

Saint David's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Andrew D'Angio White, Rector

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:15-16

Fall 2024

Dear Friends,

By my estimate, anywhere between 25 and 50 people come to St. David's on an average weekday. Some are there for AA meetings or other community events; some are there for church events, such as the weekly healing service, Bible study, choir practice, or community luncheons; some are stopping by to say hello or to tend to the myriad tasks that take place between Sundays. We come for meetings, to work on the grounds, or to visit our loved ones in the Memorial Garden. We come for solace and comfort, to plan and prune, to laugh and cry, to putter and pray.

All of that, however, is only the beginning: there is the excitement of seeing our children grow into their faith, or the stirrings of the Spirit within us as we deepen our understanding of God's kingdom through study, or the countless lives that are touched through our outreach. In fact, there is so much going on at St. David's that we've started to run out of room for it all in the bulletin! Through all of these ministries, St. David's empowers us to live our faith in our daily lives, in ways both obvious and subtle.

The most incredible part of the life of St. David's, however, that everything we do - every ministry, every worship service, every AA meeting, every quiet conversation, every prayer - happens **because of you**. Through your faithful stewardship, you choose to make our community the place that it is. Whether you take part in every activity there is or not, by supporting St. David's with your time, talent, and treasure, you are choosing to make it all happen.

Our ministry couldn't happen without you, and it does happen because of you.

Because of you we have a new ministry exploring grief through the arts, encouraging healing connections.

Because of you we held a literally wet 'n' wild Vacation Bible Camp, welcoming two dozen young people to run, play, laugh, and learn about Jesus.

Because of you we gave over 30,000 pounds of food to help our hungry neighbors.

Because of you we held monthly services at Huntington Common, connecting our elders with our worship.

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Because of you we have a growing Sunday School and youth group, grounding a new generation in the love of Jesus.

Because of you we are deepening our commitment to care for Creation through our Earth Keeping ministry.

There is so much more, of course, but the point is that everything the Church does, we do because of your support. We can sustain this growth in 2025, but only if we all choose to do so. Will you continue to make St. David's a place where God's love flourishes even more?

In the coming days, you'll be called upon by members of the Stewardship Committee, who are eager to hear your thoughts and ideas for the future, and also to talk with you about your pledge for 2025. Please, take their call, and don't forget to join us on October 16 for our Stewardship Dinner!

Because of you, I am

Joyfully yours in Christ,

Andrew