

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



October 24, 2021

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

Vestry News

Dear Friends,

Fall is here, the leaves are changing, and we will be celebrating All Saints/All Souls before we know it. The Vestry is hard at work considering the usual work of this time of year, (Stewardship! Budgeting!) along with the continuing challenge of the pandemic—local Covid-19 statistics: the weekly case count, the positivity rate, the percentage of the county that is vaccinated against this novel virus. With Covid in mind, we will be continuing our now—familiar precautions: windows open in the church during worship, singing only during the latter half of the liturgy (thus minimizing the time we are exposed to potential droplets in the air), the use of individual glasses instead of a common cup for Holy Communion. And, of course, we continue to mask indoors. Coffee hour will continue to be held outdoors on the porch, so bundle up as the winter approaches. Perhaps our coffee hour hosts could incorporate other warm drinks such as cocoa or cider? Or we could offer handwarmers? Think of it as tailgating! We are committed to protecting one another and our guests for as long as it takes.

The Vestry has approved investing some reserve funds in a socially responsible/fossil fuel-free fund overseen by the Episcopal Church Foundation. These assets are set aside for large capital expenditures such as replacing the roof or furnace. In other financial news, we voted to continue to tithe our Diocesan pledge (10% of the previous year's operating budget,) which is paid in monthly installments. We approved the continued support with a year-end gift to six charities which embody our care for our neighbors (HERE in Jackson County, Inc.; The Community Table; Mainspring Conservation Trust; Jackson Neighbors in Need; Midwives for Haiti; Vecinos.) We also discussed Stewardship season which is upon us—be watching for your letter and pledge card. Vance Davidson has graciously consented to chair our Stewardship drive this year.

The following delegates to the Diocesan Convention were elected: Gael Graham and George Rector; Maggie Bowles and Betsy Swift are alternates. Diocesan Convention will be held on November 12-13th, 2021 and will be completely virtual.

For more information you can read the minutes of Vestry meetings which are posted on the bulletin board of the Gathering Place and on the parish website after each meeting. You are always welcome to attend Vestry meetings, or just ask a Vestry member at our al fresco (warm-drink-in-hand) coffee hour!

Peace and Blessings

Betsy Swift
Senior Warden

Update on the Wine Event

Our Fall 2021 Tasteless Wine Event is in the history books! History will record it as not the most profitable but perhaps the most interesting fundraiser we have had here at St. David's for a long time. We worked with a new distributor, Winebow, and a new salesperson, Jeremy Sims. We figured out how to describe, order, and take payment virtually. Some of those new skills could be useful at future in-person events. For now, thanks to everyone who participated, purchased wine, or helped out in any way!

There are a few bottles of Prosecco still available for \$11 each.

CREDO Invitation

By Brad Orvis

I am involved with a ministry called CREDO. It is a short weekend course in Christianity. Through the 72-hour weekend you are helped to find, know and to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. Men from all walks of life are welcome. It can be a life changing experience. It was for me. The next CREDO weekend is Thursday through Sunday, October 21st-24th, 2021. There is no cost for first time attendees. All meals and lodging are included. It is open to men 18 years of age and up. If anyone is interested or has questions, please call me, Brad Orvis at 210 241-9195. Sorry for the late notice but will provide information for the next CREDO weekends in advance. All attendees must be immunized for COVID. Most importantly, please keep the CREDO team and candidates in your prayers throughout the weekend.

WCU Master Plan

This may be of interest to some: [WCU Master Plan information](#).



Diocesan Convention

The 99th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina will be held November 12-13th, 2021, hosted by the Foothills Deanery.

The Convention will be entirely virtual, with the Business of Convention taking place solely on Saturday, November 13th.

Safeguarding God's Children and God's People

Join other members of the diocese for a Virtual Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People Training on October 30th from 9:30 am-3:00pm.

Safeguarding Training is required for anyone who works with children, all members of the vestry, and those who handle finances. The training is open to anyone who desires the training. Register here:

<https://www.diocesewnc.org/events-1/virtual-safeguarding-training>

Lake Logan Events

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



Upcoming Events

Parish Administrators' Retreat	October 18-19
Drive-in Movie: Rocky Horror Picture Show	October 29, 2021
Adult Fly-Fishing Camp	November 8-12, 2021
Thanksgiving at Lake Logan	November 25, 2021
Cold Mountain Music Festival	June 4, 2022
Camp Henry	Starts June 12, 2022
Family Camp	June 16-19, 2022

Parish News & Notes

Anniversary

Oct 29

Kathy & Vance Davidson

Marching Mustangs Make Front Page of The Sylva Herald

Smoky Mountain High's Marching Mustangs band is small in numbers but big on talent, racking up award after award in competitions this fall under the first-year guidance of Director Alex Larsen. Larsen credits hard work and a sense of family for the band's success. Read the full article here: [Sylva Herald article](#)

Mary Michael Hanks is on the right end of the front row, next to the drum major. Mom Boot is in the photo also, as well as Abel Dexpeaux, the tall one in the back.



Congratulations to Henry Hanks for being inducted into the National Honors Society at Smoky Mountain High School on October 10th.



June Smith spent time last weekend visiting her old homeplace and cemetery in Yadkin County where her parents and other relatives are buried.

Melba and Paul Cooper are enjoying some time in the SC Lowcountry. That's Hunting Island beach in the background.





A photo from the Neff wedding last weekend.

Some Items from The NC Council of Churches [BIOGAS & COMMUNITIES WEBINAR SERIES](#)

November 2 Online

North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light (NCIPL), a program of the NC Council of Churches, is sponsoring a webinar series this month to educate faith communities about the problem of hog waste biogas and to amplify local community voices on the issue.

The first of the webinars, on Tuesday, October 19th at 7 p.m., will offer further education about the process and the problems with it and will give community members a chance to share their experiences and concerns. [Click here](#) to register.

The second webinar on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m. will provide the community with the opportunity to share how communities of faith can collaborate with and support them in the effort to protect their health and well-being. [Click here](#) to register.

[NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OPPOSES THE PASSING OF HB 951](#)

On Wednesday, October 13, Governor Roy Cooper signed HB 951 into law. The bill, "Energy Solutions for North Carolina," is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote cleaner energy solutions. The North Carolina Council of Churches released a statement on Monday opposing the passing of this bill. Below is an excerpt of the statement:

The North Council of Churches is committed to prioritizing policies that center justice and equity, and when a bill lacks these moral imperatives, we stand in opposition to the legislation becoming law.

To read the full press release, [click here](#). The Council was quoted in several national and local news articles on this issue. [Click here](#) to view the updated list of the national and local news articles we are quoted in and to read more information about this new legislation.

If you are interested, you can sign up for their email newsletter [here](#).

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 week:

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, Paul Cooper

This Sunday's readings are:

[Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52](#)

Coffee Hour, The Jacobsons
Greeter, Jake Jacobson
Muff Lyons, Intercessor
Flowers, Faye Jacobson
Bread Baker, Maggie Bowles
Vestry Counter, George Rector
Sunday Communion, Judy Annis & Faye Jacobson
Linen, Faye Jacobson

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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