

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 22, 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.

## Calendar

Per the message from Bishop José on March 19<sup>th</sup>, all parishes are instructed to suspend all public worship and other church gatherings until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Read his full message [here](#), or listen to it on [YouTube](#). Addressing Easter, he says:

“I invite every church in the Diocese to join together on Easter Sunday, April 11 at 10 a.m., to ring their church bells for five minutes as a resounding symbol of our faith in the grace of Jesus’s resurrection and the gift of new life. I invite all households to find a bell or a drum or a kitchen pan and join with the church bells to make a joyful noise. Together we can send out soundwaves of hope in our communities and around the world.”

[Sermon Link](#)

[George Rector's  
Prayer Collection  
for Discernment](#)

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## Worship Notes from Caroline+

Readings and sermons for 2/23, 3/1, and 3/8 are now available on the [Web Site](#), and 3/15 will be posted shortly. During the weeks ahead, when in-person gatherings are on hold, Caroline+ will continue to post readings and a sermon every week.

To listen, go to:

<https://www.stdavidscullowhee.org/>

(ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH—  
Welcome)  
Click on three bars: (Menu), then  
Click on "about us" then  
Click on "sermons"

Carol Payton (Parish Administrator) has updated the parish directory and it is available to members on the website. If you would like a printed version, call Carol at 850-585-7241 or email [parishadmin@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:parishadmin@stdavidscullowhee.org) and she will send you a copy.



**Many Thanks to Muff Lyons for delivering our donations of rice and beans to Vecinos this week!**

Spring is here! Hallelujah!

Reproduced here are the minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting that was conducted online due to the corona virus emergency, as well as follow-up from Interim Rector Caroline+. In addition, most of the financial reports and vestry minutes going back through 2019 are now, at long last, available on the [church website](#) to members who have registered for access it.

Thank you, Carol Peyton, for this momentous accomplishment!

## **St. David's Vestry Called Meeting Minutes, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Online via Zoom, 7:30 pm

**Present: Caroline, Jessica, Steve, Jake, Vance, Gael**

**Opening Prayer (Caroline)**

**Discussion: How can St. David's be "church" and continue ministry when we are not meeting in person for worship? What does the congregation need, and what does the community need?**

Jessica reported on webinar presented by Episcopal Relief and Development concerning community outreach ministry during COVID-19.

- Importance of connectedness, sense of community, "paying it forward" and gratitude

- Sharing of ideas for supporting our local community

- Re-invigorate Rice & Beans ministry (when those staples come back to grocery stores)

- Listening to needs identified by other community service organizations, such as Sylva Rotary, Community Table, United Christian Ministries, Schools

- Possibly serving as a drop off/pickup site for donations to other community organizations

- Dial-Arounds to mimic Dine-Arounds within the parish, as a way to keep in touch with each other and check on each other.

- Parish list can be divided up for calls from vestry and others

Caroline: How to be present with each other when we have to maintain social distancing?

- Can record readings and sermons, for posting to the website

- Available for private prayer in person (at a distance!) at the church on Tuesdays, via phone, or an online prayer group via videoconference

- Can deliver communion

- Explore possibility of livestream or videoconference service (readings, sermon, prayer)

**Motion made and carried** authorizing Steve to get a Zoom Pro account for the church (rather than using Caroline's personal Zoom Pro account) to enable videoconferencing without time limits and request volunteers to serve as "IT buddies" for parishioners using the software for the first time.

**Motion made and carried** for Caroline to explore parishioners' interest in forming an online prayer group, or doing a service via videoconference.

**Motion made and carried** to arrange for all members of the parish to receive a phone call from a vestry member for fellowship and needs assessment in the coming weeks.

**Motion made and carried** for Caroline's recorded sermons to be posted on the website.

**Closing Prayer (Jessica reading "A Litany for a Pandemic")**

## Update on Minutes of Zoom Vestry Meeting

From Caroline+

Judy Robinson, Muff and others are gathering information for *The Coracle* on what local organizations are doing to serve the community and their needs for community assistance. Carol Payton and I are beginning to work on putting the same information on the webpage and keeping it updated so that members and the community can access complete and up-to-date info from there. It's not to replace *The Coracle* but to offer an additional way to access info.

Carol Payton has made sure that contact info in the St. David's Directory is up to date. Also, she has divided the directory into eight lists of names and created a rotation schedule so that all church members will receive a phone call from a different vestry member weekly. Carol will coordinate getting a different list to Vestry members each week. Please let me know about any persons who would like to be contacted by me for pastoral calls or visits, whether they ask or you discern an implied need.

Carol reports that when she called folks to check their info they were very grateful for the contact so I'm sure we're on the right track here.

Thank you all! It would be so helpful for us to Zoom-meet regularly. What are your thoughts?

Take care of yourselves. You are in my prayers!

Love and Blessings!

Caroline+



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## Efforts Underway to Help Jackson County Residents

Jackson Public Schools are providing meals for kids who are at home while the schools are closed. If anyone wishes to help with this, here is a link for more information: [School Meal Help Line](#).

Also, the Department on Aging is collecting items to distribute to the elderly as shown on the flyer at left.

**BE SAFE BAGS**

BRING ITEMS TO:  
JACKSON COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT ON AGING  
100 COUNTY SERVICES PARK  
SYLVA, NC 28779

KLEENEX  
DISINFECTANT SPRAY OR WIPES  
POP TOP CANNED GOODS  
SOAP  
CROSSWORD PUZZLES  
TOILET PAPER  
CRACKERS  
PEANUT BUTTER  
CANNED MEAT  
PAPER TOWELS

THESE ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT  
THE FRONT ENTRANCE  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8-5

THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING IS COLLECTING THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

STAFF MEMBERS WILL USE THESE ITEMS TO CREATE A "SAFETY" BAG AND DISTRIBUTE TO HOME BOUND SENIORS IN NEED.

A stylized flower with blue petals and a red center, on a green stem with two leaves.

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## Spring Wine Event

The spring Wine Event is postponed indefinitely and will be rescheduled as soon as it is safe again to gather in large numbers

## Circles of Hope

The Circles of Hope Meeting scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. A notice will be sent out when it is our turn to provide the food again.

# Parish News & Notes

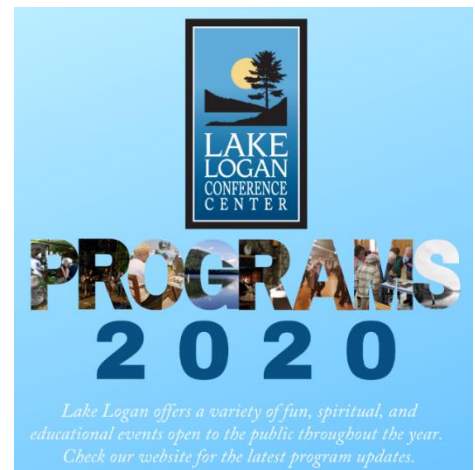
## Birthdays

Mar 23 Adam Philyaw  
 Mar 27 Courtney Smith Tomczak

## Lake Logan Tentative Program Schedule

Volunteer Exchange workday at Lake Logan is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers can register to stay overnight for free in exchange for volunteer work. Full details and a link to register can be found here: <https://www.lakelogan.org/volunteer/>. People should respond by March 18<sup>th</sup> if they want to stay overnight.

Date	Program
April 13-16	Clergy Rest Days
April 20-21	Parish Administrators Retreat /Youth Ministers Retreat
May 7	Altar Guild Workshop
June 5-6	Cold Mountain Music Festival
June and July	Camp Henry
July 11	Music Series
August 15	Music Series
September 12	Music Series
October 5-7	Artists in Residence
November 9-12	Fly Fishing Retreat
November 26	Thanksgiving Feast
December 4-6	Advent Retreat



### Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact [Nancie Wilson](#). She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

### Box Tops for Education

There is a basket under the white board in the Parish Hall where you can place any of these box tops you may have. This is an ongoing project for our children.

<b>Regular Activities</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

### St. David's Links and Contact Information:

Website: [stdavidscullowhee.org](http://stdavidscullowhee.org)  
[Lectionary Page 2020](#)  
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### Diocesan Links:

[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)  
 The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
[Sign up for Diocesan Newsletter](#)  
[Camp Henry Facebook page](#)  
[www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org)

### **2019 Outreach Support**

From 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday's loose plate offering and Soup Suppers

Jan	Circles of Hope	Aug	School Supplies drive
Feb	Clean Slate	Sep	Vecinos
Mar	Community Table	Oct	Midwives of Haiti
Apr	Mainspring Conservation Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)

May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)

### **Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2019**

#### **St. David's Episcopal Church**

We believe that God loves us unconditionally and desires that we love one another without exception; that God wants us to use the gifts we've been given including the gifts of listening, discerning, and doing. We trust in God's abundance and can respond in generosity and love by serving our community and creation in ways we never thought possible.

We commit to fostering a broad vision of stewardship as encompassing our physical church, our congregation, the community that surrounds us, and all of creation.

We invite the St. David's family to explore how we can embody God's love and promise of abundance in our process, practice, and reflection.

#### **St. David's Vestry**

Jessica Philyaw, Sr. Warden	Sandy Frazier, Jr. Warden
Gael Graham	Vance Davidson
Jake Jacobson	Doug Hanks

Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.