Share the Good News on January 27!

It is not too late!
Invite friends or neighbors
Invitation Sunday

This month, we will learn some ways to practice sharing the Good News of God's love for us through a sermon series on Evangelism. Then on Sunday, January 27 we will all have an opportunity to invite friends to join us for worship and celebration on Invitation Sunday.

Who will you invite? As you go through your day, listen to those around you. Who do you know that is newly married or has a new baby? Who do you know that is in search of a community, in the midst of a crisis, or feeling a sense of emptiness or guilt or fear?

Begin now to pray about how and with whom you will share the Good News, then invite them to church on Invitation Sunday, January 27!

St. Aidan’s Guild

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Parishioners receive priority registration at a reduced rate until January 30th 2013. For more information and a tour of the preschool contact: Peggy Fallon, Director of St. David's Preschool at (770)993-1258.
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The next issue of the newsletter will be mailed on Feb. 6. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Feb. 1, 2013.

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

Lectionary for Jan. 27
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10,
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a,
Luke 4:14-21, Psalm 19

Lectionary for Feb. 3
Jeremiah 1:4-10,
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

St. David’s Eucharistic Visitors: If you or a loved one would like to receive the Eucharist when unable to attend regular church services, please call Alison Wilson (770-993-9766; achwilson@yahoo.com) or Steve Granade (770-475-8214; sgranade49@bellsouth.net).

Lenten Quiet Day
February 19
"Stop, Look and Listen"
Betty Cunningham, Presenter

The Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 26
08:30 Men’s Bible Study-PH
09:00 Homeschool Adult Ed classes—JFH classrooms
10:00 Youth Reader Training-Nave
10:30 AA mtg.—PH
11:00 Nat’l Charity League event front half JFH
11:00 DOK Training-Bethany

Sunday, Jan. 27
10:15 Invitation Sunday
10:15 Invitation Sunday reception in JFH
4:30 EpiscoPALS—JFH back half
4:30 Youth at Sinclair House
6:30 Basement Band—JFH

Monday, Jan. 28
09:00 YMCA ELR Pgm.-JFH Classrooms
6:30 E.M.—Bethany
6:30 Ballroom Dance-JFH front
6:30 Scouts-Sinclair House
7:30 Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Nazareth room

Tuesday, Jan. 29
06:30 Bible Study at Dockery’s
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
09:00 Clericus gathering—front half JFH
5:30 rosell Harmony-Choir rm
5:30 9am svc music mtg-Bethany
7:30 Roswell Harmony-Choir rm

Wednesday, Jan. 30
09:00 YMCA ELR Pgm.-JFH classrooms
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
11:00 Women’s Bible Study-PH
5:30 Wed. Night Dinners - JFH
6:30 Wed. Night Program - JFH
6:30 Disciple Pgm.-PH

Thursday, Jan. 31
10:00 Ladies Thurs. a.m. Bible Study—PH
12:00 Stephen Min. Training in Bethany
6:00 Al-Anon Mtg.—PH
6:00 Unidad-JFH front half
7:30 Choir Rehearsal-Choir rm.

Friday, Feb. 1
5:30 Brownie fundraiser-JFH

Saturday, Feb. 2
08:30 Men’s Bible Study-PH
11:00 DOK Training-Bethany

Our church calendar is continuously updated on our website at www.stdavidchurch.org.
Laundry Detergent Drive for NFCC
The youth are doing another laundry detergent drive to benefit North Fulton Community Charities. We will be collecting **POWDERED** laundry detergent from now until the morning of January 27th. The youth will spend their youth group time that afternoon separating the detergent into smaller bags that NFCC can distribute to its families. Please drop off any donated detergent outside of Katie McRee’s office (upstairs office area) by 2:00 p.m. on January 27th. Thank you in advance for your support!

*Bring in your detergent! The more the merrier! THANK YOU!*  

Ballroom Dance Lessons
Come learn to dance with us. Worry free - you will be taught a beginner class curriculum including waltz, foxtrot, rumba, and swing. Advanced Waltz class is offered for those who have completed the basic curriculum. No partner is required (singles and couples are welcome). All classes are on Monday nights in Jeffords Hall at a cost of $60.00 per person. Each lesson in the seven week series lasts one hour including 5 minutes of church news and dance community news. The lesson will include an additional 25 minute practice session. Classes run from January 14. Sign up at [http://www.BallroomDanceCommunity.org](http://www.BallroomDanceCommunity.org).

Lenten Meditations & Reflections...
Our current EJM class is composing a Lenten Meditations booklet, to be available for the parish in early February. The class members themselves are writing the meditations. Be on the lookout for it! Coming soon!

Unidad Help Needed
Unidad is looking for food preparation help on Thursday mornings for about an hour each week. Weekly teams are set in place, so you would only need to volunteer for one hour per month. We meet in the Jeffords Hall kitchen starting at 11:00 a.m. If you’re in Kim Freeman’s Thursday morning Bible Study, several of our volunteers come in at 11:30 from the Bible Study. The food preparation is easy & fun, usually just cutting, chopping, and setting tables. Please give me a call if you’d like to help out. Many hands make light work!

Victoria Jarvis at (404) 432-0732

New Foyers Groups are Forming Soon!
**What is Foyers?**
The French word, "foyer" means "hearth or fireside," and suggests small groups in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Foyer provides an opportunity get to know other members of our parish over an informal, intimate potluck dinner. These gatherings are devoted to getting to know each other and having fun together. Groups of 6 to 8 (combined at random, rather than by age, zip code, etc.) meet monthly for a simple meal and fellowship which nurtures and builds our community. There is no agenda. Couples or individuals take turns hosting the monthly gatherings over a five to six month period. Each Foyers group determines its own meeting date. Look for sign-up sheets in the hallway. For more information, please call or email Cathy Jones at 770-330-6868 or cathyj55@comcast.net.

“59 & Holding” February Meeting...
59 & Holding’s February 5th luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the old Parish Hall will feature Dick Lord and the Firehouse Brigade with their special program of barber shop harmony. They sang for us last February and the program was very well received. Because we expect a large attendance we ask that you please make reservations by calling 770.993.1094, ext 125.
The History of The Jews
Wednesday Evenings at St. David’s, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
The Rev. Kenneth Swanson, Ph.D.

Were an alien from another planet to examine the history of human civilization on earth, perhaps the most remarkable story of all would be the history of the Jews. How is it possible that a people so politically insignificant, never at any time in history representing more than a tiny fraction of the earth’s population, have had such enormous influence on the world we live in? Topics coming up are listed below:

1. January 30: The Growth of Zionism
2. February 6: Judaism in America:
   - Orthodox, Reform, Conservative
3. February 13: Ash Wednesday
4. February 20: Judaism and the Arts, Part I
5. February 27: The Holocaust
6. March 6: The Creation of Israel
7. March 13: Judaism and the Arts, Part II

Wednesday Night Dinners are Back!

Our Wonderful Wednesday Dinners are set to begin again on Jan 9th with a cozy Soup and Salad Bar to warm up the winter day! In order for us to continue to serve quality meals and try to operate without a loss (we had a $1600 deficit last year), we need to increase our pricing for 2013:

- Adults $7
- Children $4
- Wine/Beer $3

If you haven’t been to a dinner yet, please join us… it is still the best deal in town for a delicious, home-cooked meal. **Please remember to RSVP** (see box above) so that we can better plan for the proper amount of food to serve.

Please join us for the **Wednesday Night Dinners** from 5:30—6:15 p.m.

Dinner and childcare reservations are required by the Monday of each program week by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130.

All reservations can be made online at www.stdavidchurch.org.

Please tell us the names of the children and their ages when you register for childcare.
Rector’s Forum Winter 2013

St. David’s Adult Preparation Class for The Sacrament of Confirmation & the Rite of Reception into The Episcopal Church, Sundays, January 20 – March 3, 2013, 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Jeffords Fellowship Hall. This class is designed for adult parishioners who would like preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or the Rite of Reception. Reception is for Christians who previously have been confirmed in another denomination, including the Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches. The Very Rev. Rob Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, will be at St. David’s on Wednesday night, May 1, for the service of Confirmation/Reception with Holy Eucharist.

Please Note: Everyone is welcome including those who wish to attend this as a Refresher Course. Questions? Please email Ken at kswanson@stdavidchurch.org or Anne Elizabeth at aes@stdavidchurch.org.

Nursery News

Supplies Needed

Many babies have been born recently – hooray! The nursery is booming! With this baby boom has come a need for one or two gently used gliders for the nursery. If you have a glider you would like to donate, please contact Sarah McVay at 678.522.4287 or sarah@stdavidchurch.org. Thank you to Chris & Richard Brady for the baby swing and bouncy seat that was recently donated. They will most definitely come in handy!

Adult and Youth Volunteers Needed

The baby boom has brought on one other need…more volunteers in the nursery. We are looking for both adult and youth volunteers to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. service. The commitment for this ministry is one time per month, but other arrangements can be made, if needed. If you feel called to serve this important and rewarding ministry, please contact Sarah McVay at 678.522.4287 or sarah@stdavidchurch.org.
Calling all 4th & 5th Graders! Come join the fun and fellowship of EpiscoPALS! Bring a friend!

PALS meets on Sunday afternoons—check the schedule below for time and activity!

- January 27 4:30-6:00 Canine Assistants visit PALS!
- February 24 2:00-3:30 Roller skating at the Cooler in Alpharetta!
- March 10 4:30-6:00 Youth Group Leads PALS!
- March 24 11:00-3:00 PALS go to Emmaus House!
- April 14 4:30-6:00 PALS plant flowers for Drake House!
- May 5 Roswell Area Park PALS-Choir picnic

Parent helpers welcome and needed at each meeting! Contact Judy Beecham children@stdavidchurch.org to volunteer. Thank you

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Holy Communion Instruction

Children 1st-5th grade sign up now for Holy Communion class February 24th, March 3rd, and March 10th. This 3 part class on Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist will be taught Sundays from 11:15-12:15 downstairs in Jeffords Fellowship Hall. Holy Communion Sunday will be celebrated on March 17th at the 9:00 service. Sign up in the church hallway or email Children’s Ministry Director, Judy Beecham, children@stdavidchurch.org.
ANNOUNCING...

The spring musical “Malice in the Palace”
Presented by the Treble Makers choirs on April 21st

We need help in all areas — actors, singers, stage hands, set builders, costume designers — to make this come alive! There are acting parts that do not require singing as well!

If you can participate in any way, contact Susie Clements, 770-993-1094 x131, susie@stdavidchurch.org.

This is the story of Esther and how she saved her people from annihilation in ancient Persia. Esther is the down-to-earth heroine. There’s also a proud but sometimes foolish king, full of bluster and self-important. A smooth, flattering bad guy who has the “charm of a weasel.” Modecai is Esther’s guardian, a wise father-figure. Plus many more cute and comical palace characters.

BASEMENT BAND

BASEMENT BAND needs your help!

This ensemble will provide contemporary Christian music at worship services throughout the year. We will feature music by Chris Tomlin, Michael W. Smith, David Crowder, Reuben Morgan as well as contemporary settings for traditional hymns. This is a contemporary band with a keyboard, drums, electric & acoustic guitars, bass guitars, saxophone, violins and, of course, singers!

Join us please!! We need musicians of ALL ages to participate (this is not just a “youth” band).

As with all musical groups, the key to success is regular and consistent rehearsals! Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of Jeffords Hall. It’s currently the only space where we can set up equipment and leave it during the week.

Come join us! If you play an instrument not already mentioned, bring it! A regular rock band is by nature exclusive. We, as a Christian worship band are inclusive!! Bring your instruments, voices, and enthusiasm.

Call Susie Clements if you have any questions – 770-993-1094 x131.
Evensong, a sung service of Evening Prayer, is one of the most inspiring and beautiful liturgies of the Anglican Communion. It is a worship service in which all those assembled join together in prayer, “common prayer,” as Thomas Cranmer described it in the sixteenth century. It is also a service in which music by the choir has traditionally been a central part.

Evening Prayer, whether sung or spoken, is a “daily office.” In it we consciously acknowledge the daily nature of our existence. We live each day in God’s presence, and daily we seek God’s guidance and blessing. In the daily office the temporal nature of our existence is affirmed and sanctified.

Come join the St. David’s Choir and Junior Choir on Sunday, February 10, as they sing for the Evensong. There will be a reception following the service in the old Parish Hall. Please join us for this lovely evening of music!

There will be no Chapel Mass service at 6:00 p.m. on Feb. 10.