

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



December 19, 2021

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



Joy to the World!

Please join us for a Christmas Carol sing-along time before the 4 pm Christmas Eve service. Meet from 3:30-3:50 in the *Gathering Place* for Cider and Carols around the piano. The Candlelight Christmas Eve service will follow in the church at 4 pm. We will open the doors and wear masks, so plan to dress appropriately for the prevailing weather.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations to the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild purchases poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. David's Altar Guild with Christmas flowers on the memo line. There will be an insert in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins recognizing those who donate and the name of anyone you might like to honor, give thanks for, or recognize. **To ensure correct spellings, please email the names of your loved ones to [Suzann Cornell](mailto:Suzann.Cornell) for inclusion in the Christmas bulletins.** Place your checks in the alms basin or hand them to Steve Steinbrueck.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 22nd

Thursday, December 23rd

Friday, December 24th

Sunday, December 26th

Advent Service of Light at 5:30 (in the church and on Facebook Live)

Greening of the Church and Brunch at 10 am

Carols and Cider in the *Gathering Place* from 3:30-3:50 followed at 4 pm by a Candlelight Christmas Eve service of Holy Eucharist

First Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons and Carols at 11 am

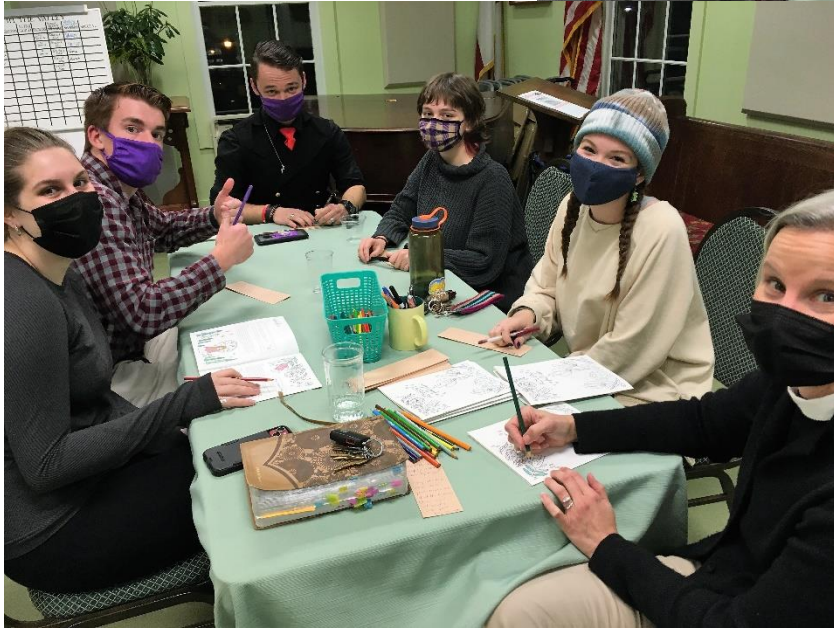
Epiphany Blessings!

Did you know that the season of Epiphany is the traditional season for services of Home Blessings? According to the Book of Occasional Services, "it is customary to invite the parish priest to the homes of parishioners on the Feast of the Epiphany or during the week following; this blessing may be used. "Peace be to this house, and all who dwell in it." The service can continue throughout the house with a blessing in each room and end with a service of Holy Communion. The service can include various readings from Scripture and even hymns if wanted. This could be a great opportunity to gather with family or friends to share in both fellowship and worship in your own home. There are many options, and the service can be customized as you may wish. If you are interested in having a Home Blessing this Epiphany, please contact Mother Gaelyn by email, phone, or text. rector@stdavidscullowhee.org or (828)331-1427.



EPIPHANY

**Advent
Dinners
2021**

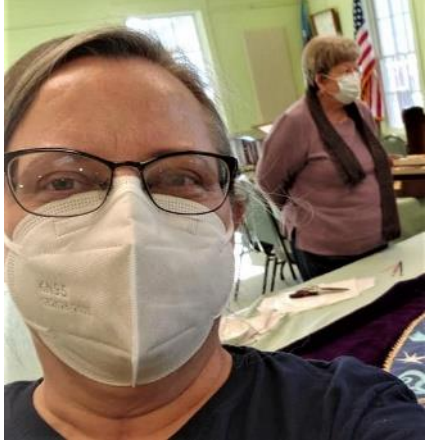


After the Wednesday evening services during the first three weeks of Advent, delicious suppers were shared by St. David's parishioners and students working with Mtr Gaelyn and Kelsey Davis, our Diocesan Youth Missioner.



Creation Banner Refurbish

June Smith, Margot Wilcox, Kelley Dinkelmeyer, and Neal Howard met on December 3rd and repaired the Creation Cycle banner. It is hanging in the church again.



Where Did the Online Directory Go?

We recently became aware of a security issue with our password-protected online directory. In order to prevent dissemination of parishioner's personal contact information via the internet, we have removed the directory. We are working with the web host to deal with the issue. You may request a printed copy of the directory or an emailed pdf of the directory. Simply let Suzann Cornell know if you need a directory by emailing her at parishadmin@stdavidscullowhee.org.

As we transition away from a printed directory, for those who are comfortable with electronic access we encourage you to log into Realm. This will also make it possible for you to update your own contact information and view personal-giving information at any time. If you do not already have a Realm login please let Suzann Cornell, parish administrator know, and she will send you an invite from Realm itself via email. Realm is the most secure way for us to continue an online, up to date directory.

Peace and blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Dec 12 Kathy Davidson
Dec 14 Betsey Hamlet
Dec 14 Emma Tomczak
Dec 17 Michael Hudson
Dec 17 Judy Robinson
Dec 18 Nan Watkins
Dec 19 Eureka Smith
Dec 20 Henry Hanks
Dec 28 Boot Hanks
Dec 30 Brad Ulrich

Anniversaries

Dec 17 Caroline & Marcus Goodkind
Dec 19 Melba & Paul Cooper
Dec 19 Mary Ann Nixon & Jim Kasprzak
Dec 23 Salette & Danny Austin
Dec 27 Margot & Tom Wilcox
Dec 28 Jenny & Brad Reisinger

Many thanks to Mtr. Gaelyn and all the good St. David's saints for your prayers and support during Jim Bowles' recent surgery. He is recovering steadily at home.

Lake Logan Events

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

Cold Mountain Music Festival June 4, 2022

Camp Henry Starts June 12, 2022

Family Camp June 16-19, 2022

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](#).

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.

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church to be distributed to Vecinos and families.



Sylva Garden Club Annual Pecan Sale

The Garden Club is marking down their plain pecans to \$8 for a 12 oz. bag. The chocolate pecans are still at their listed price.

Sylva Garden Club

Fresh
Georgia



Pecans are available at these local merchants

City Lights Bookstore

Ray's Florist

KrisMart

Country Road Farms

Tuckasegee Trading Company

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

2021 Annual Pecan Sales Fundraiser

Whole Halves	12oz Bag	\$10.00
Dark Chocolate	12oz Bag	\$12.00
Milk Chocolate	12oz Bag	\$12.00
Caramel Pecan Clusters	10oz Bag	\$12.00

Cash or Check (payable to Sylva Garden Club)

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

All proceeds provide

Yearly Scholarships to



Sylva Beautification



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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector
Suzann Cornell, Parish Administrator
Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this week:

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, Paul Cooper

This Sunday's readings are:

[Micah 5:2-5a](#), [Hebrews 10:5-10](#), [Luke 1:39-45, \(46-55\)](#), [Canticle 15](#)

Coffee Hour, Melba Cooper

Greeter, **Volunteer Needed**

Flowers, Greenery by Muff Lyons

Bread Bakers, Gracia & John Slater

Vestry Counter, George Rector

Sunday Communion, Gracia Slater

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HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

RECTOR IN OFFICE

WEDNESDAYS 7-8 PM EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT WESTERN 9 (ECU@WCU) MEETS FOR COCOA, CONVO, AND COMPLINE-ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

RECTOR IN OFFICE

WEDNESDAYS NOON-5 PM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR IN OFFICE