

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 28, 2024

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

Happening Soon at St. David's

Sunday, January 28	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Epiphany 4	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Annual Meeting then Coffee Hour
	6 pm	Soup Supper
Tuesdays	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>

Soup Supper This Sunday at 6 pm! Bring soup, bread, dessert, friends, or just yourself!

Please take just a moment and email [Myranda Warfield](mailto:Myranda.Warfield@st-davids.org) if you are coming and what you plan to bring, just so we will know how many tables to set up and whether to line up an extra pot of soup. But please come, regardless of whether you bring anything other than yourself.



Annual Meeting is January 28th After Church

2023 Senior Warden's Report

By Brad Orvis

We hope you will plan to attend St. David's Annual Meeting after church this Sunday. We will go over the 2024 budget, hear the committee reports and learn about other exciting items. Hope to see everyone there. A big thanks to Marilyn Jody for agreeing to serve on the vestry to fill the remainder of Nancie Wilson's term. Please give her a huge thanks when you see her. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

2023 Junior Warden's Report

By Karen Brown

Bird Spikes were placed on the rafters above the covered area outside the gathering place to prevent birds from roosting or nesting there.

Efforts were made to increase the accessibility of our campus. This includes the installation of automatic door openers on one door each of the sanctuary and the *Gathering Place*, repair of some of the cemetery steps which were uneven, and placement of additional railing in the cemetery. This was made possible with the help of an accessibility grant we received from the Diocese.

Food Ministry Report 2023

By Faye Jacobson

Shortly after we came to St. David's, 15 plus years ago, Michael asked me if I would arrange food for a sick parishioner. We covered food for several weeks, and the family was so appreciative that Michael asked me to organize a food ministry, and I agreed. So many members of our parish have expressed gratitude for this service when they, or a member of their family, had surgery or was ill. For the first time Jake and I were recipients of comforting food when we had Covid just before Christmas. Neither of us felt like cooking and knowing that a hot meal delivered by someone who cared brightened our day.

The food ministry evolved into an additional party/special events ministry as well. We have planned St. David's celebrations annually, going away parties, retirement parties, memorial service receptions and this past year had bridal showers for two of our younger members. Our very first social event was for a couple having their first baby. She is a teen now. Many volunteers have made these events special. If you do not wish to cook, we can always use extra hands setting up/taking down tables and chairs or helping with dishes.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please contact me. It is greatly appreciated by parishioners who know they can make one phone call and their needs will be met at a stressful time in their lives. I personally find it to be a rewarding experience, as do the other volunteers.
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LOL Yearly Report for 2023

By Marilyn Jody

LOL is a group of older women who gather once a week to talk about books of significant interest. Meetings provide an opportunity for informed conversation, intellectual challenge and friendly exchange of ideas. The group has also become a source of spiritual and emotional support on a shared journey that members like to describe as "walking each other home." Recently, in connection with its reading and discussion of *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, LOL co-sponsored a local interfaith Peace Vigil attended by more than seventy people from multiple faith traditions.

In the nearly two years since reading its initial selection (*The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul*), the group has read and discussed twenty books of non-fiction. Their varied scope is reflected in titles that range from *How to Be an Antiracist* to *The Hidden Life of Trees*. A complete list of book titles (attached) is posted in The Gathering Place on the wall above the lending library bookshelf.

LOL Reading List

March 2022–January 2024

2022

March 22: *The Inner Work of Age* (Connie Zweig)
July 5: *Our Last Best Act* (Mallory McDuff)
August 2: *The Grace in Aging* (Kathleen Dowling Singh)
September 13: *The Courage to Grow Old* (Barbara Crafton)
September 27: *Holy Envy* (Barbara Brown Taylor)
November 1: *Love is the Way* (Michael Curry)
December 13: *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. (John Philip Newell)
Suggested additional reading:
The Gift of Years (Joan Chittister)
Coming to Age (Carolyn Hopley and Mary Ann Hoberman)

2023

January 25: *In the Shelter* (Padraig O'Tuama)
March 28: *Braving the Thin Places* (Julianne Stanz)
April 4: *On Tyranny* (Timothy Snyder)
April 25: *The Persuaders* (Anand Giridharadas)
May :23: *This Here Flesh* (Cole Arthur Riley)
June 20: *How the Word is Passed* (Clint Smith)
July 25: *Stony the Road* (Henry Louis Gates)
September 12: *How to Be an Antiracist* (Ibram X. Kendi)
October 17: *The Hidden Life of Trees* (Peter Wohlleben)
November: *From Beirut to Jerusalem* (Thomas Friedman)
December: *Prequel* (Rachel Maddow)

2024

January: *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene* (Cynthia Bourgeault)

Greeters' Report

By Jake Jacobson

We have a small group of folks who greet attendees at Sunday services with a welcoming smile and a copy of the service bulletin. We are currently small in number with our regulars consisting of Jake, Laurie Hulbert, Gael Graham, June Smith, and Danny and Salette Austin. We have recently been delighted to add Victoria Cummings, a student at WCU, to the group. In addition to greeting our regular attendees, we do our best to introduce any visitors or newcomers to folks after the service and invite them to coffee hour. The greeters also take the offering forward for communion and take up the collection.

We try to schedule our greeters at least a month in advance so they can be listed in the *Coracle*. We could really use additional folks, and if you might wish to join us, please contact Jake by email (fayebj50@gmail.com) or by text at (828)506-3615. We would love to have you join our group!

The Coracle

By Maggie Bowles

The *Coracle* was published weekly in 2023 except from May 14th until the beginning of July and December 31st when the editor was dealing with health problems. The *Coracle* has been published but for a few weeks when the editor was travelling since 2010.

Nominees for Vestry

Sue Kent



I'm originally from the Oregon Coast. I worked in Alaska as a State Trooper until my retirement. I have a BA from Western Oregon State University and an MA from Alaska Pacific University. I've served in various ministries at St. Peter's in New Smyrna Beach, FL and All Saints in Franklin, NC. It would be an honor to serve on the vestry at St. David's.

Faye Jacobson

I first attended an Episcopal Church when I was a sophomore in college. I was raised a Southern Baptist but never felt at home. When I walked into St. Wilfred's, a small, pre-Civil War sanctuary (established 1838) in Marion, Alabama, I knew I had found my church. Like most young people just starting out I wandered away from church until Chris was born. Jake, Chris, and I became members of St. Francis in Macon, Georgia where we remained until we moved to the mountains.



St. Agnes, in Franklin, was where we attended church after buying a home here as it was the closest Episcopal Church to us. While there I served on the Vestry, Altar Guild, and participated in the Community Weekly Food Ministry. After visiting St. David's, we found it to be a perfect fit. St. David's was both welcoming and supportive of LGBTQ + people. As parents of a gay son, that knowledge was crucial in our decision to make St. David's our church home. We have been here more than 15 years. During that time, I served on the Vestry with one year as Sr. Warden, Stewardship Chair, co-chair of the Altar Guild, and chair of the Food Ministry.

I would like to thank all the former members of the Vestry. Your responsibilities are numerous. I will do my best to provide thoughtful input and be a productive member.

Budget

Account	Description	Budget from 2023	Actual 2023	2024 Budget	Comments
Revenues					
4030	Non-Pledge Support	5,000	6,745.44	5,000	
4031	Loose Plate Offerings	1,000	2,123.00	1,000	
4032	Pledge Contributions	112,266	102,853.00	105,707	
4035	Altar Guild Income	500	869.00	500	Donations
4055	Fundraising (Net)	2,500	2,767.00	3,500	Football game parking
4112	For Organizations Outside	1,000	689.00	1,000	soup suppers & first Sunday offerings
	Total Revenue	122,266	116,046.44	116,707	
Expenses					
5120	Diocesan Pledge	12,779	12,779.00	13,010	Based on 2022 Operating Income
5130	Outreach from the Budget	3,000	3,689.00	3,000	6 local charities: Vecinos, HERE, Mainspring, United Christian Ministries, Midwives for Haiti and
5140	Campus Minstry	1,000	1,157.33	0	Funds available from other sources
5141	Salary (incl. SECA &	49,440	49,440.00	50,440	LoA - (Letter of Agreement)
5144	Pension	8,899	8,899.00	9,080	LoA - 18% of Salary
5145	Travel Reimbursement	1,000	1,394.88	1,000	LoA - not to exceed \$1,500
5146	Life Insurance	245	203.00	245	
5147	Continuing	2,000	1,913.93	2,000	LoA
5148	Supply Clergy	1,815	1,127.39	1,815	7 Sundays (Leave & Prof Dev) * \$200 honorarium + mileage (est. \$75)
5149	Clergy Expenses	1,000	502.31	1,000	LoA
5150	Rector's Discretionary	2,000	1,849.00	2,000	
5151	Salary - Admin	6,750	2,851.05	3,000	\$15/hr * 10 hrs/wk * 45 wks
5152	Operating Salary - Organ	4,500	2,781.00	3,000	\$75/svc * 60 svcs Lillian or supply organist
5156	FICA	597	430.00	500	7.65% of staff salary
5161	Christian Formation-Youth	500	32.00	0	
5163	Christian Formation-Adult	500	510.00	500	
5164	Hospitality & Cleaning	250	320.09	350	
5172	Worship Materials	300	342.87	350	
5171	Altar Guild Expenses		2,028.00	220	\$1000 available in operating account from investment account
5174	Contract Musicians		1,575.00	0	will be used for musicians other than organist, parish donations not in budget
5181	Office Supplies	600	1651.44	1,700	
5182	Printer/Copier		0		Suggest combining w/ Office Supplies
5184	Postal	150	57.60	100	56 + postage
5185	Advertising	350	1,021.00	1,000	
5186	Computer and Internet	1,300	350.00	400	new website, google domain, squarespace
5187	Convention Expense	963	783.09	800	vestry members pay their way or ask for funding from rector
5188	Bookkeeping/Accounting	2,316	1,572.50	1,600	\$125/month plus Realm \$72
5189	Payroll Service	300	233.65	250	17.70*12
5193	Lawn/Grounds	3,000	2,100.00	2,100	Just for grass and leaves for 10 months, nothing for Garden Committee
5194	Housekeeping	4,000	4,333.42	4,400	
5195	General Maintenance	500	1,735.22	1,500	
5196	Bank fees	400	198.44	200	mostly offset by pledge contributions to cover fees
5198	Not Budgeted/Approved			0	Used for tracking only
5201	Electric	1,200	1,303.00	1,300	
5202	Phone and Internet	2,321	1,890.17	2,000	143.45*12 plus rector's cellphone
5203	Water & Sewer	262	262.68	264	21.85*12
5204	Natural Gas	2,000	1,751.45	1,800	
5300	Property/Liability	6,000	5,556.00	5,556	Paid quarterly
5301	Worker's Compensation	380	210.00	227	Paid quarterly
	Total Expenses	122,617	118,834.51	116,707	
	Estimated 2023 Revenue - Expenses			0	

Beware of Scammers!

No member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

Securing Our Property

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

Church Membership Directory

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at info@stdavidscullowhee.org.

Lake Logan Events

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>

Vestry Minutes

Vestry minutes may be found in a white notebook in the library upstairs.

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church. They go to the Community Table and United Christian Ministries.



St. David's Little Free Library

Borrow a book or donate a book to the lending shelf located in the *Gathering Place* next to the Sacristy.

[Resources for the Conflict in the Holy Land](#)

The Office of Government Relations in The Episcopal Church has released a webpage of resources to follow the conflict in Gaza, Palestine, and Israel. The page includes ways to take action to support the citizens affected by the conflict, statements from leaders, partner resources, prayers, social media, and a list of press releases. The page is being updated as the situation develops.

St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector and Campus Missioner
Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist
Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, Brad Orvis
Lector: June Smith
Altar, Betsy Swift
Bread Baker, Gracia & John Slater
Greeter,
Vestry Counter, Brad Orvis
Coffee Hour, Gael Graham
Live Streaming,
Flowers, Judy Robinson

Readings

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#), [1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#), [Mark 1:21-28](#), [Psalm 111](#)

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

10:00-10:40

11:00

5:30

2nd Sundays at 12:45

Tuesdays at 1 pm

3rd Thursdays 9 11 am

Last Sundays except December and May-July-Soup Supper at 6 pm

Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room

In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU

Vestry in the *Upper Room*

Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

Church Workday



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