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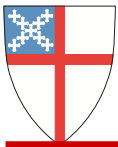
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Worship Support

Vergers

The Vergers lead processions into and during the service, assist with Communion and are available to the Clergy should anything be needed during the service. The Vergers are appointed by the Rector.

Acolytes

The acolyte ministry (St. David's Guild) provides an opportunity for young people to model ideal Christian behavior while actively serving the Lord on a regular basis. Participation begins with 6th graders and runs through their senior year. Young people volunteer, are selected and are invited to join the Acolyte Corps. Acolytes begin carrying torches and grow into more demanding roles.

Altar Guild

The altar guild sets the table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In addition, they remove all linens and vessels after the service and are responsible for their care.

Children's Readers for 9am service

The children's readers read the lessons and prayers at the 9am service. The readers need affluent reading skills.

Flower Guild

Flowers are a sign of the resurrection and add beauty to the sanctuary. Parishioners have the opportunity to contribute them as memorials or as thanksgiving offerings. Members of the Flower Guild serve on a rotating basis to arrange the flowers in the church

Lay Liturgical Ministers (lectors, intercessors and Eucharistic ministers)

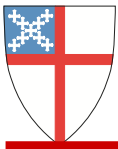
The members of this ministry participate in the liturgical services of the parish by reading the appointed lessons and psalms, leading the Prayers of the People, and administering the chalice during the Holy Eucharist.

Ushers

The usher teams greet and welcome members and visitors, distribute service bulletins and assist in the seating of our worshippers while being attentive to those who are in wheelchairs or other mobile units. During Holy Communion, they assist with traffic to and from the altar rail.

St. Joseph of Arimathaea (Funeral Guild)

The Guild of St. Joseph of Arimathaea assists clergy with planning and implementing funerals.



Music

Choir-Adult

St. David's Choir is a group of mixed adult singers. Singing in this Choir requires enthusiasm for choral singing and basic reading skills. The choir sings for the weekly 11:15am Sunday mass (from September through May) as well as several other services throughout the year such as Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Choir Room. Sunday morning warm up begins at 10:15am in the Gallery.

FolkMASSters & Basement Band

You can enjoy high quality praise music with FolkMASSters, our folk music group and our Basement Band (meets weekly and includes musicians of all ages). These groups play both traditional and contemporary Christian instrumental and choral music for folk mass and Taize services, and the 9:00am worship service throughout the church year.

Choir-Handbells

The Bell Choir consists of adults and students from ninth grade up. The rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and the group plays for the 9:00am and 11:15am services at different times from October through May. A general knowledge of music is helpful, but we will teach you how to play.

Choir-Children

This ministry integrates sacred music participation and education to provide worship leadership experience to the children of the Parish. All children learn about music and hear the stories of the Bible through songs, games and activities.

Pastoral Care

Health Ministry

This ministry oversees the health, wellness and wholeness of parishioners. The LifeSouth bloodmobile comes to St. David's 3 times yearly for a blood drive.

Caring

The Caring ministry prepares and delivers food to those in the Parish who are in need for many different circumstances.

Caregivers Support Group

This group helps parishioners who are caring for family or friends in the way of support and knowledge of resources.

Grief Ministry

The Grief Ministry assists parishioners deal with a death of a loved one.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain prays daily for those in need and those who are rejoicing, and for those on the St. David's prayer list in the Sunday service bulletin. The prayer chain is under auspices of St. David's Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter.

Stephen Ministry

The lay people of this ministry provide one on one Christian care to hurting people including those who are bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, divorced, unemployed, in financial crisis, or others facing a crisis or life challenge.

Eucharistic Visitation

This ministry is lead by lay people who deliver Eucharist to those who are not able to come to Church.

St. David's Ministries

Breakfast Teams

The breakfast teams are part of the Men's Club. The men gather to cook breakfast for the congregation before the 7:45 am service. Donations accepted for breakfast.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

A ministry for the spread of Christ's kingdom among men and boys in the Episcopal/Anglican communion.

Eyeglass collection

This ministry collects unwanted eye glasses for recycling. The box is located in the hallway near the mailboxes.

"59 & Holding" – Seniors Ministry

This group meets once a month for lunch and special programs that pertain to the lives of Seniors.

College Ministry

The college ministry sends cards and care packages to those in our Parish who are away at college.

Counting Guild

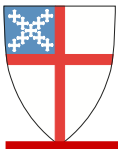
The counting guild is a group of volunteers that count the collections and other monies received weekly.

Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1885 to be an extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. Daughters of the King, in a lifetime vow, pledge to undertake a spiritual discipline that incorporates a Rule of Life through the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

Flower Ambassadors

This ministry delivers the altar flowers to homes of fellow parishioners to show our care and concern.



Green Guild

The green guild meets to assist the Parish in becoming more environmentally responsible.

Women of Wonder

This ministry provides an opportunity for mothers with young children to explore God's grace and presence in the ups and downs of everyday life of motherhood. Childcare is provided.

Welcome Ministry

The Welcome Committee greets those new and visiting to St. David's. They are stationed at the Visitor's table in the main hallway and profoundly important in welcoming newcomers to St. David's.

Parish Partners

Parish Partners reach out to our newest members at St. David's. Being a Partner is very simple - making a phone call or two, introducing yourself at church, and being a "go-to" person if there are questions.

Pew Crew

The Pew Angels straighten the hymnals and prayer books in each pew. In addition, they restock all of the brochures and pens as needed in the pew racks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of this ministry meet for prayer and to knit or crochet prayer shawls for persons experiencing illness, grief or other important life events. Shawls are given to the Clergy or a Stephen Minister for distribution.

St. Paschal's Host – Wednesday Night Dinners

The St. Paschal's Host assists in preparations for the Wednesday Night Dinners. They are responsible for setting the tables, serving food and cleaning the dishes after dinner.

Wedding Guild

This guild facilitates weddings at St. David's. They are present at the rehearsal and ceremony to assist.

St. Aidan's Guild focuses on developing an intentional program for evangelism and church growth. The Guild has implemented a program called **Natural Church Development**, which keys off eight markers of a "healthy church." The basic premise is that "healthy churches" grow naturally. The name St. Aidan's was chosen because Aidan of Lindisfarne was the great evangelist of northern England and southern Scotland in the 7th century.

Fellowship

Men's Club

The men in this ministry gather monthly together for fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. During the year they coordinate the Pancake supper, sponsor the Men's retreat, Parish picnic and the weekly Sunday breakfasts.

Foyers

Foyer Groups are small groups of 8-10 persons sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity to meet each other and/or to become better acquainted. Each group meets once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of members. The meetings last two to two and one-half hours.

Boy Scouts (Troop 430)

The purpose of Boy Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. St. David's has sponsored Troop 430 for many years and many of its Scouts attain their Eagle Scout award.

** We also have a Cub Scout Troop that meets here.

Women's and Men's Retreats

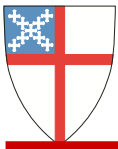
The women's and men's retreats promote and support the spiritual growth of the men and women of St. David's while encouraging community. The retreats strives to equip the participants with practical spiritual tools that they may take back home and implement in their daily lives.

Ballroom Dance Lessons

Ballroom Dance classes are available at St. David's in Jeffords Hall on Monday nights. No experience, no partner, no talent required to learn how to dance socially.

Parish-wide Events and other seasonal events

Events such as parish-wide lunch, "Trunk or Treat", Parish Picnic, Back to School event.



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African Mission Team

With guidance from the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, St. David's decided to team with Solar Light for Africa to provide solar energy solution for Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, Africa.

Habitat for Humanity

St. David's participates in Habitat for Humanity builds at different times throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to give of their time and talents to assist in building townhomes and houses for those who would not be able to afford housing.

Homestretch

St. David's provides financial support to one family per year. Homestretch has a family support team (financial advisor, mentor, job coach) to help the adult clients.

Honduras Mission Team

The purpose of this ministry is to serve God by building relationships, physical structures, and being the church in Honduras. This is accomplished through a longstanding and loving partnership with the Lamb Institute based in Flor del Camp, Honduras. Mission trips are planned twice yearly along with a fundraiser.

North Fulton Community Charities

North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) is a local charity that provides financial assistance, food and clothing to those in need. St. David's provides financial assistance as well as volunteers to serve in the food pantry and thrift shop. We also participate in several other programs during the year.

Holiday Families

St. David's provides toys for families in need at Christmas time. The families are referred to us by North Fulton Community Charities and parishioners sign up for a specific toy that is delivered to the NFCC toy distribution center in the first week of December.

Food Collection

St. David's collects food for the North Fulton Community Charities food pantry several times a year. Parishioners are asked to bring food donations so they can be delivered to NFCC for those in our community that need assistance.

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Through UTO, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. All offerings are used to support grants for ministries at home and overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church dedicates one Sunday each year for UTO ingathering.

Six Mercies Ministry

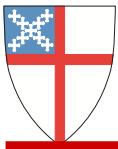
This is a lay based ministry that helps those who come to the Church asking for assistance. Volunteers are in the library on Monday and Friday from 1pm to 3pm to greet and interview those who come for assistance.

UNIDAD

This program helps children, mostly Hispanic, from preschool through high school age, who eagerly rush in each week for help with homework assignments, test prep, reading, and games.

Bolivia

This ministry works to contribute funds to help support the mission – an orphanage (Villa Amistad) and agricultural assistance for rural villagers in Aramasi', Bolivia.



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Adult Christian Education

The Rector's Forum

In this forum the Rector gathers with parishioners to discuss varied topics. The forum meets at 10:15am on Sundays in Jeffords Fellowship Hall.

"Spiritual Adventures" Bible Study

This bible study is lay-led. They meet every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in the Bethany room. This will be guidance for living the Christian life in a tough world. All people are welcome!

The Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's class is for those preparing to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church.

Special Sunday Morning Classes

These classes could be study of the Bible, a book study that typically run for 5 or 6 weeks.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is offered in the old parish hall on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study

This bible study offers a weekly in depth chapter by chapter study of various books of the Bible using a curriculum with homework questions and applications. It includes regular study of scripture and prayer. Meets in Bethany at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Study Fellowship Groups

These bible studies are offered the 2nd & 3rd Tuesday nights of each month in the homes of parishioners. Each group studies different topics. All women are welcome!

Men's Bible Study

A lay-led Men's Bible Study meets every Saturday at the Church at 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study at IHOP on Alpharetta Hwy.

A lay-led bible study meets at 6:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Dockery's in Alpharetta.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

EFM is an adult, Christian, distance learning education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The four year program is a dynamic blend of Bible study, church history, theology, worship, prayer and theological reflection.

Children's Ministries

Christian Education (2nd through 5th grade)

St. David's children Christian education serves to unite all people to Christ and to each other by teaching the stories of Jesus and the Bible while creating relationships in an environment of hospitality, fellowship, fun, and creativity. Classes are organized as workshops to teach the stories of Jesus and the Bible in fun and memorable ways through a variety of activities. This program also includes EpiscoPALS (4th and 5th grades) and Wonder-FULL Wednesdays (children's program runs in coordination with the adult Wednesday program)

Infants and Toddlers

St. David's nursery provides care for children ranging in age from birth to PreK. Our infant and toddler nurseries provide a safe, clean and nurturing environment for the children staffed by adult volunteers as well as youth volunteers. Our lead caregivers in the nursery are CPR certified. Two year olds to Kindergarten have Sunday School classes.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held during the summer for a one week time period. Each VBS has a theme and is a time for shared fellowship, fun and worship.

Youth Ministries

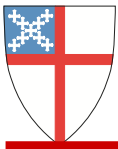
Youth Groups (Jr. & Sr.)

St. David's youth program strives to help youth learn to live in a Christian community, developing a foundation for healthy growth in the future. The youth group meets several times a week for learning, worship and fellowship – including Sunday School and Sunday evening youth group. In addition, special outings and trips are planned every year along with mission trips.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Night Programs

Come for some social time and a great meal and then wonderful programs! The Rector or a special speaker will present programs for the adults to enjoy. At the same time, there is a children's program offered. Reservations for the meal are required by Monday of each week. You may RSVP online at www.stdavidchurch.org, or by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130. Dinner is served between 5:30 and 6:15 pm and the programs are from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm.



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