

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 26, 2017

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 26	Lent 4, Lenten Study 9:30 am Soup & Bread Community Supper
Sat	Apr 1	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Apr 2	Lent 5, Lenten Study 9:30 am
Tue	Apr 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Apr 9	Palm Sunday, Beans & Rice Sunday
Tue	Apr 11	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Thu	Apr 13	Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm
Sun	Apr 16	Easter
Tue	Apr 18	Accessible Mindfulness, 10 am
Sun	Apr 23	Easter 2
Sun	Apr 30	Easter 3 Soup & Bread Community Supper 5-7 pm
Tue	May 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	May 6	Monthly Mindfulness, 10 am
Sun	May 7	Easter 4
Tue	May 9	Vestry meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	May 14	Easter 5, Beans & Rice Sunday
Tue	May 16	Accessible Mindfulness, 10 am
Fri	May 19	Wine Event
Sun	May 21	Easter 6
Sun	May 28	Easter 7, Soup & Bread Community Supper
Sat	Jun 3	Yard Sale, Monthly Mindfulness 10 am Cold Mountain Music Festival at Lake Logan
Sun	Jun 3	Pentecost
Fri-Sun	Jun 9-11	Chad's Yoga Retreat Banner Elk
Mon-Thu	Jun 26-29	Vacation Bible School, Cullowhee Methodist Church

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Todd Vinyard
 Reader: Paul Cooper
 Coffee: Our children
 Music: Nan Watkins
 Readings: [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#),
[Ephesians 5:8-14](#), [John 9:1-41](#),
[Psalm 23](#)

Serving during March

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite
 Flowers: Charles Pringle
 Linen: Nan Watkins
 Eucharist: Newt Smith &
 Tom Wilcox
 Greeters: Steve Steinbrueck &
 Todd Vinyard

Serving during April

Bread: John Slater
 Flowers: Donna Ross
 Linen: Nan Watkins
 Eucharist: Muff Lyons &
 Charles Pringle
 Greeters: Paul & Melba Cooper

Would You Like a Visit from the Rector?

Michael would be happy to visit; just let him know in person or by email stdavids1879@gmail.com.

Regular Activities

Mondays 7:25 am	Mindfulness Meditation
Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
Last Sundays 5-7 pm	Soup/Bread Community Supper

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."



A Special Treat at Coffee Hour This Sunday

Parents: This Sunday, Wesley will be making Lenten Pretzels with the kids. This is an activity the kids enjoy that we do every Lenten season. Wesley will bring all the supplies, but kids should be ready to get messy!

Lenten Study Group

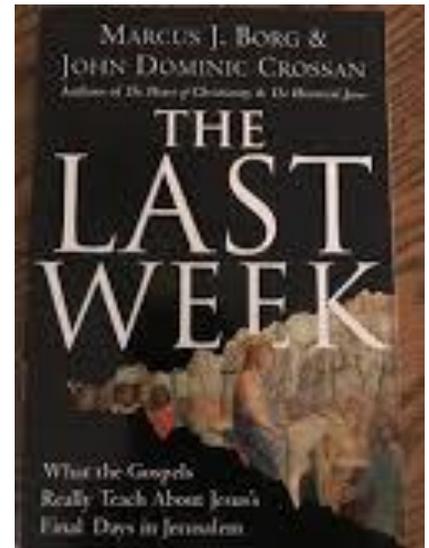
March 26th, and April 2nd, 2017, 9:30 am

The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem
by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan

From the preface: This book is about the last week of Jesus's life. It is a week of extraordinary importance for Christians, and because of its centrality for Christians, how this story is told matters greatly. What was the last week of Jesus's life about? And because this story is seen as revelatory, as speaking to us today, what IS it about?

Borg and Crossan set out to "retell a story everyone thinks they know too well, and most do not seem to know at all." The result is gripping and very timely for many who will be slowing down this Lenten Season to find a deeper meaning to our activism and our work.

Please join us in the Parish Hall on the Sundays listed above at 9:30 am. City Lights will have the book available at a 10% discount.



Questions, contact Betsy Swift [828-507-1678](tel:828-507-1678) or bswift4252@gmail.com



Soup and Bread Community Supper

Sunday March 26th, 5-7pm

As always, ALL in the community are welcome! Invite friends! Donations will be accepted for The Community Table

If you are planning to bring soup and/or bread, please contact Wesley Satterwhite at wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com or (828) 200-4363. You do not have to bring soup to:

Come! Eat! Enjoy!

A Message from Michael

Easter Day is an historically rich time for the sacrament of Baptism. Baptisms have been celebrated on Easter since the time of the early church. Please let Michael know if anybody in your family would like to be baptized this Easter (April 16).

The Episcopal Church's theology of Confirmation has continued to evolve along with its understanding of baptism. Confirmation is no longer seen as the completion of Christian initiation, nor is Confirmation a prerequisite for receiving communion. Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's body the church. (From the Book of Common Prayer)

The Grace in Aging: To Experience Aging as More of a Gift and Less of a Burden **April 30th, 9:15-10:30 in the Parish Hall.**

This special program will be led by Dr. John Ritchie, professor, therapist and a good friend to many at St. David's.

Garage Sale Scheduled for June 3rd



We are pleased to announce that the Saint David's 2017 *Garage Sale* will be Saturday June 3rd. We know it is the same day as the Lake Logan Music festival but do not think there is a conflict as the sale will begin in the early morning.

Please begin saving your wonderful items for this event! Clothing and books will be included. Please also use some discretion and toss what needs to be trashed. More information will follow weekly in the Coracle regarding drop-off date, etc. If you have questions, please contact one of the event Co-Chairs: Judy Robinson (judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com) and Donna Ross (dhross24@hotmail.com).

What's better than SHOPPING for a good cause!?!

Vecinos Donations Still Being Accepted

The Vecinos Farmworker Health Program volunteers send heart-felt thanks to St. David's for the tremendous response to their request for toiletry bags. Vecinos is a health care program that works with migrant farm workers in the Western North Carolina region. Farm workers sometimes don't have the necessary resources needed to keep themselves healthy. Donations of things such as floss, toothpaste, bandages, eye-drops, etc. made be made at any time. Muff Lyons will see to it that they get delivered to the right place.



Memorial Mystery

By June Smith



When we sold the Canterbury House to WCU, we had the job of cleaning it out. One item that was removed from the south wall of the great room was a bronze memorial plaque. No one with historical memory knew what it represented. It was just a mystery. In searching through vestry minutes and financial reports of the 1960's, I came across this entry in the March, 1968, financial report: Mrs. G Morgan, Niggli Mem., \$1,000.

Josephina Niggli was a well-known Latina playwright, poet, novelist and educator who taught at Western Carolina University from 1956 until her retirement in 1975. She was director of drama and a journalism instructor. Her mother was Goldie Morgan Niggli, a violinist of Irish, French and German descent. Her father was Frederick Ferdinand Niggli, whose Swiss and Alsatian forebears immigrated to Texas in 1836 and moved to Mexico in 1893. Ms. Niggli was born in 1910 and educated in San Antonio, TX and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



No parish records indicate that Ms. Niggli was a member of St. David's, and no vestry correspondence reveals why Ms. Niggli made this memorial to our church. So, in a way, the mystery remains, although we do now know the origin of the bronze plaque. The \$1,000 gift was added to a \$9,000 grant from the diocese to construct the addition to the Canterbury House that we called the Great Room. Since the Canterbury House was sold to enable us to finish the upstairs of our new parish hall, we will reinstall the plaque upstairs to remind us of all the gifts we have received in this place. Ms. Niggli died in 1983.

From the Diocese



Lake Logan Lecture Series: Selena Einwechter

- Thursday, April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Lake Logan Conference Center

Author of *Courage is Abundant in the Abstract* and owner of Tiffany Hill Bed & Breakfast, Selena Einwechter is an inspiration to anyone wanting to transform their dreams into realities. After spending 30 years in corporate America, Selena finally decided to leave and pursue her long-time dream of owning a B&B. She now spends much of her time detailing her faith-based journey to entrepreneurship, and the financial, economic and personal decisions that accompany making big life changes.

[Register here.](#)

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Mar 27 **Courtney Smith**

Mar 29 **Lois Tebo**

Prayers for safe travels and a successful mission to Project Panama which begins this week; from St. David's Betsy Swift, Sandy Frazier, and Harry & Karen Brown.

Prayers for Lisa Annis, who has acute bronchitis.

Congratulations to Todd Vinyard who will be president of Sylva Rotary Club in 2018.



The muddy area near the new stairs and the HVAC components has been filled with gravel.

Box Tops for Education

Many of our school-age children are collecting Box Tops for Education. I will put a basket on the counter beneath the white board and if anyone has box tops, they can drop them off in the basket. We will divide them equally among the children.



Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Mindfulness Meditation: Mondays 7:25-8:30 am in the Parish Hall. Our practice is Contemplation of Wise Texts (Lectio), Sitting Meditation, and Informal Dialogue.

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

Monthly Mindfulness: First Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon in the Parish Hall.

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](#).

The **Tuesday Meditation Group** meets in the undercroft at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Sylva on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1 pm**. The format is to meditate for 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end. The inspirational material for the half hour in between will be decided by whoever volunteers to facilitate that week.

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.

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[2016 Altar Guild Schedule](#)

[2017 Greeter Schedule](#)

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin,
Bishop

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Mondays 10:00 – 3:00

Fridays 10:00 – 3:00

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Jackson County Public Library Complex

310 Keener Street (new addition behind historic Courthouse)

Tuesdays 3:00 – 6:45

By appointment only, call library at 586-2016

- **Bring Social Security cards and photo identification**
- Bring all documents and information pertaining to 2016 taxes
- **Bring a copy of your 2015 filed tax return with any notices of adjustments**
- Bring information pertaining to health insurance during 2016