

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



December 6, 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.

ST. DAVID'S IN THE VALLEY

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

Join us on each Wednesday in Advent at 5:30 p.m.
for Music, Meditation, and Prayers
in church or on Facebook LIVE
December 2, 9, 16, and 23

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St David's Stewardship: The Nearly Final Report

By Judy Robinson

Hello Dear St. David's Family and Friends.

We hope you had a comforting and good Thanksgiving. Our In-Gathering Sunday was November 22nd, the end day for our Stewardship Campaign. To date, 35 pledges have been received, totaling \$107,640 for 2021. It is all good news. We have one brand new pledge family, and approximately half of the 35 pledges increased their pledge for 2021! Our faithful and hard-working treasurer, Steve Steinbrueck, commented that this level of pledging in this strange year of 2020 is pretty miraculous, and your stewardship chair agrees. A huge THANK YOU to all who have pledged to share your treasure. What you will give in time and talent in the coming year is also wholly appreciated. We will share a final total at the Annual Meeting in January, as a couple of pledges may yet be forth coming. It is Advent, the season of hope. Let us be hopeful in the faith and love we share as we look toward 2021.

With deep appreciation from your Stewardship Chairperson, Judy Robinson

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: June Smith

Prayers: Jessica Philyaw

Chalice: Vance Davidson

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 5 *Braver Angels* workshop 10 am

Dec 6 Holy Eucharist 11 am in person and [Facebook Live](#); Finance Meeting 3 pm

Dec 9 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 missionary 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.



***Braver Angels—Bridging the Political Divide* Workshop (via Zoom)**

Saturday, December 5th, 10 am.

Sign up [here](#).



Grace Church in the Mountains is hosting a Braver Angels Skills for Bridging the Divide workshop on Saturday, December 5th at 10 am, facilitated by Tom Daily.

What is a Skills for Bridging the Divide Workshop?

In our current polarized political environment, many people avoid or dread political conversations with friends or family members whose politics differ from their own. They worry, rightly so, that any attempts at political discussions will devolve into arguments and acrimony, and result in hurt feelings or anger.

Braver Angels Skills for Bridging the Divide Workshops teach skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of the relationship. They also give participants a safe environment to practice those skills.

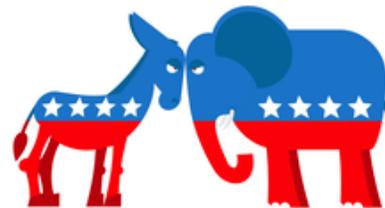
Skills for Bridging the Divide workshops are approximately 2 ½ hours long. [Read more](#)

Braver Angels

By Steve Steinbrueck

We, as a country and as individuals, have a problem that has been growing over the past few decades. We have not been this divided since the Civil War and its aftermath. To be direct: We do not love (all of) our neighbors.

I feel that we, as individuals and communities of goodwill and faith, need to personally invest ourselves in finding and developing solutions. As with all such efforts, this starts with candidly and civilly talking about the issues with those with whom we disagree.



One way that I have been working with this over the past year involves an organization called Braver Angels. They've had a name change from the former "Better Angels" that had its roots in Lincoln's 1861 inaugural address: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

So, with this brief introduction, I encourage you to explore the Braver Angels website (BraverAngels.org), consider becoming a member, and to take a look at their currently virtual debates workshops. As Gaelyn wrote in last week's Coracle, Grace Waynesville is sponsoring one of these workshops, *Bridging the Political Divide*, on Saturday, December 5th. Here's a [link](#) to the workshop description. Sign-up details for the workshop at Grace are [here](#).

Finally, from a Braver Angels email on Monday, November 9th, 2020:

"Power is shifting in Washington. But neither side has vanquished the other, no more than I can vanquish my neighbor. Though the balance changes, the left and right will share power in our government.

"What matters more however, is that you and I, our neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and kin, will continue to share a country together. It is a country still battling a global pandemic. A country still suffering deep economic injuries. A country still roiled by racial tensions, injustices or perceived injustices and the outcries they produce.

"It is a country sorely divided against itself. As a society we've driven a long way past the exit signs of trust and friendship in America. We've ventured too far up the freeways of cynicism and fear. Let us take the exit sitting ahead of us now. And let's begin to turn around." ~ John Wood

Holy Hike

Sunday, December 13th at 2 pm



Please plan to join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hike next Sunday at 2 pm. If weather permits and the Parkway is open, we will do a hike of about three miles that starts across from the Rough Butt Bald pullout. If the Parkway is closed, plan B will be to hike to Hatcher Falls from the [trailhead](#) on Shoal Creek Road just off of 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 get to reach Hatcher Falls before the terrain gets rough.

Caring for Foster Children

By Judy Annis

Dear St. David's Members,

Just a reminder for those of you who are providing gifts for one of the foster children. Please bring them, unwrapped, and identified the child's number, by Wednesday December 9th and leave in the *gathering place*. The absolute deadline would be December 10th.

Peace,

Judy Annis jerewannis@gmail.com

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.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Dec 6 **Jake Coburn**
Dec 10 **Sandy Railsback**
Dec 11 **Valori Sherer**
Dec 12 **Kathy Davidson**

For your enjoyment during this season of hope, this is a new song by Lisa Simmons, [He Was More Than a Baby](#). Thanks to Carol Payton for getting permission to share it.

Thanksgiving 2020

By Judy Robinson

Ron and Judy Robinson travelled to their in-law's cottage in very rural and remote southern Missouri for Thanksgiving. All nine people present practiced CDC guidelines very seriously two weeks before the trip, and most of the three days was spent outdoors along the North Fork of the White River. Nothing like the joy of grandchildren and family to remind us of our blessings the Hope of Advent. Flame the dog also enjoyed being played with and constantly petted. Pictures are Men: Judy's son Andrew, Calvin (6-year-old grandson), Papa Ron and Papa Harold (Gilly's Dad). Women: Carol (Gilly's Mom), Gilly (daughter-in-law), Lola (9-year-old granddaughter), Judy and Ani (11-year-old granddaughter). Lola and Flame.





Online Auction

The Lake Logan online auction has now ended. It was a huge success, raising \$12, 589 which was almost 126% of the goal!

Sylva Garden Club

Fresh Georgia



2020 Annual Pecan Sales Fundraiser

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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Dear Saint David's Episcopal Church,

Our mission at United Christian Ministries is to serve Christ by being a voice for, and a help to, people with urgent physical, economic, social, or spiritual needs so that they might become 'whole' persons in body, soul, and spirit. Toward this end, we offer a food pantry, personal and household items, and financial assistance to Jackson County residents in crisis.

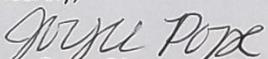
Each year, United Christian Ministries creates food bags for Jackson County school children for the Christmas break. These Christmas Break Bags are a crucial element of our outreach to local families in need. We are able to fill these bags only with the generous support of our local churches. We are creating 450 bags for the 2020 Christmas Break, and we need your help! We plan to fill the bags the weekend of December 5th for delivery to the schools the following Monday. The items we need are listed below. If you can help, please contact me to let me know what you plan to contribute.

Items and amounts needed:

- Canned green beans (400)
- SpaghettiOs/Ravioli (350)
- 6-packs individual apple sauce (450)
- 6-pack Ramen Noodles (chicken or beef) (350)
- Hot Chocolate Mix (8-serving boxes) (400)
- Jelly (400)
- Peanut Butter (400)
- Cereal (15-20 oz box) [prefer non-sugary cereal such as Cheerios, Crispix, Kix ...] (450)
- Instant Oatmeal (450)
- Canned Chicken Noodle Soup (400)

Thank you in advance for any support you are able to provide! If you have any questions, please contact me at (828) 586-8228, or at ucmsylva@gmail.com.

Sincerely,


Joyce Pope, Director of Outreach