

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



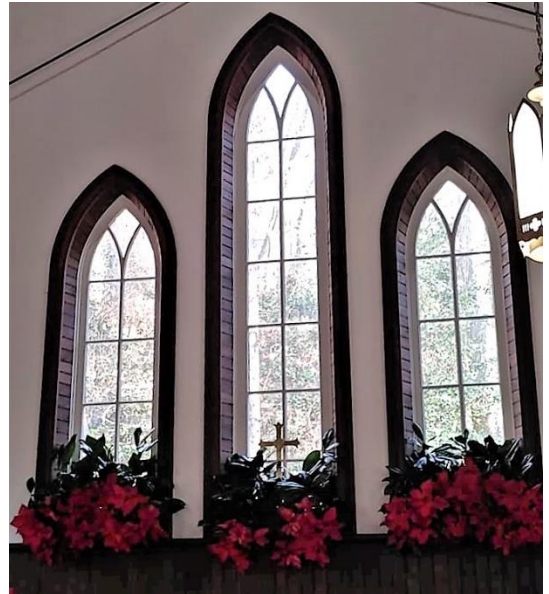
December 26, 2021

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

Christmas is Coming!



Friday, December 24th
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
Sunday, December 26th
First Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons and Carols at 11 am



Thank you to Linda Kinnear for picking up the poinsettias, and to all the volunteers who decorated the church for the Christmas services.

[Click here](#) to view photos of the Greening of the Church.

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

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays
Dec 20 Henry Hanks
Dec 28 Boot Hanks
Dec 30 Brad Ulrich

Anniversaries
Dec 23 Salette & Danny Austin
Dec 27 Margot & Tom Wilcox
Dec 28 Jenny & Brad Reisinger



Courtney Smith Tomczak shared this lovely photo of Margot Wilcox and June Smith along with this special message:

Mom on the right, June Smith, and bonus mom on the left, Margot Wilcox. I'm so lucky to have these two women love me as much as they both do. One of the best predictors of resilience in traumatized kids is having an adult outside their family show investment in their well-being. Even though my childhood was not traumatic, I have benefitted so much from the Wilcox family's love. I gained three extra brothers and bonus parents.

Herb Potts took the photo.

Courtney also shared news of the passing of Mark Tomczak's father Ernest Tomczak.

June 15, 1919-December 21, 2021

What a life. What a legacy. He had a 60+ year marriage with his beloved Rose. Eleven beautiful and successful children, 31 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He had strong body and mind until a few days ago. Knew and loved us all. Dry sense of humor, deep sense of family and a long, love-filled marriage. He will be missed.



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.



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 Christmas Eve

Usher, Gael Graham
Lector, Vance Davidson
Chalice Bearer, George Rector
Coffee Hour, Betsy Swift
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks
Bread Bakers, Gracia & John Slater
Vestry Counter, Karen Brown

Serving this Sunday for Lessons and Carols

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lectors, George Rector, Betsy Swift, Gael Graham, Muff Lyons, Robin Coburn
Coffee Hour, **Need Volunteer!**
Greeter, Gael Graham
Bread Bakers, Gracia & John Slater
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HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

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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

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WEDNESDAYS NOON-5 PM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR IN OFFICE