

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 16, 2022

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

## Annual Meeting Date Announced

St. David's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 11:00 service of Holy Eucharist. The meeting will take place both at church and on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in-person. A Zoom link will be included in The Coracle the week of the meeting. Join us to reflect on 2021, to look forward to 2022, to review the Annual Budget, and elect new Vestry members.

### Meet the Candidates Running for Vestry

#### Brad Orvis



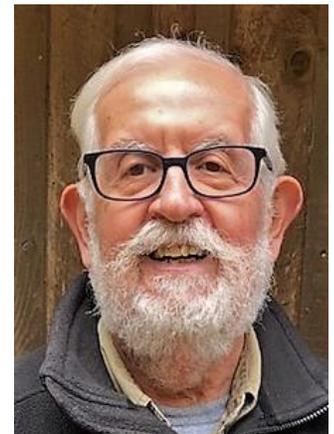
Hello, my name is Brad Orvis. My wife, Sherrie, and I are new to St David's and the area. We have really enjoyed St David's and feel we have found a home here. I was asked if I would serve on the vestry and am honored to serve God wherever he wants me. In the past, I have served in many areas of Episcopal Church life to include Jr. Warden on the Vestry at St Thomas Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas. After our move to Maryland, I served at New Hope United Methodist Church in several capacities to include as Administrative Council chair for 2 years. I am recently retired and have the time and dedication to serve.



#### Paul Cooper

St. David's Episcopal Church, although relatively small, enjoys a well-earned reputation of respect for its long history of thoughtful and on several-occasions, courageous actions to affirm the Spirit of Christ within our community—in its corporate life and in the life of its individual members. As a community of faith, we are grateful to both previous and current priestly leadership, alongside that of vestry members both past and current for a respected and honorable history.

If selected to serve on and with the St. David's Episcopal Church vestry, I hope that my professional experience as a Chaplain within a community mental health setting and as the Director of Chaplaincy Services for the Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute in Nashville, TN, alongside several years as a Nationally Certified Addictions Counselor would enable my bringing both "a listening ear" and the capacity to thoughtfully question and explore positive directions forward in support of St. David's opportunities for ministry - both in the pastoral support of our church family, especially in this pandemic period, and the community in which we live and desire to serve.



## **Beans and Rice are Very Nice, Indeed!**

By Muff Lyons

Dearest St. David's family,

I am writing this Thank You letter to all who helped make our Beans and Rice ministry such a roaring success for 2021. In 2021, the Beans and Rice ministry delivered at least 16 pounds of Beans and 10 pounds of Rice to each of 7 immigrant families—23 total children—for 26 weeks plus Christmas and Easter. WOW—376 pounds of Beans and 260 pounds of Rice!! A big shout out to Barb Manke who is helping with the equitable division and distribution of all this food!!



In addition, thanks to generous donations from several in our parish, extras were a ham per family per holiday, bags of apples and navel oranges, plus family sized bags of Oreos distributed throughout the year.

Chris Wilcox at City Lights made sure these children were angels on his Book Tree. Each child received at least 2 age-appropriate new books at Christmas!

Following up on Melba Cooper's school supply campaign in 2020, we were able in 2021 to again purchase school supplies and provide much needed expensive calculators for the children in the 7 families. I again would like to thank the anonymous family that donated one of their stimulus checks to provide tutoring for those struggling with virtual learning. Two individuals signed up to offer free tutoring, so the stimulus money with approval was used for calculators. The Friends of the Library donated unused Staples gift cards to augment the supplies we collected.

Prior to spring 2021, St. David's was asked again by Vecinos, the farm workers health organization, to contribute 100 hygiene bags for the incoming farm workers and we reached that goal in record time!!

**Thank you one and all for your generous donations in 2021. Let's make 2022 even better!**

### **Besides Beans and Rice**

If you are still reading, here is some background info for those who might have questions.

Ten or so years ago, Jackson County Public Schools realized food insecurity during the summer was a real problem for those children who qualified for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch. Sites throughout the county were identified, and bag lunches were made available for any child aged 18 or younger. Volunteers were needed, and I, Betty Lynn Kirwan and Lydia Aydlett stepped up, as did others throughout the county. Attendance was low though the need was great, and after 2 years it was dropped.

The fall after that program was dropped, pastors Tonya and Jeffery Vickery at Cullowhee Baptist Church led a brainstorming session that several of us volunteers attended. It was decided that a grant from Manna Food in Asheville was needed to provide food during summer weekends for the Cullowhee Elementary School children identified as food insecure. Volunteers would be recruited to pick up these food bags and take them to each child's home. I stepped up again to drive Manna food bags to 7 immigrant families with a total of 23 children who live in the Tuckasegee area of Jackson County.

At the same time, St. David's vestry and community became aware that food insecurity was also a problem at WCU, so bags of Beans and Rice were collected to give away to any and all on Saturday mornings. I am sorry to report that we did not give away a single bag. However, we continued to collect Beans and Rice and donated all of it to Vecinos' farm workers program. It wasn't long before they stopped collecting B&R as they had no storage facilities. At this point, St David's had an ongoing collection plan for B&R and nowhere to take the donations.

That didn't last long, so with vestry approval and a great need, we have been donating Beans and Rice to our 7 families throughout the year in addition to the summer Manna food bags.

**THANK YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN**

Peace and love

Muff

# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

Jan 18 **Doug Hanks**  
Jan 20 **Eliot Reisinger, Chris Wilcox**

## Anniversary

Jan 17 **Karen & Harry Brown**

## [Charlie's Challenge 2022 - Jackson Neighbors in Need Annual Fundraiser](#)

Click the above link for full information about the annual Charlie's Challenge fundraiser benefitting Jackson County Neighbor's in Need. Many St. David's members have attended this event in the past when it was a live event. It is being held online again this year due to the pandemic.

## Lake Logan Events

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

Cold Mountain Music Festival	June 4, 2022
Camp Henry	Starts June 12, 2022
Family Camp	June 16-19, 2022

## Beware of Scammers!

Please know that 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.

## Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church to be distributed to Vecinos and families.



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](#).

## HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

### SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

RECTOR IN OFFICE

WEDNESDAYS 7-8 PM EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT WESTERN 9 (ECU@WCU) MEETS FOR COCOA, CONVO, AND COMPLINE-ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

### MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

RECTOR IN OFFICE

### WEDNESDAYS NOON-5 PM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR IN OFFICE

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector  
Suzann Cornell, Parish Administrator  
Lillian Pearson, Organist

### **Serving this Sunday**

Chalice Bearer,  
Lector, Margot Wilcox

Readings:

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#), [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#), [John 2:1-11](#), [Psalm 36:5-10](#)

Coffee Hour, **Volunteer Needed**

Greeters, Brad & Sherrie Orvis

Flowers, Muff Lyons

Bread Baker, Mtr. Gaelyn

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

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