



St. David's
Episcopal Church
Southfield

Staying in Touch

Connections

April 2021

Resurrection Power



When all the world thought God had lost and injustice had won, Easter tells us God had won and injustice had lost.

When all the world thought a brutal government and a corrupt

religious system had won, Easter tells us that honesty and integrity had won.

When all the world thought a criminal was dead and a movement had died Easter tells us Jesus is alive and his work lives on.

If Easter is about anything it is possibility.

Easter tells us that God can raise a dead person from the grave, God can handle any problem we might have

As you and I slog through yet another year of COVID quarantines

and cancellations Easter asks us to hope—telling us that even in our darkest places we need not give up, give in, or abandon hope.

I hope this card and newsletter help kindle the Easter hope that things can get better, that we can survive this pandemic, that we can even find ways to thrive through our present challenges.

May the blooms and blossoms springing up all around us remind us of those promises, possibilities, and power.

†Fr. Chris

Note

The condensed *Connections* includes just a few special notes and announcements.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed articles for previous issues of *Connections* and to ask that you continue sharing your stories, poems, prayers or articles with your fellow parishioners. Please send any items to Fr. Chris or to our parish administrator Lynne at lynne@stdavidssf.org.

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♥ Thanks for Your Generosity ♥

- ♥ **Thanks for Equipping a New Homeowner!** In conjunction with Lighthouse/ SOS, during Lent you generously assembled kitchen boxes to help homeless families with their moves into a home.
- ♥ **Thanks for the Chairs... To Date: \$11,000 Collected for Parish Hall Seating!** During Lent we challenged ourselves to give \$100 above our regular pledge to help us buy new chairs for our soon-to-be refurbished Corner Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to the Schneiders and the Sacketts.
- ♥ **New Outdoor Worship Items Purchased: New PA and a Tent** Back Lawn worship comes in loud and clear thanks to a new Public Address system. And things will stay nice and dry thanks to a new donated 10x10 tent. Special thanks to Mike Stutso for the use of the PA and to the Ernsts for the tent.

Announcements

Spring and Summer Sundays...Outdoor In-Person Worship Will Be Once a Month. While we enjoy outdoor worship, it is not ideal for those on Zoom. So at 10am on the first Sunday of each month we will be live on the back lawn and Zoom/Facebook, otherwise we'll be on Zoom/Facebook for the other Sundays of the month. Our next in-person Sunday worship services will be on the back lawn on May 2 and on June 6.

How to Connect to Zoom! We are using a video conference and teleconference platform called Zoom to remain connected with you. This is an app you can download on your computer or phone. If you are not 'techie' and would rather use your telephone, you can call into all of our worship services and bible studies as well – here's how:

Use this link for all ZOOM meetings:

zoom.us/j/9252573320

Password: 16200

By telephone

1) Call 1-646-558-8656

2) Enter our Meeting ID 925 257 3320

3) Enter Password 16200

4) You've joined us!

If you need any help installing, implementing, or otherwise using Zoom, please contact Fr. Chris at 313-585-4840.

Buy a Brick Fundraiser Coming...Help Close the Budget Gap! In June we'll launch a fundraiser to help us bridge the gap between our income and expenses as we enjoy the many improvements to our physical plant.

South Oakland Shelter April Outreach! Normally we would welcome 30+ homeless friends into our church in the spring, but COVID has them staying in local hotels. So this year St. David's put together 350 meals during the week of April 10. Thanks to Audrey Humphrey, her team of helpers and all who contributed toward these meals.

Outreach Reminder for Church School Families...We're packing special snack boxes for youth to be given out at the food pantry. Our youth, gathering in small groups, are preparing these boxes to be distributed from the food pantry. Contact Kitty Kenning for details.

Food Pantry Ministry Continues...Get Free Food and Masks from our Food Pantry. Our emergency food pantry

continues to support dozens of people each week. We're open M-W-F 9a-12n and are in need of volunteers. If you can help, contact our pantry volunteer coordinator Fr. Steve Bancroft at (313) 570-1811.

Local Restaurant Meal Outreach...We're Helping Hungry People and Local Restaurants. Thanks to you we've donated thousands of dollars worth of food at Christmas and Thanksgiving to feed those in need. Now we're raising funds to help needy families while also assisting local restaurants as they try to make it through our worsening pandemic. Hit the 'Donate' button on the website and designate 'Restaurant Gift Cards' or send a check to the parish with the notation 'Restaurant Gift Cards' and we'll put your gift to work.

Holy Land Trip May Be Back On. Tentatively Planned for Jan 15-26, 2022 - St. David's is planning a trip to the Holy Land early next year—is God calling you to join us? We'll stay in Jerusalem and travel to Bethlehem and Galilee. We still have a few spots open, contact Fr. Chris at chris@stdavidssf.org

College Goody Bags. Everyone loves a goody bag—including our parish college students! With final exams approaching, we wanted to cheer on the students with a gift from St. David's. The Newcomers-Outreach committee decorated boxes and bags and filled them with snacks and included a handwritten note. Boxes were delivered to students studying from home and mailed to students studying on campus. Special thanks to Kitty Kenning and Kathy Graham for all their help.

Let's Keep in Touch with Each Other It's a Work of Love Do you miss seeing your church family? While we're not together physically, why not reach out with a note or call to one another

Are You in Any Kind of Need or Crisis? *This is why we're here.* We have a team of parishioners who are interested in helping. Discretion will be used, Please contact Fr. Chris at (313) 585-4840, [chris@stdavidssf.org/](mailto:chris@stdavidssf.org)

Yes, You Can Still Send Donations and Pledges via Internet or Mail, Your Support is Critical. We check the mail daily at St. David's, so feel free to continue your support at this time. Checks are deposited every two weeks. You may also use the 'Donate' button on the parish website, www.stdavidssf.org and complete the easy-to-use form.
