

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 12, 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	May 12	Easter 4 Holy Eucharist 11 am, No childcare
Mon	May 13	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm SEOL: End of Life Planning 5:30 pm
Sun	May 19	Easter 5 Holy Eucharist 11 am No Childcare Abrahamic Dinner at Cullowhee Baptist 7:30 pm
Tue	May 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	May 26	Easter 6 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Jun 2	Ascension Sunday Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Jun 4	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jun 9	Pentecost Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Jun 16	Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Jun 23	Pentecost 2 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Jun 30	Pentecost 3 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Jul 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 7	Pentecost 4 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Jul 8	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Jul 14	Pentecost 5 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Jul 16	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 21	Pentecost 6 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Sun	Jul 28	Pentecost 7 Holy Eucharist 11 am

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Betsy Swift
Reader: George Rector
Music: Savannah Bennett
Coffee:
Readings: [Acts 9:36-43](#),
[Revelation 7:9-17](#), [Psalm 23](#),
[John 10:22-30](#),

Serving during May

Flowers: Rosa Reily
Linen: Gerlinde Lindy
Communion: Muff Lyons &
Laurie Hulbert
Bread: Wesley Satterwhite
Greeters: Melba & Paul Cooper

[Sermon Link](#)

Childcare is available during the service most Sundays, but not this Sunday, May 12th.

May Outreach

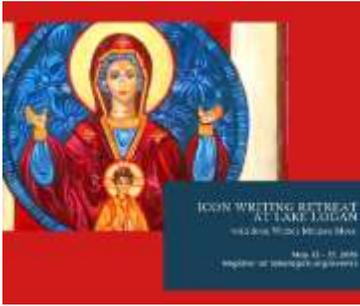
This month the 1st Sunday Loose Offering will go where the greatest perceived need is among the organizations St. David's supports: Circles of Hope, Clean Slate, Community Table, Mainspring Land Trust, Vecinos and Midwives of Haiti. There is no Soup & Bread Community Supper this month.

May 11th starting at 9 am is a *Rise Against Hunger* event at Sylva United Methodist Church.



Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aide to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. It was started as Stop Hunger Now in 1998 by a United Methodist minister.

We'll be trying to pack 10,000 meals which, if we have 30 to 40 volunteers, should take about two hours. More on Rise Against Hunger <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org> The Sylva Rotary Club, along with Rotary Clubs from Highlands and Haywood County and several church groups, will be participating. It is open to volunteers age 5 and up.



Icon Writing Retreat at Lake Logan

May 13th-17th

Day and overnight options are available. Beginners are welcome. All supplies are included. Register at lakelogan.org/events. Registration deadline is May 1st.



In keeping with our commitment to the Stewardship of the Entirety of our Lives, we gladly offer

A FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Planning for End of Life

This free workshop is presented led by Diane Sherrill, a Sylva attorney with a practice concentration on estate and planned giving strategies.

Topics of her presentation will include estate and trust planning issues along with planned giving and end of life issues and strategies

MONDAY, MAY 13
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
The Gathering Place
at St. David's Episcopal Church
385 Forest Hill Rd., Cullowhee

For more information: 828.331.1427
or www.stdavidsculowhee@gmail.com

Help Needed for UMC Literacy Camp

Cullowhee UMC received a 3-year Duke Endowment Grant to provide a 6-week summer literacy camp for rising 1st-3rd graders. This summer the camp will run June 17th-July 30th. Areas where we need your help include:

- Transportation of students to and from camp
- Nutrition: People to help serve a simple nutritious breakfast at 8:15 am. Students will eat lunch on campus, and we need church people to walk them to the WCU cafeteria each day.
- Food scholarship support
- People to prepare a Monday night meal for the parent/teacher conferences

Please let us know where you would like to help by emailing the church office, <http://www.cullowheeumc.org/>.



Awakened to Live

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Life is full of little deaths that, as Christians, we are called to enter fully and, as best we can, fearlessly, because we believe that death is the gateway to new life: resurrection life. So, whether it's the death of our habits, our expectations, or the death of our self-identifiers, our career, our relationships, or even the final death of ours or someone else's body, we who are followers of Jesus Christ know that new life awaits us on the other side.

Every death we know in this life is like that, and Jesus is as real for us in these moments as he was for Mary Magdalene at the tomb. Promising to be with us always, Jesus dwells in us; uniting his spirit with ours. Jesus is our gateway into eternal resurrection. This is a huge truth which I have to reflect on often because of the limitedness of my humanity. It changes everything to recognize that my smallness is made vast, my weakness strong, by the presence of God in me for the purpose God has which is beyond me.

When we choose to let go of what makes sense in our worldly experience and surrender to the love of Jesus that is present within us, nothing is impossible, just as Jesus said. (Mt 17:20) Every mountain actually becomes moveable, every created thing becomes a thing of beauty and great value, and every death becomes a gateway to another resurrection.

Resurrection is not just something that happens after we die; it's a way of being alive—awakened to the reality that the spirit of God in Christ lives within us as individuals and as a faith community. It's a state of unified awakening in which we have eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that are one with God's own heart.

In this state of unified awakening, our wills are aligned with God's will, and that affects what we do. We act, not out of fear or obedience to laws or traditions, but in love—divine, creative love—which flows from us making everything it touches through us new, whole... holy. The church, the community of faith with all of its supportive traditions, is where this process is (or could be) discovered, nourished, and manifested.

The key to this unified state of being in awakening is surrender. It helps to remember, however, that surrender is not weakness or loss. There is no white flag to wave, no humiliation to face. The English word *surrender* derives from the Old French: *sur-* "over, on top of" + *rendere* "give back, return." To surrender in faith is to choose to return ourselves to our Source. In doing that, we become so much more than ourselves—we become one with all that is, that was, and that will ever be. When that happens, the individualism of western Christianity, in which most of us were reared, fades into foolishness.

Yet, each time my life leads me to another death, I dread what's coming, and I go into the experience with trepidation. I don't know why... I've been through these deaths enough to know that the new life it will open for me is totally worth the pain of dying for it. Still, it's hard each and every time. I take solace in knowing Jesus struggled similarly in the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Unlocking the limits of our thinking, Jesus transforms us and our world by his divine love. For our part, we respond to this truth by entering every moment of our lives fully and fearlessly, knowing that even when we are called to die, we live eternally in Christ who lives eternally in us.

Valori+

Monthly Soup Suppers

By Judy Robinson

It is with delight that we report the success of the last two Soup Suppers. In March, \$175 was raised via the donations basket for the Community Table, and we enjoyed the company of out-of-town guests. In April, \$135 in donations was raised for Mainspring Conservation Trust, and their director, Sharon Taylor, gave a short presentation about the agency's work. Please note that in the coming year, Soup Suppers will run from August-April. The August Soup Supper will be designated as a welcome to the new school year for WCU students. We thank all who have participated by making soup, bringing bread or dessert, or just coming to eat. We extend special thanks to Wesley Satterwhite for initiating this wonderful project and her continued commitment to it.

Volunteers Needed to Help at Cold Mountain Music Festival!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click **this link** to go to the invitation page: <http://signup.com/login/entry537004970106124083>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on Signup.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots—Signup.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

A shift is 4 hours (with some exceptions). You get a free admission ticket for volunteering plus a t-shirt. If you want free admission both days, you need to volunteer both days.



#wearorange weekend starts june 7

In 2013, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in Chicago. After her death, her friends wore orange to raise awareness about gun violence in their community. Then, Hadiya's friends asked others to wear orange to honor Hadiya and the hundreds of Americans killed and injured by gun violence every day. They inspired *Wear Orange*, which now includes a broad coalition of nonprofits, cultural influencers, and elected officials working to reduce gun violence in America.

Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement, and on June 7th everyone is encouraged to wear orange to draw our nation's attention to gun violence. **So, save the date on your calendar: Join us to raise awareness for gun violence and make sure to Wear Orange on Friday June 7th.**

And #WearOrange is more than just a day, it's a whole weekend of events—a whole weekend of Moms Demand Action, Students Demand Action, survivors of gun violence, and all Americans coming together in the movement to end gun violence.

Thank you for participating,
Wear Orange 2019

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

May 8

Karen Brown

May 9

Tom Wilcox, Maggie Bowles

Congratulations to Angus Despeaux who received an Honorable Mention at the State Mathematics Fair.

Congratulations to Dr. Johanna Price Vinyard on receiving the Honors College Board of Directors Faculty Excellence Award.

St. David's in the Lowcountry



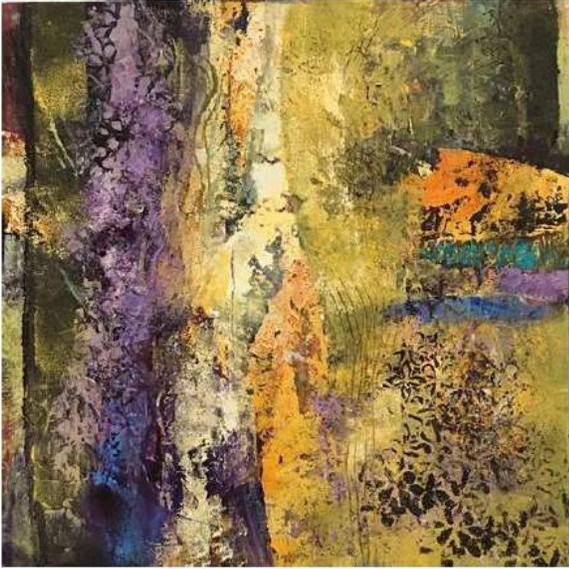
Jim Bowles, Jake Jacobson, Tom Wilcox, Paul Cooper, Margot Wilcox, Melba Cooper, Maggie Bowles, Faye Jacobson, Marilyn Jody, Ann Courmouzis, Ann Guessford, June Smith, Bill Kirwan, Betty Lynn Kirwan

A quorum of St. David's members assembled near Beaufort, SC, this week to celebrate some birthdays and participate in wildlife observation. Shown are two snakes coiled closely together and an alligator showing just its eyes and nostrils. This group is easily entertained.



[2019-Summer-Arts-Workshops](#)

[See More](#)



[2019 Summer Arts Workshop Series](#)

[Held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC](#)

“Step Into Cold Wax Medium with Oil Painting” with Melba Cooper

JULY 1 – 3, 2019

Medium: Cold wax, oil painting

Level: All Levels

Tuition: \$400 | **Lab Fee:** \$50

This three day workshop is for those who would like step into a basic understanding of the medium of cold wax/oil painting. With helpful demonstrations and exercises, students will learn techniques for applying this versatile medium to create rich luminous textures and patterns, explore intuitive connections in abstract painting, gain strategies for strengthening their compositions. Students will create multiple small works (under 8"x8") on both paper and wood panels. Most Supplies will be provided. [See More...](#)

Melba Cooper has been an art educator and professional artist for over 35 years. Utilizing a research journal/sketchbook, she incorporates an arts integrated approach to her works inspired by environmental issues. She believes that art is a powerful tool to bring people into meaningful conversation. She has a MAT from the University of South Carolina specializing in gifted art education. Both a painter and a printmaker, she combines techniques from each to create her recent cold/wax series of works entitled “Pollination”. The series content is focused on the energy of the honeybee hive in which she imagines and longs for the hum of a sacred regard for the Earth. This exhibit has been featured in the gallery at Island Lavender, Washington Island WI. She has been the visiting artist at Island Lavender for the summers of 2016 and 2017. Other venues for this series have been The Circular Church in Charleston (spirituality and art exhibit), Charles Street Gallery in Beaufort SC., Haywood Arts Council Gallery, and Jackson County Library. Her work is in the homes of collectors in SC, NC, NY, OH, GA. WI. [See More...](#)



To Register: [Click](#) | 828.342.6913 | E contact@cullowheemountainarts.org

Cullowhee Arts Admin Office: 598 W. Main Street, Sylva, NC 29779

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

2nd Sundays
3rd Sundays 5:30 pm
Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr
Mondays 10:30 am
2nd Mondays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Rice & Beans Ministry
Taizé Service 5:30 pm
Soup/Bread Community Supper
Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
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)
May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

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[Lectionary Page 2019](#)

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Diocesan Links:

[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

[Sign up for Diocesan Newsletter](#)

[Camp Henry Facebook page](#)

www.lakelogan.org

St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

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.