

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



December 18, 2022

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

Happening Soon at St. David's

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| Sunday 11 am Advent 4 | Service of Holy Eucharist |
| Tuesday at 1 pm | Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i> |
| Wednesday at 10 am | Greening of the Church |
| 5:30 pm | Service of Light (no potluck supper) |
| Thursday at 1:30 pm | Needlework/craft interest group |
| Saturday, December 24 th 4 pm | Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist |

No service on Christmas Day

Please try to remember to pick up your name tag in the *Gathering Place* and wear it in church!



The Greening of the Church

Wednesday, December 21st at 10 am

By Faye Jacobson

The Greening is a long-time tradition at St. David's. This year we will gather at 10 am on Wednesday, December 21st. Hot drinks and cookies will be provided.

As most of you are aware, there is a shortage of Fraser fir this year. The owner of Country Roads Nursery told me they are having to reach beyond Jackson County for their wreath making materials and there are fewer Christmas trees. Based on that information and uncertainty about how many people will be able to participate in the Greening, we decided to purchase the wreaths from Country Roads. This decision is just for this year and will be revisited for next year.

These will be plain fir wreaths—32 inches wide. We will add our own bows and other artistic embellishments from nature. Please bring anything you think is appropriate to add to our green wreaths. We will also need materials to decorate each window in the sanctuary. Our decorations remain in place until after Epiphany, so longer-lasting materials are best.

The Greening is a fun time together, and the results of our joint efforts are always beautiful. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at fayebj50@gmail.com.

Donations to the Altar Guild Flower Fund

As mentioned in the article about the Greening, wreaths will be purchased from Country Roads Nursery this year. The Altar Guild also purchases poinsettias each Christmas.

If you would like to donate in memory of or thanksgiving for people or animals or other blessings in your life, please make a check out to St. David's with "AG Christmas wreaths/flowers" on the memo line. Give your check to Randi or place it in the alms basin. Three of the 8 wreaths have already been paid for by donations. The wreaths are \$62. If you do not wish to pay for an entire wreath but would like to donate to the Altar Guild Flower Fund, contributions of any size are appreciated.

Email the information you would like in the Christmas Eve bulletin to our [Parish Administrator](#).

Bring Michael to Church

Michael Hudson has really seemed to enjoy being able to attend church services and Advent suppers the past few weeks. Volunteers are needed to pick him up at Vero Health and Rehab of Sylva and return him there after the event. Vero is located at 417 Cloverdale Rd, Sylva, NC 28779 and is just off Hwy 116 near Webster.

It is very easy to take Michael for an outing.

When you enter Vero, the receptionist will have you sign in and give you his room number. Go upstairs and find his room, and you're all set. When you go back downstairs, you will sign him out, sign him back in when you return, and walk with him back to his room. Although he cannot converse as he once did, he is so happy to see you that it doesn't matter. It is a real joy to make him happy!

There is a place to sign up on the white board in the *Gathering Place* and soon there may be a way to do it online. We need a volunteer for Sunday (12/18), Wednesday (12/21), and Saturday (Christmas Eve).

Saint David's in the Valley

| Month | Date | Season | Serwen | Reader | Altar | Bread | Greeters | Mystery Greeting | Coffee Hour | Pick up Michael |
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| January | 1 | Christmas | | | | | | | | |
| January | 7 | Epiphany | | | | | | | | |
| January | 14 | Epiphany | | | | | | | | |
| December | 4 | Advent 2 | Brad | June | Grace | Gabe | Jake | | Sherrill | |
| Wed. Dec. | 7 | | Brad | | | X | | | Flora | |
| December | 11 | Advent 3 | George | Paul | Karen | Grace | Jake | George | Melba | |
| Wed. Dec. | 14 | | | | | X | | | | |
| December | 18 | Advent 4 | Kelsey | Muff | Muff | Gabe | WALKIE | | | |
| Wed. Dec. | 21 | | Kelsey | | | | | | No potluck | |
| December | 24 | Christmas Eve | | See sign up | | Grace + John | | | | |

LOL Update

Women of a Certain Age aka Little Old Ladies

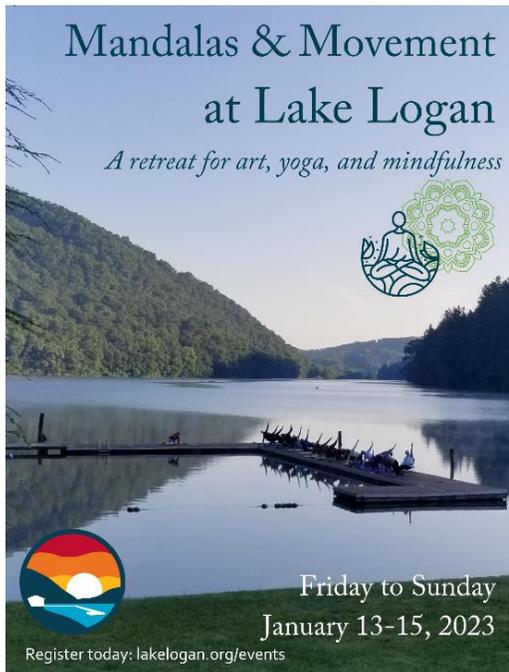
For anyone interested in joining the LOL book discussion group or simply curious about what we are reading, we began with a focus on the topic of aging. During the past ten months we have chosen to read *The Inner Work of Age* (Zweig), *The Grace in Aging* (Singh), *Our Last Best Act* (McDuff), *The Courage to Grow Old* (Crafton), *The Gift of Years* (Chittister) and *Coming to Age* (Carolyn Hopley and Mary Ann Hoberman).

More recently LOL has begun exploring a wider range of interests, including the spiritual practices of various cultures and religious traditions, as reflected in our reading of Bishop Michael Curry's *Love Is the Way* and Barbara Brown Taylor's *Holy Envy*. Our wide-ranging conversations have often led to commentary on other titles, many of which we are considering as choices for future discussion. The next book on our list is *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, by John Philip Newell.

Photo from the December 14th Advent Potluck Supper



Paul Cooper gave the reflection which you can access [here](#). You can read Kelsey Davis's reflection from last week [here](#).



A little time away from your ruts and routines spent learning, laughing, relaxing, and sharing with a welcoming, supportive group is the perfect way to help you:

- Prepare for a fresh, new year
- Navigate physical & emotional changes
- Change your career or lifestyle
- Overcome life's unexpected obstacles
- Treat yourself to some much-needed self-care

Instructors Mary How, an artist, board-certified art therapist, and emotional wellness coach, and Julie Mayson, a 500-RYT yoga instructor trained in hatha, kundalini, meditation, and kriya, will teach participants about the basics of mindfulness practices and the benefits of combining art and yoga movement for mindfulness. You'll learn practical mindfulness skills and leave feeling energetic, yet peaceful, about starting your own practice at home.

Snuggle into comfy, lakeside cabins and nourish yourself with healthy meals surrounded by the beauty of Lake Logan. Enjoy morning yoga breath work and heart opening classes and afternoon mandala journaling to create healthy practices that nourish your daily life.

This retreat is open to women and men, and all skill levels are welcome. To register, visit lakelogan.org/events/. Call 828.646.0095 or email info@lakelogan.org with questions.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

- Dec 12 **Kathy Davidson**
- Dec 14 **Betsey Hamlet**
Emma Tomczak
- Dec 17 **Michael Hudson**
Judy Robinson
- Dec 18 **Nan Watkins**
- Dec 19 **Eureka Smith**
- Dec 20 **Henry Hanks**

Anniversary

- Dec 19 **Melba & Paul Cooper**

Congratulations to Mary Michael Hanks who is the new Drum Major for the SMHS Marching Mustangs band. The students vote on this, so it's a huge honor.

Healing prayers for Kelsey Davis and baby as they recover from COVID.

A sincere thank you from the editor for your submissions! News items and especially photos are always welcome. Let us know what you are up to or anything of interest to your parish friends. Send items to [Maggie Bowles](mailto:Maggie.Bowles).

**Church Membership
Directory Now Available**

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at info@stdavidscullowhee.org.

Securing Our Property

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

An Easy Volunteer Opportunity

Seeking a person to occasionally give Doug Hanks a break from live streaming the Sunday service. Full instruction in what to do will be provided, and it is remarkably simple to do. Just speak to Doug or [email him](#).

Beware of Scammers!

Please know that no member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

Lake Logan Events

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church. They go to the Community Table and United Christian Ministries.



St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector
Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist
Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, Muff Lyons

Readings:

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#), [Romans 1:1-7](#), [Matthew 1:18-25](#), [Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#)

Coffee Hour,

Greeter, Laurie Hulbert
Altar Set Up, Muff Lyons
Linens, Gerlinde Lindy
Bread Baker, Gracia & John Slater
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks
Vestry Counter, Betsy Swift
Pick up Michael,

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

10:00-10:40 Bible Study in the Upper Room

11:00 In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist,
Rector in office

Wednesdays

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU at 5:30

2nd Mondays at 5:30

Vestry in the *Gathering Place*

Last Sundays except December and May-August

Soup Supper

