

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 15, 2023

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 15	10 am	Bible Study
	11 am	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>
Thursday	1:30 pm	Needlework/craft interest group meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>

**Please try to remember to pick up your name tag in the *Gathering Place* and wear it in church!**

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 22	after church	Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29	5-7 pm	Soup Supper

## Parish Annual Meeting

ANNUAL  
MEETING

St. David's Episcopal Church Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the church service.

## Soup Suppers Resume

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, the last Sunday of the month, is the Soup & Bread Community Supper. Let's stir up some winter warmth to share. Come! Bring Friends! ALL are welcome!

If you are bringing soup, please let Wesley know at [wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com) or 828-200-4363.



## Parish News & Notes

### Birthdays

Jan 11	Frank Lockwood
Jan 12	Pat Steinbrueck
Jan 18	Doug Hanks
Jan 20	Chris Wilcox

### Anniversary

Jan 17	Karen & Harry Brown
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## Michael Jenkins

By Joan Byrd

Michael Jenkins calls himself a "charismatic Episcopalian." There have been many times in his life when he believes that he has received gifts of the spirit. He loves St. David's and believes the Holy Spirit has led him here.

As a child he sang with his mother and sister in a family gospel trio, performing in Baptist churches near their hometown of Bryson City. He speaks warmly of his mother, a confirmed Baptist, as "a great lady." However,

as he grew up, he found life in the Baptist church increasingly difficult. The emphasis on guilt weighed heavily on him, and he faced "a lot of physical trauma." When he was fifteen, Michael developed an addiction to alcohol.

After high school Michael attended Southwestern Community College and became a hair stylist, the career he has pursued for 38 years. While working in Asheville in the 90s, he went through rehab three or four times in an effort to address his addiction. When he finally found a counselor who understood his struggle to break free from the doctrine of the Baptist Church, he directed Michael to speak with an Episcopal priest. As Michael expresses it, after so many years he remained "a victim of bad theology." The priest, Michael remembers, spent the better part of a day discussing with him "my irrational spiritual beliefs and my entire spiritual baggage." This moving encounter led Michael to attend Asheville's Grace Episcopal Church, where he was later confirmed.

At heart Michael is a "mountain boy." He returned to Bryson City after his mother's death in 2007 to help his father out and to become better friends with him. For the last ten years, he has lived on eight acres that are also home to six pet goats and a variety of chickens. He has taken an intensive course in alpaca husbandry but has not yet added alpacas to the household. His four beloved dogs are rescues, and he handles rescue calls for P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter in Bryson City.

About four years ago a diagnosis of stage 3C cancer sent him to M.D. Anderson in Houston. When initial tests there discovered an aneurism in his brain, Michael went from Houston to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for an open craniotomy. Following his successful treatment at Johns Hopkins, he received eight weeks of chemo and radiation at M.D. Anderson. He is now two and a half years post-treatment, and there has been no recurrence of his cancer; May 2023 will mark the all-important 3-year date in his recovery. During his illness he was helped by so many kind and caring people that he regards the health crisis as a gift.

Sober since 2006, Michael wants to "give back." He is intent on helping others and making a difference in the world. "What we have to do is find common ground," he says. While living in Asheville, he trained as a nursing assistant at A-B Tech and worked part-time at the Julian F. Keith Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Black Mountain. When He returned to Bryson City, he and a partner established a



hair styling salon that now has a "closed clientele." Patrons are less customers than members of a family. As Michael puts it, "Your friends come by to see you and while they're there, you cut their hair."

At the time Michael was driving from Bryson City to Asheville each week to attend services at Grace Episcopal, he decided to investigate Episcopal churches closer to home. Watching the services at St. David's online, he realized that the ministry of Mother Gaelyn offered the spiritual stimulation he was searching for in his home church. Three months ago, he began attending St. David's and since then has thrown himself with characteristic enthusiasm into the activities of the parish.

St. David's extends to Michael our joyous welcome.

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## Jackson Neighbors In Need Annual Fundraiser

By Judy Annis

Jackson Neighbors In Need is having its annual fundraising event in person this year. Once again Chef Randy from Harrah's Casino and Resort will provide a wonderful meal with one of his fabulous dessert creations. Music for the evening will be provided by Darren Nicholson. There will be raffle items and a cake auction. There is no charge for dinner, just donations.

We hope that you will be able to attend in person but donations may be made on our web page, [jacksonneighborsinneed.org](http://jacksonneighborsinneed.org). Our main goals are to keep people warm in the cold winter months and to assist with minor emergency needs. As you all know, the cost of heating a home has become much more expensive. Cost for 100 gallons of heating oil is \$613, and the fuel companies won't come out to a house for less than this amount. We also know that electric bills will be higher due to our cold snap.

Dinner is Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall in Sylva. Please RSVP by January 20<sup>th</sup>: [tinyurl.com/charlie's](http://tinyurl.com/charlie's) challenge.

We really need your support and hope to see you at the dinner.

**JANUARY 28, 2023 • 6PM**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JACKSON NEIGHBORS IN NEED  
CHARLIE'S CHALLENGE**

**IN-PERSON**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP CENTER  
SYLVA NC

**Entertainment: Darren Nicholson**

**Dinner provided by :**  
**Chef Randy from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort**

**Cake Auction & Raffle Items**

A sincere thank you from the editor for your submissions! News items and especially photos are always welcome. Let us know what you are up to or anything of interest to your parish friends. Send items to [Maggie Bowles](#).

### **An Easy Volunteer Opportunity**

Seeking a person to occasionally give Doug Hanks a break from live streaming the Sunday service. Full instruction in what to do will be provided, and it is remarkably simple to do. Just speak to Doug or [email him](#).

### **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.

### **Lake Logan Events**

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

### **Securing Our Property**

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

### **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.



### **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](mailto:info@stdavidscullowhee.org).

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector

Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist

Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

### **Serving this Sunday**

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift

Lector, Vance Davidson

Greeter, Michael Jenkins

Altar, Betsy Swift

Bread Baker,

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter, Karen Brown

Coffee Hour, Karen & Harry Brown

Pick up Michael Hudson,

### **Readings**

[Isaiah 49:1-7](#), [1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#), [John 1:29-42](#), [Psalm 40:1-12](#)

### **Contact us:**

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## Regular Schedule at St. David's

### Sundays

10:00-10:40 Bible Study in the Upper Room

11:00 In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist,  
Rector in office

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 12:45

Vestry in the *Gathering Place*

**Tuesdays at 1 pm** Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

### Wednesdays

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU at 5:30

**Thursdays at 1:30 pm** Needlework/craft interest group

**Last Sundays except December and May-August**

Soup Supper



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