

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 23, 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 Postponed

As many parishioners continue to be snowed in with limited Wi-Fi and with more snow potentially on the way, we have decided to postpone our Annual Meeting until Sunday, January 30th. We will still hold the meeting in a hybrid fashion—in church and on Zoom—following our 11:00 service of Holy Eucharist. A Zoom link for the meeting will be included in The Coracle next week.

Staffing Changes at St. David's

Parish Administrator, Suzann Cornell, has resigned from her position. Suzann has decided to return to retirement: caring for her land, her Dachshunds, and spending time with Jim, her husband. We will advertise for a new parish administrator through the Diocese of WNC newsletter. Best wishes, Suzann!

Meet the Candidates Running for Vestry

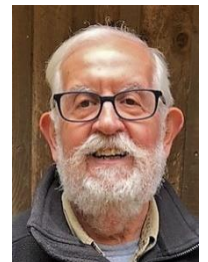
Brad Orvis



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.

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

Next week I will be participating in the Preaching Excellence Program II Conference. The conference is being held online because of the continuing Covid pandemic. I am honored to have received a full scholarship for the conference and look forward to learning from esteemed preachers in the Episcopal Church. The keynote speaker is Kathleen Norris writer of *The Cloister Walk*, *Acedia & Me: A Marriage; Monks*, and *A Writer's Life*; *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*; *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*; and *The Virgin of Bennington*.

Mother Gaelyn

Welcome, Baby!

Baby Noah Ash Davis, daughter of Kelsey Davis (Diocese of Western North Carolina's Director of Blue Ridge Service Corps and Campus Missioner at WCU and UNCA) and her wife, Heather Davis, was born the morning of January 16th.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

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

Anniversary

Jan 17 **Karen & Harry Brown**



June Smith and Sherrie Orvis

Five Hardy Hikers, four of whom are St. David's members, had their photos taken at the iron bridge on Bradley Fork a couple of weeks ago. The temps were in the mid-30s, just perfect for not getting either cold or hot.



**Karen Brown, Kim Woodward,
and Gracia Slater**

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

Lake Logan Events
<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>

[Link for Diocesan Newsletter](#)

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.

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](#).

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, **Lydia Aydlett**
Readings:

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#), [1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](#), [Luke 4:14-21](#), [Psalm 19](#)

Coffee Hour, **Volunteer Needed**

Greeters, Brad & Sherrie Orvis
Altar Set Up, Betsy Swift
Linens, Faye Jacobson
Flowers, Muff Lyons
Bread Baker, Mtr. Gaelyn
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

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HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

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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

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WEDNESDAYS NOON-5 PM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR IN OFFICE