

"THE ILLUMINATION"

Join Us To Honor The Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler!
Sunday, February 10th following the 11:15 service.



Our beloved priest Anne Elizabeth Swiedler is transitioning from her past duties at St. David's to become a Priest Associate. We are grateful to God she will continue her ministry among us, albeit in a reduced role.

We want to honor her redemptive ministry at St. David's. She has blessed the lives of hundreds of our parishioners, including many of you. We will have an elegant reception for her in Jeffords Hall following the 11:15 service on Sunday, February 10th.

Save the date! Plan to join us!

If you would like to say something at the reception about how she has blessed your life, be in touch with Ken Swanson. Please bring to the reception a greeting card or write her a note that will be collected for her in a book. If you would like to contribute to a gift for her from the parish, please send a check to St. David's marked "Swiedler gift".

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Chapel Massers asked God's blessings on their new altar on the Day of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, and expressed their deep gratitude to parishioner Matt Koetzle, shown here with The Rev. Katherine Elberfeld, who built the beautiful table for use in our Sunday evening services.

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The Illumination

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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 February 13. The
deadline for submissions
is Friday, Feb. 8, 2019.

CALENDAR

○a.m./●p.m.

JFH=Jeffords Fellowship Hall, PH=Grace Parish Hall

Saturday, Feb. 2

- 8:00 Scoutmaster Mtg.-House
- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 9:00 Usher Training-Nave
- 10:00 Dutch School—Bethany
- 10:00 Saturday Choir School
- 10:30 AA Mtg.-House

Sunday, Feb. 3

Youth Sunday

- 4:00 EYC at Sinclair House
- 6:00 Chapel Mass

Monday, Feb. 4

- 10:30 Yoga class-JFH front half
- 11:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
- 1:00 Six Mercies—Library
- 6:15 EFM—Bethany
- 6:30 Boy Scouts-House
- 7:00 Ballroom Dance-JFH

Tuesday, Feb. 5

- 6:30 Bible Study at IHOP
- 11:30 59 & Holding Lunch-JFH
- 3:45 Dutch School classes
- 6:30 Covenant Group-Garrett
St. Gabriel room

Wednesday, Feb. 6

- 10:30 Women of Wonder-St. Gab.
- 11:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
- 11:00 Women's Bible Study-JFH
- 1:00 Path to Shine-JFH classrooms
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner-JFH
- 6:30 Wed. night programs-JFH

Thursday, Feb. 7

- 10:00 Ladies Bible Study-PH
- 6:00 AI-Anon—PH
- 6:00 Unidat-JFH
- 7:00 Choir rehearsal-Gallery

Friday, Feb. 8

- 11:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
- 1:00 Six Mercies—Library

Saturday, Feb. 9

- 8:30 Men's Bible Study-PH
- 10:30 AA Mtg.-House

Sunday, Feb. 10

- 11:15 1st Communion class-JFH
- 2:00 Girl Scouts—Catacombs
- 3:00 Pilgrimage Mtg.-PH
- 4:00 EYC at Sinclair House
- 4:30 Parents' Night Out
- 6:00 Chapel Mass

Monday, Feb. 11

- 10:30 Yoga class-JFH front half

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 Feb. 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Lectionary for Feb. 10

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138,
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



St. David's Habitat Ministry needs
volunteers for the current Ecumenical
build. Be a part of building the home
of the Cerkini family in
Woodstock. GPS address: 532 Stell
Rd.in Woodstock. (18 mins from
Church) Please sign up at: [http://
cerv.is/m?0251rSDEC](http://cerv.is/m?0251rSDEC) No Experience
needed. Must be at least 16 years
old. We need volunteers for Feb.16th
(PAINT) and March 2nd.
(LANDSCAPE)

Arrival time is 8:45 a.m. with start time
at 9:00 a.m.

Please contact Orlon Daniels at 404-
861-2023 or Beatrice Fayemi at
bolayemi2@yahoo.com if you have any
questions.



Usher Training

Usher training will be held on Feb. 2 at two available times: 9:00-9:35 am and 9:45-10:25 am. Meet in the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Thomas Nolf at 404-667-9245

Start the Year by Joining a Ministry!

Six Mercies invites you to be part of the team!



The Six Mercies Ministry offers assistance to those who come to the Church in need. Most live in our community and live paycheck to paycheck. Many are homeless.

The Six Mercies Ministry is staffed by volunteers each Monday and Friday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Volunteers sign up each month for a time period of 2 hours; we have very flexible scheduling. We have 22 volunteers at present but would always like to invite others to join. Volunteers greet our clients in the library of the Church office. We work in teams of 2.

You will receive more than you give and will also enjoy working with a great team of volunteers!

Contact Jan Georges at jan@stdavidchurch.org or Bill Irwin at wirwin2@yahoo.com

Recycling at St. David's

Please join us to be good stewards of our resources. We are doing the following campus wide:

- Recycling our cooking grease
- Recycling cardboard
- Recycling cans & water bottles – containers for depositing can be found in both halves of JFH and Sinclair House
- Using wood coffee stirrers as opposed to plastic
- Using thermal lined paper disposable coffee cups instead of foam
- Recycling used white paper
- Using paper based “to go” containers instead of foam

*Help to take care of this beautiful Earth
God gave us!*



Classified

1. Mary Kay: Shop with me for Valentine's day gifts, and all year round. Melinda Lipsey
Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant
www.marykay.com/mlipsey
2. Professional Organizing and Packing: Reduce the stress of moving for you and your family. Call Vanessa Drazich at 770-337-7045.

Covenant Groups

New Small Groups Forming for March! After another successful year, St. David's has five Covenant groups who will begin another year commitment to each other. At this time, St. David's will be accepting names for the formation of additional small Covenant groups. Be on the lookout for special announcements and information about Covenant Groups on February 3 and February 10 at all services.

HomeStretch

HomeStretch guides homeless families toward permanent housing and lasting stability.

We help families achieve:

- Stable Finances
- Stable Employment
- Stable Families
- Stable Housing

Join HomeStretch and presenting sponsor, Publix Super Markets Charities, for a great day raising funds to support our mission. **The PEACHTREE TEA** includes a champagne reception, multi-course lunch, silent auction with many fun items and experiences, a raffle, wine wall and inspiring speakers. It will be held on Feb. 26, 11am-1:30 pm, at Country Club of the South in Johns Creek. More information and ticket prices go to www.homestretch.org.

Pickleball at St. David's for Adults

Pickleball, the sport that makes retirement fun again!

Come one come all ex tennis players, badminton players, ping pong players racquetball players or anyone who wants to have some fun! We have three courts which we will set up and beginning Feb. 15th we will be teaching all about the sport; the learning curve is about two weeks. Racquets are light (usually 7-10 ounces) comfortable clothes, and tennis shoes. The Church has four racquets as loaners and we will have some others for you to try. As we age we need to keep moving come out and play a sport that wont hurt you. Friday 2/15 at 6:00pm. Questions, call Mike Dougherty at 770-527-2599.



COMMON PURPOSE EVENT

Common Purpose Event Tuesday February 19 at 6:00 p.m.

“Church Diversity and Unity”

With hundreds of denominations spread across thousands of cultures, unity in the church would seem to be a pipe dream. Even more so in the area of mission to the world, where our ideas about what our primary mission is, and how we carry that mission out, can be wildly different. The good news is that this diversity also gives us a wealth of resources to choose from in finding potential ways to recognize our common foundation – some of which come from unlikely places!



Join us February 19 with Reverend Kevin Martin from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (John’s Creek), as he explores with you some of these possibilities.

Most recently Pastor Kevin has been involved in teaching classes at Senior Enriched Living (Roswell), and as a speaker for Emory Healthcare’s Interfaith Panel on End of Life Spiritual Care. He also has passionate interest in the

problem of division within and among Christians, particularly in the realm of political discussion. As usual, we will start at 6:00 with a potluck shared meal to help us get to know each other and to establish an environment of respect and Christian love. The presentation will follow from 6:45 – 7:30, and then small group discussion from 7:30 – 8:00. Please direct any questions about the event including the need for childcare with a week’s notice to “CommonPurpose@StDavidChurch.org.”

Everyone is encouraged to join us as we seek to live out our baptismal covenants together.



iPhone/iPad/Internet Class

On Mondays, starting February 4th, from 9:30-10:30 am, in the Bethany room, you can receive free lessons on how to use your iPhone/iPad/Internet, plus miscellaneous topics. Classes are appropriate for all levels, from the technologically-challenged to the experienced user that wants more skills.

Please contact Sharon Saylor for detailed information (sharon.saylor10@yahoo.com).

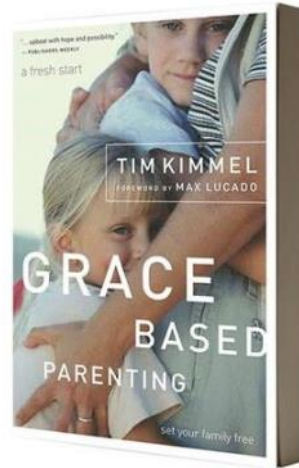


NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM, JAN. 16



Wednesday night program for January and February, 2019
Grace Based Parenting book study and discussion with The Rev. Michelle Ortiz.

"Grace Based Parenting is not another manual full of impossible standards; rather it is a new map for learning to see ourselves and our children through God's limitless tenderness – to raise our kids the way God raises us." <https://gracebasedparenting.com/>.



59 & HOLDING FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**February 5, 11:30 a.m.
in Jeffords Hall**

Come hear the **Song of Atlanta Show Chorus**, a member of Sweet Adelines International. Song of Atlanta's a cappella performances are entertaining, exciting and memorable.

Please make reservations by Thursday, January 31, using one of the following:

1. call the reservation line at 770-993-1094, ext. 125,
2. sign up at the "59 & Holding" table in the mailbox hallway
3. send an email to seniors@stdavidchurch.org.



NORTH FULTON COMMUNITY CHARITIES



Did you know that St. David's was one of the founders of **North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC)**? We continue to support NFCC with volunteers and with our donations. YOUR contributions to the Food Pantry are especially important and ever so easy to do:

Just bring your food donation to church with you! Do you grocery shop every week? How simple would it be to add one item to your basket and bring it to the blue bin in the mailbox hallway each Sunday! Can you imagine how much we could help if everyone just did that small amount? The number of folks coming to the Food Pantry (named for St. David's Rector Emeritus) is increasing and the amount of food donated is decreasing. Not a happy combination.....

If you have household items or clothing we are asking you to drop them off directly to NFCC yourself as it is becoming increasingly difficult get them from the church to NFCC. Unless maybe YOU would like to volunteer to be a weekly

transporter??? Dan Powers has been doing it for ever so long and he is unable to do it at present. Thanks, Dan, for your faithful work!

Each month this year we will highlight a special need for NFCC. Will you consider helping?

For February it is—CANNED FRUIT

This is a highly sought and seldom donated item. Almost as fast as we put peaches and pears and pineapple, etc. on the shelves, they fly out the door to a family or individual in need. Please consider adding a can of fruit to your grocery list each time you go in February.

GENERAL FOOD PANTRY WORD TO THE WISE: Please avoid glass containers. The concrete floors of the Pantry are very unforgiving AND many of our families are walking, riding buses, etc., where opportunities for breakage abound.

WINTER BOOK STUDY

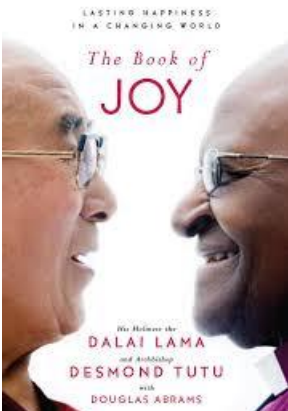
Sunday School Hour at 10:15—11:00 a.m.

Grace Parish Hall

January 13 – February 17, 2019

[The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World](#)

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, with Douglas Abrams



In the 2019 winter book study we will look at two men who have experienced the adversity of this world, but who approach each day, and each person, with joy. We will come to know His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu as we study their teachings on joy, as well as the latest science on joy, and as we share through the perspective of Douglas Abrams in a visit between these two great spiritual masters of our time. This book is about Joy: a “state of mind – and heart-... that animates our lives and ...ultimately leads to a life of satisfaction and meaning.” Ultimately, our Saint David's Church will be a more joyful place! Join the Reverend Michelle Ortiz, Edith Cobourn, and Tom Erdmanczyk as we explore this important book.

“The ultimate source of happiness is within us.” *His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

“We grow in kindness when our kindness is tested.” *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

*This book is best enjoyed when sipped slowly and considered graciously:
get your copy now and start reading!*

CENTERING PRAYER

“Silence is God’s first language. Everything else is a poor translation.” Thomas Keating



St. David’s Centering Prayer group is beginning again!

Centering Prayer is a deeply rewarding prayer practice that seeks to open the mind and heart to experience the presence

of God through silence and stillness. It is a spiritual discipline that takes practice to empty the mind from distractions, including thoughts, words, and even emotions. It moves prayer from a conversation with God to being in communion with God. In today’s busy world this type of prayer is richly rewarding as it invites the practitioner to stop and simply be present to God presence. Centering prayer can be done individually but it often helps to begin with a group for support and accountability. More information can be found online at <https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

Centering Prayer will begin on January 16, 10am-11am, in the St. Gabriel room downstairs at the end of the mailbox hallway. Future dates are:

1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/27, 4/3, 5/1

ATTENTION ST. DAVID’S CHURCH MEMBERS:



Priority Preschool Registration for 2019-2020 will be until February 8, 2019

email: preschool@stdavidchurch.org or call 770-993-1258 to get a form or schedule a tour

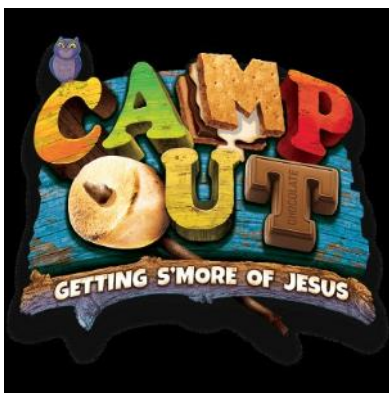


ANNUAL PARISH SURVEY



We want to thank all of you who have participated in the annual parish survey so far. Your feedback has enabled us to try new programs and make changes to better accommodate the needs of the parish. If you haven't already done so, please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stdavid2019>....to tell us what you think!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Hi Everyone! Children, Youth, and Adults!

Save the Date for St. David's **Vacation Bible School** 2019!!
June 3-7! 9:30a.m. -12:30!!

We'll be Camping Out to hear the stories of Jesus and the Bible! Fun! Friends! Music! Snacks! Crafts! Games!! Mark your calendar today! 😊

Registration opens April 1st!! Details to follow!

Questions? Contact Judy Hine, children@stdavidchurch.org

Hope you can come! Bring a friend! 😊

Judy M. Hine
Director of Children's Ministry

