



St. David's
Episcopal Church
Southfield

Staying in Touch

Connections

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“Take care!”

When leaving a friend's house the other day he said, "Take care!"

And while he probably didn't intend that I take long dwelling on this, his bidding really commends attention, take care around:

What we read – because we become what we read

What we eat – because we become what we eat

Whom we befriend – because we become like our friends

How we're entertained – because we become what we watch

What we admire – because we become what we admire

What we boast about – because we become what we boast about

What we love – because we become what we love

Taking care can be more than a throw-away good-bye bidding, but a spiritual discipline that invites us to live more intentionally into the lives God has given us.

How is God inviting you to 'take care' today?

*Please Join Us
Sunday, October 23. . .*



. . . to bid farewell to our parish musician, George Cullinan. . . to express our thanks and appreciation for his years of service to St. David's. . . and to wish him well in his new church position. We will miss you, George. Take care!

From the Editor

It has been an adventure and honor to serve as editor of *Connections*. Each time I begin the process of assembling this newsletter, there's a little apprehension as I think about what will, and what should go on these pages. . . but it's needless concern as YOU never let me down. St. David's is truly an amazing place where folks come in each week not just to worship and to learn, but to reach out in a multitude of ways to help others in our church and in the wider community, and those stories fill our pages and inspire us. You and your stories are integral to this publication. In this issue, we will read another inspiring reflection from Gerry Maloney and for that, we are most thankful. Please keep your stories coming! You may send them to Fr. Chris, to Lynne, or to me at ebuday@sbcglobal.net.

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Edna Buday

MARK RIDLEY'S
COMEDY CASTLE



Comedy by Dave Dyer



Haitian children await treatment
at St. Pierre Medical Clinic.

St. David's *Help for Haiti* Fundraiser at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

We are back!! Live and In Person! Come and join us for a truly fun evening while we raise money for our Haiti outreach. Funds raised at this event will help support the St. Pierre Medical Clinic in Mirebalais which is funded by the ecumenical Haiti Outreach Mission organization of which St. David's is a supporting member .

What	Fundraiser, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Buffet Dinner ◆ Silent Auction ◆ 50/50 Drawing ◆ Comedy Show 						
When	Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5:30 –9 pm						
Where	Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle 310 South Troy Street, Royal Oak (valet parking is available)						
Cost	\$55 Per Person - Cash Bar						
Contacts	Lisa-Pauline Barnett (248)712-6999 Janny Milton (248) 827-4638 Janet Ernst (248) 961-8851						
Tickets	Tickets are available from any member of the HOM committee. Make checks payable to St. David's.						
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Bring your family and friends for an evening of laughter and fellowship at the Comedy Caste. If you are unable to attend, any contribution toward this event is greatly appreciated. Yes, this is a weeknight, but the evening ends before 9:30 pm! Haiti desperately needs your help!

HAITI OUTREACH MISSION:

<http://haitioutreachmission.org/>

Submitted by Janet Ernst

Prayer in an Ever Changing World

By Gerald Patrick Maloney

I like to visit churches. Every once in a while I find an open church and just stop in, kneel for a bit then sit and pray and think. I am very particular about the churches I visit. Modern mega churches do nothing for me. Give me an Orthodox church with icons and incense and I will be happy.

One of the churches I love to visit is the Church of the Transfiguration, right here in Southfield. And a little more complicated funny thing happened to me the last time I was there. Mass had already started so I paused at the side door, not sure if I should go to the front or the rear of the church. Before I could make up my mind, an older woman, sitting in a pew nearby, snapped her fingers, pointed at me, pointed at the open seat next to her and beckoned me to come over.

Now I am not stupid. I had 12 years in parochial school and I know a nun when I see one. I also knew I would be better off if I did what she told me to do. So I went and joined her. Before I sat down, I bent over and asked, "Are you a nun?" She answered, "A Marist Sister, for 50 years." Then she hushed me and told me to get on with my prayers.

We turned out to be compatible pew mates, so much so that we defied all the rules and hugged during the sign of peace. As she was leaving, I could not resist and said, "Sister, when you were first clothed in the habit of your order, did you ever imagine that some day you would be going to Sunday Mass on a Saturday evening, wearing trousers and no covering on your head?" She laughed and said, "There have been a lot of changes."

"And how have you handled all the changes?" She said. "Sometimes it has been hard but I like to believe that God knows what he is doing." Then before we parted she told me rather sternly, "and I want to see you back here, soon and often!"

I sat down and thought about her life and its changes and my life and its changes. As change go, she had the easier row. I liked her attitude and decided that I would imitate her and believe God does indeed know what he is doing.

When I made that decision, I am sure that God heaved a great sigh of relief and all the angels in heaven, or at least those limber enough to do so, were doing cartwheels and summersaults for the pure joy for my great and noble decision. Now all I have to do is to live as if I believe it.

By the way, St. David's, with its colored glass windows, wooden altar and reredos, is a great place to pray. Some day, when no one is around, go into the church, sit down and have a conversation with God.



St. David's
Ascension Window



Kid's Club Tutoring Program

On **Thursday, October 27, 2022** St. David's will kick off an exciting partnership with our neighborhood school, *Vandenberg World Cultures Academy*. In this community outreach project, 12 volunteer parishioners will work with K-5th grade students to reinforce literacy skills. **The program runs weekly on Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm in the Parish Hall and we will follow the Southfield Public Schools calendar.**

We are still in need of volunteers and welcome all interested participants- 8th grade through adult.

Vandenberg is a part of Southfield Public Schools and is a magnet school for English Language Learners. Students from 27 countries speak 29 languages. St. David's has enjoyed a strong partnership with the school over the past 12 years and we are excited to embrace our mission aspects of outreach and love for all by supporting this project. For more information, kindly contact Judy Walsh at judycwalsh@gmail.com or at 248-837-5358



CSB (Christian Service Brigade)

Christian Service Brigade Boy's Group is back to a Monday evening meeting schedule. Boys 9 through 18+ are invited to join us for a full schedule of Christ-centered, adventure-packed activities planned for the fall.

October

10/14-16: Weekend, Cedar Point Halloweekend returns! Who says that summer is over, join your friends for a weekend trip to Cedar Point for their Halloweekend, all the normal coasters plus haunted houses. NOT to be missed! We will be camping in the local Sandusky KOA campground.

10/17: Monday, no weekly meeting

November/December

11/7: Monday, Whirlyball. Meet at St. Davids at 6:45 pm. Return about 9 pm. Cost is \$20.

11/12: Saturday, Have you ever wanted to sky dive? Well now you can. Join us for a session at I Fly in Novi. This facility puts the "flyer" into a wide tube of fast moving air. The "flyer" floats in the tube for several with an instructor. Safe! Fun! Not to be missed! Cost is \$40.

12/17: Saturday, U of M vs Litscomb basketball game in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$20 plus money for food.

12/19: Monday, Christmas party. Bring a \$5 gift to exchange.

12/26: No Monday meeting

For more information, please contact Jim Kenning 586-573-9886



Gun Buyback Slated for Saturday, October 22 at St. David's

Following the tragedy at Oxford School, Oakland County Commissioners are taking a much more proactive stance toward making our county safer. As a result, a gun buyback pilot program will be launched Saturday, October 22 at 4 locations throughout the county.

**We're Partnering with Southfield and Lathrup
Police Departments to Buy Back Guns**

St. David's has been chosen as the central hub for these activities. We will be assembling 500 'goody bags' for those who give up their guns. Plus we will be one of the 4 host sites, working with the Southfield and Lathrup Village police departments who will be staffing the buy back. We have many community volunteers but could use some from St. David's. If you're interested contact our rector, Fr. Chris Yaw.

Welcoming of New Friends and Rector's Tea

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 23**, and several special celebrations. During the 10:00 am service we will officially welcome new friends who have joined us during the past year. We look forward to getting to know you and presenting you with a small welcome gift. That afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00 pm please join us for the Rector's Tea.

We will gather at the home of: Judy Walsh, 10104 Talbot Ave. in Huntington Woods (11 Mile and Woodward area). Kindly RSVP to: judycwalsh@gmail.com or text: 248-837-5358.

Join Our Reverse Advent Calendar 2022 Food-Collection Event

Grab a Box Nov 20 and Fill It For the Needy

Instead of opening an advent calendar window to get something out, help us put something in the box to help the hungry. St. David's will provide a box for your non-perishable donations with a list of potential items that you (or your kids, or your grandkids, etc.) can add daily to the box, as we continue on our year of gratitude. Boxes, ready for your eventual wrapping or decorating, will be available **November 20 in the Atrium**. Boxes can be returned at Christmas (or before) and will be given out during our normal St. David's Food Pantry hours.

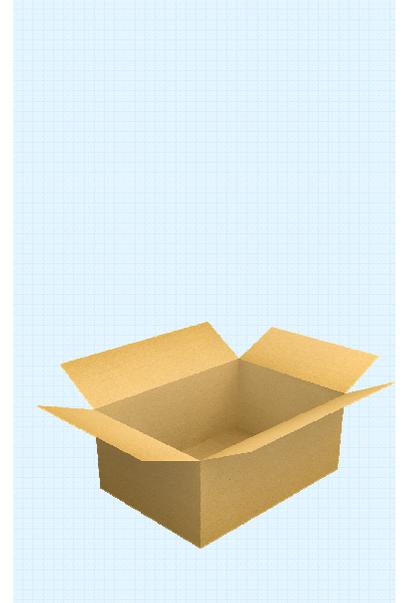


Photo Gallery

By Joanne Sackett



September 4
On the first Sunday of September we gathered on the back lawn for worship and to dedicate the memorial display of Oakland County gun violence victims since January 2022. Guests included Bishop Bonnie Perry, Ken Siver, the mayor of Southfield, Elvin Barren, the Southfield Chief of Police and Susan Yeghissian from Moms for Gun Sense.





Evening newscasts covered the event. Shown here are Fr Chris and other parishioners being interviewed by local news reporters.



Later that day a group of parishioners went to MOTOWN Museum and enjoyed a tour of Hitsville USA.



On a beautiful sunny day in September, we discovered Marian who had come by to do some weeding in the garden.



**Worship Service
Sunday, September 18**

Cate reads the first lesson, Alex had more antics for the announcements. . . . and our choir director, George Cullinan announced that he is leaving St. David's for another church closer to his home. We will bid him a farewell on October 23.



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**It's Great
to be Back!**



Mary and Kathy displaying a quilt that will be presented to one of our housebound members.



Parishioners were asked to help tie knots on the quilt and offer a prayer for the quilt recipient.