

The Coracle

St Davids Cullohee



February 28, 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.

Attending on March 7th

By Jessica Philyaw

Attendance at the March 7th **Celebration of a New Ministry and St. David's Day observance** will be restricted to our socially distanced maximum of 22 people inside the church, following Bishop José's guidelines. While the service will be livestreamed on Facebook as usual, it will also be broadcast in The Gathering Place. The church can accommodate 10 individuals in addition to Gaelyn's family and invitees, and another 15 may assemble in The Gathering Place with social distancing. The Eucharist will be held, and the elements distributed in both places.

For people who wish to attend the service in person, there will be a lottery system to determine who will be accommodated in the church and who will be in the Gathering Place. If you would like to attend in person, please email me (seniorwarden@stdavidscullohee.org) or call me (828-506-4478) no later than **Wednesday night, March 3rd**. At that time, I will put everyone's name on a slip of paper (a family group or couple will share the same slip) and will draw them at random to select who is where, and if we are able in fact to accommodate everyone.

Because we will be using all the space in The Gathering Place for the safety of social distancing, we are postponing a reception with food and drink until we can ALL be together in person, and even sing and hug each other.

So please send me your names by email or phone and I will contact you on Friday, March 5th to let you know the results of the lottery.

Lenten Bible Study

Who: everyone! You, your family, your neighbor...

What: a simple, reflective study of the gospel for the following Sunday

When: 4:00 on Wednesdays in Lent

Where: [Zoom](#)

Why: to deepen our understanding of the gospel, what it means for us right now, and what next steps God is asking us to take



Holy Hikes

If the weather cooperates, we are going to try for a Holy Hike on Thursday, March 4th. Meet at the church at 9 am to caravan to the trailhead. The hike will be a moderate hike of less than four miles up Moses Creek. Please email [Maggie](#) if you plan to hike so we won't leave anyone behind.

Service Information

Sunday, 2/28/2021 at 11 am

[Facebook Live](#) (Church Service) [Bulletin](#)
[Coffee Hour Zoom Link](#)

No Internet or Smartphone? Dial +1 929 205 6099 and enter meeting ID number 857 5147 5913 to join in for Zoom Coffee Hour after church.

Lector: George Rector

Prayers: Muff Lyons

Flowers: Judy Annis

Music: Lillian Pearson

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

Wednesday Service

Morning Prayer 9:30 am on [Zoom](#)

Email [Mtr. Gaelyn](#) to meet with her for conversation or prayer.

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Additional Information

Feb 28 Liturgy of the Word 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

Mar 3 Morning Prayer on [Zoom 9:30 am](#)

Lenten Bible Study 4 pm on [Zoom](#)

Mar 4 Holy Hike meet 9 am at the church

Mar 7 Liturgy of the Word 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

St. David's Day/Mtr. Gaelyn Celebration of New Ministry

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.



St David's Grounds Team

By Muff Lyons and Judy Robinson

Hello Dear St. David's Community. If you have been by church recently, you may have noticed that the daffodils' green shoots have begun to poke out of the ground. Can spring be far behind? We have lost our grounds maintenance company and are looking to take care of the banked flower beds at the front of the church through our own volunteer labor. As you probably know, Muff Lyons has done most of this work with help from a few parishioners. We would like to form a Grounds Team. Members would help maintain the flower beds in the coming year, including weeding, trimming, planting, and spreading mulch. Muff will be our team leader. You can participate as your time allows. I have offered to be the communications person for the Team. If you are interested in joining us, please email judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from those of you who love to get your hands in the dirt!

Spring 2021 Volunteer Work Weekend at Lake Logan

March 5th-7th, 2021

There will be time for work, recreation, and fellowship during Volunteer Weekend. Project leaders and workers are needed. Leaders will come in on Friday evening for prep, and all other volunteers will join on Saturday morning. Housing is provided for volunteers who work on Saturday and Sunday.

For all projects, we will practice physical distancing, and volunteers must wear face coverings when working inside or near other volunteers.

There is no charge to attend this weekend; however, a suggested donation of at least \$50 per volunteer will help us cover the cost of your meals. If you can give more to cover the cost for volunteers who want to help but can't afford to donate, we thank you. And if you can only donate your time, that's okay too.

Please register by Monday, March 1st. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).



Mary Oliver, "In Blackwater Woods"

Look, the trees
are turning
their own bodies
into pillars

of light,
are giving off the rich
fragrance of cinnamon
and fulfillment,

the long tapers
of cattails
are bursting and floating away
over
the blue shoulders

of the ponds, and
every pond, no
matter what its
name is, is

nameless now.
Every year
everything
I have ever learned

in my lifetime
leads back to this: the fires
and the black river of loss
whose other side

is salvation,
whose meaning
none of us will ever know.
To live in this world

you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it

against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.

THE JOURNEY

ONE DAY YOU FINALLY KNEW WHAT YOU HAD TO DO, AND BEGAN,
THOUGH THE VOICES AROUND YOU KEPT SHOUTING THEIR BAD ADVICE,
THOUGH THE WHOLE HOUSE BEGAN TO TREMBLE
AND YOU FELT THE OLD TUG AT YOUR ANKLES.
"MEND MY LIFE!" EACH VOICE CRIED.
BUT YOU DIDN'T STOP.
YOU KNEW WHAT YOU HAD TO DO,
THOUGH THE WIND PRIED WITH ITS STIFF FINGERS
AT THE VERY FOUNDATIONS, THOUGH THEIR MELANCHOLY WAS TERRIBLE.
IT WAS ALREADY LATE ENOUGH, AND A WILD NIGHT,
AND THE ROAD FULL OF FALLEN BRANCHES AND STONES.
BUT LITTLE BY LITTLE, AS YOU LEFT THEIR VOICES BEHIND,
THE STARS BEGAN TO BURN THROUGH THE SHEETS OF CLOUDS,
AND THERE WAS A NEW VOICE WHICH YOU SLOWLY RECOGNIZED AS YOUR OWN,
THAT KEPT YOU COMPANY AS YOU STRODE DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE WORLD,
DETERMINED TO DO THE ONLY THING YOU COULD DO, DETERMINED TO SAVE
THE ONLY LIFE YOU COULD SAVE.

MARY OLIVER

DEAR WORK, GROVE ATLANTIC INC., 1986 & NEW AND SELECTED POEMS, BRADON PRESS, 1991.

Logos

Why wonder about the loaves and the fishes?
If you say the right words, the wine expands.
If you say them with love
and the felt ferocity of that love
and the felt necessity of that love,
the fish explode into many.
Imagine him, speaking,
and don't worry about what is reality,
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.
If you were there, it was all those things.
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.
Eat, drink, be happy.
Accept the miracle.
Accept, too, each spoken word
spoken with love.

Safeguarding Against Email Spam

While there is no way to eliminate email spam completely, there are things we can do to be safer in this digital world. Virginia Taylor, the Director of Communications at the Diocese shared some tips I pass along to you:



Report spam emails. Most email platforms should have a "Report as phishing" or "Block account" option in the "more" section (usually located right next to the forward button).

NEVER click anything in any of these emails, simply navigate to the "more" section and report them ASAP.

Change your email passwords if you've clicked on or opened any attachments from suspicious emails.

Recognize that St. David's clergy, staff and vestry have emails ending with @stdavidscullowhee.org

Contact the church office if you are ever unsure, better safe than sorry!

Consider setting up a "safe senders" list, which allows you to receive emails from only certain accounts. (This is a strict measure.)

Share experiences with other parishioners and friends to help one another recognize scams.

Stay diligent and educated. We hope the Diocese will be able to host a "Safeguarding Your Parish in the Technology Age" webinar this spring.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Mar 1 **Mary Michael Hanks**
Mar 7 **Carole Wood, Jane Coburn, Steve Sherer**

Congratulations to Henry Hanks, the newest licensed driver in the Hanks family.

St. David's Links and Contact Information:

Website: stdavidscullowhee.org

[St. D's Public Facebook Page](#)

[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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