

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 16, 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.

Vestry News

By Jessica Philyaw

Special thanks to Jake Jacobson and Vance Davidson who have replaced our Black Lives Matter banner with a more durable and secure version painted on wood. It looks wonderful, but I neglected to get a picture of it, so the visual will have to wait until next week!

Vestry used our regular second-Monday meeting time this week to talk with Kelsey Davis about campus ministry in its broadest terms. She offered a presentation that helped us get to know who today's students are, broadly speaking, and what her goals for campus ministry are for the coming year. It was a wonderful initial conversation, and she will work with us on a vestry book study devoted to *Belovedness: Finding God and Self on Campus*. Our regular vestry business meeting was moved to this coming Monday, May 17th. I will report more fully on both meetings in the next issue of the Coracle.

Church Hike Planned for May 16th

Our first church hike of the season will be on Sunday, May 16th. We will walk around Wolf Lake in the Little Canada area for about a mile to a cemetery where the road ends. It is a lovely place to have Eucharist.

Meet at the church at 1:30 pm to caravan to the trailhead or meet there at 2 pm. (Directions to trailhead: From Cullowhee, take 107 South to Tuckasegee; turn left onto Hwy 281. Go approximately 13 miles and turn left on [Vess Owens Rd.](#)) Email Maggie magbowles@gmail.com if you plan to come just so we won't inadvertently leave anyone behind.

We plan to have a church hike with Eucharist on the third Sunday of each month throughout the summer and fall.



Altar Guild Brunch is May 22nd

The Altar Guild members will gather for their annual brunch on May 22nd at 10:30 am. Whether the brunch will be held indoors or outdoors is yet to be decided, but if it is indoors, we will space the chairs apart and wear masks when we are not eating.

If you know of someone whom you think might be interested in Altar Guild as a ministry, please invite them. We have a great group but always welcome new additions.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

May 16 **Ed Hamlet**
May 17 **Zachary Smith, Zephyr Smith**
May 22 **David Bowles**

Anniversaries

May 16 **Wesley Satterwhite & Paul Yanik**
May 20 **Sloan & Michael Despeaux**
May 22 **Donna Ross & Frank Lockwood**

Circles of Hope

St. David's has been honored by Circles of Jackson as a Gold Donor for having given more than \$1000 towards its efforts to support families as they move toward financial stability.

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.



Press Releases from The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers virtual Prayer Vigil for World Refugee Day

Offering solidarity and support for refugees worldwide, Episcopal Migration Ministries will host a virtual prayer vigil for World Refugee Day on Sunday, June 20th, 7–8 pm ET. All are welcome to join this gathering in recognition of those forced to leave their homes and seek new beginnings elsewhere.

Read more (in English and Spanish): <http://iam.ec/pa2021EMMWRDVirtualPrayerVigil>

A Year in the Life

A Year in the Life, filmed throughout the pandemic using COVID-safe protocols, explores how Episcopal schools, ministries, and congregations have adapted to the challenges of the year – from food insecurity to calls for racial justice to worship through restrictions – and more. In this second episode, we visit Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly, R.I.

Throughout the manifold challenges of the pandemic – illness, political and racialized violence, and death – the Church also faced a particular issue: how to gather when it was no longer safe to physically do so. Fr. Sunil Chandy of Christ Church helped his congregation to dynamically change gears – bringing our ancient, venerable, and deeply sensory worship to a still-connected, spiritually hungry, global audience.

Next time on *A Year in the Life*, join us for another story about how the Church has grown and changed from the Covid-19 pandemic; we'll visit the faithful of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Visit our blogpost for this episode: *Journey through East Carolina*, by Emily Gowdy Canady, Missioner for Lifelong Christian Formation.

Watch *A Year in the Life* [here](#).

As always, news items from the parish and especially photographs are always welcome. Send submissions to [Maggie Bowles](#).

HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

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3rd SUNDAYS: CHURCH HIKES, short-ish hikes with Eucharist. Next hike, May 16th at Wolf Lake. See *The Coracle* or contact [Maggie Bowles](#) for more information.

MONDAYS

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WEDNESDAYS

9:30 AM MORNING PRAYER RITE I, on Zoom, (See website for link)

12:00 OUTDOOR EUCHARIST 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (bring a chair, no sign-up needed)

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector

Carol Payton, Parish Administrator

Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this week:

Vance Davidson, Lector

Muff Lyons, Intercessor

Scott Philyaw, Chalice Bearer

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