

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



Nov 5, 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

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'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
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: Newt Smith
Reader: June Smith
Coffee: Chad's yoga students
Music: Nan Watkins
Readings: [Joshua 3:7-17](#),
[Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37](#),
Climate Science -Wen Stephenson,
[Matthew 23:1-12](#)

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.

An Invitation

The Mt. Zion AME Church in Cullowhee is celebrating its 125th anniversary on Sunday, November 12th. At 3:30 pm that day, they will host a gospel singing in the church. All are cordially invited. This historic church was once located on what is now WCU campus, and is presently located on Old 107 opposite the WCU warehouse behind the university.

Creation Cycle Reading

Climate Science: Wen Stephenson

CLIMATE SCIENCE is not a religion, despite what you may have heard from your friendly neighborhood fossil-fuel lobbyist. Last I checked, NASA and the National Academy of Sciences were not faith-based organizations.

But it's fair to say that people of faith, all across the theological spectrum, are an important part of the grass-roots movement for climate action — a fact easily overlooked at a moment when science and environmentalism are often assumed to be at odds with religion, especially the more traditional kinds. One of the most impressive things about the movement is the way it brings secular and religious activists together - much as the civil rights and antiwar movements did - finding a key base of support in progressive churches and interfaith groups.

The Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father— the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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.*

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.



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



It's Church Mice vs. church mice!

Chad Hallyburton is letting us know that there are unwelcome creatures among us. He offers these suggestions for helping to cope with the problem.



1. If you bring in rice & beans, put them **INSIDE** the black tubs with yellow lids, not on top of them.
2. Make sure any food left on counters is in sealed containers. And if you have leftovers, take them home; don't leave them at church (they usually just get thrown away, and food in the trash is food for mice). Try not to leave cake boxes, pizza boxes, etc. for someone else to dispose of later.
3. Reduce clutter: mice need places to hide, so if it isn't absolutely needed at church, take it home with you (storage containers, boxes, bags, etc.).

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.

Crowdfunding Supports ACA Open Enrollment Advertising

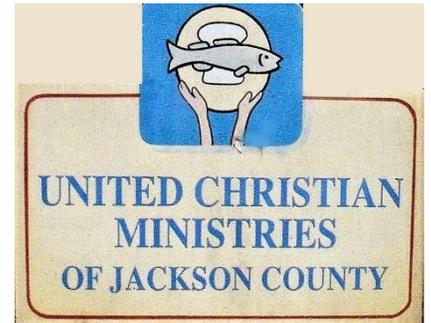
Thanks to the generous response of St David's, the fundraiser for billboards to publicize ACA open enrollment has met its goal. Many, many thanks to all who participated!!

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 8 **Vance Davidson**
- Nov 9 **Mary Frances Vinyard**
- Nov 10 **Terri Sanger**

Anniversaries

- Nov 8 **Ann & Chad Hallyburton**
- Nov 11 **Phil & Terri Sanger**

Condolences to Scott Philyaw and family' his mother, Lovera Belle McCall Avery, 85, of Morganton passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.



Chad Hallyburton had some very special helpers for greeting people last Sunday morning.



Soup and Bread Community Supper

13 pots of soup for Soup Supper and 39 attendees! Here are some photos, including Solomon waiting patiently outside and cute cupcakes made by Mira Williams.



Free to a Good Home

A pink flowering holiday cactus 10" tall and 30" wide. It needs to be some place with bright sunlight for at least part of the day. Call Claire Marsh at 586-5186.

Also, several jade plants approximately 10" tall by 8" wide (see photo at right). Contact Maggie Bowles magbowles@gmail.com or 803-920-9974.



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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