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St Davids Cullowhee



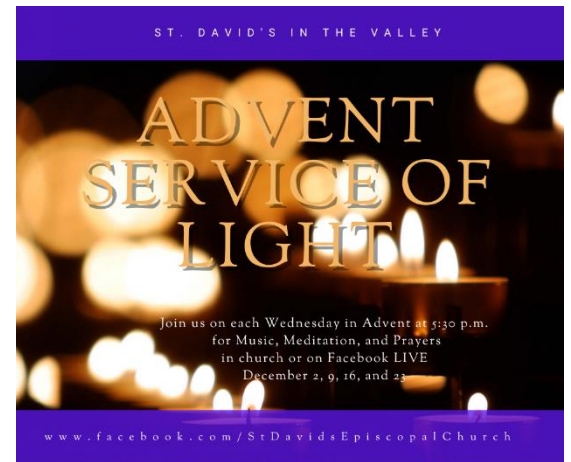
December 13, 2020

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



The Blue Ridge Parkway is currently closed, so our Eucharistic Holy Hike will be to Hatcher Falls which is just off Highway 107S between Cullowhee and Glenville. This hike is about four miles round trip. Hatcher Falls is on the same trail as High Falls, but you reach Hatcher Falls before the terrain gets rough. This is a Google maps link for the [trailhead](#) on Shoal Creek Road.

Please email [Maggie](#) if you plan to hike so we know who to expect.



Service Information

Sundays at 10:45 am

[Facebook Live](#)

[Bulletin](#)

[Sign up](#) if you wish to attend in person on Sunday

[Coffee Hour Zoom Link](#)

Lector: Randi Neff

Prayers: Muff Lyons

Chalice: Betsy Swift

Organist: Lillian Pearson

Zoom host: Jessica Philyaw

Bread: Judy Robinson

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Wednesday Services

Morning Prayer 9:30 am on [Zoom](#)

Outdoor Eucharist 1st and 3rd Wednesdays noon

Service of Light during Advent on [Facebook Live](#) and in the church.

No Internet or Smartphone?

You can join St. David's Zoom church meeting by phone by dialing +1 929 205 6099 and entering the meeting ID number 857 5147 5913. You can even use *6 to toggle mute/unmute.

Additional Information

Dec 13 Holy Eucharist 11 am in person and [Facebook Live](#); Holy Hike

Dec 16 Morning Prayer 9:30 am On [Zoom](#); Advent Service 5:30 pm in person and [Facebook Live](#)

To meet with the rector for conversation, prayer, or a safer-at-home communion option, send her an email at rector@stdavidscullowhee.org.

Episcopal Campus Ministry WCU

Sign-up for Wednesday Walks with WCU campus missioner

Kelsey Davis: 1:1 outdoor walk around campus, no strings attached. Anyone is welcome. [Walk sign up](#)



Beans & Rice

Please remember our ongoing collection of rice and especially beans for our Vecinos families and farm workers. Donations may be left in the big containers inside the church doors at any time.





Greening of the Great Outdoors

Saturday, December 19th at Noon

In this year like no other, you are invited to come, as you feel comfortable, for a Greening of the Great Outdoors at St. David's in preparation for an outdoor Eucharist Service at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. The plan is to wrap the railing with greenery, hang wreaths on the *gathering place* sconces, string lights amongst the greenery, and do various other tasks to make ready for a unique and joyous celebration of the coming of Christ. Many thanks to Melba Cooper, Haidee Wilson, Judy Annis, Judy Robinson, and Kelley and Heidi Dinkelmeyer for making wreaths ahead of time at home.

Wreaths for the church doors made by Barbara Hardie and Ruth Hudson are already in place.



If you can help supply greenery, please bring it when you come or drop it off at the church anytime on Friday or before noon on Saturday. Refreshments will include the Slaters' traditional Christmas stollen, Gracias gluten-free apricot bars, and June Smith's famous Russian tea.

Dress for the weather.

WEAR A MASK.

Stay 6 feet or more apart.



Outdoor Christmas Eve Eucharist Service

Thursday, December 24th at 4 pm

In the parking lot at St. David's

**Come and Celebrate the Joyous Coming of Christ
Or Watch on [Facebook Live](#)**

(Individual communion sets of reserved sacrament can be picked up at the church ahead of time.)

Bring your own chair. Dress for the weather. WEAR A MASK. Stay 6 feet or more apart.

Christmas Cheer for Confined Students

By Gael Graham

This Christmas, four students from Western Carolina University are not able to leave campus and will be spending the long break in Cullowhee. They are being supported by *Homebase Campus Ministry*. The vestry voted to offer support to *Homebase* and these four students this season. If you would like to contribute, they can use gas or grocery cards. You can leave them in the *gathering place* labeled “*Homebase*”. Please let me know, so I can pick them up and deliver them. graham@email.wcu.edu

Thanks for helping to brighten up some students' holiday season!

An online option for giving via St. David's can be found [here](#). Enter the Amount, use the drop-down on the Fund line and select Special Other, enter Homebase WCU in the Memo space, and select Continue. Get in touch with [Steve Steinbrueck](#) if you experience any problems with this option.



Race for Grace

An Advent Activity

Sunday, November 29th through Thursday, December 24th

[Sign Up Here](#)

Join the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina as we **Race for Grace** to support youth and young adult ministries in the diocese. The money raised from this event will support Camp Henry, Youth Ministries and College Ministries and will be used for scholarships and programs.



The race will take place through the entire Advent season, and we invite you all to join us by walking, running, strolling, or rolling as we raise money to support ministries for and with young people. There will not be one day that the event takes place. Instead, we invite you to choose a day during Advent to participate at your own pace.

The Covid 19 Vaccine-How It Works

Here is a link to an excellent lecture prepared by Harry Brown in his capacity with the Tribal Epidemiology Center. [Covid 19 vaccine lecture](#) This was presented to the health care workers at the hospital in Cherokee. Thank you, Harry, for sharing this with us, also.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Dec 14 **Emma Tomczak, Betsey Hamlet**
Dec 17 **Michael Hudson, Judy Robinson**
Dec 18 **Nan Watkins**
Dec 12 **Kathy Davidson**

Anniversaries

Dec 17 **Marcus & Caroline Goodkind**
Dec 20 **Melba & Paul Cooper,**
Jim Kasprzak & Mary Ann Nixon

Healing prayers for Claire Marsh who fell and broke some bones in her leg at the care facility where she lives in Bryson City. She is in a wheelchair with leg extended.

Condolences to Faye Jacobson and family on the loss of her sister last week.

Congratulations to Owen Yanik on being selected as a *Mustang of the Month* for December. The award is presented to students who best exemplify the spirit of Smoky Mountain High School.

Students who exhibit strong school spirit, good character and attitude, citizenship, leadership, and responsibility, and who demonstrate strong class participation and a good work ethic can be nominated for the honor.



Congratulations, also, to Mtr. Gaelyn on completing her fastest 10K run to date. She credits her friend Kelly Taylor Kanelos with giving her encouragement. Mtr. Gaelyn will compete again on the morning of December 19th.

Sylva Garden Club

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2020 Annual Pecan Sales Fundraiser

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| Whole Halves | 12oz Bag | \$10.00 |
| Dark Chocolate | 16oz Bag | \$13.00 |
| Milk Chocolate | 16oz Bag | \$13.00 |
| Pecan Turtles | 8oz Bag | \$ 7.00 |
| Praline Crunch | 8oz Bag | \$ 8.00 |

Cash or Check (make payable to Sylva Garden Club)

Pecans are available at these local merchants

City Lights Bookstore Ray's Florist KrisMart Sassy Frass
Country Road Farms End Of Main Tuckasegee Trading Company

You can also go to www.sylvagardenclubnc.com for information

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