

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



October 6, 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

Fri	Oct 4	Funeral 2 pm Blessing of the Animals 5:30 pm
Sun	Oct 6	Creation 5: Biodiversity, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Mon	Oct 7	Discernment Committee Meeting 9:30 am Vestry Meeting 5 pm
Wed	Oct 9	Finance Committee Meeting 10 am
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

### Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader:

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee:

Readings: Job 28: 1-11; Ps  
148; 1 Tim 4:1-5; Mt 6: 25-33

### Serving during October

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Communion: Judy Annis &  
Faye Jacobson

Bread: Doug & Mary Michael  
Hanks

Greeter: Steve Steinbrueck

[Sermon Link](#)

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

## Rest in Peace

**John Killinger, Beloved husband of Ellerd Hulbert's daughter Dianne Wilcox**

Funeral Service 2 pm Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

St. David's Episcopal Church

Reception to follow in The Gathering Place

[John Killinger Obituary](#)

All are welcome

## A Blessing of the Animals



Friday, October 4  
5:30 pm

at St. David's  
Episcopal Church

385 Forest Hills Rd.,  
Cullowhee

across the street from  
the Ramsey Center at WCU

Bring your pets, pet rocks, or favorite stuffed friends...  
bring photos of beloved furry family who have passed on....

All are welcome!

Pets are asked to arrive on their leashes or in crates  
for their comfort and safety.

An offering will be taken up to support  
Catman2 and ARF (Animal Rescue Friends)  
our local no-kill shelters

Animal  
Rescue  
Friends

CATMAN2  
ADOPT PAW DONATE PAW VOLUNTEER PAW

## Diocesan Convention: November 9-10<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Asheville

By the Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

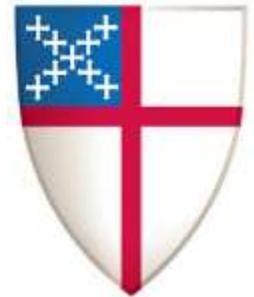
Dear friends,

Each year our diocese gathers together to pray, talk, eat, and “do the business” of the church. I always enjoy these gatherings (yes, my introverted self said that!). The awareness that we are a larger body, the diocese, within an even larger body, The Episcopal Church, helps me experience our call to live as one body, one spirit in Christ, in all our diversity. Plus, I love so many people in our diocese and convention enables us to catch up with one another and share hugs, laughter, and life.

This year there are significant changes being proposed to our diocesan Constitution and Canons. General information about Convention as well as downloadable documents related to these changes can be found [here](#). I appreciate the work done to make these changes apparent and clear. I found the side-by-side document especially helpful.

I know this isn't always the most exciting reading material, but it is very important. One of the things I love about the Episcopal Church is that it is driven forward by the people, not the hierarchy. It's important, therefore, for everyone to read these proposals and ponder how the Spirit of God is calling us to move forward.

Please make your delegates (tba) and clergy aware of your thoughts so we can represent you well at Convention. Please also remember that you are welcome to attend convention even if you are not a delegate. I highly recommend as many as can come to the opening Holy Eucharist on Friday evening at 6 pm at Trinity. It is truly unifying to pray and share Holy Communion within our larger body.



### October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous." (Mt 5: 43-45)



As a survivor and former advocate for victims and survivors of interpersonal violence, this is an issue close to my heart and at the core of my ministry. Treating all persons with respect and dignity, including those who perpetrate the violence, is our Baptismal call and is, I believe, the answer to this dis-ease in our culture. Jesus works reconciliation in and through us when we live, work, and pray for justice, freedom, and peace for all people. (Holy Baptism, BCP, 305)

Here are just a few updated statistics:

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence (e.g. beating, burning, strangling) by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

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- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed. ([Source](#))
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 25 men have been injured by an intimate partner.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%. ([Source](#))
- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence. ([Source](#))
- A study of intimate partner homicides found that 20% of victims were not the intimate partners themselves, but family members, friends, neighbors, persons who intervened, law enforcement responders, or bystanders. ([Source](#))
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder-suicides are female. ([Source](#))

I ask you to join me in prayer for all persons who suffer this directly or indirectly as well as for all who perpetrate it. I also commend to you the suggestions for actions we can each take toward ending interpersonal-domestic violence provided by the [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#).

Holy God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us, your servants, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen. (Holy Baptism, BCP, 308, adapted)

### From the Vestry

Dear St. David's Community,

We have been busy over the past year investing time and effort in SEOL, the Stewardship of the Entirety of Our Lives. This included task forces and action steps in the areas of Worship, Christian Formation, Pastoral Care, and Mission & Outreach (please see St. David's website at [www.stdavidscullowhee](http://www.stdavidscullowhee) under Ministries to view what has been accomplished in these areas). A group of us also attended a seminar on our own financial needs for wills/trusts as our own well-being is part of SEOL.

It is now time to consider the financial well-being of our church. Our Financial Stewardship Campaign for 2020 will occur this Fall, September-October. We have moved it forward from the usual end of year campaign because we need to be able to commit to the salary of whomever we call as Rector, and the search begins this Fall. We will be asking that each of us make our pledge for 2020 no later than the end of October. Please begin thinking about your hopes and dreams for the next phase of our dear St. David's as we move towards the end of this transition period, and how you can help fund those hopes and dreams. Your contributions will also support the very practical: electric bills, property and sanctuary upkeep, community use of The Gathering Place, and the continued pledge we have made to five local and one global ministering agencies. Letters will be sent this coming week, as another way to remind our congregation of this need. Pledge cards will also be available at church in the coming week, and everyone will also receive one via email. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

With gratitude in advance, Your Vestry

#### St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson  
 Sandy Frazier  
 Vance Davidson  
 Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

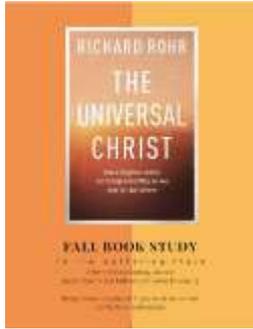
Junior Warden, Muff Lyons  
 Gael Graham  
 Jake Jacobson

## Thank You, Thank You!

Nancie Wilson has graciously offered to take over managing the *Virtual Closet* from Clair Marsh. The *Virtual Closet* is a list of items, mostly durable medical equipment but not necessarily so, along with their locations, that can be borrowed when needed. Contact [Nancie Wilson](#) to add items or to find out if an item you may need is available.

### 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](mailto:jrodriguez@vecinosinc.org)

### Life is Hard: Find the Joy

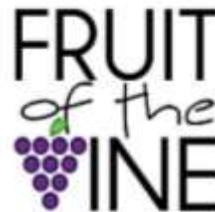
A yoga retreat with Chad Hallyburton  
and Jane Coburn



October 19<sup>th</sup>  
9 am-noon  
The Gathering Place

### You Are Invited

to



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, carrying forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart..."*  
(Psalm 134:13-15)

Our favorite sommelier, Sonia 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 - Sonia'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)

# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

- Oct 8 **Lillian Pearson**
- Oct 9 **Erin McGlauflin**
- Oct 10 **Stephen Wilcox**
- Oct 11 **Brad Reisinger, Jim Kasprzak**
- Oct 12 **Elizabeth Addison**

## New address for Bill & Betty Lynn Kirwan

316 Cedar Club Circle  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

## 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.

### 2019 Outreach Support

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Land Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

## 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<sup>nd</sup> Sundays  
Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr  
Mondays 10:30 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Rice & Beans Ministry  
Soup/Bread Community Supper  
Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am  
Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm  
Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

**St. David's Links and Contact Information:**

Website: [stdavidscullowhee.org](http://stdavidscullowhee.org)

**Lectionary Page 2019**

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**Diocesan Links:**

**Diocese of Western North Carolina**

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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**Camp Henry Facebook page**

**www.lakelogan.org**

**St. David's Vestry Members:**

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson