

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



April 17 2022

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters
and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.



Easter Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist 11 am

The service will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one.
A Festive Coffee Hour follows the service. Please bring a food item to share if you can.

Happening Soon at St. David's

Friday, April 15th

Good Friday Service at 12:00 noon

Saturday, April 16th

Decorate for Easter 10 am until done

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Morning Holy Eucharist, outdoor service

Monday, April 25th

Spring into Fellowship 5 pm at Innovation Brewing in Dillsboro

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Spring into Fellowship

*It's time for St. David's to reconnect!
Come out to Innovation Station in
Dillsboro, Monday April 25 at 5:00pm
for food, beverages, and fun.
All ages are Welcome!*



Graphic courtesy of Mary Michael Hanks

From the Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

The Vestry met on Monday April 11th for a low-key meeting, mainly following up on tasks we have set for ourselves at our last meeting, at Valle Crucis. This being spring break week for the Jackson County Schools, we were missing Doug and Kelley who are traveling. The Orvises were camping, so Brad was also excused. So—a small group!

We revelled a bit in our very successful Spring Workday! By one count we were over 20 people, and the total time spent was well over 50 “person-hours”—although with so many industrious bodies moving around, counting was nearly impossible. A BIG *thank you* to everyone who pitched in to do our outdoor Spring Cleaning!

We are making some progress on new signage for our entrance. We hope that with greater visibility we will present a welcoming face to passers-by and to the community at WCU, and indeed communicate our values of hospitality and inclusion as well as simply saying “We’re here!”

We are discussing fundraisers, as well as plans for a Parish retreat in the Fall. Be on the lookout for details coming soon!

Also coming up, starting on the Sunday after Easter, there will be the roll-out of parish policies (in some cases new, in others just revised,) with a Coracle article followed by a Q&A opportunity at the coffee hour following publication. We will cover just one at a time in most cases, so as not to take up valuable visiting time at coffee hour.

Please remember our *“Spring into Fellowship”* at Innovation Station (their *Dillsboro* location) on April 25th at 5 pm. All ages are welcome! Soft drinks are available as well as their craft beer, and many of the surrounding restaurants in Dillsboro will deliver your take-out meal to your table at the Station! There’s lots of parking, and big outdoor tables to gather around, so please plan to come out!

Thankful for each and every one of us,
Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

The Story of the God Box

By Randi Neff

Here's the story of the God Box now in the back of the church. People can leave private prayers there. It's from my brother JT who is struggling with alcoholism.

The God Box story is very simple.

“A girl was sharing a problem in a meeting, and she was trying to figure how to deal with it...

She talked about many options... but the last one was just "put it in the God Box".

I had never heard of any such thing, and of course it was a metaphor...but I didn't get the metaphor... so I made her a God Box.

She cried... A lot."

He visited St. David's and was counseled by Valori & Vance, so he made one for St. David's too.



Salette and Danny Austin

by Joan Byrd



Born three days apart, Salette and Danny Austin realized many years later that they had spent the first few days of their lives together in the nursery of the hospital in Orangeburg, South Carolina. While Danny grew up in Orangeburg, Salette spent her childhood in the nearby town of Springfield. They met at Danny's high school prom and later had a summer romance at Edisto Beach in their senior year. They dated while Salette was at Erskine College and Danny was at Wofford, but they parted after graduation. They both remained in South Carolina, but each of them married, and their paths were not to cross again for thirty years.

Salette taught grades one through five before leaving teaching to take a sales position in plumbing and appliances which involved assisting builders, architects, and Gulf Stream Aeronautics with product specifications. A tour in the Air Force as a jet mechanic led Danny into maintenance work, a capacity in which he later served Standard Oil as Maintenance Supervisor. In 1989 Danny was a victim of Hurricane Hugo in his beach house on the Isle of Palms, and he emphasizes, "I'd never do that again!" His house was severely damaged, livable but without electricity for six months. The Isle of Palms was put under martial law, the only U.S. city ever to suffer through that experience; and once when Danny tried to return home after a brief absence, a member of the U.S. Army thrust a gun in his face. Remembering Hugo, he says, "So that's why we are in the mountains!" But he restored his home on the Isle of Palms, and it was this house that would bring Salette and him back together.



Danny's next-door neighbor on the island held an annual July 4th celebration for the members of Salette's mother's church. One 4th of July, Danny recognized Salette's mother among the guests and went to speak with her. His wife had died some years before, and when he learned that Salette was divorced and living a couple of hours away, he asked for her phone number. After one date, Salette says, "We took up where we left off." In 2001 they were married in Charleston, where Danny had lived since 1970. His son, Bryan, was already grown and had left home; Salette's daughter, Iris, was eight at the time.

After "the bottom fell out of the market" about 2008, the Austins bought a house in a small development in Glenville. For ten years this was their second home; Iris chose an open-air chapel in the development for her wedding ceremony. Then last summer Danny and Salette moved to North Carolina for good. Both of them have always had animals, and they have adopted a long-haired chihuahua who was rescued from a puppy mill. When Ruby, who is seven years old, first went to live with Salette and Danny, she only knew to walk in small circles. She has since learned to run, and anyone who sees Ruby now will know she is a dog who is much loved.

Salette grew up in the Baptist Church, and Danny was raised as a Catholic; when they married, they became Episcopalians. After moving to the mountains, they visited another church before a friend in Sylva suggested St. David's to them. Here they feel they have found their church home. They are drawn to the friendliness of our parish and the caring leadership of Mtr. Gaelyn. Having chosen it as a mission to introduce their friends to St. David's, there is seldom a Sunday when they come to church alone.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Apr 10 Owen Yanik
Apr 21 Gael Graham
Apr 23 Wodese Woldeyohannes

Anniversary

Apr 17 Margo White & Dave Nelson



Congratulations to Mary Michael Hanks on having been named a Mustang of the Month for April at Smoky Mountain High School.

Here is Jake Jacobson contemplating the tulips on a recent trip to Biltmore Estate.



Harry & Karen Brown, June Smith, Maggie & Jim Bowles, and Sherrie and Brad Orvis went on a camping trip to Standing Indian Campground with the Hardy Hikers last week.

A sincere thank you from the editor for your submissions! News items and especially photos are always welcome. Let us know what you are up to or anything of interest to your parish friends. Send items to [Maggie Bowles](#).

Beware of Scammers!

Please know that no member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

Lake Logan Events

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>
[Link for Diocesan Newsletter](#)

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church to be distributed to Vecinos and families.



St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector
Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this Sunday

Thurifer, Brad Orvis
Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift
Lector, June Smith

Readings:

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#), [Acts 10:34-43](#), [John 20:1-18](#), [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

Coffee Hour, **ALL**

Greeter, Laurie Hulbert and Jake Jacobson
Altar Set Up & Linens, Gael Graham
Bread Baker, Karen Brown
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks
Vestry Counter, George Rector

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

11:00 In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist, Rector in office

Mondays and Wednesdays

Rector in office

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00: Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) meets for dinner, conversation, and prayer. All students welcome.

2nd Mondays at 5:30

Vestry in the Gathering Place