**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**The Rector’s Forum**  
_Meets every Sunday in Jeffords Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m._  
**On Sept. 10: Health Ministry Launch**

**Starts Sept. 17: The Prayer of Examen**  
9/17—10/15: The Prayer of Examen, led by The Rev. Ken Swanson, Ph.D.

**The Family Ministry Forum**  
_Meets on Sunday in back half of Jeffords Fellowship Hall, 10:15 a.m._

**Contemplation & Conversation**  
Sunday morning Class  
9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15  
This class will begin with the reading from Sunday’s lectionary and then enter into a time of silent contemplation. Following the silence everyone will be invited to share reflections about the scripture and connections to our lives today.  
led by The Rev. Michelle Ortiz.

**Adventures in Bible Study**  
in the Bethany room (upstairs back hallway) beginning Sunday, Sept. 17, at 10:15 a.m.  
Come join the group—new topic each week!  
facilitated by Donna Nolfa

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Wednesday Night Program**
_Meets weekly on Wednesdays, beginning on Sept. 13 in front half of Jeffords Hall from 6:30-7:30 p.m._

9/13: The Reformation and the Crisis in the English Church  
9/20: The Creation of the Church of England and the Book of Common Prayer  
9/27: The Catholic/Protestant Conflict and the Elizabethan Settlement  
10/4: Richard Hooker and the Via Media  
10/11: The Puritan Revolution  
10/18: The Glorious Revolution, the Act of Toleration and the End of Religious Conflict  
led by The Rev. Ken Swanson, Ph.D

**Wednesday Women's Bible Study**
_Meets weekly on Wednesdays, beginning on Sept. 13 in Grace PH at 11:00 a.m._

September 13 – October 4: “Fire and Brimstone” – Journey into the Book of Revelation, Lee Hunter, Ph. D.  
October 11 – Spiritual Reflection on the Book of Revelation – Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler  
October 18 - November 15: “The Power and Passion of the Church Hymnal” – Robert Danes, Ph.D.  
November 22 – Thanksgiving Week, no class  
November 29 – December 6: “Chrismons for the Holy Season of Advent” – Helen Leach and Judi Gullatt

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**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for the Labor Day holiday.**
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In the event of a Pastoral Emergency after hours, call the church office at 770-993-6084, follow the voice prompt, hit the #6 on your keypad, leave a message, and the Priest on call will return your call.

The next issue of the newsletter will be mailed on Sept. 13. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

The Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 2
8:30 Men’s Bible Study-Bethany
10:00 Dutch School—Bethany
10:30 AA mtg.-JFH classroom

Sunday, Sept. 3
6:00 Chapel Mass

Monday, Sept. 4
6:30 Bible Study at IHOP
11:30 59 & Holding Meeting-JFH.
12:00 Common Purpose Planning
3:15 Dutch School classes
7:00 Al-Anon Recovery—PH.
7:00 Covenant Grp-Couch-St. Gab.

Tuesday, Sept. 5
6:00 Chapel Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 6
10:00 Women of Wonder—St. Gab.
1:00 Path to Shine-JFH classrooms
1:15 Cottage School-JFH kitchen
6:00 Covenant Group-Mongole
6:30 Disciple class-PH

Thursday, Sept. 7
10:00 Ladies Bible Study-PH
6:00 Al-Anon—PH
6:00 Unidad-JFH
7:00 Choir Rehearsal-Gallery
7:00 Vestry Sub-Comm Mtg. in St. Gabriel

Friday, Sept. 8
9:00 Dutch School—JFH classrms
11:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
1:00 Six Mercies—Library

Saturday, Sept. 9
8:30 Men’s Bible Study-Grace PH
10:00 Covenant Group-Barden
10:00 DOK Mtg.-PH
10:00 Dutch School-Bethany
10:30 AA mtg.-JFH classroom

Sunday, Sept. 10
Sunday School Begins Today
6:00 Chapel Mass

Monday, Sept. 11
11:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
1:00 Six Mercies—Library
4:00 Inreach Mtg.—Bethany
6:15 EIM—Bethany
6:30 Spiritual Direction class-PH
7:00 Ballroom Dance-JFH
7:30 Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Our church calendar is continuously updated on our website at www.stdavidchurch.org.

Worship Schedule
7:45 a.m. H.E., Rite I
8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Jeffords Hall
9:00 a.m. H.E., Rite II
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. H.E., Rite II
1:15 p.m. Mass in Spanish
6:00 p.m. Chapel Mass

Lectionary for Sept. 3

Lectionary for Sept. 10

Family Camp at Kanuga 2017
Men’s Club Family Night at the Braves! Sold Out!

Youth Lectors Wanted!
Calling all youth interested in serving as a lector! Students in grades 6-12 are invited to serve our parish by reading at the 9 a.m. service. Lectors do the very important work of making God’s word heard, and get the added benefit of honing public speaking skills. There will be a (required) training facilitated by Lisa Puckett and Darlene Swanson on Sunday, October 29 from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Nave. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lisa Puckett at 770-330-0808 (call or text) or email at lmariep@mac.com. Please take note of date change for the training.

Baptisms on November 5
Our next baptisms are scheduled for All Saints’ Sunday, November 5 only at the 11:15 a.m. service. If you or anyone in your family would like to schedule a baptism for that day, please fill out the online Baptism request form by clicking into the “Worship” tab at the top of the church website home page at www.stdavidchurch.org, then click into “Baptisms”. Fill out the form and click “submit.”

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study...
“What A Savior!”
The Book of Hebrews was written for Jewish believers who were torn between their new Christian faith and their old Jewish ways. They were tempted to fall back into Judaism because of growing persecution. The author of Hebrews cleared up confusion by writing an encouraging message showing that Jesus is greater, Christianity is superior, and that Christ is the perfect sacrifice for our sin!

Whiz Kids Adult & Student Volunteer Tutors needed:
Whiz Kids is a reading tutorial program at our neighbor, Mimosa Elementary School, right behind our church. It is called “Tutoring in Reading” for 2nd graders. The Whiz Kids program goes from September through March, 2018 on Mondays, when Fulton schools are in session, from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Each tutor is paired with a student for the year. A short basic training session is provided. Whiz Kids counts as "community service hours" for Juniors & Seniors in high school. If you would like to serve as a volunteer or have any questions please call parishioner Margie Sleeper at 678-471-6513 or email her at margie0607@aol.com. This is rewarding volunteer work.

Help boost a child’s self-esteem and success!

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Come join the Thursday Morning Ladies’ Bible Study as we begin the amazing journey through the Book of Hebrews beginning on September 7. We’ll discover why the theme of Hebrews can be summarized in three beautiful words: “Jesus is better!” Call Kim Freeman 770 442-3128 for details.

Classified:
The Tuesday Team of the St. Francis Guild (Day Laborers Ministry) is in URGENT need of a driver and vehicle (SUV, mini-van, etc) to take the prepared food to the three distribution points on Tuesdays mornings in October and November. If interested, please contact Ron Bagwell at ron.bagwell@yahoo.com or 803-240-7203.

Family Camp at Kanuga 2017
Hold your blessings with open hands...

Have you ever hugged someone with your hands in the formation of fists? Probably not, you embrace a loved one with open hands to pat or rub that person’s back. Even with someone that you don’t hug you may greet with a handshake, again have you ever shaken someone’s hand without extending an open hand, not a fist?

Have you ever clenched money, car keys, gold coins, anything of ‘value’ in your hand tightly? As if your fingers must be peeled back to release the grip you have on it, to free it but in reality to release the true stranglehold it has on you.

You only own the things you can freely give away, therefore, anything that you’re clenching, holding tightly onto owns you and does not grow in God’s kingdom. Hold your blessings with open hands.

This is God’s Nature, not our Human Nature so it may seem on the surface totally opposite of our logic. But remember in God’s Nature you always reap more than you sow. If you plant one tomato plant are you going to get one tomato or dozens in return for your efforts?

Have you ever felt wonderfully tired by giving of your time / talent to something going on here at church? You know that feeling, ‘exhausted adulation’ I call it, this is when you drive home more fulfilled than tired about what you’ve just given to advance His will. So why don’t you think this way when it comes to money? I believe it is because when we make a financial donation we see it go out, but we don’t see it directly come back to us on a deposit slip. If you truly want to measure your faith give God control of your checkbook.

‘There are no atheists in a foxhole.’ Regretfully, I suspect, there are more prayers offered in troubled times than prayers of Thanksgiving. The best time to give is when you’re in the most trouble, you give humbly and sacrificially to God and He multiplies your gift, not your future giving’s, manifold, don’t wait to get started.

God is a giver, “For God so loved the world that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. If we want to be more like God then we must give like God and be generous.

Thomas Nolfi
Stewardship Cheerleader

Please join us beginning on Wednesday, September 13, for the Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:30—6:15 p.m. in Jeffords Fellowship Hall

Dinner and childcare reservations are required by the Sunday of each program week by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130. The cost is $7 for adults, $4 for children. All reservations can be made online at www.stdavidchurch.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and select the box labeled “Wednesday Dinners.” Please tell us the names of the children and their ages when you register for childcare.

Please make your reservations so that we can prepare adequately for those attending.
Informational Meeting
Sunday, September 3
10 a.m. (Sunday School time) in the choir room.

Beginning Children’s Choir Dates:
- Wednesday, Sept 6, first Wednesday evening rehearsals: Primary Choir 5:30-5:45; Junior Choir 6:30-7:30
- Sunday, Sept 10, Junior Choir sings for 9:00 a.m. service. Arrive 8:15 am for warm-up/rehearsal
- Sunday, Sept 10, first Sunday afternoon rehearsals: Primary Choir 2:30-3:15; Junior Choir 3:30-4:30
- Cherub Choir begins with Sunday School on September 10.
St. David’s Vestry
Nominations Begin
September 10

St. David’s has been very blessed with an abundance of God's gifts provided by a loving parish. These precious gifts enable our community to continue to grow and spread the love of God not only in Roswell, but around the world. This is only possible through strong spiritual leadership, teamwork and clarity of vision.

The Vestry of St. David’s is the vehicle by which our parish achieves this vision. The twelve Vestry members are elected as parish leaders to work closely with the clergy and take an active role in fulfilling God’s plan for the church. Each year, our parish nominates a slate of candidates and then elects 4 to become members of the Vestry. This year, nominations begin on September 10 and close on September 17. This should allow all members of St. David’s the opportunity to vote for these very important vestry positions.

The following are the requirements for serving on the vestry according to the Diocese of Atlanta Canons & Constitution, Canon 31, Section 6, (d).(1):

“Those qualified for election to the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows:

▪ Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is not less than eighteen years of age,
▪ a regular attendant at the services of the Church in the year preceding election,
▪ and known by the treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support.”

Other qualities the Vestry is looking for:

▪ Demonstrates generosity in time, talent and treasure
▪ Demonstrates strong leadership qualities (principled, comfortable voicing concerns, considerate of other’s opinions)
▪ Responsible, caring and willing to forgive

Do you know someone who demonstrates these qualities? If so, please consider nominating him/her by submitting the name to a member of the clergy, or to the Vestryperson of the day.

Vestry Nomination Forms will also be available at a designated table in the mailbox hallway before and after Sunday services and also in the church office during the week of Sept. 10.

For more information, please speak with any member of the Vestry or clergy.
Welcome to New Staff

Welcome to the Rev. Rich D. Sanders
Our New Priest Associate at St. David's

Rich is a priest in the Diocese of Atlanta. He has served as the Interim Priest in Charge at both St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Oakwood and St. Jude's Church in Marietta. Most recently, he has served on the staff at High Point Episcopal Community Church (formerly Church of the Atonement) in Sandy Springs. He earned his Masters in Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 2015.

Rich is a bi-vocational priest, so he serves in ministry and in business. As President of Southern Health Lawyers, LLC, Rich is attorney representing a variety of healthcare providers on a broad range of issues, including business transactions and regulatory advice. He has been named annually to The Best Lawyers in America - Healthcare since 2011, and he is a past president of the Georgia Academy of Healthcare Attorneys.

After graduating from Duke University in 1992 with a double-major in political science and history, Rich earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Emory University School of Law in 1996. He currently serves on the adjunct faculty at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and teaches courses in business and regulatory law, and he has been awarded Professor of the Year. Rich is a former intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy, where he worked with an Atlanta-based unit supporting the U.S. Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy.

Rich is the founder of the charitable organization St. Michael's Mission, Inc., which is a ministry organized to assist and serve veterans of the armed services, especially Atlanta’s growing population of homeless veterans. He and his wife Rebekah live in Buckhead and have three children: Jay (2000), Will (2002) and Caroline (2005). They are members of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, where Rich and Rebekah met in 1996.

We will welcome Rich and his family on Sunday, September 10th.

from l to r: Will, wife Rebekah, Rev. Rich Sanders, Caroline, and Jay

Welcome to the Rev. Deacon Tom Ader

Tom Ader is the newest member of our clergy staff at St. David's. He is a retired deacon, and writes, “I am very happy and thankful to be part of the St. David's family.” At St. David's he will serve the altar on every 3rd Sunday, will occasionally preach, and will be the clergy liaison to our new Parish Nurse Program.

Tom and his wife Barbara were founding members of St. Peter and St. Paul in East Cobb. He served there in a variety of capacities, and was there raised up as a deacon in 1998. Although still working full time in a corporate job, he became a part-time chaplain at St. Joseph’s hospital. While leading several ministries at Sts. Peter and Paul, he also served on the boards of Camp Mikell and the Episcopal Charities Foundation. Moving with Barbara’s corporate transfers, Tom has also served as a deacon the Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Florida, St. Peter’s Church in Charlotte, and most recently at Holy Spirit in Cumming.

Tom and Barbara have three children and five grandchildren, “all good Episcopalian”. He decided to retire as a deacon in 2016 so he could sit and worship with Barbara and their grandchildren, who will sometimes join them at St. David's. Tom writes, “My hope and prayer is that I may be an asset for St. David’s and that together we may serve the poor, the sick, the marginalized and the needy in our community. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months.”

from l to r: Deacon Tom Ader, wife Barbara, their daughter and her family: Jessica and Josh Rachel, and Laney.

A THANK-YOU FROM KATHY HOLMAN

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
The Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because your faith is proclaimed
in all the world."

It is with deep appreciation and affection
that I thank you all on behalf of Bill
and our families for the prayers, love, and
support you, our Church family,
have given to us through Bill’s illness and death.

St. David’s is truly a blessing and a gift.

PRESCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers needed:
St. David’s Preschool is in need of a few friendly volunteers to serve spaghetti, help parents and children with drinks and delivery of food to tables, clearing tables and helping with dishes.

TUESDAY: OCTOBER 3, 2017 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Jeffords Fellowship Hall

For youth, you can use this as 2 service hours! For alumni, you can see your former preschool teachers! For adults, you can enjoy an evening of cuteness overload! Please let us know you can help!

Peggy Fallon, 770-993-1258 (office) email preschool@stdavidchurch.org.

COMMON PURPOSE MEETING

Are you unclear about the many sides of the immigration issue? Do you want to know the facts? The Common Purpose ministry will continue to explore the topic of immigration on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Jeffords Hall. This session will focus on facts and laws related to immigration in the United States. Our guest speaker will be attorney Danielle Claffey, a partner with Kuck Immigration Partners LLC. Ms. Claffey practices in all areas of U.S. immigration and nationality law. She has more than nine years of experience in business immigration matters including non-immigrant and employment based immigrant petitions, family based immigration, affirmative asylum, all forms of non-immigrant visas, consular processing and deferred action applications. Beginning with a potluck dinner and agape meal at 6:00 helps us to get to know each other and to establish an environment of respect and Christian love. All members of St. David’s are invited to join us as we seek to live out our baptismal covenants together. Make reservations for childcare with Sarah McVay: sarah@stdavidchurch.org.
Healing Eucharist
Sunday, September 10, 6:00 pm
"Are any among you suffering?
They should pray."
James 5:13a

Music/Choir Update

A New Opportunity for Parents of Children
Babysitting is available for parents wishing to ring bells and/or sing in our adult choir on Thursday evenings. This is a great blessing for the music ministry and our church members who love music but have felt unable to participate because of family responsibilities. The babysitting will begin at 6:30 on Thursday evenings for bell choir and conclude at 8:30 pm so that parents can rehearse an hour with the adult choir before taking little ones home. We are very excited to offer babysitting so that everyone who loves to either ring and sing can be active in our music ministry. Please contact Eileen Nahser, Sue Mitchell-Wallace or Sarah McVay for more details about this exciting ministry expansion for young parents.

Sue Mitchell-Wallace, Ext. 107; music@stdavidchurch.org

Atlanta Baroque Orchestra celebrates its 20th Anniversary
"The intention of musick is not only to please the ear, but to express sentiments, strike the Imagination, affect the mind, and command the passions." - Francesco Geminiani (1687-1762)

The results are in: 20 musicians gather to celebrate 20 years of great music by the ABO, with selections chosen by you, our audience! Selections include Handel’s Water Music and Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto No. III, among other audience and musician favorites. Don’t miss this special celebration featuring an impressive array of wind instruments – baroque piccolo/ flute, oboes, natural horns, trumpets and bassoon!

The Atlanta Baroque Orchestra was founded in January 1998 by a group of musicians who recognized the need for a permanent historical instrument orchestra in the Southeast. Since its founding the ensemble has continued to evolve artistically, providing engaging and meaningful concert experiences for audiences throughout the region. We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our audiences who have supported ABO for the last 20 years. Please join us this season as we celebrate the past, present and future of Atlanta Baroque Orchestra!

Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 4:00 pm
St. David’s Episcopal Church
1015 Old Roswell Road
Roswell, GA 30076

General Admission: $25 Advance/$30 Day of concert
Seniors: $20 Advance/$25 Day of concert
Students: $10 Advance/$15 Day of concert

Patron Tickets: $150 (Includes 2 unreserved seats in the preferred seating section, held until 10 minutes prior to the performance)

Tickets can be purchased on the Atlanta Baroque website (http://atlantabaroque.org) or at the door, the day of the concert.
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Mrs. Darlene Swanson, M. Div.

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For a full Brochure visit www.myfaithjourneys.com/login Group Number: 18023
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