello, Annie Milley, and Sara D'Angio White, and all of those who helped out. We are always in need of assistants! If you would like to become an adult helper, we would love to have you! We would appreciate any amount of time that you have to give.

We continue to teach the Godly Play curriculum, which is "an imaginative approach for working with children, an approach that supports, challenges, nourishes, and guides their spiritual quest." Through the Godly Play approach, we share Parables and Sacred Stories that open children's eyes to God, themselves, and others. Our time together includes sharing a special story or lesson, work time, prayers, feast time, and lots of fun in between!

A few highlights from 2018 included: An Epiphany party at the D'Angio White's home; a Good Friday celebration with crafts and special snacks; a Pentecost celebration, with fiery hats and red cupcakes; the children presenting the Lords Prayer, with hand motions, to the congregation; the Sunday School children singing two songs in this year's Christmas Pageant.

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2018 was a wonderful year for our Sunday School children!

Although it does not fall under the category of Sunday School, I would like to take a minute to send out a very special thank you to Ludmila Murphy, who is our wonderful nursery care provider. Ludmila continues to bless us with her bright smile, perfect attendance, and openness to help in any situation. Thank you, Ludmila!

Respectfully submitted by Kate Keene

### **Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of St. David's Episcopal Church January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- I. Call to order at 10:30 AM by Father D'Angio White
- II. Tom Macisso, Vestry Clerk declared a quorum of 50 signed in members being present.
- III. Report of the Nominating Committee by Bruce Brauninger

The following slate of officers were presented and approved:

#### Delegates to 2018 Diocesan Convention:

Ron Milley, Rachel McCarthy, Rick Lombardi, Eric Mihan

#### Alternates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention:

Betsy Mihan, Jeanne Kita Burke, Dennis Ouellette

#### Vestry Members

Warden: Gail Freeman	Term to Exp. 2020
Treasurer: Craig MacDonald	Term to Exp. 2020
Vestry: Chris MacClinchy	Term to Exp. 2021
John Dulude	Term to Exp. 2021
One person to fulfill 2 Vacant Position:	
Kate Keene	Term to Exp. 2020
Two persons to fulfill 2 vacant 1 year term	
Elizabeth Eickmann	Term to Exp. 2019
Mike Costello	Term to Exp. 2019

### **Stewardship Report Bob Pagano**

In 2016, we received \$179,000 in pledges. 2017 we saw an increase up to \$215,000! Bob stated the 2018 stewardship will be an annual ministry; he also said we've learned from our efforts in 2017 and we've received a lot of valuable feedback from parishioners. Some of the major reasons for our stewardship success are:

- Father Andrew's leadership
- Asking open ended questions such as "what is the one thing you would like to happen at St. David's?"
- More for our children and youth groups
- Recognize our senior parishioners
- Reaching out to new families - Increase our reach in the community
- Taking care of our church – kudos to the Building & Grounds Committee
- Balance budget/assets

### **Treasurer's Report Dick Clinton**

Craig MacDonald is the new Treasurer; Dick Clinton is formally now the Assistant Treasurer. Dick stated the purpose of the St. David's Treasury is to complete the mission of the church. All our reports are transparent. During our audit last year before Father Andrew was called, we were rated excellent! The audit team stated we were an example for other churches. For 2018 we have a "growth budget." It is up 13% Budget will be broken up into three categories

- Celebrate (worship/spiritual, enhancement) 48% (a 10% growth from the previous year)
- Invite (welcoming atmosphere, outreach, B&G maintenance) 26% (10% growth from last year)
- Strengthen (Christian formation, outreach/pastoral care) 25% (a 21% growth from last year)

There is room in this budget for a pay increase for the staff; this will be based on a review from Father Andrew. Our staff has not seen pay increases in several years.

There are no major projects scheduled for this year, just routine maintenance.

In 2017 we only had to borrow \$8,000 from the endowment; this is \$10,000 **less** than what we thought.

Emma Hauser and Gillian Charbonneau were presented a 2017 cast photo of the St. David's Pageant by Tom Macisso. They were recognized for their tremendous work throughout the years of casting and directing this magnificent ministry.

### **Rector's Report**                      Father Andrew

Father Andrew expressed his gratitude to the following people on behalf of St. David's:

Bruce Brauning, Retiring Warden  
Ed Verge, Custodian/Sexton  
Tom Kovacevic, Pastoral Musician  
Ludmila Murphy, Nursery Care Provider  
Bill Rhines, Verger  
Rick Lombardi, Retiring Treasurer  
Cathy Zub, Parish Administrator

Andrew stated that church is not just about him, but it's about a community of people working towards a goal. God is writing a new chapter at St. David's. We truly have a mission-based budget – pledges are up 20%.

Andrew has been chosen to serve on the Discernment Committee for the new Bishop.

There is a ministry review and a mutual ministry coming in the spring. We're looking to do more Christian Formation. We'll be having a new Rite 13 class starting soon – Bruce Brauning, Alison Rogers, and Tom Macisso will be assisting our youth. We'll be doing some rearranging due to our Godly Play expanding to two rooms due to our growth in this ministry.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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