

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



October 22, 2017

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

Fri	Oct 20	Fall Wine Event 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
Sun	Oct 22	Pentecost 20 Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Canon Augusta Anderson, (guest/supply priest) Special Congregational Meeting Presentation by Augusta Anderson Special Vestry Meeting 2 pm
Sun	Oct 29	Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Pentecost 21 Walter Bryan (supply priest) Soup & Bread Community Supper 5-7 pm
Sat	Nov 4	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Nov 5	All Saints Sunday, Daylight Saving Time Changes 1 st Sunday Collection for <i>Neighbors in Need</i>
Tue	Nov 7	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Nov 12	Creation Cycle 2 Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Nov 14	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Nov 19	Creation Cycle 3
Mon	Nov 20	Bishop José visits
Tue	Nov 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Nov 26	Soup & Bread Community Supper
Sat	Dec 2	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Dec 3	Advent 1 1 st Sunday Collection for United Christian Ministries
Sun	Dec 10	Advent 2 Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Dec 12	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Tue	Dec 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Dec 17	Advent 3
Tue	Dec 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Dec 24	Advent 4, Christmas Eve-Farewell, Michael
Mon	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Sun	Dec 31	1 st Sunday after Christmas, New Year's Eve

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Vance Davidson
Reader: Paul Cooper
Coffee: ALL
Music: Nan Watkins
Readings: [Exodus 33:12-23](#),
[Psalm 99](#),
[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#),
[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

Serving during October

Bread: John Slater
Flowers: Judy Annis
Linen: Faye Jacobson
Eucharist: Judy Annis &
Faye Jacobson
Greeters: Lydia Aydlett &
Steve Steinbrueck

Serving during November

Bread: Jane Coburn
Flowers and Advent
Wreath: Judy Robinson
Linen: Nan Watkins
Eucharist: Linda Kinnear &
June Smith
Greeters: Todd Vinyard &
Jane Coburn

Childcare is available during the church service.

Would You Like a Visit from the Rector?

Michael would be happy to visit; just let him know in person or by email
stdavids1879@gmail.com.

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.

WCU Football Saturdays

St. David's parking lot will be used by WCU on the following Saturdays: Oct 14th after noon, Oct 28th after noon, and Nov 11th after 11 am.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact Claire Marsh:
clairemrsh@gmail.com. She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

Fall Wine Event

This Friday, October 20th, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

The Fall Wine Event is upon us! Sonia Hooper of Empire Distributors will again guide us through 10-12 selections, which will be available in case lots at incredible prices. As always both oenophiles and novices will enjoy this fun-filled evening. Contact Steve Steinbrueck for more information. stevesteinbrueck@gmail.com



The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Remembering
The Protestant Reformation**

Paul Cooper continues to lead this class which meets from 10 am - 10:45 am upstairs in the Parish Hall each Sunday in October.

Welcome Canon Augusta!

Special Congregational Meeting

October 22nd, 2017

A very brief congregational meeting to select delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention will be held following church on October 22nd. If anyone is interested in serving, please contact Steve Steinbrueck (stevesteinbrueck@gmail.com or 507-8816).

Meet with Canon Augusta Anderson

Immediately following the congregational meeting on October 22nd, Canon Augusta Anderson will provide an overview of the process that we will follow to transition from Michael's leadership. The presentation will include ample time for questions and answers. Childcare will be provided.



Everyone please bring a food item to share!

The All Souls' Tree will be in the back of the church beginning this Sunday, October 22nd, as a way to remember those we love who have passed on.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild welcomes Gerlinde Lindy as its newest member. Please, if anybody else is interested in becoming a member, see either Faye Jacobson or Muff Lyons.

Stewardship

NPR has been doing their fundraising "Lite" lately—messages subtly interjected that remind you that you can avoid the pain of interrupted programming if you renew your pledge now, online!

So, this is our pre-warning that Stewardship Season is upon us—that time when we prayerfully consider our relationship to our church community and try to translate that into a financial commitment for the coming year. You will receive a letter at your home soon, in a color that hopefully will allow it to stand out among all the other bills and requests for help on your desk. Then, for a few weeks after that, fellow parishioners will speak during our Sunday service to give a short reflection about why they choose to support St. David's with a pledge.

All of this will be familiar and might be something we sleep through on some level. But the year ahead is one we can't afford to snooze through. We will need to be engaged on every level. So, I propose that making a financial commitment is one way of making a commitment to the future of St. David's. Like any commitment, we don't exactly know where it is going, but we pledge to be there and to be part of whatever unfolds. Making a commitment on the material, "cold hard cash" level is an opening to the deeper level that is journeying with these people in this place into the future that God is preparing and that we are called to imagine.

Lovingly,
Betsy Swift
Stewardship Chairperson

Clean Slate Wins NAACP Award



The Clean Slate Coalition was recognized as winner of the NAACP award for a regional organization this past weekend. The award is given biennially to a worthy organization and a worthy individual who represent the best in humanitarian service. Clean Slate was the winner in the organization category.



It's Corvus Time Again!

Ann Courmouzis, a "friend of St. David's," will be bringing unique Greek Olive Oil from her cooperative near Sparta, Greece. CORVUS, Greek for "crow," is a unique, buttery oil with a mellow herbal flavor. Perfect for dipping, salads, fish, and veggies. It is pesticide free and high in antioxidants. A 375-ml bottle is \$16. Ann will donate \$2 from each sale to CLEAN SLATE. To reserve amounts, contact Melba Cooper at 506.7559 or melbacooper@mac.com. You can also sign up on a form located on the bulletin board at coffee hour. Ann lives in Athens, Greece and Beaufort, SC. She is a professional chef and certified olive oil taster. Many of you have enjoyed this outstanding oil for the last several years. It will be delivered in early December, the exact date to be announced later.



Reflections, photographs from *The Grand Celebration* are now on the church website.

[Grand Celebration Photograph Collection](#)

[Historical Photograph Collection](#)

Partial list of reflections:

[Marilyn Jody](#)

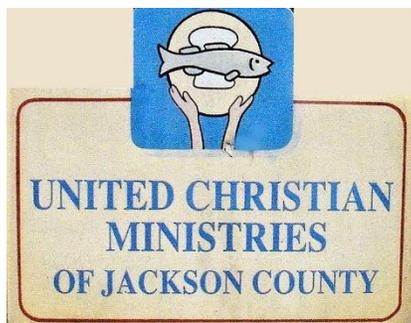
[Vance Davidson](#)

[Jane Coburn](#)

[Newton Smith](#)

[Wesley Satterwhite](#)

Holiday Help for United Christian Ministries



United Christian Ministries is again enlisting help from churches in Jackson County to provide Thanksgiving turkeys for their clients. Checks made out to UCM should be turned in by November 10th.

St. David's will also help to provide food items for the School Break Bags. School will be closed for two weeks for the holidays. The children who receive free breakfast and lunch at school have been identified as "food insecure" for this time period and as such will receive a School Break Bag.

We at St. David's have been asked to provide 225 boxes of cereal—15 to 17-ounce size and no bigger—for this project. These boxes of cereal will be delivered to Sylva First Baptist Church on December 2nd at 9 am. The Packing Party will be held on December 3rd at 3:pm, and we all are invited to participate.

St. David's Timeline

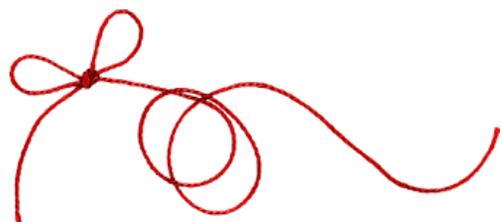
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A Thread Runs Through It

A series of interesting coincidences connecting different periods of St. David's history.

By June Smith

St. David, our patron saint, was born into and influenced by Celtic Christianity, which swept Wales, Ireland, northern England and Scotland in the early Middle Ages. One of the major tenets of Celtic Christianity was love of creation, the earth, and all the creatures of the earth, both fauna and flora.



Daniel David Davies, a Welshman, settled in Cullowhee valley, a land that looked similar to his homeland in Wales. He founded St. David's-in-the-Valley in 1883. Thomas Augustus Cox, who became his son-in-law, was from Greenville, SC, and attended Furman University. Davies was the first Bishop's warden, and Cox was the second. Cox kept St. David's going until shortly before his death in 1945.

St. David's was reopened as a student center in 1959 after having been without services since 1941. This happened largely through the efforts of The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. Rufus had spent over 20 years of his ministry in upper South Carolina before returning to his homeland, western North Carolina. He was as famous as an inveterate hiker and lover of the natural world as he was as a priest. He was known as a devout follower of St. Francis as well as of Jesus.

Our first full-time priest was The Rev. John Rivers, a native of South Carolina, who loved to hike. He came to St. David's in 1967. John spent many weekends hiking with his family and with families in the parish.

The Rev. Dr. Heber Peacock was our much-loved interim priest from 1989 to 1992. He was more of a scholar than an outdoorsman, but he was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. He was devoted to the way of life that St. Francis had taught.

Michael Hudson grew up in Greenville, SC, and is a graduate of Furman University, Thomas Cox's alma mater. His greatest love after God and family is the out-of-doors. Since 1992, when he became rector of St. David's, he has hiked every Thursday to put the finishing touches on his sermon. He and Barbara often hike on Sundays after church and any other time they can manage to get out together. He adopted the Creation Cycle for St. David's as soon as our diocese approved this new season of the liturgical year.

So, when we begin to search for a new priest, should we just advertise for someone from South Carolina, possibly a Furman graduate, who loves to hike, who loves all creation, and is a follower of Jesus and St. Francis? 😊

Crowdfunding Supports ACA Open Enrollment Advertising

Money is being raised to pay for two billboards in Jackson County to advertise Open Enrollment on the Healthcare.gov marketplace, November 1st —December 15th. Indivisible/Common Ground has taken on this project to counteract the sabotage of the ACA by the current administration. We hope to place two billboards on heavily travelled routes in the county that will stay up for all or most of the Open Enrollment period. Thanks for all of the support we have received so far! Anyone feeling called to participate in this project can give a donation to Betsy Swift who will make sure it gets added to the crowdfunding total or you may donate online here: [You Caring page for publicizing ACA open enrollment](#)

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Oct 22 **Paul Cooper**
Oct 25 **Chad Hallyburton**
Oct 26 **Jake Jacobson, Linda Kinnear, Julia Simmons**

Anniversaries

Oct 23 **Tommy & Ann Suggs**
Oct 29 **Vance & Kathy Davidson**

Betty Lynn and Bill Kirwan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past weekend with their children, grandchildren and other family members. They are shown enjoying a fabulous dinner at the Fearington House Restaurant near Pittsboro, NC.



Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Mindfulness Meditation: Mondays 7:25-8:30 am in the Parish Hall. Our practice is Contemplation of Wise Texts (Lectio), Sitting Meditation, and Informal Dialogue.

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Monthly Mindfulness: First Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon in the Parish Hall.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here.](#)

The **Tuesday Meditation Group will not meet during June, July, and August.** In September, it will resume meeting in the undercroft at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Sylva on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1 pm.** The format is to meditate for 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end. The inspirational material for the half hour in between will be decided by whoever volunteers to facilitate that week.

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

Regular Activities	Mondays 7:25 am	Mindfulness Meditation
	Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
	1 st Wednesdays 6:30 pm	Indivisible/Common Ground
	1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-May	Soup/Bread Community Supper

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[2017 Greeter Schedule](#)

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Bishop

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