

## St. David's Monthly Ministry Report to Vestry

**Date:** December 19, 2023

**Name of Ministry:** Preschool

**Chair:** Karen Garcia-Preschool Director

### **Informational Matters: (No Action Needed)**

- Director Ms. Karen Garcia is on vacation the week of 12/18-12/22 together with the school closure week from 12/23-1/1/24. She will not attend the December Vestry meeting.
- On 12/13/23 Community Care Licensing came on campus to report to us and close the active investigation they had. The initial reason they came to follow up on a complaint was unsubstantiated. However in the course of their investigation they found several Type B violations which are of a minor nature and have to do with reporting or other documentation issues. We were given a plan of correction which has already been completed.
- Tours of the preschool continue and we have 3 pending enrollments of younger siblings of current students along with new potential enrollments of 2 year olds for after the New Year.

### **Fiscal Update:**

- November's P & L shows a small positive net income of **\$1,103.36** for the preschool.

### **Other Updates:**

- The Preschool Action Plan Team will meet again in January 2024 to continue work on our action plan.
- On 12/15/23 the preschool children made Christmas ornaments with the help of participants of the senior program. The star ornaments will decorate the forest of trees in the sanctuary.
- For 2024 the preschool would like to have a St. David's Day Festival as a fundraiser as we did prior to the pandemic. It is preferred that the Festival be held Saturday, March 2, 2024.

### **Wants/needs/prayers:**

- Pat Moyer, husband to teacher Ms. Jaime Moyer continues to heal from his recent surgery. Teacher Ms. Emily continues to rest while she waits for delivery. Please keep our staff and their families in your prayers. Pray for our Action Plan Team as we continue to work on tasks to help move the preschool and parish forward on our goals.



Mercedes helping a young 3 year old to make a star ornament.



## **St. David's Sacred Ground Report December 2023**

"There are two questions that we have to ask ourselves.  
The 1st is " Where am I going?" and the 2nd is "Who will go with me?"  
If you ever get these questions in the wrong order, you are in trouble."  
*Howard Thurman*

Our third Sacred Ground Circle has just been completed. Craig Winder, Kathy Winder, Lucille McFadden , Phal Chourp and Joy Wolf spent 11 weeks learning and growing together. We gained a greater understanding and appreciation for the challenges that people of color experience.

We will continue our journey as part of the St. David's Sacred Ground Action Team. The goal is to continue the conversation and allow a safe space for learning.

We plan to start a new Sacred Ground Circle in late January/early February. Details to follow later. Let me know if you are ready for this journey.

Our Sacred Ground Action Team will meet January 13, 10 am at St. David's. We will have an opportunity for a New Year's Labyrinth Walk and discussion of the terms Anti-Racist v Not Racist. We will make resolutions regarding how we will advance our Sacred Ground in 2024.

February's gathering will feature a showing of a movie selected for Black History Month.

In Christ's Service,  
Joy Wolf



## **St. David's Service and Justice Calendar for 2024**

### **January**

CCSA Donation from parish

Forum with CCSA representative to receive check donation

### **February**

Black History Month – articles for Friday times

Sacred Ground Action Team- Feb 10 – watch video TBD

### **March**

St. David's Day support for Preschool Fundraiser

Refugee Net Gala Fundraiser

### **April**

Creation Care – campus clean-up – weeding/pruning

### **May**

ECS GALA support

### **June**

### **July/August**

Back to School Backpack Drive

### **September**

Forum – Sacred Ground

### **October**

Pumpkins for ECS Headstart Preschool

### **November**

ECS – Thanksgiving Recovery Program lunch

Bay Park Food Drive – bag prep

### **December**

CCSA Family Baskets

CCSA Gift Bags

Bay Park Food Drive

## **St. David's Service & Justice Committee meeting of Tues. Nov. 28, 2023**

Members present: Debby Park, Joy Wolf, Roseann Myers, Deacon Nancy Holland

Debby opened with a Blessing for the Community and a scripture reflection from 2 Corinthians v.9

- 1. CCSA Family Christmas Basket and Gift Bag programs:** Roseann explained the importance of our support of these programs as a founding member of CCSA and in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a separate announcement going out on Thursday devoted entirely to this and the DOK Calendar project. This information will also be in the Weekly Times, bulletins and December Gospel.
- 2. Farmworkers' Children's Gift program:** Deacon Nancy received this information from Robert Vivar, Diocesan Migration Missioner. People can sign up to choose from a list with gender & age of children and provide a gift. Nancy has offered to take the gifts to the Diocesan office. We decided it was OK to provide this information to the congregation. Some people really like the idea of buying a gift!
- 3. ECS Annual Recovery Thanksgiving Lunch:** This was a big success at St. Mark's in City Heights on Nov. 16 with food donated by many churches (St. David's provided some appetizers), volunteers from many churches to set up and serve, and students from the Bishop's School. Five people from St. David's volunteered. We honored and got to visit with the clients and staff from the ECS CERRC substance abuse recovery program.
- 4. Bay Park Holiday Food Drive:** 8 parishioners helped prepare the food bags on Nov. 15. Bags were distributed to our congregation after church on Nov. 26, and other volunteers passed out bags throughout the neighborhood Nov. 26-28. This Saturday is the Food Drive when volunteers will collect the bags from neighbors and bring them to our parking lot where volunteers (we hope to have many parishioners helping) will sort the food donations into bins provided by San Diego Food Bank – the recipient of all the food.
- 5. Thanksgiving for seniors who don't have family:** Debby learned of only two people who needed an invitation (there might have been more) and asked Christ Timmins to ask DOK members if they could help. She knows that Anne K invited Mercedes to breakfast after the service on Thanksgiving Day (and Mercedes mentioned to Debby tonight at choir how much she appreciated and enjoyed that!) Next year we could start asking in October for possible hosts and recipients.
- 6. Christmas cards for County Mental Health patients:** This is a tradition. Debby asks parishioners to sign Christmas cards at Coffee Hour on the Sunday that she does the Evening prayer service at the psychiatric hospital. This year it will be on Dec. 17, and she will give the cards to the patients who come for the service.

7. **Sacred Ground:** Joy reported that the current Circle will finish the curriculum soon. She hopes to have enough people to start a new Circle in January. The Sacred Ground Action Group will help with the Bay Park Food Drive on Saturday. The Bayard Rustin documentary was mentioned as a possible video to watch in 2024.
8. **Draft Service & Justice Calendar for 2024:** We discussed possible Service & Justice activities/projects for the coming year and came up with a first draft (see attached). It will be a work in progress.
9. **Next meeting: Tues. Jan. 23 at 11 am on Zoom** (We will not meet in December.)

## St. David's Church and Preschool Vestry Nomination Form

Nominee Name: Kara Crawford

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Member of St. David's Church and Preschool : yes  no

How long have you attended St. David's Church and Preschool ? since 2011

1. Why do you want to serve on the vestry?

I have benefited from years of kindness and care from the people in this parish, and I appreciate the service work that we do. I would like to give back to this community by serving on the vestry.

2. What attributes or gifts do you bring? Include professional and community experience if it is pertinent. As an educator at The Bishop's School (an independent, Episcopal school in La Jolla) for 24 years, I can offer perspective about the community and skills in leadership and organization. In my career at Bishop's, I have served on many committees and in administrative roles to help guide and support teams of adults in collaboration with others to host a productive program for a community with many constituencies. I have also served in academic and non-profit organizations to help with communication, logistics, outreach, and strategy. Supporting healthy group dynamics and coaching individuals and groups is one of my strengths.

3. In what activities or ministries have you participated? I have enjoyed my time reading lessons, ushering, and in the past, I participated in regular coffee hour set-up, and served on the hiring committees for the Preschool Director as well as the Music Director. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to serve the Interfaith Shelter Network when clients were staying on-site with us. In these last few months, I have supported the Investment Committee (including the Gift Acceptance Policy Subgroup).

4. Which service do you most often attend? Until the pandemic lockdown, I was a regular attendee of the 8:30 Sunday service, and now I attend most Sundays.

5. How would you be willing to serve on Stewardship, Strategic Planning, Finance, or Facilities? I expect that I may continue to serve in Finance and Governance, but I am

also happy to serve in or shift to Strategic Planning.

I've read and understand the expectations and responsibilities above and, if elected, I agree to fulfill them.

Signed:                      Date: December 5, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam B. C. M. U.", written in a cursive style.

Please provide a current photo and statement of interest to include in the Weekly Times



**Vestry Nominating Team Report**  
**12/23**

Vicki Greco, Loral Priest and Joy Wolf

We'd like to propose the following candidates for Vestry 2024-26.

Kara Crawford

Chris Timmins

Their nomination forms are attached. Chris's photo is on her application. Kara has included her photo separately. Once shared with Vestry and approved I will write an article for the January Gospel to introduce our candidates to the parish.