

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



April 18, 2021

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

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

Dear Friends,

As many of you may already know, our competent and friendly Parish Administrator is moving to Washington state. Carol has been so helpful to me during my first nine months at St. David's and will be greatly missed. In her resignation letter she stated how much she has enjoyed being a part of the St. David's community and how enjoyable her work here has been.

I will be taking some time to reorganize the Parish Administrator job description to fit how we are currently working. Thankfully, Carol is willing to continue on an as-needed basis from Washington to help with this transition. These first nine months have been rather unusual given the pandemic, and our work, worship, and fellowship have changed frequently. It will be good to take some time to work through this transition with patience and prayer. I know the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us as we continue to trust in God's presence with us.

Peace and blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

Service Information

Sunday, 4/18/2021 at 11 am

[Sign up](#) for in person church service

[Facebook Live](#) (Church Service) [Bulletin](#)

[The Lectionary](#)

No Internet or Smartphone? Dial +1 929 205 6099 and enter meeting ID number 857 5147 5913 to join in for Zoom Coffee Hour after church.

Lector: George Rector

Chalice: Betsy Swift

Prayers: Muff Lyons

Music: Lillian Pearson

Bread: Karen Brown

Communion: Muff Lyons & Gael Graham

Flowers: Judy Robinson

Linen: Gael Graham

Wednesday Services

Morning Prayer 9:30 am on [Zoom](#)

Outdoor Eucharist Noon (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

Email [Muff Lyons](#) with prayer requests

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Email [Mtr. Gaelyn](#) to meet with her for conversation or prayer.

Additional Information

Apr 18 Holy Eucharist 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

Apr 21 [Zoom link for Morning Prayer 9:30 am](#)

Outdoor Eucharist Noon

Apr 25 Holy Eucharist 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

Apr 28 [Zoom link for Morning Prayer 9:30 am](#)

Episcopal Campus Ministry WCU

Sign-up for Wednesday Walks with

WCU campus missionary Kelsey

Davis: 1:1 outdoor walk around

campus, no strings attached.

Anyone is welcome. [Walk sign up](#)



Beans & Rice

Please remember our ongoing collection of rice and especially beans for our Vecinos families and farm workers. Donations may be left in the big containers inside the church doors at any time.





Thank you, Carol Payton, for serving as our Parish Administrator during the challenging time of the COVID pandemic. Best wishes to you as you move forward on your own journey.



News from the Vestry

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

If you'd like to attend Sunday worship in person, please don't hesitate to sign up at <https://calendly.com/gaelyn/sundays?month=2021-04>. We have room for 25 and have been able to accommodate everyone so far, but the signup helps us to plan ahead. If you would like to bring a guest, that would be lovely, as well! (We will continue to wear masks, stay 6 feet apart, and have windows open for proper ventilation.)

As probably everyone is aware, fellowship on Sundays after worship presents challenges in our hybrid online/in-person environment. We will send out a parish-wide survey soon to help us discern a path forward on this issue together. In the meantime, we will not have a Zoom Coffee Hour on Sundays, until we have survey results.

Vestry met on Monday, April 12th at 5:30 and completed work on a project that we started at our retreat at Lake Logan last month: the 2021 St. David's Vestry Covenant, which will serve as our guiding document for our work together. It is something we believe is important to share with the parish:

St David's in the Valley Vestry Covenant

We will seek and serve Christ in each other by:

- ✦ Keeping the work of the Vestry in our daily prayers
- ✦ Being anchored in scripture
- ✦ Speaking from consensus and unity
- ✦ Being respectful of each other's time by starting on time, completing business within 90 minutes, using a timekeeper, and reading minutes and reports prior to meetings
- ✦ Refraining from speaking on a topic a second time until all have a chance to speak
- ✦ Listing action items at the end of each meeting

We will be an example to the congregation by:

- ✦ Keeping the congregation in our daily prayers
- ✦ Putting Vision items at the front of the agenda
- ✦ Communicating mission and ministry with the parish
- ✦ Being open to change and discernment

As always, if you have any questions or comments about our parish life together, please feel free to email me (seniorwarden@stdavidscullowhee.org) or call me (828-506-4478).

From the Diocese



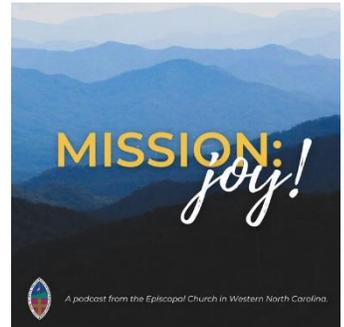
Join our Missioner for Communications Virginia Taylor for a webinar all about keeping your parish safe in the digital world. We'll discuss topics ranging from avoiding scams to the basics of copyright law. Have questions you'd like answered at the webinar? Email vtaylor@diocesewnc.org prior to the event to have your question answered during the webinar. All are welcome.

[Register here](#)

New Diocesan Podcast

Mission: Joy! is a podcast dedicated to sharing stories that inspire and transform us to be people of God. With a new episode dropping every month, we'll present topics ranging from women in ministry to faith and social media, connecting with people around and beyond the diocese to help share these stories.

<https://www.mission-joy.com/>



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Apr 19 **Owen Yanik**
Apr 20 **Zoe Tomczak**
Apr 21 **Gael Graham, Joe Reily**

Congratulations, Sloan

The UNC system has recognized Sloan Despeaux for her help with creating the NC Network of Math Teachers' Circles, a group that so far has received \$500,000 in grants.

St. David's Links and Contact Information:

Website: stdavidscullowhee.org

[St. D's Public Facebook Page](#)

[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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