

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



June 14, 2020

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

## Service Information for the Second Sunday of Pentecost

### Order of Service

Hymns to practice:

[All People that on Earth Do Dwell](#)

[Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim](#)

### Serving this Sunday

Reader: June Smith

Prayer Leader: Paul Cooper

Special Prayers: George Rector

Prayers of Congregation: Margot Wilcox

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

### Rest in Peace

#### Curtis Wood

Curtis taught history at WCU and was a faithful member of St. David's, along with his wife Carole and their children Anna and Gabe, for many years. He served regularly as a chaliceist. He was also part of the discernment committee that worked with Caroline Goodkind when she felt called to the priesthood. He, Carole and Gabe had moved to the Myrtle Beach area several years ago.

## Vestry News from the Senior Warden

by Jessica Philyaw

Many of you knew and loved Nancy Joyner, a longtime parishioner and friend of St. David's, who passed away on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Nancy chose to remember St. David's in her will, and vestry can now report that thanks to her bequest, we have retired all debt for the new roof project and also made a significant contribution to the St. David's endowment. We are blessed by Nancy's memory and by her sustaining generosity!

Carol Payton is transcribing all the well-wishes received onto a card for Savannah Bennett, which will be sent to her this week, along with a monetary gift made up of all the generous contributions sent for that purpose. Thanks to all who contributed and sent messages of thanks and support.

Plans for our farewell for Caroline+ and welcome for Gaelyn+ are in process. Please mark your calendars for June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>! (Gaelyn+ will be in the office starting June 23<sup>rd</sup>, but her first Sunday will be the 28<sup>th</sup>).

Please see the letter below from Judy Robinson concerning conversation and relationship building with the congregation of Mt. Zion AME Church in Cullowhee.

## A Letter from Judy Robinson

Hello Dear Members of St. David's,

While we are still distancing and staying home, we can take some time to consider how we might move forward in some outreach areas.

As promised Sunday during ZOOM Church, I would like to pick up on the discussions some of us had before Covid regarding possibly building relationships with the Mt. Zion Church community in Cullowhee. I think we want to pursue this in the name of living diversity and, eventually, especially given current affairs, in learning how we can support and promote racial justice in our rural region. Of course, Mt. Zion will play an equal role in where the relationship goes. So, would anyone interested in being on the Mt. Zion relationship building team please respond by emailing me at [judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com).



We will take no action until our Rector Gaelyn+ is with us and we have her input. At this point, it would just be good to have a list of those interested in participating in this outreach.

I also understand, with help from Caroline+, that the Rev. Pattie Curtis from St. John's and some of her parishioners are very involved with the local NAACP which serves Jackson, Swain and Macon counties. I know some of us at St. D are members. More on that after I have gathered some further information from Pattie.

Stay safe, and love to all,  
Judy



### St. David's on Facebook

St. David's is present on Facebook in two different ways. There is a public **page** (similar to your own personal page) called [St. David's Episcopal Church](https://www.facebook.com/StDavidsEpiscopalChurch/).

This page's profile shows the clay Celtic cross and is geared to both the parish and general public to learn more about St. David's and our events.

<https://www.facebook.com/StDavidsEpiscopalChurch/>



We also have a private FaceBook **group** called [Saint David's Private Group Forum](https://www.facebook.com/groups/67900876808/). This page is for individuals in the St. David's community to share and comment amongst themselves. Members of this group will be approved by the Group administrators Kelley, Maggie, Steve or Carol. Please feel free to direct your questions to them.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/67900876808/>

Saint David's Private  
Group Forum

# *From the Diocese*

## Diocesan Weekly News



## *The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina*

June 8, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After weeks of deliberation, prayer, and consultation with medical professionals, it is with a great sense of heaviness we have come to the conclusion that holding traditional summer camp this year is not in the best collective interest of our youth and vulnerable populations. We have spent the past month watching medical trends with hopeful optimism that COVID 19 cases would decrease as we entered stage 2, but that has not been the case for Western North Carolina. Our hearts break with yours as we realize we cannot gather for traditional Camp Henry programs this summer.

Our utmost priority has always been to ensure the safety of everyone who visits Lake Logan and Camp Henry. The safety of our staff and campers is our primary concern, but we also feel called to offer a space of relaxation, reconciliation, and a place to explore God's all-encompassing love during these anxiety-ridden times. It is in this spirit that we pivot to our alternative camp plans for the summer of 2020.

Moving forward this summer, we do plan to continue our CHOS camps, which combine outdoor excursions with the fun of traditional camp in a small group setting, and will be adding more dates to the calendar for these camps. Additionally, we intend to offer family and small group retreats in partnership with Lake Logan Conference Center throughout the summer. During your stay you will be able to add camp activities al-la-carte with some of our wonderful counselors, which will allow you to build your own camp experience while safely social distancing. Please continue to check in and look for more information in the days to come as we explore these and other options to safely reimagine our ministry this summer.

We acknowledge several families and parishes have already paid deposits and/or full payments for camp this summer. If you are financially able, we ask you to please consider using all or part of your registration fees as a donation to camp. Your gift will help ensure the continued ministry of Camp Henry for years to come. Donations to Camp Henry are tax-deductible.

If families are unable to put these funds toward a donation, CHOS session, or family camp experience these payments will be refunded upon request. A member of our staff or board will be in touch with registered families in the coming weeks to discuss options. Please be patient with us as there are many moving parts.

Although we are incredibly saddened camp will not occur this summer in the traditional sense, and grieve with our campers the loss of precious time spent with our camp family, we feel blessed to be able to use this time to explore creative solutions for experiencing the ministry of camp while keeping safety at the forefront. This is certainly not an end to camp, merely a pause in what has been. There will continue to be generations worth of Camp Henry memories to come! As people of the Resurrection, even in difficult times such as these, we continue to have hope and give thanks for God's many blessings. All our campers, staffers, and families are in our prayers, and we humbly ask for yours.

We look forward to seeing you soon; what a joyous day it will be!

In God's Peace and Hope,



The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin  
Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina



Jessica LeFiles  
Director, Camp Henry



The Rev. John Roberts  
Chair, Camp Henry Board of Directors



Lauri SoJourney  
Executive Director, Lake Logan Conference Center

# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

Jun 14 **Rose Helen Graham**

Jun 15 **Laurie Hulbert**

Jun 16 **Caroline+**

Jun 17 **Laura Annis Gravely**

## Anniversaries

Jun 17 **Jessica & Scott Philyaw**

Jun 18 **Maleah & Austin Rios**

Here is updated address information for Savannah Bennett who is settled into an apartment and anxious to find out how her upcoming classes are going to be taught (online or in person).

**Savannah Bennett**

**133 Boone Ridge Drive**

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**If you have a story you wish to share, please send it in! And remember to send pictures!**

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