

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 26, 2020

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

Calendar

Sun	Jan 26	Epiphany 3, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper and Abraham's Table, 5 pm
Sun	Feb 2	Epiphany 4, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Feb 4	Bishop Visit with Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thu	Feb 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 9	Epiphany 5, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Feb 10	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Vestry Retreat 9am-4pm
Sun	Feb 16	Epiphany 6, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Feb 20	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 23	Epiphany 7, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Wed	Feb 26	Ash Wednesday
Sun	Mar 1	Lent 1, St. David's Day, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Mar 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 8,	Lent 2, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Mar 9	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Mar 15,	Lent 3, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Mar 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 22,	Lent 4, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Mar 29,	Lent 5, Holy Eucharist 11 am

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:
Reader: Muff Lyons
Music: Savannah Bennett
Coffee: Muff Lyons
Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Serving during January

Bread: John Slater
Greeter: Jake Jacobson

Serving during February

Flowers: Judy Robinson
Linen: Nan Watkins
Communion: Karen Brown & June Smith
Greeter: Jake Jacobson
Bread: Doug & Mary Michael Hanks

[Sermon Link](#)

[George Rector's Prayer Collection for Discernment](#)

ABRAHAM'S TABLE: A FAMILY REUNION

Join us as we explore what we have in common and what makes us unique as children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian and Muslim.

Our topic at this our 5th gathering is: PEACE



The lamps are different but the light is the same. ~Rumi

Sunday, January 26 at 6:15 pm

Muslim evening prayer begins at 6:00 upstairs

The Gathering Place at St. David's Episcopal Church

385 Forest Hills Rd., Cullowhee -

Across from the Ramsey Center at WCU

St. David's monthly community Soup and Bread Supper begins at 5:00. Join us for soup and stay for the panel discussion. You are welcome to bring your favorite soup or simply enjoy what's there.



Parish Directory Available on Church Website

Our new Parish Administrator, Carol Payton, has put the [Parish Directory](#) onto the website. Please check it out and report any updates needed [here](#). It is password protected so you will need to register for access to the website if you have not already done so. (Note that the Jacobson's new email address is fayebj50@gmail.com).

From the Interim Rector
By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Dear friends,

Steve and I are so grateful for the many ways you let us know of your love and prayers during Steve's recent medical scare. We're happy to report that the issue wasn't his heart as it appeared at first, but rather a simple problem that happens in people between 60-80 years old called esophageal spasm. It's something we can manage with a few food and habit changes. We are greatly relieved and so glad we were in your prayer care when it happened as we were comforted throughout by you. Thank you.

Valori+

Moving forward...

Thank you to June Smith for offering to lead the Liturgy team and Nancie Wilson for offering to lead the Pastoral Care team as St. David's moves into this new season discerned last year during the parish summits. Leadership is needed for Mission & Outreach and Christian Formation. A leadership team is the ideal for each area of ministry.

The idea is that the leaders of each area of ministry will form a team which will meet a couple of times to put in motion the plan for 2020 according to the core values and customs already in place. The major work has been accomplished already by the Task Forces and represents the voice of the whole community. These are posted on the [Ministries](#) page on our website. All there is left to do now is to choose the way to begin and get started.

While I am still among you, I am available to coach the vestry and/or a ministry team as you begin your path-building. During my first year away, I will be observing the pastoral black-out required by exiting rectors to ensure the transfer of leadership and pastoral relationship to the new rector. During that time, my Partnership for Renewal partner, Martin, will be available to offer continuing support, including assistance with the micro-strategy tool if needed. Martin can be reached at martin@partnershipforrenewal.com.

The micro-strategy tool used to create the values and customary for St. David's ministries is something that you can use at the beginning of every program year to chart the course for that coming year. Doing this enables the ministries to be responsive to God and the people God has drawn into the St. David's community to serve.

My prayers continue to support you now and always.

Valori+

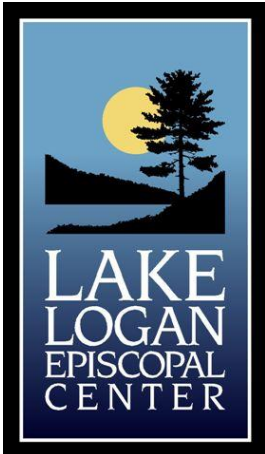
Confirmation and Reception, February 4th

Our bishop will visit us on Tuesday, February 4th to Confirm and/or Receive Abel Despeaux, Gael Graham, and Gerlinde Lindy. We will celebrate the service of Confirmation (which includes Holy Eucharist) at 5:30 that evening. After the service we'll celebrate the newest Episcopalians with a reception. Please make plans to join us--this is truly reason to celebrate!

The collection taken up at this service will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. In the Episcopal Church it is the role and ministry of the bishop (only) to Confirm as the sacramental rite is one of the larger Church, not just a local congregation. The bishop's discretionary fund works at a diocesan level much like the rector's discretionary fund works at a local level. Your contribution will enable the bishop to respond to important pastoral needs within our diocese that cannot be responded to otherwise.

If you'd like to serve at this service, please let me know and sign up on the white board in the *Gathering Place*. Thank you in advance!

Living the Way of Love: Courageous Conversations About Diversity

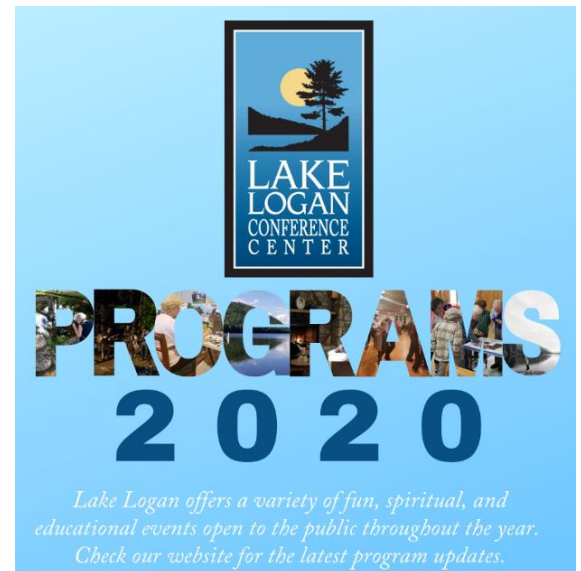


At this two-day retreat February 7th to 9th at Lake Logan Conference Center, participants will

- Examine their own attitudes about the continuum of diversity, inclusion, equity, and belonging and the role our faith plays
 - Meet people with differing backgrounds and viewpoints.
 - Generate open, honest, and frank dialogue at the retreat and a desire to continue the conversation after the weekend.
 - Understand the relationship between diversity, inequality, socio-economic-political power, and faith
- Identify and incorporate changes in communication which promote inclusion
- Leave with a clear individual action plan for “what next?” in their own lives, churches, and communities.



Date	Program
February 7-9	Living the Way of Love: Courageous Conversations About Diversity
March 2-6	Lenten Retreat: Icon Writing
April 13-16	Clergy Rest Days
April 20-21	Parish Administrators Retreat /Youth Ministers Retreat
May 7	Altar Guild Workshop
June 5-6	Cold Mountain Music Festival
June and July	Camp Henry
July 11	Music Series
August 15	Music Series
September 12	Music Series
October 5-7	Artists in Residence
November 9-12	Fly Fishing Retreat
November 26	Thanksgiving Feast
December 4-6	Advent Retreat



Gerlinde Lindy took this photo at a recent Dine Around luncheon she and Robert hosted at their home. L-R Ron Robinson, Karen Brown, Robert Lindy, Harry Brown, and Judy Robinson.



Parish News & Notes

Birthday

Jan 27 **Mary McGlauffin**

Charlie's Challenge—*Jackson Neighbors in Need* Annual Fundraiser



January 25th, 2020 at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Sylva.

It's that time of year again, time to come together, enjoy good conversation, be entertained, have an excellent meal, and give to those in need. At this year's Charlie's Challenge, we will have raffle items, door prizes and everyone's favorite cake auction. We will be entertained by Scott Baker and Geoff McBride's soulful sounds. This annual fundraiser honors the beginnings of *Jackson Neighbors in Need* and the late Charlie McConnell's "can do" attitude to help others. [Please RSVP.](#)

Heidi Dinkelmeyer's Girl Scout Cookies are for sale! She has a selection on the piano in *The Gathering Place* at St. D's for any of you that want some. Thank you for your support of her troop! \$4/ box

DINNER • CAKE AUCTION • RAFFLE ITEMS • DOOR PRIZES

JANUARY 25, 2020 • 6PM

CHARLIE'S CHALLENGE

JACKSON NEIGHBORS IN NEED

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
SYLVA NC



RSVP TO: JNINSYLVA@GMAIL.COM
BY JANUARY 17TH

REQUIRED DUE TO
LIMITED SEATING

DINNER PROVIDED BY HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT
ENTERTAINMENT BY SCOTT BAKER & GEOFF MCBRIDE

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND MAIL DONATIONS TO:
MOUNTAIN PROJECTS 25 SCHULMAN ST, SYLVA NC 28779

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that God loves us unconditionally and desires that we love one another without exception; that God wants us to use the gifts we've been given including the gifts of listening, discerning, and doing. We trust in God's abundance and can respond in generosity and love by serving our community and creation in ways we never thought possible.

We commit to fostering a broad vision of stewardship as encompassing our physical church, our congregation, the community that surrounds us, and all of creation.

We invite the St. David's family to explore how we can embody God's love and promise of abundance in our process, practice, and reflection.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact [Nancie Wilson](#). She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

Box Tops for Education

There is a basket under the white board in the Parish Hall where you can place any of these box tops you may have. This is an ongoing project for our children.

Regular Activities	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 nd Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

2019 Outreach Support

From 1 st Sunday's loose plate offering and Soup Suppers			
Jan	Circles of Hope	Aug	School Supplies drive
Feb	Clean Slate	Sep	Vecinos
Mar	Community Table	Oct	Midwives of Haiti
Apr	Mainspring Conservation Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

St. David's Vestry

Sandy Frazier	Gael Graham
Vance Davidson	Jake Jacobson
Doug Hanks	Jessica Philyaw
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.	

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