

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



December 4, 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

Sunday 11 am Advent 2

Service of Holy Eucharist

Tuesday at 1 pm

Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Service of Light with potluck supper with Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU, all are welcome (bring a dish to share)

Thursday at 1:30 pm

Needlework/craft interest group

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

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 7th 5:30 pm

Service of Light with potluck supper

Saturday, December 10th, 11 am

Funeral service for Jere Annis followed by interment at St. John's Cartoogechaye

Wednesday, December 14th 5:30 pm

Service of Light with potluck supper

Wednesday, December 21st 10 am

Greening of the Church

5:30 pm

Service of Light (no potluck supper)

Saturday, December 24th 4 pm

Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

No service on Christmas Day

First Sundays "Loose Plate" Offering

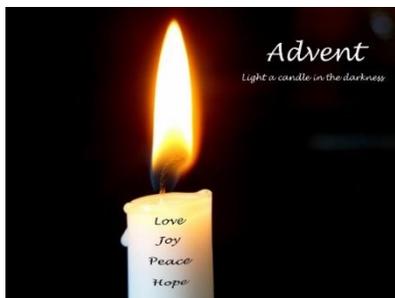


The vestry has designated, with parish input, six charities to support this year: *The Community Table, Here, Jackson Neighbors in Need, Vecinos, Mainspring Conservation Trust, and Midwives for Haiti*. At year's end, the total of the First Sundays "loose plate" offering plus the budgeted amount plus what we collect at Soup Suppers will be divided by six and donated to these groups. For this Sunday, December 4th, the highlighted charity is *The Community Table*.

The Community Table—this community non-profit's goal is to provide nutritious meals to our neighbors in need in a welcoming environment. Since 1999, their vision has been that no one in Jackson County goes to bed hungry. **Ways to help beyond the financial:** many opportunities for hands-on service. See their website <https://communitytable.org>.



Operation Christmas Box 2022



This Advent let's support the many homebound elderly residents in Jackson County who will not have much of a Christmas this year without us. St. David's will be collecting items for the Jackson County Department on Aging through Sunday, December 4th. A basket will be in the back of the church where you can place items requested for Operation Christmas Box 2022. Please give as you are able to help those in need.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Batteries• Pop top canned goods• Liquid dish detergent• Toilet paper and tissues• Scarves• Canned or dried fruit• Lotion | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toboggans and gloves• Toothpaste and toothbrushes• Canned or dried meat• Shampoo• Light bulbs• Lip balm• Socks for men and women | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flashlights• Deodorant• Rice, pasta, and cereal• Soap and hand soap• Lap blankets• Paper towels• Snacks |
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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 Frasier 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.

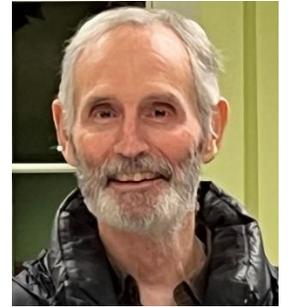
If you would like to donate in memory of or thanksgiving for people or animals or other blessings in your life, please make a check out to St. David's with "AG Christmas wreaths/flowers" on the memo line. Give your check to Randi or place it in the alms basin. Three of the 8 wreaths have already been 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 expressed a desire to attend Sunday church services, the Wednesday Advent services with potluck suppers, and other outings. For this to happen, he needs for someone 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 out for church, for a walk on the Greenway, to lunch, or to your house to watch a Tar Heel basketball game. 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 will be a place to sign up on the white board in the *Gathering Place* soon. The following dates are already covered: December 4th (Lydia Aydlett), and December 7th (the Sangers).

From the Vestry

Dear Friends,

Your Vestry met on Wednesday November 16th at 4 pm. After prayer and a discussion of pastoral concerns, we attended to ongoing business, including:

Our Stewardship campaign is slowly making progress, but not quite where we need to be, so please return your Stewardship cards if you have not already done so—so that the Budget Committee can have real figures with which to commence its work.

Vestry voted to maintain our Diocesan pledge at 10%. This is what we have historically given and is what the diocese asks parishes to contribute. Based on the 2021 operating budget, that 10% comes to \$12,778.80.

In fundraising news...our fall wine event was disappointing for the second year in a row, pointing to a post-Covid reality that this may not be a viable event for us going forward. “Fun while it lasted, but time to move on,” is the general consensus, now that our old “regulars” seem to have found other places to spend their wine budget! However, we seem to have landed on a mini-goldmine with game-day parking, which has proven successful during home WCU football games this fall.

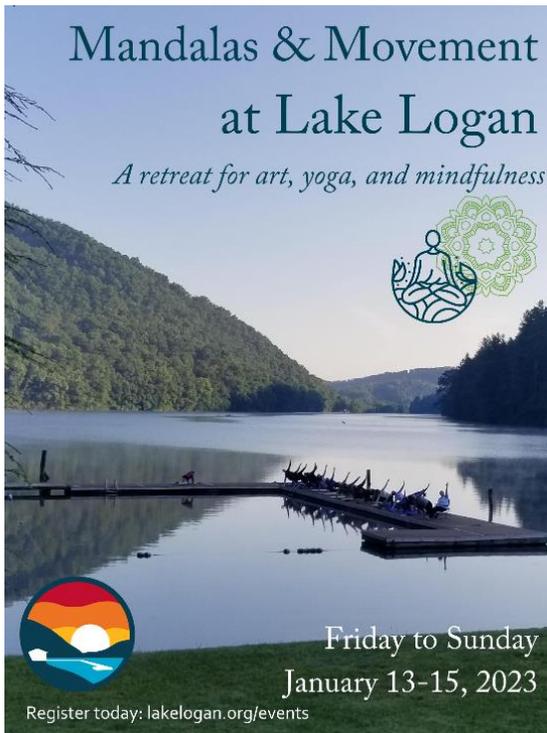
Your help is needed to provide a home-cooked meal for our Episcopal Campus Ministry students next semester. Please consider signing up for a Wednesday supper, and team up with another parishioner to share the cooking. Vestry is looking at ways to foster a team approach to this ministry by providing recipes and delivery options. Stay tuned!

Advent is here again, inviting us to slow down, calm down, listen, wait—just when the world around us is spinning in the opposite direction. Let's support one another in prayer and presence as we wade into the deep once again.

Blessings

Betsy Swift

Senior Warden



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.

Preparing for Advent

Last Saturday, Phil and Terri Sanger, Melba Cooper, Karen Brown, and Judy Robinson constructed the Advent wreath with joy and enthusiasm. Faye Jacobson led the effort to place candles and hurricane lamp chimneys in the windows for our Wednesday Services of Light. Special thanks to Michael Jenkins for bringing a wonderful assortment of greenery for our use, to Paul Cooper for bringing Melba and taking pictures. And to Advent elves Russ Kirk and Steve Graumlich who adorned the front doors with wreaths!

We are excited to share the joyful season of Advent with St. David's members and our greater community.



Celebrating Advent Lovely Service, Lively Meal



Our Parish Administrator, Graydon Elliott, gave the meditation for the service Wednesday evening. Here is a link to it: [Graydon Elliott Advent Reflection](#). And here is an album of photos from the service and the meal: [Advent-11/30/2022](#)

There will be two more services with a potluck supper, December 7th and 14th, and one on December 21st that is service only, no supper. Please come if you can; you will be glad you did.



**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.

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](#).

St. David's Has a New Logo

Samantha Nelson, a graphic designer who does freelance work in addition to working for NCCAT, has been working with Mtr. Gaelyn to design our new logo.



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](#).

Securing Our Property

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

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 to be distributed to Vecinos and families.

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

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector

Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, Brad Orvis

Lector, June Smith

Readings:

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#), [Romans 15:4-13](#), [Matthew 3:1-12](#), [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

Coffee Hour, Sherrie Orvis

Greeter, Jake Jacobson

Altar Set Up, Gael Graham

Linens, Gerlinde Lindy

Bread Baker, Gracia & John Slater

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter, Brad Orvis

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