

St. David's Happenings: January/June 2018

Dates to Remember

February 14: Ash Wednesday Services at 12 Noon and 7pm
Ashes to Go: 7-9am; 11am-2pm; 4-6pm

March 29: Holy Thursday Seder Meal at 6am

March 29: Holy Thursday Service and Foot Washing at 7pm

March 30: Good Friday Service, 7pm

March 31: 10am Holy Saturday Service, Chapel

March 31: Easter Vigil, 8pm

April 1: **Easter Sunday**, 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist

April 1: Children's Easter Egg Hunt following 10am Eucharist

August 5: 7am 'End Homelessness Now Run/Walk'

Sundays @ 9 Study Hour

The Path: This is a continued study of the book, '*The Path*,' a journey through the Bible by theme, not chronologically. This study will end on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

The Gospel of Luke and Acts: The First Sunday of Lent, February 18th, we will begin our study of Luke's Gospel and The Book of Acts, also written by Luke. The study will take us through December 2018.

Lenten Programs

The Good Book Club: An invitation to all Episcopalians to read Luke and Acts from Lent through Eastertide 2018. Participants in the Good Book Club will begin reading Luke the Sunday before Lent, February 11, 2018, and finish up the Book of Acts on the First Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018. We hope you'll join us at St. David's, and the many churches, individuals and organizations, who will be a part of this special project. There is a Good Book Club website (goodbookclub.org), which lists the daily readings, as well as available resources to support us as we read the scriptures. Copies of the daily schedule will be available on the table in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 4.

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Sunday Supper and Study: Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, February 18 and ending on March 25, we will gather from 5-7pm for soup, salad, bread, dessert and study! Supper sign up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall beginning February 4. Our ChurchNext study will be Luke the Liberator! A video format for learning, followed by discussion, the topics include: Introduction to Luke, Liberation for Women, Liberation from Wealth, Liberated to Share and Liberated to Preach!

Adult Forums: January – June 2018

January 7: Calling All Foodies!

Our guest is Margaret Fleming, an instructor from the Culinary Arts Program at Schoolcraft Community College. We'll take a behind the scenes look into the kitchens, their restaurant and the curriculum to prepare students to become Master Chefs. Bon Apetit!

January 14: Haiti Breakfast followed by 'Signs of a Stroke'

Breakfast will be delicious as usual! Afterwards, Kathy Graham will provide some much needed information on the warning signs of a stroke and preventative measures.

January 21: Finding the Art of Forgiving

Each week communities of faith pray the familiar words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Yet forgiveness is perhaps one of the most life-giving acts we could imagine and yet it remains elusive especially when we experience hurt, slights and pain. Rev. Deon Johnson takes us on a journey through the act of forgiveness as we follow Jesus' example through expressions of art and stories of forgiveness.

January 28: Annual Meeting

As usual, Fr. Chris will present a humorous and enlightening review of our St. David's happenings during 2017.

February 4: Building Better Relationships: Problems and Solutions

Dr. Bernie Les, a psychotherapist and professor at Wayne State University, will focus his presentation on how to build and maintain healthy relationships. He will talk about how to prevent problems, the five most common sources of problems, and solutions. Included also will be examples that illustrate common myths and unhealthy habits most of us fall into routinely.

February 11: Valentines for the Mead

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We will be helping 'our children' make and decorate Valentines for our friends at The Mead

February 18: Detroit's African American History

The African American story of Detroit is important to understanding the region, the state, the nation, and ourselves. Please join us as historian and educator Jamon Jordan, President of the Detroit Chapter of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, shares with us a view of present-day events and conditions through the lens of African American history in Detroit.

February 26: Haiti Breakfast

Another wonderful breakfast...and, all of us helping to pay for the medical supplies our awesome volunteers take with them for our friends in Haiti!

March 4: Land of Fire and Ice

Join Judy Walsh and her husband, Harvey, as they immerse us in the beauty and history of Iceland. They will share an overview of their 10-day June adventure in this magical country of volcanoes, waterfalls and the Blue Lagoon.

March 11: Ethiopia Carepoint

Joanna McKinney will be sharing about her work through Children's Hope Chest to help children and their families in a community in Ethiopia. Through sponsorships, HopeChest helps children have better nutrition and access to both medical care and education. Children's HopeChest equips vulnerable children, their families, and communities to empower them to become more self-sustaining and escape the cycle of poverty.

March 18: St. Patrick in Story and Song

A chance to sing your favorite Irish Songs, hear some interesting facts about St. Patrick, and munch on snacks that are 'Wearin the Green!'

March 25: Palm Sunday, *Coffee Hour, No Forum*

April 1: Easter Sunday, *No Forum or Coffee Hour*

April 8: Biafra - A Modern Day Genocide?

Ndidi Awurum will share and discuss with us the current conditions in Nigeria.

April 15: Set Up for South Oakland Shelter, *No Forum or Coffee Hour*

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April 22: SOS Break Down, Coffee Hour, No Adult Forum

April 29: Bee Keepers: "Honey" of a Program!

Local Beekeepers, Ben and Shelley Bancroft share their "sweet" hobby and we'll learn everything we've always wanted to know about beekeeping. Sample their delicious golden honey and sweet creamed honey. Jars will be available for purchase!

May 6: Cultural Sunday: Many different faces, One beloved God

Join us as we explore St. David's varied ethnicities thru food, music, readings and more.

May 13: Mother's Day: No Forum, No Coffee Hour

May 20: Creation Sunday/Week: Coffee, No Forum

Sign up sheets will be available in the Parish Hall for plants and flowers needed, as well as, times available to help with planting. We'll start on Sunday but know that not everyone is available and that it usually takes at least a week to get everything planted!

May 27: Memorial Day Weekend: No Forum, No Coffee Hour

June 3: Regional Transit Authority

Marie Donigan, former State Representative from Royal Oak and, most recently, a Royal Oak City Commissioner, championed regional transit in the Legislature and worked for ACT, A Coalition for Regional Transit, in advance of the November, 2016 ballot initiative. She will tell us about the current state of transit planning in Southeast Michigan.

June 10: Annual Church Picnic at Pebble Creek Park, Southfield, MI

Get ready for the food extravaganza of the year! Meats will be provided. Side dishes and desserts are needed (sign up in Parish Hall), as well as, a hearty appetite and maybe a lawn chair!

August 5: 'End Homelessness Now' Walk/Run (SAVE THE DATE)