

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



October 13, 2019

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	Oct 13	Creation 6: Stewardship, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Rice & Beans Sunday
Thu	Oct 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Oct 19	Yoga Retreat- <i>Life is Hard: Find the Joy</i> 9 am-noon
Sun	Oct 20	Creation 7: Proper 24, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Sun	Oct 27	Creation 8: Proper 25, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Soup Supper 5 pm
Fri	Nov 1	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm
Sun	Nov 3	All Saints Sunday, Gathering In
Thu	Nov 7	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sat	Nov 8-9	Diocesan Convention, Trinity Asheville
Sun	Nov 10	Pentecost 22, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Nov 11	Vestry meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Nov 17	Pentecost 23, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Thu	Nov 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Nov 24	Pentecost 24 Holy Eucharist 10 am

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader:

Music: Lillian Pearson

Coffee: Gracia & John Slater

Readings: Gen 1: 24-31; Ps 8;

1 Pet 4: 7-11; Lk 12: 42-46

Serving during October

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Communion: Judy Annis &

Faye Jacobson

Bread: Doug & Mary Michael

Hanks

Greeter: Steve Steinbrueck

[Sermon Link](#)

We welcome the Rev. Nick McDonald as supply priest this Sunday.

Our Interim Rector, Valori+, will be out of the office until Sunday, October 27th. In case of an emergency, please contact Sr. Warden Judy Robinson and she can reach the Interim Rector.

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or 828 713 2293

Life is Hard: Find the Joy

A yoga retreat with Chad Hallyburton and Jane Coburn

October 19th
9 am-noon

The Gathering Place



From the Interim Rector

By the Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Thanks and praise from your Interim Rector:

The work I have witnessed from your elected leadership fills me with such hope for the future of St. David's. They have met the challenges that have come up honestly and found their way through them in unity and friendship.

When you see a vestry member - Judy Robinson, Muff Lyons, Sandy Frazier, Gael Graham, Vance Davidson, and Jake Jacobson - please thank them for being faithful to their call to organize the "business" life of the church. Our by-laws, policies, and procedures are UP TO DATE!!! Special thanks to Vance who translated all of our discussions into "official" language. It was a lot of work and they did it with commitment and good disposition.



I want to thank the Wardens, Judy Robinson, and Muff Lyons, for their commitment to regular meetings for prayerful discernment of business, relationships, and servant leadership of the vestry and congregation. It is especially demanding on Wardens during transitional time and your Wardens have been amazing.

Thank you to our Treasurer, Steve Steinbrueck, for courageously carrying the heavy load of getting our finances completely redone and onto a new software. Steve's commitment of time and effort have been heroic and his efforts have made it possible for a person who is not an accountant to step in and serve the church as Treasurer in the future.

A special thanks also to Donna Ross who has faithfully recorded our vestry minutes even though she and Frank moved to Asheville mid-year. Donna's work captures the story of the business of our church for generations to come and offers a template for future Clerks.

The work of your elected leadership is praise-worthy and also forward looking. Their task now is to develop new leadership to carry the church forward upon the calling of a new rector. Please be in prayerful discernment as to how God is calling you to serve St. David's in 2020. Vestry nominations will be called for beginning in November and three new members will be elected in January 2020 at our Parish Annual Meeting. We will also be seeking a new Clerk at that time.

And one more thank you.

... to George Rector and Joan Byrd who have agreed to serve as our delegates to Convention. Muff Lyons will be our alternate. Keep up to date with resolutions and the goings on at Convention here.



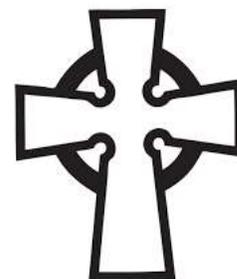
From the Vestry

Important Information Regarding our Rector Search

Dear St. David's Congregation,

Your Vestry and Finance Committee has seriously deliberated what St. David's is able to do in financially supporting our new Rector. We have taken the responsible decision, and one that serves our parish best at this time, to call a $\frac{3}{4}$ time Rector. The historical trend is for our pledges yearly to come in at right around \$100,000, which falls \$50,000 short of the Diocesan guideline for supporting a full time Rector position. Even with a big push this year, we cannot guarantee sustainability, and a Rector's salary will need to rise yearly due to cost of living and medical insurance. It is also true that our church, being built in 1883, needs regular maintenance. The current need to spend \$48,000 on a new roof is a good example. Anyone looking around on a Sunday will notice that the need to repair cracks and painting the walls is not far off. Your Vestry would like us to rejoice together in our ability to do the math and keep us solvent. In perspective, we can look forward to being well served by a Rector at 30 hrs./wk., a Campus Missioner at 20 hrs./wk. (whose salary will be paid in full by the Diocese) and an Administrative Assistant at 5-10 hrs./wk. We appreciate everyone's continued support through your prayers, faith in your leadership, and getting pledges in for 2020.

From your Vestry,



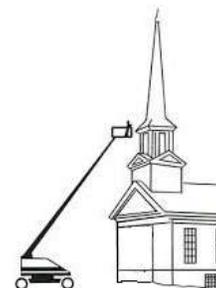
Learning about the Role of Campus Missioner

Eden Lewis, Diocesan Missioner to Youth and Young Adults, will join us at our November or December Vestry meeting. Through subsequent conversations, we will explore what it means to embrace and commit to campus ministry and partner with a Missioner in the work. These are the first steps that we hope will lead to Bishop Jose+ calling and appointing a Campus Missioner to work with St. David's and the WCU community.



Roof Repair

The total cost of roof repair and cross replacement will be \$47,550. We have applied for two separate grants through the Diocese to help us with these costs. Your Sr. Warden and Interim Rector presented to the Foundation grant committee on this Tuesday, and we should know of any grant amount from them by the end of the week. In any case, our parish is expected to make a partial contribution for this cost, so we are asking that any of you who are able and wish to make a one-time contribution to the Roof Repair please do so this week. With many thanks in advance for your generosity,



Financial Stewardship 2020

Your Vestry kindly reminds you that we are in the middle of our pledge drive for 2020. We appreciate your discernment and understanding regarding how important your contributions are, especially in the year we will call a new Rector. Please get your pledges in by Sunday November 3rd, and we will mark that day with a Gathering-In Celebration (see other article for details).



Your Vestry,

St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson

Sandy Frazier

Vance Davidson

Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Junior Warden, Muff Lyons

Gael Graham

Jake Jacobson

St. David's Gathering-In

By Gael Graham

In the church I grew up in, every year before Thanksgiving we sang a hymn with the words: "Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home; All is safely gathered in; 'Ere the winter storms begin." In today's world, few of us celebrate the literal harvest of food, but we continue to be thankful for many of the blessings of this life and the richness of our lives in Christ.

This year, the St. David's community will host a "Gathering In" of all of our members, former members, and any interested persons on Sunday, November 3rd, in our Gathering Place following the worship service. We will celebrate the new life God is forming within us and the completion of our pledge season; roll out new name tags thoughtfully created by Sandy Railsback; feast on foods lovingly organized by Faye Jacobson and prepared by many parishioners, and enjoy the company of old friends and new. Please come with your families and invite others.



"Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in; 'Ere the winter storms begin."

CELEBRATE AND FEAST WITH US
at the first ever

ST. DAVID'S GATHERING-IN DAY!
SUNDAY, NOV 3, 2019
after the 11:00 service

in The Gathering Place at St. David's
385 Forest Hills Rd., Cullowhee, NC
(across from the Ramsey Center at WCU)

This year, the St. David's community will host a "Gathering In" of all of our members, former members, and any interested persons to celebrate the many blessings of this life and the richness of our lives in Christ. Bring your whole family. Invite your friends.
Enjoy the company of friends, old and new.

Update from the Discernment Committee

The Discernment Committee has finished the first phase of their work. At this point there are two major documents that will be used in the process of advertising for a new rector: the Parish Profile and the Office of Transitional Ministry Portfolio. Both documents will have a short review process by St. David's Vestry and the Bishop's Office. Once the review process is complete, a job announcement will be sent out nationwide. We anticipate that the job announcement will be open for approximately 6 weeks, and then we can begin the process of reviewing applicants. We are thankful for the completion of the work so far, and very excited about entering this new phase.



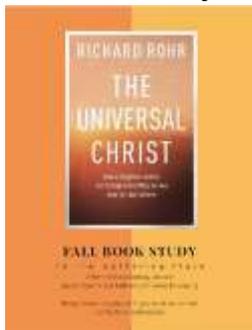
[Discernment Committee Prayer Collection by George Rector](#)

October 7th, 2019

Almighty God, we know that when we offer ourselves without reservation, we will find You; that we may call upon You in prayer and You will hear us. In our lives and in our work, therefore, let us always look to You so that we may know the plans which You have for St. David's, because it is through Your wisdom that the church obtains its future and its hope. We have looked to you for strength and encouragement and You have upheld us with Your love. Let us always be faithful stewards, worthy of the trust that has been placed in us and let our work always reflect our love for You, for your creation, and for one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, let us remember St. Paul's words to the Philippians: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In our lives we pray to have the courage of our faith, listening for Your voice and following where we are led. When questions arise help us to know the difference between our desire for ready answers and our need for a deeper and abiding understanding of Your ways. May we always remember to gratefully accept the blessings you freely offer and to live in a way that honors all that is holy and sacred in this world which You have created. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Book Study



The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr

All are welcome - it isn't too late to join our discussion. We've decided to discuss two chapters each week.

Vecinos Needs Care Packages for Migrant Workers

By Muff Lyons
Vecinos is again asking for our help with care packages for migrant farm workers. There will be a basket in the back of the church containing the list in a bag for your shopping convenience.

Vecinos travels to migrant camps on a weekly basis to care for the medical needs of the workers who have arrived with just the clothes on their backs and little else.

Vecinos thanks you as I do for your generosity.

Support Farmworkers in WNC



Vecinos aims to show appreciation for the important work that farmworkers do. Due to many barriers farmworkers often lack access to even the most basic necessities.

We are asking for the support of local churches, organizations, and classes to help us collect and prepare toiletry bags for the people who plant and harvest our food. These bags will be given directly to farmworkers throughout the season.

**Can your church or group
commit to giving us
100 bags?**

Items Needed in Each Bag:

- 1 Bar of soap
- 2 Pairs of socks
- 1 Toothpaste tube
- 1 Floss
- 1 Athlete's Foot Cream tube
- 2-3 Pain Relieving Patches
- 1 Box of Band-aids
- 2 Toothbrushes

Contact Jessica Rodriguez with questions: 828-399-0583
or jrodriguez@vecinosinc.org



The Robinson's hosted a Dine Around; pictured are Ron Robinson, John & Gracia Slater, Tom & Margot Wilcox, George Rector and Flame the dog. Judy took the photo.



You Are Invited
to
FRUIT of the WINE
A wine education & tasting event

Friday, November 1
6:30 pm
at
St. David's
Episcopal Church
385 Forest Hills Road
Cullowhee, NC 28723

"You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to eat, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart..."
(Psalm 134:6-7)

Our favorite sommelier, Sonja Hooper, will lead our gathering once again this year.

Participants will have opportunity to taste each variety offered, learn of its origins, history, and suggested food pairings - Sonja's expertise! - and its impact on the modern environment/economy, then purchase the samples of their choice.

Deliveries will be made to St. David's Church within approximately 7 - 10 days. Purchasers will be notified of pick-up times.



Light refreshments provided. Please enjoy dinner before you arrive.
Free, safe transportation home provided for any who may need it.

"May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine."
(Gen 27:28)



Blessing of the Animals



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

- Oct 15 **Michael Despeaux, Aidan Williams**
Oct 17 **Tessa Rodes, Jere Annis, Gerlinde Lindy**
Oct 19 **Barb Manke, Faye Jacobson, Tracy Rodes**

Anniversary

- Oct 13 **Bill & Betty Lynn Kirwan**

Bill & Betty Lynn sent a progress report. Though the move was stressful, they are beginning to settle in and are most pleased with their new place. They report excellent physical therapy for Betty Lynn. Their home here remains on the market, in case you know of anyone who might be interested.

New Address

316 Cedar Club Circle
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

The Hulbert family once again would like to express our deepest gratitude to everybody who helped with John's funeral. The service and the reception were truly a special and wonderful celebration of his life. We are so blessed to be part of such a caring and thoughtful church family. Thank you for everything that you have done for us.

Laurie Hulbert

Dianne Wilcox

Cathy Simpson

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.

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.

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
Feb	Clean Slate
Mar	Community Table
Apr	Mainspring Conservation Trust
May	(general)
Aug	School Supplies drive
Sep	Vecinos
Oct	Midwives of Haiti
Nov	to be determined
Dec	(general)
May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)	

St. David's Links and Contact Information:

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Lectionary Page 2019

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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