

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



February 20, 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.

From the Senior Warden

By Betsy Swift

At our meeting of February 14th, the Vestry welcomed our two new members, Paul Cooper and Brad Orvis. Junior and Senior Wardens were nominated by Mother Gaelyn and voted on—Doug Hanks and Betsy Swift will continue in those roles. Kelley Dinkelmeyer will continue as Clerk of the Vestry. And this was Randi Neff's first meeting as Treasurer!

While still masked, we were glad to be meeting in person rather than by Zoom. Progress is welcome even in small increments as we continue to navigate Covid time. After welcoming new members, checking in with one another, and a review of parish pastoral needs, we conducted the following business:

1. In the culmination of a process that began with our Stewardship season last fall, the Vestry approved the Budget for 2022. Thanks again to everyone who made a financial pledge. Mother Gaelyn is also following up on pledges of Time and Talent, having met with a pastoral care team, library volunteers, new altar servers and lectors. There is a lot going on, and I am energized by all this evidence of the generosity in our community.
2. On the revenue side of the budget, we challenged ourselves to raise \$3,000 in fundraising this year. Having been hampered by the ongoing pandemic, we have fallen behind in our fundraising goals for the past two years. Our tried-and-true wine tasting model doesn't look quite doable yet. How can we get creative? Are there infection-proof fundraising ideas that you have? Please share them with a Vestry member—no idea is too crazy to get thrown into the pot!!
3. We began planning for this year's Vestry Retreat, which will be held at Valle Crucis, March 24–26, 2022. (We decided to hold our March regular meeting during the retreat also, so there will be no Vestry meeting on the second Monday in March.)
4. We discussed policy updates and how to communicate these to the parish. The Vestry held a workday on January 8th for a blitz review and update of several policies (including alcohol, facilities use, financial procedures and investments, conflict of interest, cemetery, gift acceptance.) Rather than rolling these all out in one long email message, we will introduce each policy with a short Coracle article which will include a link to the policy itself (all of the policies can be reviewed on our website). This will be followed by a short Q&A opportunity at Coffee Hour on the following Sunday.

Please stay safe, be well, and know that you are part of us even if you have not been able to be present in person for Worship or other activities.

With love
Betsy Swift

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Feb 20 **Barrett Yanik**
Feb 24 **Jenny Reisinger**
Feb 26 **Jeff Neff**

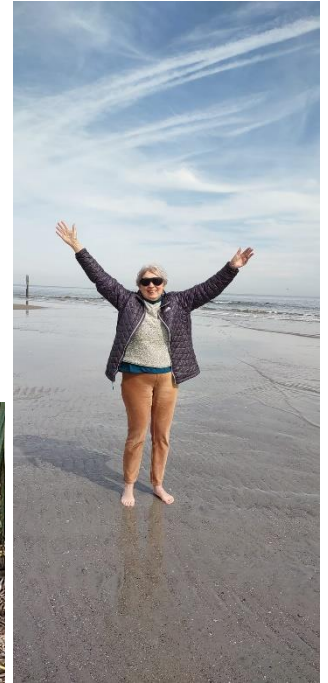
I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, thoughts, emails, calls, and messages. This community sure makes a person feel loved. My recovery is difficult and slow, but I see small improvements every day. Knowing I have such support helps lift me in those hard days.

Much love and gratitude, Wesley Satterwhite

Here's Melba Cooper getting her feet wet on the beach at Hunting Island, SC, where she and Paul visited recently.



Maggie and Jim Bowles are spending this week at Fripp, the next island down, where, while on a bicycle ride, they saw the biggest alligator they have ever seen.



Karen and Harry Brown are visiting Karen's sister Kristi near Durango, Colorado. The photos are from a hike and a ski outing that they did while there.





**Church Walking Teams are invited to the
UCM Walkathon Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 19th, 1pm - 4pm

Jackson County Recreation Center, Cullowhee

UCM truly appreciates the ongoing support you give us throughout the year. Our upcoming Walk 4 Jackson can be a fun event for your members, especially if they form a team to walk. It is an easy walk around the Jackson County Recreation Center in Cullowhee, with recognition for most laps, most donors, and more.

If your church would like to have a team participate in the walkathon, just register them as a group using the link below. Registration is free, and everyone who is registered by March 4 will receive a free t-shirt, raffle ticket, and goody bag the day of the event. Raffle items include a gorgeous handmade table from The Magnolia Shop, a one-year family membership to the Jackson County Recreation Center, and more.

Walkers may either gather donations to UCM on their own, or the church can submit a group donation for the team (or even a special offering). All donations support UCM's food pantry and financial assistance programs.

If you have any questions, please email ucmsylva@gmail.com.

Click [here](#) to register a team.

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/>

[Link for Diocesan Newsletter](#)

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
Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, June Smith

Readings:

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#), [1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50](#), [Luke 6:27-38](#),
[Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42](#)

Coffee Hour,

Greeters, Danny & Salette Austin

Altar Set Up, June Smith

Linens, Margot Wilcox

Flowers,

Bread Baker, Doug & Mary Michael Hanks

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

February 16 ECM meal, Faye Jacobson

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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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