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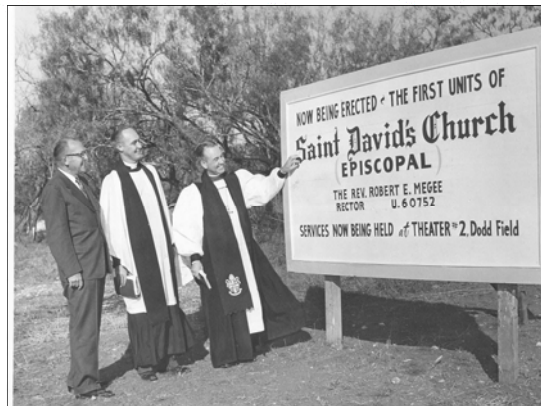
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Celebrate the 50's!



On Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the decade of the 1950's with a special service. Featured music will be a pre-service program of songs of faith and inspiration that were popular on the *Hit Parade* and in movies of this era.

Everyone is invited to dress in 50's style fashions and lunch on hamburgers, hot-dogs and soda fountain drinks following the 10:30 am service.

Why celebrate the 50's? This was the first post-war decade when church attendance was booming; religion and religious personages were more popular than anytime since. Norman Vincent Peale, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and Billy Graham started their ministries in the 50's, and this influence on church and society has continued to this day.

Top photo: Col. Allen Stowell, warden, the Rev. Robert Megee and Bishop Jones.

Center photo: The first church building.

Bottom photo: The St. David's congregation on February 15, 1953 in front of the Rectory and first church meeting place on Morningside. Photo albums, made by Susan Willcox, are in the church office and photos are also on web site.

Descending Doves

St. David's
Roving Reporter
Ethel Porter



One is blessed every now and then by precious "Wow" moments in which people of a certain age choose to share with you their life's narrative and their personal stories that span decades of time and seemingly epochs of experiences. I am convinced there is a parallel universe that is comprised of memories of our intentions, experiences, regrets, joys, and acceptance of responsibility for choices we have made. I have not seen the Oscar award-winning science fiction movie, *Avatar*, but I have selected Willy Wonka as **my** avatar, the persona I have appropriated to represent my creative conscience. Recently, I have repeatedly replayed in my mind the song, *Pure Imagination*. It is the title song of the 1971 movie, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Without broaching the rules of literary attribution, I can quote the first two stanzas of the song:

"Come with me and you'll be in a world of pure imagination. Take a look and you'll see into your imagination."

"We'll begin with a spin traveling in the world of my creation. What we'll see will defy explanation."

Artists create worlds of imagination. They seek permission, sometimes unwittingly, from the Architect of Life to connect parts and pieces of thrown away things and cutout things to make art. They draw from the wellsprings of deep inspiration, quietly or loudly invoked, to make statements about their artistic creative sensibilities and moral beliefs.

Who is Jeane M. (Hunt) Funkhouser? I did not know the name. Yet, she is a part of St. David's parish history. She has lived in Virginia, California, and Texas. World War II is not an academic historic period for her. It was a time during which she discovered her God-given gift to create mosaic sculptures, two of which are part of St. David's exterior and interior spaces.

In the early 1960's, the then St. David's Rector, the Reverend Jack Deforest, commissioned her to create a mosaic backdrop for a statue of St. David, the patron saint of Wales for whom our Parish is named. She accepted the task and a luminescent mosaic sculpture is the result. It is visible in the courtyard in front of the upper entrance to the church. It is a phantasmagoric
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creation. Prominent in this unique artwork is a tall, sturdy trunk of a tree with deep brown roots and verdant green limbs, which could be reminiscent of the Tree of Life. Flashes of yellow and brown mosaic pieces meet in opposing directions. Bathed in this colorful, boldly rendered mosaic, St. David, the preacher, teacher, and Abbot in the sixth century Celtic world, appears to stand in a snippet of Eden. Notwith-



standing, one's breathless response to the mosaic, St. David is the intended emphasis of the **bas-relief**. He carries a cross and reminds us that we must venture beyond the comfortable seasons of our lives to engage in community to accomplish the work God requires of us. When St. David was preaching at the Synod of Llanddewi Brefi in Wales, those present said that a white dove descended upon his shoulder after the ground on which he was standing rose to form a small hill facilitating the throng's view of him. This is purported to be his singular miracle. In Jeane's exterior mosaic artwork, she seems to remind us of the possibility of miracles and the powerful metaphor of abundant Grace represented by descending doves.



Months later, the Rector asked her to create an artwork for the wall behind the Baptistry. She did, and gave it as a gift to the church. The Baptistry
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displays her 14-karat gold resplendent mosaic. Despite the richness of the mosaic's compositional elements, it is a muted mosaic. When one views it, one sees gold and silvery pieces of tiles. In the center is a white dove that is small, yet compelling and calming. It is the point of attraction. One realizes in a moment of reflection that the artist wants you to understand the metaphor of the Holy Spirit. One retreats into one's own spirit because, I believe, the artist is daring the beholder to understand the Scripture: "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." In that quiet experiential moment, one can surmise that God is saying to each one of us that we are His children who have the capacity, through His Grace, to please Him. Somehow, I think there are subtle connections between the creation and experience of a golden Baptistry mosaic and the dedication of new life to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In her artistic career, Jeane has collaborated with the now deceased Caroline Shelton, a graphic artist, who was a member of St. David's Parish; Lincoln Borglum, sculptor, photographer, author, engineer and son of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial; and, the jeweler artisan, James Avery. She has used her hands to create stained glass sculptures for churches and other edifices, watercolor paintings, mosaic tabletops, and pottery bowls. Even now, as a Del Rio octogenarian, she uses her artistic eye to bring life to inanimate elements. She understands the inexplicable connection of art to the innate desire of humankind to discern the nature of the Creator. Jeane Funkhouser is leaving a fantastic legacy of beautiful things in this world. St. David's Parish is a recipient of some of them.

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 *Patsy McGaughy*
Junior Warden *Victor Mux*
Treasurer *Frank Davis*
Clerk *Catherine Harper*

Members: *John Amos, Brian Babbitt, Mikel Brightman, Rena DuBose, Jill Fitch, Carol Hester, Don Mills, Steven Mitchell, Joy Pierce, Tim Woodall and Thad Ziegler.*

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; our proofreader, Jean Bevans; and our own special mail carrier, Victor Mux. Thank you for your faithful ministry. Jerry Kirkpatrick, editor.*



HONDURAS 2010 PREPARES TO DEPART

On May 12, St. David's 2010 Honduras Missionary Group will depart the USA for our "home" in Siguatepeque. 1200 student packets have been assembled, thanks to the efforts of the Jr. EYCsers, Senior EYCsers, Ashlyn Roth and Lindsey Bates.

Each student packet contains 2 pencils, 2 end cap erasers, a toothbrush, a comb, a mini pencil sharpener, a bar of soap and a bookmark with John 3:16 (in Spanish). For children who live on the edge of poverty, these small gifts are very meaningful. We are thankful for our parishioners who support this wonderful mission, and we ask that you remember us in your prayers: Barrie Waller, Brianna Watkins, James Murguia, Katy Riggs, Sarah Bauml, Sarah Cozad, Vicky & Sara Goebel, and Victor & Murray Mux.



*Photos by
Murray Mux*





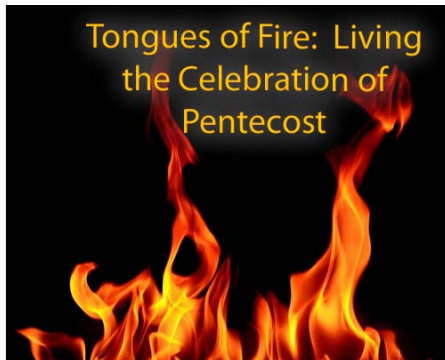
FROM THE

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The Rev. Lisa Mason



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Acts 2:1-4 ^{NRS} *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

The word Pentecost literally means fiftieth, and the day of Pentecost occurs on the fiftieth day of Easter. But the Festival of Pentecost, also known as the Feast of Weeks, has even more ancient roots than after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Jewish people gathered for this feast, known as *Shavuot* in Hebrew, to celebrate the cutting of the spring wheat and later also marked the delivering of the Ten Commandments to Moses by God. This festival comes seven weeks after God delivered the people out of bondage in Egypt, known as *Pesach*. On *Shavuot*, the Jewish people celebrate becoming a nation having received the law from God.

On May 23rd, we will celebrate Pentecost, which Christians refer to as the birthday of the Church and as the day that the gift of the Holy Spirit was made known to followers of Christ as tongues of fire descended upon the disciples. Peter preached that day and thousands were baptized and converted. The Holy Spirit has always been since creation and always will be, but on this day, we celebrate the gift of being empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of God in the world. We remember and celebrate the mission of the church, which is to reconcile the world to God and to each other. On Pentecost, we renew our Baptismal
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Covenant, in which we affirm our faith and renew our promises; these promises lay the foundation for our work as the Body of Christ in the world....with and only with God's help. We promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons loving our neighbors as ourselves, to follow the teachings of the apostles including fellowship found in breaking bread together and saying our prayers together. We promise to proclaim by word and example the good news of Christ, and we promise to resist evil and when we fall into sin, to repent and return to the Lord. We promise to strive for justice and peace among all human beings, respecting the dignity of every human being.

How do we grow into these promises? For me, I must gather with the community of faith to worship, break bread together, and to study scripture. We are not called to this work solely on our own, but together with the support and strength of each other. To celebrate Pentecost this year, we will have a courtyard cookout on May 23rd following the 10:30 service.

We are also offering an opportunity to gather on the first Wednesdays of every month beginning May 5th for worship, a potluck supper, and Bible study.

The first series of these Wednesday evenings will be: ***A Closer Look at the Parables That Jesus Told***. We will explore the possible meanings of several parables and the different ways they still speak loudly in our lives today! Every time we read scripture, we learn something new about our relationship with God, about ourselves and about our relationship with others. I especially feel that parables spark our imaginations and nurture our ability to wonder where we are in the story.

The first parable we will enter into and explore on May 5th will be *The Parable of the Sower*, *Matthew 13:1-9*.

Worship 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Bible Study/Discussion:
6:30-7:30



The Parable of the Sower



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School News

Twinkle lights, cool temperatures, delicious food, and wonderful company... what does that describe? Spring Fling 2010! A lovely evening of celebrating St. David's School resulted in raising over \$46,000 for our school. Guests enjoyed a beautiful setting, dinner by Paloma Blanca and bidding in the fabulous silent and live auctions. Spring Fling 2010 co-chairs Ann Walton and Carrie Worthen organized a lovely event. Special thanks go out to our Spring Fling committee, the staff of St. David's Church and School, all the underwriters of the event, the generous donors to the auction and the St. David's parish. On behalf of the students and staff of St. David's, thank you for your support and overwhelming generosity.

April will be another busy and fun-filled month of exciting learning and activities at St. David's School. Our students will welcome King Antonio and the royal Fiesta court on the 22nd. Our annual shoebox parade will immediately follow his visit. Make sure you look for the St. David's School horse-drawn carriage in the Battle of Flowers parade. Our kindergarten students will represent St. David's as 'Children of Mexico.'

Early May will bring a week focused on reading when our school celebrates 'Dr. Seuss week.' Children will get to eat green eggs and ham and have their favorite Dr. Seuss book read to them daily. St. David's Church and School staff and youth group are excited to offer 'Kids' Night Out' on May 7th- a fun evening of pizza, bouncy castles, movies and more! Please join us there!

With all these wonderful events, it could be easy to lose sight of the mission and purpose of our school-our mission to: Love God, Love our Neighbor and Love learning. April and May chapel at St. David's School will keep students focused on the greatest gift- the resurrection of Jesus and how we can share that gift with others. Each and every school day the student of St. David's are told that God loves them.

I ask you to keep the students and staff in your prayers. Thank you for your support!



Bouncy Castle for Kids' Night Out

T-Shirts for Sale



Senior High Shirt - \$12
All Youth Shirt - \$10
All Youth Shirt designed by AJ Heinke



SIT BACK, RELAX, & TAKE IT EASE

Late Nights in the Loft
Mondays 7:30pm
St. David's Episcopal Church

INTO MARVELOUS LIGHT I'M RUNNING

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Update from Your Children & Youth Minister!!!!!!!!!!

And I thought the fall and spring were busy! Summer is right around the corner. Lots of fun things are being planned. To bring the school year to an end, St. David's Youth Group and St. David's School Staff are hosting a "Kid's Night Out" on Friday, May 7th, 630pm -1030pm. Sign up your 16 month old -10 year old with Bonnie Babbitt 210 824 2481 to reserve a spot. \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional. The end of the year youth group parties are right around the corner. Junior High End of the Year Party is on May 23rd at St. David's from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Senior High End of Year Party is on May 24th at St. David's from 7:00-9:00pm.

But before these exciting youth group parties, I am off to Honduras with our missionary team May 12th-19th. I have never been to Honduras and am so thrilled that my first trip will be with St. David's. Brianna Watkins and I are busy making baby blankets for the "mommy kits" and stuffing school packets for the children at the orphanage and school.

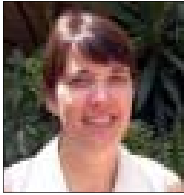
I was asked to be the teacher at Camp Capers for Senior High Camp A. the Rev. Lisa Mason is the Dean for that week and the Rev. Jason Roberts from Holy Spirit San Antonio is the Chaplain. Here is the schedule for camp this summer. Sign your child up online at http://www.dwtx.org/index.php/entities/Camp_Capers_Home

Senior High Camp A (SCA)	June 6-12	\$370	rising 10th-first year of college
Primary Camp A (PCA)	June 13-19	\$360	rising 3rd-5th graders
Junior High Camp A (JCA)	June 20-26	\$360	rising 8th-9th graders
Intermediate Camp A (ICA)	June 27-July 3	\$360	rising 6th-7th graders
Senior High Trip Camps (SHTC) to Duck Lake (two trip dates)	June 27-July 3 & July 5-11	\$450	rising 10th-1st yr in College Duck Lake Trip Details
Mid Summer Break	July 4-9		
In Service	July 10-11		
Good Samaritan Camp	July 12-15		
Senior High Camp B (SCB)	July 18-24	\$370	rising 10th -first year of college
Junior High Camp B (JCB)	July 25-31	\$360	rising 8th-9th graders
Intermediate Camp B (ICB)	Aug 1-7	\$360	rising 6th-7th graders
Primary Camp B (PCB)	Aug 8-14	\$360	rising 3rd-5th graders

After camp, I will be back here at St. David's for my first Vacation Bible School. Our theme is the "High Seas Expedition." There will be characters like pelicans, monkeys, chipmunks, and dolphins going on the adventure with us of exploring the Bible. Join St. David's on June 14-18th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for Vacation Bible School.

The Senior High Youth is going to New Orleans for their annual Mission Trip July 19th-25th. Commissioning of the Youth will be on Sunday, July 18th at the 10:30 am service. We will be conducting a VBS in the 9th Ward, working in homeless shelters and local daycare centers near Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans. We will stay in the housing provided by Trinity Episcopal Church's outreach ministry.

The summer will wind down with Happening #116 in Harlingen at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on August 6th -8th. Amanda Quisenberry is the student rector, and I am her "Big Sister" for the weekend. Sign your rising 10th-12th grader up with me or online at dwtx.org, if they have not attended.



Susan Willcox



Jay Buzzini

Register for Education for Ministry Course

Education for Ministry is a comprehensive study program designed specifically for lay people. The program combines Bible study with worship, community-building and theological reflection within a closed, small-group setting. This is a four year theology course requiring commitment one year at a time. The purpose of EFM is to empower its participants by equipping them with the tools and skills needed to go out and do God's work in the world today.

EFM is enrolling students now for next year's session which starts in August. Course materials are written and provided by the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, and are included in the cost of the course. For further information call Jay Buzzini or Susan Willcox. You may also go on-line at www.sewanee.edu/EFM/EFMhome.html.

Confirmation Sunday

May 2 at 10:30 am

We will also honor our senior graduates and acolytes.
"Come and see..."
(John 1: 43-51)

Please join us in McAllister Hospitality Hall immediately following the 10:30 service for a reception honoring

The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge our confirmands, received, newly baptized and our graduates.



Episcopal Choral Consortium Spring Concert

Sunday, May 2
4:00 pm

The Episcopal Choral Consortium and Orchestra will hold its fourth annual spring concert at:

St. David's Episcopal Church
1300 Wiltshire Ave.
San Antonio TX 78209

