

# The Tablet

**St. David's Episcopal Church**  
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## Sunday Service

8 am Holy Eucharist I  
10 am Holy Eucharist II  
(also Zoom)

## Wednesday Service

9:30 am Healing Service

### Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

### Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

### Pastoral Care Associate

Chaplain Kate O'Connor,  
M.Div., BCC

### Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

### Treasurer

John Patterson

### Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

*Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass. Desiderata by Max Ehrmann*

I have never been much of a plant person.

Of course, I love to look at flowers, daffodils being my favorite. I love the smell of roses, the delicate texture of peonies, the bright openness of sunflowers. But I'm really not much of a plant person. I mean, it was a joyous occasion when, having received a poinsettia one Christmas I was able to keep it alive through Easter, setting a personal record. Whenever someone gives me a plant I am overjoyed with appreciations, but I softly whisper to the poor thing "I'll try to get you into someone else's care before I kill you."

I remember vividly as a small child visiting my grandmother's home, where she would spend hours planting in her flower beds. Each spring, ground would be turned over and new annuals placed in the soil. They looked amazing all the way through the summer, until the fall frost would set in. Then the beds would be left until the following spring when they were turned over and prepared for the next spring.

Except one bed. That was always treated differently. When I'd ask Nana about it, she would explain simply "That's where the perennials are." Somehow, like magic, flowers would sprout up and grow in that bed even though nothing new was planted. Of course, as I aged, I came to understand that "perennial" meant they could come back, year after year. It was a moment of fascination for me - how could it be possible? The plant grew, looked beautiful, and died. In spite of this, that same plant could just wait it out under the ground and be reborn the following spring, when the bright sun and ample water would allow it to grow into the beautiful flower it had been.

This image speaks strongly to the idea of the perennial rhythm of love. God loves us when we are seeds, when we grow into seedlings, as we burst out into flowers of color, as we regress into withering stems, and as we return to the ground. Birth and rebirth, life and renewal.

Every spring, the St. David's parish holds a Spring Campaign. It is an opportunity for all of us to contribute in a financial way to celebrate the abundance we feel. This campaign helps us as a community to continue to be a presence for the larger community in the Cranbury area. We can be reminded that, as we each give according to our own abilities, together we can continue to proclaim the gospel from this patch of space on South Main Street. A place where we can see the perennials grow in our own flower beds, and more importantly, see the perennial and eternal love that God shows to all.

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In addition, we have a special visual to represent our gathering. Collin Duck has created a representation in Lego of our very own St. David's. This model has been placed in a prominent place for all visitors and family to see. But as of right now, the church is empty! For each person who gives to the campaign - no matter what the amount - we'll place minifigs around and inside. This way, our symbolic church will be seen to be filled with the amazing people who call St. David's home. (A huge amount of thanks to Collin, who went above and beyond with his creation. If you encounter him in his own vibrant ministry at the church, please be sure to extend your impressions.)

May we all continue to feel love, give love, see love that is as perennial as the grass.

Mother Amy

**2024  
SAINT  
DAVID'S  
EPISCOPAL  
GOLF OUTING**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 24TH**

**18-HOLE SHOTGUN STYLE**

- INCLUDES GREENS FEE, CART, BANQUET STYLE LUNCHEON, COURSE REFRESHMENTS
- PRIZES & AWARDS!!!

**\$135 PER GOLFER**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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OFFICE@STDAVIDSCRANBURY.COM  
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**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/st-davids-episcopal-church-annual-golf-outing-tickets-864941672827](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-davids-episcopal-church-annual-golf-outing-tickets-864941672827)



This month's Outreach donations will benefit **HomeFront**. HomeFront's mission is to end homelessness in Central Jersey by lessening the immediate pain of homelessness and helping families become self-sufficient. They provide many services including case management, homelessness prevention management (including transitional and permanent housing and hot meals for motel families), emergency shelter, emergency food, free clothing and household goods at their FreeStore, job placement and readiness skills, and special programs for children (pre-school, tutoring, summer camp, and enrichment programs). They really appreciate your support in helping our neighbors in need.

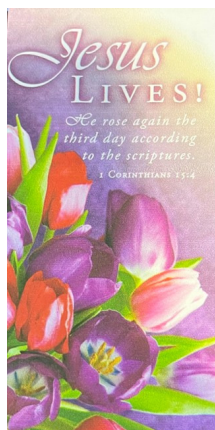
### RAISING FUNDS FOR ST. DAVID'S BY PURCHASING PREPAID GIFT CARDS



Don't forget! You can contribute to St. David's ministries – in the parish and in the community at-large – by purchasing pre-paid gift cards through UnitedScrip. Use the paper form found on the bulletin board by the water fountain, or use the Internet ([www.scripzone.com](http://www.scripzone.com)). You receive the full face value of the card and St. David's receives a percentage of the face value of the card – depending upon the issuer of the card. If you use the Internet to place an order, remember to use 609655SDE when you first sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ruhl, at 609-443-5863 or at [hjr29@verizon.net](mailto:hjr29@verizon.net).



If you are graduating soon, please let our office know so that we can honor your accomplishment in the June 2024 Tablet. Please send an email by May 15th to [office@stdavidscranbury.com](mailto:office@stdavidscranbury.com). Thank you! Parents are also welcome to send in information for their favorite graduates!



### *FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH, FOR THE GLORY OF THE SKIES*

At this time of joy-filled rebirth and renewal, please consider a special gift to St. David's. We are aiming to raise \$10,000 by Pentecost and we are almost half way there! With your support we can do more than just get by. We can flourish in our mission to serve God's people abundantly.

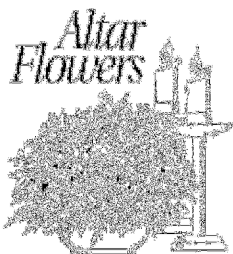
Blessings,  
The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. David's





## Lay Participation Schedule for May 2024 10 am Service

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tracy Smires Kate O'Connor	Patty Thomsson Steve Channon	Edmund Abramovitz Todd White	Corinne Peters Todd White
<b>Intercessor</b>	Brennan Clissold	Beau Sawyer	Collin Duck	Tom Pearson
<b>Lector-1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Kate O'Connor	Zach Duck	Edmund Abramovitz	Corinne Peters
<b>Lector-2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Collin Duck	Steve Channon	Ray Torres	Deacon Barbara Jensen
<b>Ushers</b>	Penny Stout Bernadette Bruce	Larry Kraft Dan Smires	Penny Stout Jackie Asafu-Adjaye	Ed Miller Obafemi Sonubi
<b>Acolytes</b>	Leslie Terhune Patty Thomsson Collin Duck	Collin Duck Zach Duck Leslie Terhune	Joseph Eswine Harrison Katona Tracy Smires	Patty Thomsson Kaylyn Eswine Joseph Eswine
<b>Presenters</b>	Marna & Gene McDermott	Carol Hartmaier Virginia K. Davis	Phyllis Robinson Jean Hegedus	Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout
<b>Verger</b>	Patricia Kraft	Tena Achen	Maria Eswine	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	Penny Stout John Patterson	Jennie Herbert Tena Achen	Winsome Bailey Jackie Asafu-Adjaye	Joyce Hiscock David Thomsson



### Sanctuary Flower/Candle Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your Name (Given By)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Daytime Phone Number)**

**Sanctuary Flowers:**

**In Honor Of / In Memory Of**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Sanctuary Candle:**

**In Honor Of / In Memory Of**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Flower Donation \$40.00**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Candle Donation \$20.00**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Total =** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to St. David's**

**Attn: Penny Stout**




  
**Birthdays**

- |    |  |    |                                   |
|----|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| 2  | Katie Thomsson   | 14 | Rebecca Guardino<br>Susan Kasziba |
| 5  | Jennie Herbert   | 15 | Steven Cenci                      |
| 8  | Bobby Guardino<br>Harry Mazujian                         | 16 | Carson Herzog                     |
| 9  | Ashley Astudillo<br>Phyllis Robinson<br>Lana Sarchiapone | 17 | Caleb Whitlock                    |
| 10 | Cynthia Smith  | 18 | Carmelina Arias                   |
| 11 | Tricia Metzger<br>Gene Winne                             | 20 | Greyson Maloney                   |
| 12 | Taylor (Skip) Reeder                                     | 25 | Brian Laustsen                    |
| 13 | Kathleen Wise  | 26 | John Lombardo                     |
|    |  | 28 | Matthew Boyle                     |
|    |  | 29 | Isabella Machnik                  |
|    |  | 31 | Zachary Duck                      |



Please help keep our birthday and anniversary lists up-to-date. If you happen to notice we do not have your birthday, please call or email the office. Thank you!




  
**Anniversaries**

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|----|---------------------------|---|----|--|
| 1  | Gregory & Kim Neighbor    |  | 24 | Joseph & Janet Boyle                           |
| 2  | David & Anne Marie Miller |   | 27 | Michael & Karen Carr<br>Larry & Deanna Emerson |
| 4  | Ronald & Kathy Herzog     |   | 28 | Brian & Catherine Katona                       |
| 16 | John & Kristen Lombardo   |   |    |  |



**Annual Church Picnic - J2A Sunday, June 9th!**  
**Watch for details and sign-up!**

**\* Sunday Services \***  
**8 am — Holy Eucharist I**  
**10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School**

# May 2024

**Room Legend**  
**s—Sanctuary**  
**mh—Meirs Hall / fl— Fish Library**  
**dc—Double Classroom - bc-J2A Classroom**

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**St. David's Church welcomes all in the loving Spirit of Christ,  
through Faith, Worship, Nurture and Community**

**St. David's Vestry Members — 2023**

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Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden

John Patterson, Treasurer

Edmund Abramovitz, Liturgy

Tena Achen, Finance

Jo Cornell, Fundraising

Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds

Jon Harding, Outreach

Tom Pearson, Christian Formation

AJ Polanco, Communications

Leslie Terhune, Liturgy

Ellen Torres, Evangelism