

50 Years of Pastoral Leadership

The Rev. William Casady

1959 – 1960 - 2 years

Rev. Casady was our original organizational priest. He came over from Columbus while a priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He was with the first organizational meeting of the ten original families in October, 1959. He continued helping with the organization of the mission in 1960 until Rev. Stewart Wood became Priest-in-Charge.

Born July 12, 1924, his parents were C. Thomas and Frances D. Casady. He married Joanne and he and his wife had five children. Rev. Casady served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. He then attended and graduated from Canterbury College in 1950 and went on to study theology at the General Theological Seminary. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1953. In 1989 he retired from the Diocese of Chicago, and then spent many hours volunteering to brighten the days of those in need in Bloomington, Indiana.

Rev. Casady passed away on December 26, 2006, in Bloomington, Indiana. A celebration of his life was held at St. David's.

The Rt. Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr.

1960 –1963 – 3 years, 3 months

Rev. Stewart Wood Jr. is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Wood of Indianapolis. After graduation from high school in Indianapolis, he attended Dartmouth College, Virginia Seminary, St. Augustine College in Canterbury, England, and completed a year of field work in Washington, D.C. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in May 1959, from the Virginia Seminary and was ordained December 19, 1959. He married Kristin Miller of Indianapolis and they have one daughter, Lisa Cameron.

Rev. Wood assisted Rev. Casady during the 1959 and 1960 organizational meetings while he was curate of St. Paul's in Columbus. In June, 1960, he was appointed the official Priest-in-Charge of the mission as well as All Saints Church in Seymour, assisted by Rev. Casady.

In August, 1963, he was transferred to Grace Episcopal Church in Muncie, Indiana. From there Rev. Wood became the Bishop of Michigan. Currently he is retired and he and his wife Kristin live in Quechee, Vermont.

The Rev. Canon Frederic P. Williams

1960 - 1977

Rev. Canon Fred Williams was Bishop Craine's right hand man and took part in the early organization of the Brown County Episcopal Mission. He held the first confirmation class. He stepped in over the years wherever Bishop Craine needed him. From 1974-1979 he supervised the interim period.

Rev. Canon Williams was born in Providence, RI, October 3, 1908. He was married and had one son.

He received his education at Moses Brown School, Brown University and received his BA degree at the University of California in 1941, and also attended the Church Divinity

School of the Pacific, at Berkley, California. He was ordained a deacon in 1944, and a priest in 1946. Rev. Canon Williams served as assistant Rector and Choirmaster of St. Mark's Church in Berkley, California, and Associate Rector of Trinity Church in Seattle, Washington. He moved to Indianapolis in 1960, serving as Canon Preceptor of Christ Church Cathedral from 1960 – 1967, then as Diocesan Director of Christian Education beginning in 1967.

The Rev. William R. Detweiler
1963 –1965 – 2 years, 2 months

William Detweiler was born on a farm in Chalfont, Buck County, Pennsylvania and graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1951. He then served in the Navy for five years at Newport, RI, Japan, and Washington, D.C. After separating from the Navy as lieutenant in 1956, he attended Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkley, California, graduating in 1960. Moving to Indiana, Rev. Detweiler was ordained a priest at Grace Church in Muncie by Bishop John P. Craine. He then served as curate at Grace Church until 1963. On August 1963, Rev. Detweiler married Mary Jo Holmes, then came to the Brown County Mission, on September 1, 1963, serving two years. In 1965 he was called to serve as assistant and Director of Christian Education at Trinity Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, remaining there for five years.

Rev. William and Mary Jo have two children, Elizabeth and Hans, each of whom have two children. They currently (2009) reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Rev. Ralph E. Dille
1966 – 1974 – 7 years, 5 months

Rev. Dille was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on March 14, 1914. He attended Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and graduated in 1943 from Nashotah House Seminary of the Episcopal Church at Nashotah, Wisconsin.

He married Lucille Violet Elger on June 21, 1943, in Waukesha and they had four children: Geoffrey, Ellen, Claudia, and Martha. Rev. Dille served at churches in Wisconsin and Texas before moving to St. Matthew's in Indianapolis in 1959. While at St. Matthew's he and Lucille began building a summer and weekend cottage in Brown County. In June 1965, Rev. Dille resigned at St. Matthew's to become Social Service Director and Investigator at the Marion County Home in Indianapolis.

In January, 1966, Rev. Ralph E. Dille became Priest-in-Charge at the Brown County Mission, serving there from Friday evening to Sunday evening. During the week- days he would continue in his position with the Marion County Home in Indianapolis. He thought this would be an opportunity to serve the Brown County Mission as well as enjoy Brown County. In 1973, with their children grown, he and Lucille moved to their Brown County cottage.

Rev. Ralph E. Dille retired on April 1, 1974, due to ill health, but he continued to fill in occasionally when needed at St. David's. On February 2, 1977, he passed away at the age of 62. One month later, on March 1st, his wife Lucille was killed in an automobile accident. They are buried at the Weeping Willow Cemetery in Bean Blossom.

The Rev. Overton Sacksteder III (Father Lad)
1974 – 1978 –5 years

Rev. Sacksteder served St. David's as one of the interim priests during 1974 and 1975 in a pastoral and administrative position, working at the church two Thursdays of the month. While serving St. David's, he also served All Saints Church in Seymour and St. Thomas Church in Whiteland. He and his wife Mary (Winkie) lived in Seymour and he formerly was a member of Grace Church in Muncie. In 1976 he became the Priest-in-Charge, as well as serving All Saints Church in Seymour. He held Sunday service at 11 A.M. and would be at St. David's on Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday. During 1977, Father Lad was assisted by Rev. Brian Patrick Hall. This arrangement continued till April 1978, when Father Lad left St. David's to pursue a career in pastoral counseling. Rev. Sacksteder has since passed away, date unknown.

The Rev. Brian Patrick Hall
1977 – 1978 – 2 years

Rev. Brian Hall was an assistant to Rev. Sacksteder all of 1977 until to April of 1978. When Rev. Sacksteder left, Rev Hall became Priest-in-Charge on a part-time basis and maintained a counseling office in Nashville. He lived in Brown County on Possum Trot Rd. with his wife Diane and was a professional counselor as well as an author of several books.

At the end of 1978, Rev. Hall left St. David's and Brown County to pursue his career in counseling and writing. He and his wife moved to San Francisco, California. Rev. Hall received his BA in classics at the University of British Columbia in 1962, his MA in Sacred Divinity from Huron College, University of Western Ontario, in 1965. He was ordained a priest in 1965. After moving California, he received his PhD in Psychology of Religion from Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California, in 1979. He became a professor of Pastoral Counseling and Counseling Psychology at the University of Santa Clara in California from 1979 to 1996. Rev. Hall currently lives in Santa Clara, California and is the founder and president of Values Technology, Consultants and Practitioners.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Edwin Taylor
Jan. 5-Dec. 31, 1975 – 1 year
Jan. 1, 1979-Dec. 31, 1990 – 11 years

Rev. Harold Taylor returned to St. David's on January 1, 1979, as Priest-in-Charge on a part-time basis. He was known as Father Hal.

Father Hal was born Dec. 4, 1918, in Moline, Illinois, to John Henry and Agnes Emma (Bolte) Taylor, growing up in Aurora, Illinois. They lived near the Waycross Mission in Aurora, where Hal as a youngster developed a strong interest in religion. After attending Aurora East High School, he attended the University of Illinois receiving a BA in Music with emphasis on piano, flute and cornet. From there he entered the US Navy Band division, then transferring to the Chaplain Corp as assistant chaplain. Following his discharge from the Navy, he attended Episcopal Theology School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Harvard Graduation School from 1946 to 1949.

During these years he met Gladys Gillman (GG) and they were married in 1953 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Gladys and Hal have three children: John, Steven and Jill. They have two grandchildren, Callie and Austin, children of John Taylor.

Hal began his professional career at Christ Church in Cambridge as assistant priest, where he started the Big Sister movement. He then went to Whitesville, Massachusetts, as priest where he organized the Group Life Movement. A calling from a friend took him to St. Francis in the Fields in Louisville, Kentucky, where he headed the Christian Education curriculum.

Hal went next to St. Stephen's in Terre Haute, Indiana as priest under the Diocese of Indianapolis. During this time he attended Indiana State College in Terre Haute, receiving a degree in Psychological Counseling. From Terre Haute he went into marriage counseling for the Indianapolis Court System. From there Hal came to St. David's. His hobbies include music-piano and flute, motorcycling and now painting. After his retirement from St. David's, he moved to Bloomington, where he currently pursues a career of helping those in need through "Citizens for Effective Justice," "Shalom Day Center for the Homeless" and "New Leaf, New Life Jail Ministry".

The Rev. Jonathan Schofield Hutchison January 1, 1991 – December 31, 2009 – 19 years

Jonathan was born October 26, 1951, the only child of Schofield Duy and Edith Demott Hutchison, at Danville, Pennsylvania. He grew up in nearby Bloomsburg and attended the local Episcopal Church. He developed an interest in music, taking piano lessons as a child, then teaching himself folk, rock and blues on piano, drums, harmonica and guitar.

Jonathan spent his high school years at The Kent School in Kent, Connecticut. In 1974, he graduated from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, with a degree in English Literature and minors in theater and studio art. There, he met his future wife Deborah, a student at Kirkland College, across the road. On September 14, 1974, they were married at St. David's Episcopal Church, Barneveld, New York and moved to New Mexico, to pursue music, work construction and start a family. They have two grown sons, Patrick and Daniel.

Jonathan entered seminary and, in 1981, received a M.Div. degree from Yale Divinity School, in New Haven, Connecticut. He continued his training in health care ministry and pastoral counseling, while serving as a hospital chaplain intern in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was ordained a priest at The Cathedral of St. John on May 19, 1982 and, in a major shift, was appointed Assistant to the Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Taos. From this base, the Hutchisons home schooled their children, wrote and recorded new songs, and developed a freelance touring ministry with church groups, schools, college chaplaincies and youth organizations across the country.

In 1986, Jonathan was called as the first Coordinator of Youth Ministries for the Dioceses of Indianapolis. The family settled in Brown County and soon joined St. David's Church. In 1991, with the retirement of Hal Taylor, Jonathan was appointed part-time "priest-in-charge" of the congregation, while he continued his diocesan work. He left the diocesan office in 1993, to become the first staff chaplain at Hospice of South Central Indiana. He remained at St. David's on a reduced schedule until, in 1998, he resigned the chaplaincy to devote all his time to the parish.

Now in his 19th year as "The Vicar of Bean Blossom", Jonathan will step down on December 31, 2009. In retirement, he hopes to travel with Deborah, singing and visiting friends and family. He looks forward to more time for other interest as well, such as gardening, hiking, photography, writing, reading, sculpture and community service.

Mrs. Deborah Pender Hutchison
Lay Pastoral Associate

Deborah was born December 29, 1950, in Utica, New York to Patrick Francis and Elizabeth (Ritson) Pender. Her siblings were Peter Ritson, Judith Ellen and Don Patrick Pender. She grew up in Utica until the age of ten, then in Barneveld, New York, graduating from Holland Patent Central High School. Following graduation from high school, Deborah attended State University of New York at Binghamton and Kirkland College (the women's coordinate college with Hamilton, where Jonathan went) in Clinton, New York, where her major was Studio Art. She also attended one year of study at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut.

Deborah spent many hours, home schooling Patrick and Daniel during their musical ministry touring between 1983 and 1990. She volunteered at St. David's as a musician and occasional preacher from the beginning of Jonathan's tenure there in 1990. When Jonathan began full-time hospice chaplaincy in 1993, she assumed the unusual diocesan sanctioned ministry of Lay Pastoral Associate, taking over day-to-day pastoral oversight for the congregation and sharing preaching duties with Jonathan, who continued to serve the congregation as sacramentalist. When Jonathan's stint at Hospice ended in 1998, he and Deborah served St. David's as a pastoral team until ill health forced her to resign in 2003.

Her hobbies include music and writing, especially poetry. When asked what she hopes to do in retirement her answer was: "I plan to continue serving clients as a spiritual director, and to devote more time to writing --particularly poetry, get my neglected garden into shape and do some volunteer work in the community. We expect to do some traveling and to spend significant time at the family lake cottage in Pennsylvania".

