

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



Nov 26 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 26	Creation Cycle 4 Vestry discussion session 4 pm Soup & Bread Community Supper 5-7 pm
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 Children's Christmas Pageant
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

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:
Reader: Paul Cooper
Coffee: Gael Graham
Music: Nan Watkins
Readings: [Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#),
[Psalm 100](#), [Ephesians 1:15-23](#),
[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

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

Serving during December

Bread: John Slater
Flowers: Judy Robinson
Poinsettias: Muff Lyons
Linen: Claire Marsh
Eucharist: Gracia Slater &
Margot Wilcox
Greeters: Joan Byrd &
George Rector

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.

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.

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.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Soup & Bread Community Supper

By Wesley Satterwhite

This Sunday, November 26th, we know that either 1) you will be tired of leftovers and ready for something new by the end of the weekend; OR 2) you're going to want to use up those leftovers once and for all. Or perhaps you'll be feeling the letdown of the end of the holiday weekend of food, family, and football. Whatever the reason, you will definitely want to come to our SOUP & BREAD COMMUNITY SUPPER! Sunday, November 26th, 5-7 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring friends or any extra family member still hanging around. Or just bring yourself. COME! EAT! ENJOY!



If you plan to bring soup, please let Wesley know at wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com or (828) 200-4363. Also, helpers are needed for setting up after coffee hour.

Our Advent Wreath

By Judy Robinson

I know we are all busy with Thanksgiving preparations, guests, or travel. Please consider that we will be making our Advent Wreath on Saturday December 2nd, 2017 from 10am-noon in the church. (Note that this is NOT Thanksgiving weekend, but rather the following week). I have one kind volunteer, and we could use a couple of others to help build the wreath.

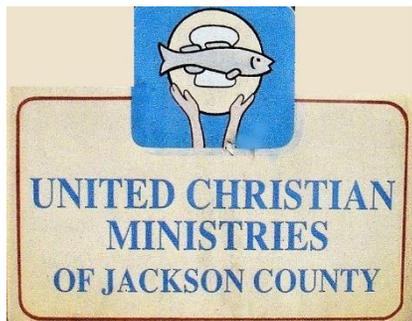
We also need evergreens of every kind to make the wreath. Please let me know as soon as you can if you would be willing to help with either at judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com.

With humble thanks for our wonderful St. David's Community,
Judy Robinson



Holiday Help for United Christian Ministries

Last chance to help UCM feed hungry children over Christmas break!



Please bring your boxes of cereal to church this Sunday or any day from now until Saturday, December 2nd. If the parish hall isn't open, our church is always open, and the cereal may be left inside any door.

The boxes will be taken 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.

Thank you with prayers for peace and gratitude,

Muff



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 10th.

Giving Thanks for our Altar Guild Members

By Faye Jacobson

Muff and I are so very thankful for each one of you who chose Altar Guild as a ministry. We currently have 22 members, which is a large and active group for a small church.

During this Stewardship Season we all consider time and talent as well as monetary gifts. Altar Guild is a wonderful way to serve. If you are interested in joining us please contact Muff or me.

To our current members, have a wonderful season of celebration and thank you for all that you do.

Faye and Muff, Co-Chairs

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St. Claire's Altar Guild



A Church Directory with Photographs

By Maggie Bowles

A few people have graciously sent family photos for the Church Member Directory I am working on, but I need to hear from many more of you. 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.

CHRISTMAS & COMING

Please Join Us for the Greening

Saturday December 16th 10 am

Everyone (all ages) come join in the fun and fellowship of decorating our church for the celebration of Christmas. Bring clippers if possible and greenery, berries or anything from nature's bounty that will make a beautiful wreath. If you don't have those things readily available just bring yourselves. It is a wonderful way to kick off Christmas week. The beauty and the forest smells after we finish are amazing. Look forward to seeing you there.



Poinsettias for Christmas



Each year at Easter and Christmas donations cover most of the cost of the flowers we purchase. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please write a check for any amount you wish and on the memo line indicate that it is for Christmas Flowers. You can mail the check or just hand it to Margot. Also, give her the name(s) of the person or people you would like to honor.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Needed: Stars, sheep, donkeys, shepherds, wise men, angels and more!
The St. David's Christmas Play will be Sunday, December 17th, and we need actors. Any children ages 3 months to teens are welcome to join us. We have costumes set to go. Please contact Johanna jprice@email.wcu.edu, Kelley kdinkelmeyer@email.wcu.edu, or Wesley wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com if you are available and would like to be a part of this fun tradition at St. David's.



Coming in 2018

Dine Around!

By Pat Steinbrueck



Dine Around with us in 2018! Groups of six or so will gather and share a meal on a monthly basis, rotating hosting duties among the group members. The groups will be rearranged on a quarterly basis, providing us with the opportunity to break bread with lots of different folks. More details will follow. Please email Pat Steinbrueck at patsteinbrueck@gmail.com or speak to her in church if you interested.

From the Diocese

Bishop's Address to the 96th Annual Convention

Here is a link to Bishop José's inspiring address to Convention:
http://www.diocesewnc.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3189063. The resolutions as passed at Convention can be found [here](#). Additional documents from Convention will be posted on the Convention page of the Diocesan website as they are available.

Bishop's Road Trip Wrap-Up



For a Monday visit, there was quite a good turn-out for an informal visit with Bishop José. Gracia Slater and Pat Steinbrueck brought soup for lunch, and other volunteers provided bread, salad and cookies. Following the meal, the Bishop talked at length and answered questions on a number of topics. It was a lively meeting. Missioner for Youth and Young Adults Eden Lewis accompanied the Bishop, and they visited WCU after the St. David's visit.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Nov 27 **Alicia Kirwan**

Dec 3 **George Rector**

Kitchen Notes

People are wondering who brought these cabinet accessories and exactly what they are for; towel holder, perhaps? If you brought them, please come forward and solve the mystery.



These little cups are intended to be used for wine and juice as alternatives to disposable cups. Please don't hesitate to use them; just pop them into the dishwasher when finished.



St. David's Children Compete in Lego Tournament

Congratulations to Paul Yanik for receiving NASA and Duke Energy grants in support of the rookie FIRST Robotics team at Smoky Mountain High School. FIRST stands for *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*. FIRST is an organization whose mission is "to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership."



FIRST programs support students of all ages through programs like: FIRST Lego Leagues Jr., FIRST Lego Leagues, FIRST Tech Challenge, and FIRST Robotics Competition. Paul is a board member of NC FIRST, coach for two FIRST Lego League teams at Summit Charter School, was instrumental in establishing the new FIRST Robotics team at SMHS, and wrote these grant proposals to support that team in its inaugural year.

Good luck to and prayers for St. David's parents/children participating in the NC FIRST Lego Leagues (FLL) Regional Robotics Tournament on December 2nd at Cherokee Center Schools. They include Owen Yanik, with Paul as coach, and Abel Despeaux with Sloan as coach.

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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