

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 24, 2019

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

Sun	Mar 24	Lent 3 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Abrahamic Dinner 6 pm
Tue	Mar 26	Lenten Series: Contemplative Prayer 5:30 pm
Wed	Mar 27	Celtic Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Sun	Mar 31	Lent 4 Holy Eucharist 11 am, No childcare Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Tue	Apr 2	Lenten Series: Accessible Mindfulness 10 am, Lenten Series: Walking prayer 5:30 pm
Wed	Apr 3	Celtic Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Sun	Apr 7	Lent 5 Holy Eucharist 11 am,
Mon	Apr 8	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Tue	Apr 9	Lenten Series: Art prayer 5:30 pm
Wed	Apr 10	Celtic Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Sun	Apr 14	Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Apr 16	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Thu	Apr 18	Agape Supper 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm
Fri	Apr 19	Stations of the Cross noon, Good Friday Service 5:30 pm
Sat	Apr 20	Holy Saturday 10:30 am
Sun	Apr 21	Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11 am (Easter Egg Hunt noon)
Sun	Apr 28	Easter 2 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Fri	May 3	Wine Event (also Fri, Nov 1) Sermon Link

Childcare is available during the service most Sundays.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Vance Davidson

Reader:

Music: Lillian Pearson

Coffee:

Readings: [Exodus 3:1-15](#), [1](#)

[Corinthians 10:1-13](#),

[Luke 13:1-9](#), [Psalm 63:1-8](#)

Serving during March

Flowers: Judy Robinson

Linen: Nan Watkins

Communion:

3/24 Faye Jacobson

3/31 Margot Wilcox

Bread: Judy Robinson

Greeter: Margot Wilcox

Serving during April

Flowers: Judy Robinson

(through Lent)

Linen: Gael Graham

Communion: Muff Lyons &

Gael Graham

Bread: John Slater

Greeters: George Rector &

Joan Byrd

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Abraham's Table

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Dear St. David's family,

As you know, we are hosting a community event this Sunday called: Abraham's Table: A family reunion. I thought I'd share with you the story about how this came to be.

It began at our Soup & Bread Suppers—one of the most important ways St. David's has been connecting with our local context, thanks to the ministry leadership of Wesley Satterwhite. At these suppers, I met and had continuing conversations over the months with a Muslim couple who teach at WCU: Berna and Bora Karayaka.

Berna wears a hijab and is, therefore, clearly identifiable as a Muslim. One evening as we enjoyed soup and conversation, I asked the Karayakas what their experience as Muslims was like at the university and in town. Their response was that at the university they were quite comfortable, though occasionally a student would make a nasty comment. Their experience "in town" was sometimes more challenging, but all in all, they felt welcomed.

I then asked if there was a body of Muslim students at WCU and what they considered the student's experience to be like at school and in town. They replied that their conversations with the students indicated a similar experience to their own.

As negative rhetoric against Muslims continued to increase in our media, my conversations with the Karayakas began to penetrate my heart. I commented to Berna one evening, "If we don't start talking to one another, we'll end up killing each other" and suggested we might consider a way to gather the children of Abraham—Jews, Christians, and Muslims—together for conversation to demystify the traditions and remind us that we are one family of a common ancestor. Berna mentioned that she'd been part of something called "Abrahamic dinners" in another state, and the planning for our current event was begun.

We have been planning this event for weeks now, having invited Cullowhee Baptist and Cullowhee United Methodist churches to join with us in the planning. Pastor Jeff Vickery at Cullowhee Baptist came up with the name of the dinner. Berna Karayaka provided the Rumi quote on the flyer. She also arranged for this to be named a "DegreePlus" event by WCU. We all, as a team, developed the format and topic for our first dinner-discussion.

The format will be as follows:

6 pm—We gather to share the pot luck dinner. We ask those who can to bring extra food so that we can encourage students and others who can't bring food to share in the feast.

6:30 pm—One person representing each of the three traditions will speak for 10 minutes on the topic of prayer in our respective traditions.

7 pm—Conversational follow-up to the presentations with opportunity for anonymous questions, along with time for planning for the next event, which will be hosted at Cullowhee Baptist Church. The third event will be hosted at Cullowhee United Methodist Church.

In the meantime, last week we collectively witnessed the slaughter of innocent Muslims as they prayed in their mosque in Christchurch, NZ. The gunman was a crazed, white supremacist. It's heartbreaking.

Abraham's Table:
A family reunion

Join us for dinner as we explore the commonalities and uniqueness shared by the children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim.

Sunday, March 24
6:00 to 8:00 pm

All are welcome as we celebrate our common roots and diverse practices in an era of political division.

St. David's Episcopal Church
385 Forest Hills Rd, Cullowhee
(across from the Ramsey Center)

We invite you to bring a pot-luck item or just come as you are.
Food will be plentiful.

**The lamps are different
but the light is the same. ~Rumi**

DegreePlus

I am, therefore, so grateful that God was already working in us, enabling us to respond to events we didn't see coming. Our responsiveness springs from our commitment to the Stewardship of the Entirety of our Lives and the parish's desire to connect with our local community, WCU, and other churches, as communicated in the Parish Summits.

If you can, please join us as we welcome the community to our "Gathering Place" this Sunday, March 24th at 6 pm. St. David's gift of hospitality and feast-making will sparkle and nourish.

Valeri+

**Lenten Series on Prayer
Tuesdays at 5: 30 pm
The Gathering Place**

- ✦ Lent 3 (3/24): Intro to contemplative prayer: In this teaching we will discuss silent prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer, then practice a short session of the discipline of Centering Prayer, followed by prayer journaling.
- ✦ Lent 4 (4/02): Walking prayer: will include teaching on and the practice of walking the labyrinth as well as discussion of various types of kinetic forms of prayer.
- ✦ Lent 5 (4/09): Art prayer: especially suited for those who "don't draw well", this offering includes discussion and practice of various forms of this discipline including prayer doodling, collage, mandalas, and coloring prayer.



From the Vestry re: Rector Search

By Judy Robinson

The vestry met on Wednesday with Harry Brown, chairman of the Discernment Committee, to generate a list of names of people to contact regarding serving on the committee. Harry has begun that process and is awaiting responses. We hope to be able to announce the membership of the full committee on Sunday at church.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Vestry Members

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson	Junior Warden, Muff Lyons
Sandy Frazier	Gael Graham
Vance Davidson	Jake Jacobson
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.	



Let There Be Music

By Rosa Reily

The Worship Committee is compiling a list of the favorite hymns of the parishoners of St. David's as a reference tool for the interim Rector and our future Rector. There will be a list by liturgical calendar and, just for fun, a list by popularity. Please email your favorite titles to Rosa Reily: reily2@frontier.com. Or you may place them in a special box provided in the parish hall. Please choose up to ten hymns you love to sing starting with your most beloved. Don't forget one or two for Easter and Christmas. We will be compiling through the end of April. Your chance to have your voice heard! (Pun intended!).



Dine Around

The St. David's Dine Around Groups will begin again in early spring, hopefully in May. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please email Pat Steinbrueck at patsteinbrueck@gmail.com.

For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, the groups (usually about 6 people to a group) meet for a pot-luck meal monthly at the members' homes. The total number of groups depends on how many people sign up. The group members rotate on a quarterly basis so at the end of the year, you'll have had a chance to meet a variety of the amazing people of St. David's.

Clockwise, Bosco, Maggie Bowles, John Slater, Jim Bowles, Gracia Slater, and Jake Jacobson; Faye took the photograph. All enjoyed a lovely dinner at the Jacobson's home.



Wildflowers Abound!

This series first appeared in *The Coracle* in 2012 when we were first exploring and making a walking path in the green space above the church. Early springtime seems an appropriate time to revisit it.

Find the Flower CHALLENGE

This wildflower, one of the spring ephemerals, has been spotted in the green space above the church and all, young and old alike, are challenged to see if they can find it.

Painted trillium (*Trillium undulatum*) in bud. The bud likely will have opened to full flower by the time you locate it. The white flowers have a distinctive red inverted "V" at the base of each petal making them easy to identify.

(Wildflowers of North Carolina, Justice and Bell)



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Mar 27

Courtney Smith

Mar 29

Lois Tebo

New Address for Claire Marsh

Bryson Senior Living, 314 Hughes Branch Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713

Travel Sketching with Pen, Ink and Watercolor

Haidee Wilson is offering a course called **Travel Sketching with Pen, Ink and Watercolor** on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10-12:30 at Haywood County Arts Gallery, Main St., Waynesville. The fee is \$30.00 for HCAC members, and \$35.00 non-members. Reservations required-limited space. Sign-up at the Gallery (828-452-0593, Haywoodarts.org). [Click here](#) for full information about the course. Come be inspired, informed, and have joy with others in the art world. Bring a friend!

Haidee will also have the two oil paintings shown below at The Stecoah Art Gallery starting in March. Local landscapes of Lake Junaluska, and Looking Glass Rock come feast your eyes and support local talent.



Diocesan Youth Events

WNC Episcopal Service Corps Fundraising Event



Thursday, April 4th
from 6 pm to 9 pm
Trinity Episcopal
Church, Asheville

Join us for an evening to benefit

[WNC Episcopal Service Corps!](#)

Silent Auction at 6 pm; Dinner and Live Auction at 7 pm \$50/individual ticket or \$300/table (seats 8).

RSVP [here](#) by March 25th, 2019.

Friday, April 5th at 7 pm–Sunday, April 7th at 2:30 pm

Youth must commit to the entire weekend.

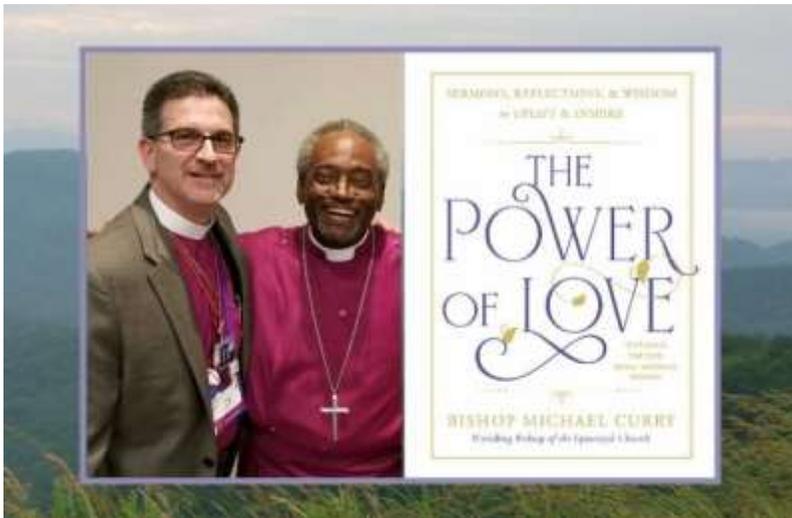
Location: St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock.

We will be spending the weekend at the church using the parish halls for lodging, meals, and program.

Cost: \$20, per youth. Scholarships are available. Registration is through CampDoc software [here](#).



Glory Ridge Camping & Service Retreat
May 4-5, 2019
[Glory Ridge Camp](#)
Middle School Youth Only



Last week, the Diocese of WNC announced a very special evening event with our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry. On Wednesday, June 26th at 6 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville, Bishop José will host and facilitate a conversation with Bishop Curry talking about his new book, *The Power of Love*. You can learn more about the event [here](#).

Regular seating for this event sold out very quickly! They are offering overflow seating in Trinity Episcopal Church's Tuton Hall. Seating in this space will allow you to watch live video of the conversation.

Tuton Hall seats are not in the event space and do not include a book. These overflow seats are being offered free of charge. Overflow seating is limited and each person must have a ticket to attend. Tuton Hall tickets include signing line privileges with a book purchase. Attendees must have a ticket and a book to join the signing line. Books will be available for purchase at the event. Malaprop's Bookstore/Cafe will also send an email to all ticket holders when books for this event are in stock in April. Tickets for Tuton Hall seating may be reserved online here: <https://www.malaprops.com/event/evening-bishop-michael-curry>.

Because of the overwhelming response and the desire to make this event as inclusive as possible, tickets for Tuton Hall seating will be limited to four (4) per transaction.



Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here.](#)

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact Claire Marsh: clairemrsh@gmail.com 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.

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

2019 Outreach Support

From 1st 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 Land Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2018

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that our community is called upon to fully trust in God's promise to provide. Sometimes, however, we are fearful that it won't happen due to our lack of trust, our fear, and our need to control.

We commit to remember who we are in God and for the world, near and far: beloved servants. We commit to make financial decisions remembering that God provides for us, sometimes in surprising ways, by keeping the Gospel promise of abundance as our guide and touchstone, and by constantly evaluating this new way of thinking.

We invite everyone to join the vestry in reflecting on the grace and good luck that pervade our lives which leads us to a natural and comfortable means of sharing the abundance with which we have been blessed.

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