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Pray With Your Feet 5K Community Fun Run/Walk and Kid's Dash

February 28, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

BE PART OF THE EVENT!

How? Attend our 3rd annual 5K. All St. David's parishioners and school parents are invited. Not a walker or a runner? We will be blessed by spectators and volunteers too. Last year we were able to distribute funds of \$2,700 to local mission and ministry programs. This year's net proceeds will benefit St. David's Episcopal Church Mission and Ministry Programs and St. David's Episcopal School. Registration forms are available in the church and school offices and online at www.saintdavids.net (under Parish Life) and www.active.com (search Pray with Your Feet).

DATE: Saturday, February 28, 2009
PLACE: St. David's Episcopal Church & School in Terrell Hills

EVENTS: 8:00 am – 10:00 am
5K Run/Walk 8:00 a.m.
Kids Dash 8:45 a.m.
(8-12 yr. olds run first – 1K; 3-7 yr. olds run next – 1/2K)
Fruit and water available after each race
Prayer Service & Awards Ceremony 9:30 AM

Overall Prize to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place male and female: Seniors (age 55 and up), Teens (age 13 to 19), Adult (age 20 to 54)

ENTRY FEE:
Pre-registration: \$15.00 — Adult
\$5.00 — Child through age 12
Family Maximum is \$40.00 when pre-registering
Pre-Registrants by February 12th are guaranteed a t-shirt
Race day: \$20.00 — Adult \$10.00 — Child

QUESTIONS: Call Catherine or Beth at church 824-2481 or lillibridge_c@sbcglobal.net.



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2008 Community Fun Run/Walk and Kid's Dash. Photo by Will Kirkpatrick



The Rev. Kris Graunke

“Basic Course” for Community of Hope at St. David’s

Have you ever gone to visit a friend who is in the hospital with your stomach slightly tied in a knot, wondering, “How will I find him (or her,) and what will I say to them?” Have you ever gone to a funeral home to offer condolences and driven around the block once or twice to get up the courage to go in, not knowing what to say to the family while being weighed down by your own sense of grief?

The “basic course” for Community of Hope has started at St. David’s! I write this about ten days before its start, and you will be reading this after it has started. From my vantage point, I’m excited and a little anxious. The anxiety has to do with the details that need to be attended to and the excitement has to do with the hope that the course will bring a place of support and learning for those already engaged in providing lay pastoral care. Barbara Stone and Judith Riddle have just completed the course through Christ Church and are helping to facilitate the course here at St. David’s. I am so grateful to both of them for their time and commitment in this enterprise.

So many people do so much for others at St. David’s, from taking flowers to shut-ins on Sunday morning, to getting around prayer lists to doing the worship service which takes place every Sunday at Parklane, led by lay pastoral volunteers from St. David’s.



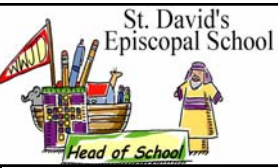
Barbara Stone and Judy Riddle were commissioned as Lay Pastoral Caregivers during the January 18 service at 10:30 am. Photo by Will Kirkpatrick

One of the problems, however, can be that in the church, we ask people to do something, but don’t offer adequate preparation or support for the on-going ministry which is being done. Ask any one who has been recruited to teach Christian formation or someone who is trying to be supportive to another going through an illness or grieving or going through a divorce. We want to be helpful and supportive but often we’re not quite certain what to do or that our best efforts will really bring comfort.

The paradox of effective ministry is that the effect of care giving often has more to do with **being** than **doing**. It has more to do with being present to another in pain rather than doing anything. It has more to do with listening than saying any particular words. The understanding that God is present and active in the situation is vital, and so the Spiritual formation of the caregiver is essential in the preparation of pastoral caregivers.

The basic course offered through Community of Hope provides both spiritual formation and practical training. While at this point, I don’t know the exact number, there should be a group of about seven going through this 12 week course. We meet Sunday afternoons from 2—5 p.m. and have about 9 guest speakers lined up to teach the modules. The course will finish just as Holy Week is beginning.

If you are interested in taking the course but aren’t able to do it this year, know that it will be offered again. In the meantime, please keep the course and participants in your prayers.



Ashley Miles

St. David's Schools Begins 2009

On a cold December morning I sat behind a class of three year olds in church during our daily chapel service. Father Murguia asked the children to stand to pray. An adorable little blond haired boy, turned around and urgently whispered, "Mrs. Miles!" I started to remind him to be quiet and prepare his 'prayer hands.' Something kept me from saying this and, instead, I asked him what he needed. With a smile full of joy he told me, "Mrs. Miles, I have Jesus in my heart!" Needless to say, my day had been made and God reminded me very quickly of the purpose of our chapel service and our mission as Christian educators- to teach each child that God loves him or her. As a school, St. David's Episcopal School has been busy doing just that!

Our school has had a busy and joyous start to the year 2009. Generous donations to our Annual Fund Drive have been arriving- made even more precious considering the state of our economy. Thank you for your support of our school. The Annual Fund monies supplement the difference between tuition revenues and operating costs. I am grateful for your help!

Registration is off to a strong start. The first few weeks of January allow current students and their siblings as well as parish children an opportunity to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year. Following the MLK holiday, registration will be opened to the general public. I ask that you share the wonderful things happening at St. David's School with any families with pre-school aged children that you might know.

In addition to our daily schedule of challenging and interesting academic activities, our school has several special events happening in the near future. Students' fathers will participate in '
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Dad's Math Night' on January 21st- an event where fathers and their children come up to the church one evening to participate in dinner and math activities. Mark your calendars for our annual Book Fair the first week in February. 'Courtyard Corral' is scheduled for February 5th. We would love to see all our students' grandparents Friday, February 6th during our 'Grandparents' Day' program and celebration!

Thank you for the prayers and support you offer our precious school! I feel blessed every day to work with such a fantastic church congregation.

Grandparents and grandchildren find great books at the 2008 Book Fair.



Children's Christian Formation
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Wonderful Workshop Rotation FIT, FUN & FAITH

On Your Mark! Get Set! GO!

It is time to get ready for the annual "PRAY WITH YOUR FEET" Kid's Dash on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

Join us every Sunday during the Sunday School hour for some real faith filled fitness fun!!!

Wear your running shoes and smile
Every Sunday in January and February
9:15 AM

"... those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

For more information please call Beth Murguia
824-2481.



Donald Sebesta

Epiphany, Anyone??

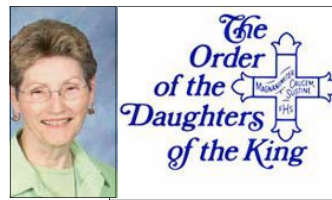
We are now in the church year season of Epiphany, which is the culmination of the Christmas cycle of the church year.

Epiphany is (or should be) a time for celebrating and contemplating the meaning of God's Incarnation; of celebrating the coming of Christ, the light of the world; and proclaiming Christ to the nations, ie..evangelism.

Unfortunately, all this gets lost after the mad rush of a "Holiday Season" filled with frenzied shopping, "holiday" parties, and lots of presents; plus reams of tinsel and glitter worthy of Las Vegas Night at the Ritz..... all, the ultimate triumph of a commercial Christmas. In some Eastern Rite churches, the Christmas Season culminates with the celebration of the wise men bringing their gifts to the Christ Child. This then, becomes the time of celebration, parties, and pageants. We would do well to learn from that tradition.

Extra news in and around the choir loft: It was good to have former choir member, Joe Fischer, back in the choir for his annual Christmas visit home. Older church members will remember Joe as the son of the late Dorothy Fischer, who was for years active in the choir and the church women's group. Joe was also the nephew of Al Fischer, much beloved (now deceased) director of the special adults group. Condolences are extended to tenor, Steve Markelz and his wife, Judith, upon the death of her father, the Rev. John Holdt; and sympathy also to the Bill Hoffman family who was the victim of a car wreck during snow and ice in Colorado, but no one was hurt.

And on a happier note: welcome back, Elizabeth Wolf, who returned safely from her trip to Colorado, despite the same ravages of snow and ice.



The St. David's chapter of the Daughters of the King will be having a spring induction of new members. If you are interested in joining us in compassionate and caring work, please call Carol Hester 824-2481 for more information.



Thank you to all who made themselves available and vulnerable by putting their names forward for Vestry and Council nominations.

Congratulations to:

New Vestry Members: Frank Davis, Rena DuBose, Steven Mitchell, Victor Mux and Joy Pierce.

Council Delegates: John & Patty Brooke, Carol Hester, Michael Koehler and Nancy & Frank Schweers.

Alternate Council Delegates: Tom Carskadden, Jean Heard, Thille Newton, Paula Romano, Jennie Winkle

Widows' Lunch group will meet Tuesday, February 10 @ the Silo Restaurant @ 11:30 am. For information, call Beryl Cunningham at 822-1968.

Important Dates:

Shrove Tuesday Dinner, 2/24 @ 5:30 –7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Services, 2/25 @ 7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evenings in Lent: Evening Prayer @ 5:30 pm; Dinner & Program @ 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesdays, 3/4, 11, 18, 25 and 4/1

Star articles will be due Wednesday, 2/11. This issue will go in the mail on Tuesday, 2/24 and will cover news during the month of March. Remember that the Star is now a monthly publication.

Are you getting the Enews every Friday? If not, we don't have your email address. Please send your email address to Jerry Kirkpatrick in the church office.

ST. DAVID'S VESTRY is our elected governing board of lay people who, along with our rector, The Rev. James R. Murguia, promote the spiritual welfare of church members.

Officers:

Senior Warden	Thille Newton
Junior Warden	John Amos
Treasurer	Bob Bucci
Clerk	John Brooke

Members: Brian Babbitt, Frank Davis, Rena DuBose, Vicky Goebel, Patsy McGaughy, John McInerney, Steven Mitchell, Don Mills, Victor Mux, Joy Pierce and Catherine Schweers.

New Orleans, Again!?

The Senior High Youth Group Spends New Year's at Work and Play.

It is hard to even begin to describe what our experience was like this year in New Orleans. The weather was PERFECT; the people, generous; the French Quarter, fun; the beignets, delicious; and the work was rewarding. Our teams worked in neighborhoods with people who truly cared that we were there. Mrs. Breaux worked on the house with the team. Ms. Sims had gumbo made for EVERYONE. And one team witnessed Kenny's struggle with dialysis as he awaits a kidney transplant. We truly were blessed to meet these men and women. Our prayer is that in return we were a blessing to them.

We continue to return to New Orleans because we have begun to develop relationships that are important to continue. Mission work, even manual labor mission work, is about the relationships. We returned to Mrs. McCormick's home to see if she has moved back in, and she had. We worked on her house this Summer, and she remembered us and was so happy to see us. We were invited in and saw that there is still work to be done, but she is back at home. It was great to know that we helped in that process. These relationships are important because we aren't just there to help in the rebuilding process. We are present because God calls us to GO. GO and love His people; hear their stories; share in their sadness and their joys. We also GO to grow in relationship with each other. Friendships are renewed and strengthened. Sometimes you have to leave home to truly experience these kinds of faith-filled friendships.

Our team members are all pictured below. We joined youth and adults from Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio; St. Alban's, Harlingen; and Church of the Advent, Brownsville. The rebuilding continues, and will for years to come. Keep the people of New Orleans (our friends) in your prayers.

Faithfully, Erin E. Koehler



Youth in Action 2009

During Diocesan Council

Who? Grades 6 - 12

When? Friday, Feb. 20—Sunday, Feb. 22

Where? Based at St. John's, McAllen

How much? \$30 per person

What? Mission work at Proyecto Desarrollo Humano - a community center and Colonia in Penitas, Texas. We will be working on construction projects, tree planting, and street/neighborhood clean-up with community members. With "Inflatable Madness" at St. John's on Saturday.

Call Erin with questions and to register!

Happening #112

March 6-8, St. St. Mark's, San Antonio
10th—12th graders.

Registration is open. Go to www.dwtx.org

Pray for Jess Dalton, Thomas Lillibridge,
Tommy Romano, Brianna Watkins, Justin
Worley and Michael Koehler

HIS Love #112

March 7-8, Christ Episcopal Church, SA
For Former Happeners.

Register online: www.dwtx.org

Pray for: Kaitlin Reed, Rector!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Erin Koehler
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Financial Peace University is a 13-week, life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace! FPU is taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD. If you are curious about Dave, check out his website www.daveramsey.com, listen to his radio program Monday-Friday, 1-4 on 550 AM, or catch his TV show on the Fox Business Network Monday-Friday, 7pm.

Sharon Heusinger will facilitate our next class beginning Tuesday, February 17th, 6:00-8:00pm in the Conference Room. Class orientation is Sunday, February 1st, 12:00-12:30pm and Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:00-6:30pm. in the Conference Room. Class cost is \$100.00 per family. There is no cost if you have already taken the course and would like to refresh your memory. Contact the church office with any questions. 824-2481.



THE GAP GROUP!
4TH & 5TH GRADERS
ALL ARE WELCOME!
(ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH)

Gap Group

Pre-Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 1
Lunch and a movie in EYC loft after 10:30 service
@ 11:45 am to 1:45 pm

For more information call Laura Nelson at 824-2481.

Star Guild Members faithfully send *The Star* to friends and family: Dorothy Brown, Peggy Henry, Willie Lawley, Amory Oliver, Betty & Ray Foster, and Jean Bevans. Thanks to our volunteer photographer, Will Kirkpatrick, and our proofreader, Carol Hester. Thank you for your faithful ministry. Jerry Kirkpatrick, editor.

A Valentine for St. David's

*An Interview of Lou Jeanne Davis
by Bev Axford*

I was born in Burlington, Texas, a little bitty town. My dad was a railroad agent. I've danced all my life starting out in high school. I taught the guys to dance, and then they wouldn't dance with me, but there were plenty of people to dance with. That was the dancing era back then. Everybody danced. We did ballroom dancing and once and a



Lou Jeanne Davis is a member of the Daughters of the Nile and was elected queen in 1995.

while country western. I graduated from Port Lavaca High School, and then I came up here to go to Draughon's Business college and graduated from that.

Then I went to Camp Hulen and worked for a gentleman there who was a retired judge. He had a terrible temper but never said an unkind word to me. I was scared to death of that man. He had two beautiful daughters. One day a daughter came in with a boy friend, and said they had just gotten married. He was so mad he took a gun from his desk and shot the guy. The judge was his own defense attorney, and he won. Then one day a man came up who was mad at the judge for something and said some bad words. The judge said, "Miss Jean, go and get the ax." It was the hatchet we used to chop wood for the little stove we had to keep us warm. I got the hatchet, but by the time I got back, the man had gone down the stairs.

While I was at Camp Hulen going to all those dances, they elected me Miss Camp Hulen in 1942. That is the only time they had this election, and I was so thrilled. (Continued on next page.)

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I took an exam and became a Civil Service secretary. My first job was at Brooke Army General Hospital. I was assigned to work for a doctor who was a thoracic surgeon. The first day he was looking at this x-ray. He said, "This patient had a bronchiectasis in the right lower lobe. Thoracentesis was done and 500 cc of purulent fluid was extracted." Boy, I had never heard of those words let alone had to write them in short hand! But I tell you, I learned how. Well, I went to Germany as a secretary. That is where I met my husband. We had two beautiful children who I put through Baylor all by myself because I was divorced by then. After returning from Germany, I worked for a succession of six two-star general officers at Fort Sam Houston. I was in Civil Service for 30 years and retired in 1982.

When I came to San Antonio as a young girl, I started going out to the Roaring 20s at least once a week to dance. Everybody went to that club. It had really good bands that played the big band music. It was a real good place for a lady to go unescorted. You could go out there and dance all night until 11 PM or so and then go and have some breakfast at one of the Jim's Restaurants. We had a wonderful time, and I always had a partner to dance with.



I started taking lessons from Tom Messer. I already knew how to dance, but he taught me the difficult things like the Tango, Samba and Mambo. He is an excellent dance teacher. He has taken people who have had broken hips and needed the exercise. He is very careful with
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them. Tom and I have danced in many contests and have won quite a few trophies.

I still make time to dance. I have a dance lesson every Monday at 9 AM with Tom. When he spins me around, he holds on to me. I belong to a dance club that has dances about every other month in New Braunfels. I go to the Blue Bubble Ballroom in town that has big bands. I don't go to many dances any more. At 86 you really want to sit on the couch. You really don't want to get up and do all that, but I have made myself because I just love ballroom dancing. It is so much fun.

My family were all Baptists. In Germany, my mother wrote me a letter and said, "I hope you don't mind, but I have left the Baptist Church, and I'm an Episcopalian because those people are nicer to me." She had a beautiful contralto voice, and the Episcopal people wanted her to sing with them. I wrote her back and said it didn't matter what church we belonged to. We all want to get to the same place. So when I came back from Germany, she was at St. David's, and I have been going to St. David's since then.

