

The Cornerstone

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St. David's Episcopal Church

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From the Vicar's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we approach the date for the Celebration of a New Ministry, I keep going back to the service itself and marveling at what it all means. As I said on Sunday, for me at least, it's like getting married. Not quite, but close. And having been a priest and rector for a good while now, the words carry so much more meaning for me than they did the last time I uttered them, 25 years ago. They are richer and multi-layered in a way I couldn't have understood or imagined back then.

I still carry the people of my first parish (I've only been rector of one church) in my heart, and I know now that I will carry all of you in the same way for the rest of my life. I will succeed in some things and fail in others, but I promise to be faithful to His call to minister the Gospel among you in Word, in Sacrament, and in deed.

At the risk of publishing "spoilers," I am going to close with the prayer that I will pray at the close of the "Institution" portion of the service. It'll make my article too long, but since this is an electronic document, at least I won't be killing any extra trees! I hope that reading it ahead of time may deepen your appreciation for it when you hear it said aloud.

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to

stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jeff+



THANK YOU

MaryJo Adams and John Beranek for the doing the church audit

Junior Warden, David Adams and crew for trimming the front bushes, trees, and power washing the sidewalks

Linda Tapia for obtaining the Monkey grass for the Office front lawn

Emma Jones, Jeremy Pinkston, and Miranda Phillips for decorating ducks on behalf of St. David's in the dazzling duck contest put on by United Way

Thanks to all who voted on the United Way Facebook page

Words from the Senior Warden and Stewardship Campaign

As Father Jeff told us on Sept 19, God gives us a gift in stewardship. We are allowed to participate in building God's world. It is not to be a burden to us, but a chance for liberty. Stewardship is not to be a "fundraiser" for the church, but a partnership with God. The pledge cards will be in envelopes at the back of the church on Sunday, 10/3. Please pick up yours if you are in church that day, otherwise they will be mailed to you later in the week. The campaign will end and the pledges will be blessed at the altar on Sunday, 11/7. The budget we have in place now, voted upon in Nov. 2020, will remain in place for the time being.

The Vestry will look at the amount pledged for 2022 and see how/if we need to amend the budget for next year. The way the Vestry is evaluating our finances is to watch our income and expenses, and if they are not matching up, to cut expenses so we do not go into a negative direction. Thanks to our Treasurer, Donald Nisbett and Assistant Treasurer, John Beranek the Vestry is kept up to date on how our budget is matching our "real-time" finances. The only person who receives and tallies the pledge cards is John Beranek. He passes along the tally to the Vestry, but not the individual information on parishioners. Thank you for your participation.

Carolyn Beranek
Senior Warden

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October Birthdays

October 7 Anne Goodwin

October 8 Erin Moore

October 9 Hugh Colston

October 16 Kevin Moore

October 18 Teresa Wilcox

October 30 Lattie Glenn

October 31 Gary Tremblay

Contributions for The Cornerstone

The Cornerstone deadline is the 19th of each month. All articles are invited.

Please email articles to

bonami12@bellsouth.net. The

Cornerstone editor is Bonnie Glenn.

Condolences to the Smithson Family

Our sympathy goes out the Smithson and Heffern families upon the death of Jonathan's brother, Joshua in August in Tennessee.

"May light perpetual shine upon him." BCP

Condolences to the Sills Family

Our sympathy goes out the Sills family upon the September death of Effie Sills, a local Laurinburg resident who used to be a supply organist for St. David's.

"May light perpetual shine upon her." BCP

Congratulations to The Rt. Rev. Martha Stebbins

Our former Vicar, Bishop Marty Stebbins was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from her alma mater, The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin Texas. She was recognized for her work as Vet and Priest and her commitment to serving churches in small towns and rural communities.

Creation Care Part 3

Tip #5 Turn Off the Lights When Not in Use

If you're not in the room, the light doesn't need to be on. Leave yourself post-its to help you remember to flip the switch off when you leave the room. You can even consider installing automatic timers for the lights in your home.

Tip #6 Cut Your Shower Time by Five Minutes

Cut five minutes off your shower to save water. According to a study done by Harvard the average American shower uses 2.5 gallons per minute. You will save 12.5 gallons of water if you shorten by just 5 minutes. Or consider turning the water off while you lather up and only turn it on to rinse.

Tip #7 Start a Garden, Indoors and Out!

Start a garden in your own backyard or share the work with your community by creating a neighborhood garden. Do you have space in your church's yard, at a vacant lot, or in a nearby park? Gardening is good for creation and saves you money. If you do not have space outdoors, you can grow veggies or herbs in pots in your place of residence. Indoor plants will produce oxygen to improve your indoor air quality.

Carolyn Beranek

Celebration of a New Ministry

It is customary to have a separate service in the church after a minister has been called. We were without a priest of our own since May 2019. The service on 10/6 will be a celebration with our new Vicar, the Rev. Jeff Krantz, and a chance to meet some of the staff of the Diocese. It will also be a chance for Diocesan folk to visit St. David's if they have not been here before. Since we will be having guests, we need to be sure our space is clean and inviting. We have not used all our buildings in a long time. There is a list in the church of surfaces that need to be cleaned or freshened up. If you can help with any of those duties, please put your name on the list. We wish to proudly welcome our guests to our lovely, spiffed-up church.

Carolyn Beranek

Lunacy was a "Squawk"

The meeting was a real balm. We Gavotted through Liberace and laughed through a special version of "Jesus Loves Me" that you will never hear in Sunday School. We heard some poems that brought us down Memory Lane and found out that even though the chicken might die, he will not and does not forgive and forget. Thank you to all our entertainers for a memorable evening!

Carolyn Beranek



Photo by Bonnie Glenn



Photo by Carolyn Beranek

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Scotland County Highland Games, 8am-5pm
3 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am St. David's Pet Blessing, 3pm	4 Child Health Day	5	6 Celebration of New Ministry, 7pm	7	8	9 Leif Eriksson Day John Blue Cotton Festival, 9am-5pm
10 Pastor Appreciation Day Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	11 Columbus Day, observed Indigenous People's Day	12	13 Compline, 7pm	14	15	16
17 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am Vestry, 12:30pm	18 Alaska Day	19 Church Newsletter Deadline	20 Full Hunter Moon Compline, 7pm	21	22	23
24 United Nations Day Christian Formation, 10am Morning Prayer, 11am	25	26	27 Compline, 7pm	28	29 Nevada Day	30
31 Halloween Christian Formation, 10am Morning Prayer, 11am						

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