

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



Nov 12, 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

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's Road Trip visit
Tue	Nov 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Nov 26	Soup & Bread Community Supper
Sat	Dec 2	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am Make Advent Wreath 10 am-noon
Sun	Dec 3	Advent 1 1 st Sunday Collection for United Christian Ministries
Tue	Dec 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Wed	Dec 6	Advent Service 5:30 pm
Sun	Dec 10	Advent 2 Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Dec 12	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Wed	Dec 13	Advent Service 5:30 pm
Sat	Dec 16	Greening of the Church 10 am-noon
Sun	Dec 17	Advent 3
Tue	Dec 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Wed	Dec 20	Advent Service 5:30 pm
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: Betsy Swift
Reader: Muff Lyons
Coffee: Pat & Steve Steinbrueck
Music: Nan Watkins
Readings: [Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16](#), [Psalm 70](#) 1-6, Creation Cycle
Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20, [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

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 November 4th and 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.



It's Beans & Rice Sunday!

The ratio of rice to beans has gotten out of kilter—more beans are needed to balance out the rice. The children will package up portions during the church service this Sunday and will present them at the altar for a blessing.

Creation Cycle Reading Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Just a reminder that Stewardship Season is upon us - be on the lookout for your pledge cards to arrive this week.

Our Stewardship Speakers are:

10/29. Judy Leroy Robinson

11/5. Gael Graham

11/12. Kelley Dinkelmeyer (with help from the children)

Lovingly,
Betsy Swift
Stewardship Chairperson

Stewardship

*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's gifts
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

Mt. Zion AME Zion Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary



Our neighbor "across the hill," Mt. Zion AME Zion Church of Cullowhee, is celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, November 12th, at 3:30 pm. The Inspirational Voices of Swannanoa will be featured at the Gospel Singing.

The church is located in Cullowhee on Old 107 not far from the back entrance to WCU. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

This is a great chance for folks from St. David's to get to know our neighbors better. Several folks are already planning to attend as a group. Please join us.

See the Sylva Herald this week, page 1C, for an article on the history of the church.

Our Advent Wreath

By Judy Robinson



As Fall temperatures finally arrive, it is time to start thinking of the holiday season ahead. We will be making our Advent Wreath on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017, 10 am-noon in the church. I would like three volunteers to please help me build the wreath...this is your chance to be creative with live greenery!

We also need volunteers to bring a bucket full of wonderful things you may have growing in the yard. Items such as: evergreen boughs of all types, holly, heather, dogwood or other berries. We will put it all to good use. I will be at the church by 9:30 am to set out tarps, etc. Please bring greenery donations that morning by 10 or leave them on the church porch Friday evening.

I would appreciate getting an RSVP email if you will help build the wreath and if you will donate greenery. Many thanks, Judy Robinson, judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com

St. David's Altar Guild

We would like to invite anyone who has not participated thus far to join our Altar Guild. All are welcome; this is not an exclusive women's group. As a guild member, you will have the opportunity to help with Sunday flowers, baking communion bread; preparing the Altar for Sunday Service and Communion, as well as helping take care of linens. The same half dozen people currently do these things all year round. We love it and will continue to be involved, but we could use a little more help. Please contact Judy Robinson if you would like to join the Guild and we can discern together how you can best be part of these activities. Thanks for your consideration. judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com



From the Diocese

Bishops call for prayer, action after latest mass shooting

Bishops United Against Gun Violence, of which our bishop is a member, released a statement regarding the shootings on Sunday in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

The group of more than 70 Episcopal bishops is working to curtail the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.

It begins, "In the wake of the heartbreaking shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, we find ourselves both calling people to prayer, and wishing that the word did not come so readily to the lips of elected leaders who are quick to speak, but take no action on behalf of public safety."

The statement can be read in its entirety here:

<http://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org/bishops-united-against-gun-violence-calls-church-to-pray-elected-leaders-to-act/>

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 on December 10.

More on Mouse Control

Betsey Hamlet sent this suggestion for mouse control, complete with photograph and story, from their recent trip to Exeter Cathedral. This is part of the "rodent control system". The picture was taken on October 8th, and the story comes from the British *Antiques Roadshow* when they filmed there.



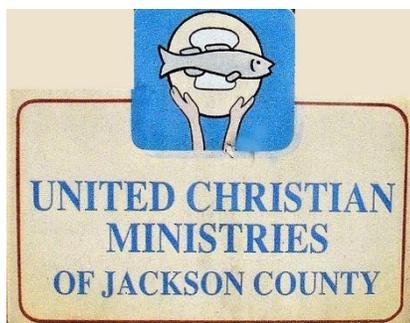
This is the cat hole—14th century or so. The resident mouser, usually named Tom, could get after the mice eating the bell ropes back when they were smeared with grease. The story goes that he was a regular cathedral employee at a salary of a penny a day. There was no sign of the current holder of the title. However, they were building a Lego model of the cathedral as a fund raiser.



A Church Directory with Photographs

By Maggie Bowles

A new church member brought to my attention the fact that I have not updated the church pictorial directory in a long time. I am going to need new photographs as some of us are new and others of us no longer look quite like we did five years ago. The photos should be of family groups. You can email a photo of your family to me at magbowles@gmail.com or I can take of photo of you at church. I already have good photos of the following families and/or people: Byrd/Rector, Dinkelmeyer, Coburn, Farwell, Frazier/Tebo, Graham, Dills/Mulholland, Smith, Suggs, Haidee Wilson, and maybe a few others when I can find time to look in the photo files. But if you have a photo that you like, please send it.



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.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Nov 13 **Ponya Brown, Austin Coburn**
Nov 14 **Mira Williams, Molly Gehring**
Nov 17 **Claire Marsh**
Nov 18 **Sean Mulholland**
Nov 19 **Angus Despeaux**

Prayers for Hal Farwell who is at Skyland Care Center in Sylva following a fall he sustained at home.

Congratulations to Todd Vinyard on being named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club International for his contribution to Rotary programs.

Healing prayers for Marilyn Jody as she recovers from shoulder replacement surgery.

The Thanksgiving Tree

An invitation

By Wesley Satterwhite

When my children were small, we started our own family tradition of the Thanksgiving Tree. We cut leaf shapes from colored construction paper and kept them in a bowl on the dining table. Each day throughout the month of November, we would write our gratuities for the day on a leaf and tape it to a paper tree we put up on the wall. I shared that tradition with the children of St. David's using the branches Muff got us for the Lenten season last year. The children (and adults) can add to the tree all through the month leading up to advent.

(Barrett used up a lot of the leaves last Sunday--she was feeling especially grateful--but I will happily make some more).



St. David's has quite a few folks traveling presently, both in the US and abroad. Margo White is in Uganda where she will be working with South Sudanese refugees in Adjumani, Uganda. Sloan and Michael Despeaux are in Marseilles, France. Mary Ellen Griffin is biking in Côte d'Azur, France. Lydia Aydlett is just back from a trip to New York City with daughter Tracy and granddaughter Tessa.

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](#)

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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