

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 31, 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 31	Lent 4 Holy Eucharist 11 am, No childcare Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Mon	Apr 1	Lenten Series: Walking prayer 5:30 pm (1 st Baptist Church, Sylva)
Tue	Apr 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am,
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, but not this Sunday, March 31st.**

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Judy Annis
Reader: Vance Davidson
Music: Savannah Bennet
Coffee: Judy & Jere Annis
Readings: [Joshua 5:9-12](#),
[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#),
[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#), [Psalm 32](#)

Serving during March

Flowers: Judy Robinson
Linen: Nan Watkins
Communion:
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 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while

he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Lenten Series on Prayer: Updates

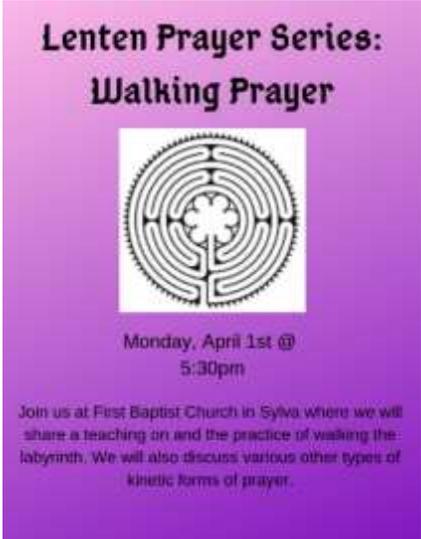
By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

The teaching on Contemplative prayer scheduled for this Tuesday, March 26th was canceled. I received notice of the death of a loved one and was in NJ officiating the funeral.

The teaching for the following week on Walking Prayer, which includes a labyrinth, is being rescheduled for Monday, April 1st at 5:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Sylva (FBCS). Our friends at FBCS have graciously offered the use of their large hall--the only space nearby which is large enough to hold the portable labyrinth and available that week. St. John's was willing, but alas, unavailable.

This change of venue provides us a wonderful opportunity to learn and walk this pilgrimage prayer form while also meeting a priority from our parish summits--to connect more with local churches. FBCS was so hospitable when I called to ask about the use of their space and offered it to us at no cost. Please let's thank them by utilizing the gift of their space. I have invited them to join us that evening and walk/pray with us. They have accepted our invitation!

The final event in the Lenten series is on Art Prayer, and it is developing into a wonderful opportunity. Melba Cooper has linked us with an artist named Sara Curran who is certified in training people to create and use prayer mandalas, so we will devote most of our time to Sara's teaching. Please mark your calendars for this--you won't want to miss it!



Lenten Prayer Series:
Walking Prayer



Monday, April 1st @
5:30pm

Join us at First Baptist Church in Sylva where we will share a teaching on and the practice of walking the labyrinth. We will also discuss various other types of kinetic forms of prayer.

Valori+

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!).



From the Vestry re: Rector Search

By Judy Robinson

Next Steps

The six members of your Vestry and the six members of the DC (Discernment Committee), along with their spouses, will be meeting with Canon Augusta on Friday, April 26th on the topic of confidentiality related to the rector search. This is a mandatory meeting required by the Diocese. We are also working on scheduling the commissioning of the DC as soon as possible after that meeting. We will let you know as soon as we have a date. The commissioning will occur at a regular Sunday service.

Information About the CAT

The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) is the electronic survey we will use for parishioners to have individual preference input into the rector search. By rating answers, the tool will measure these facets of our congregation: vitality, values, flexibility, capacity to manage conflict, desire for tradition vs. innovation, stewardship and evangelism. Answers will also reflect perceived strengths and needs. The tool will cost us about \$500, which is about half of its actual cost. The other half is underwritten by the Diocese on our behalf. A member of the DC will be chosen to be the CAT liaison. That person will be the online contact with the company and facilitate both online access for parish members to complete the survey and help make paper copies available for those who need them. Once the survey is complete, it will take the company about a week to summarize outcomes and identify highlights. Results will be shared with all members of St. David's parish.

Discernment Committee Members

Harry Brown, Chairman	
Vance Davidson, Vestry Liaison	
Marilyn Jody	Margot Wilcox
George Rector	Maggie Bowles

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.

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.



Wild geranium (*G. maculatum*) is an erect rhizomatous perennial that grows to a height of 12-24 inches. The largest of the deeply cleft leaves are 2-4 inches wide, and the flowers may be 1 inch or more across.

TRUTH Café

The Smoky Mountain District of the United Methodist Church invites you to participate in their upcoming TRUTH Café, a program that provides a platform for crucial conversations to break down boundaries, speak truth to power and privilege around racism; share the Gospel of social justice, reconcile our differences through spiritual transformation and build trusting right relationships. Our vision is to host TRUTH Cafés as a model for churches and communities who want to break down racial barriers to furthering God's Kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace. A key outcome of the TRUTH Café will be development of action items between individuals and congregations for moving forward. Following are logistical details of the event:

April 3rd, 2019

6– 8:30 pm

416 Central Dr. Cullowhee, NC 28723

Cullowhee United Methodist Church

828-293-9215 officecumc@cullowheemc.org

Please let us know if you have any questions, and we hope you will join us!

To RSVP, follow this [link](#)

Our outcomes for the TRUTH Café include:

- Create space for dialogue and deep listening to one another, seeking to understand each other
- Develop cultural humility—authentic appreciation of our cultures, individual identities, stories, and history—without judgment or guilt, or desiring to become like each other or seeking assimilation into a dominant identity; holding each other's pain and joy shared through stories
- Develop relationships with fellow believers that build trust
- Create common action steps for moving forward and further develop bonds of community and relationships
- Share stories of TRUTH Cafe experience to impact our wider congregations, communities, and Smoky Mountain District



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Apr 1 **Eric Neff**
Apr 2 **Betsy Swift**
Apr 4 **Tyler Kinnear**

New Address for Claire Marsh

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



Abrahamic Dinner 3/24/2019

There was a huge turnout for the first Abrahamic Dinner which was on the topic of prayer. The group decided to meet once a semester in rotating locations and to have a picnic during the summer.



From the Diocese

Camp Henry Opportunities Offered

In addition to the overnight, week-long sessions for youth and children in grades K-12, there are a few unique programs as well, such as:

- Mini-Camp: A half-week session for grades 2-3, it is a great way to introduce younger kids to overnight camp.
- Bridge It/Saturday Stay: Have you always wanted to stay at camp for 2 weeks? Or do you need one extra day at camp to make pick up/drop off more convenient for your schedule? Now you can, simply add \$75 to your camp tuition(s) and you will have a fun overnight experience on the Saturday in between sessions.
- Camp Henry Outdoor School (CHOS): CHOS offers a unique blend of a wilderness travel experience with the spiritual guidance of a priest to youth grades 6-12. A fun and challenging program, campers spend a week learning and using wilderness traveling and camping skills. Each CHOS trip includes a day of climbing on Camp Henry's Alpine Tower challenge course, a day of rock climbing and a day of whitewater rafting.
- Family Camp: What's better than a family vacation? A vacation in an awesome place where all activities and meals are provided and planned by someone else! You are never too old to come to camp! This is a half-week session that invites all ages of the family to enjoy laughing, playing, exploring, praying, and growing in Christ's love.

To register, go to www.camphenny.net. For more information, please contact me (I love to talk about camp and what we offer!), Kathryn Florack, Camp Henry Director, at 828-475-9264 or camphenny@diocesewnc.org.

Towel Ministry-Home Repair Help for the Elderly and Handicapped

Towel Ministry is pleased to announce that The Church of the Transfiguration in Saluda will be hosting a Towel Camp from July 17th-21st, 2019. This is a great opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to be "God's hands at work in the world" by helping repair and refurbish homes for the elderly and the handicapped. Lots of work but lots of singing, good food, and good times. For more information, please contact Fr. Chip Broadfoot at broadfoot.chip62@gmail.com or at 828 845 5326 or Deacon Mike Jenkins at towelministry@gmail.com or 828 205 4014. Come join us for this great opportunity!



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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St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson