

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



June 16, 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	Jun 16	Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Jun 18	Accessible Mindfulness 10 a.m.
Sun	Jun 23	Pentecost 2 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Jun 24	SEOL: From Paris to Pittsburgh
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 Book Study: <i>My Grandmother's Hands</i>
Mon	Jul 8	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Jul 14	Pentecost 5 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>My Grandmother's Hands</i> Abraham's Table 4-8 pm, WCU picnic area
Tue	Jul 16	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 21	Pentecost 6 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>My Grandmother's Hands</i>
Sun	Jul 28	Pentecost 7 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Fri	Nov 2	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

[Sermon Link](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: Vance Davidson

Music: Lillian Pearson

Coffee:

Readings: [Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#),
[Romans 5:1-5](#), [John 16:12-15](#), [Psalm 8](#)

Serving during June

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Communion: Judy Annis &

Faye Jacobson

Bread: Doug & Mary Michael Hanks

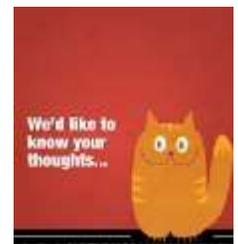
Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Lydia Aydlett

**Childcare is available during
the service most Sundays.**

The CAT Continues

No need to harass this group about completing the online survey. At 48 hours in, 23 of you (out of 90) had already completed it! The survey is open until June 30th, but please don't put it off. Contact Maggie Bowles at magbowles@gmail.com or 828-743-0585 (home) or 803-920-9974 (cell) if you have any questions or problems with it. Holy Cow Consulting's interpretation of the CAT survey will occur via a video conference on July 15th or 16th and will be attended by the Discernment Committee members, Vestry members, and Canon Augusta.



The following is Vance Davidson's summary of Discernment Committee and Vestry activity:

The Discernment Committee met with Canon Augusta on Friday, June 7th to discuss the search process timeline. Holy Conversations, to include a meal, are planned for Thursday, August 8th at 5:30 pm and Saturday, August 17th at 10 am. Also discussed was development of two documents: the Parish Profile and the Office of Transition Ministry Portfolio. The OTM Portfolio is a comprehensive document that the Diocese uses to advertise a position. It includes a variety of factual information about the parish as well as a link to the Parish Profile. The Parish Profile is a document that includes photographs and descriptive material about the parish and the surrounding area.

As to Vestry, Vance reported that the vestry has adopted a set of Bylaws for the parish and is currently reviewing Policies and Procedures. Both of these should appear on the church website soon.

Thank You

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

I want to thank your vestry for their amazing ministry this year. They have done their work prayerfully and with steadfast love for our community. Each month one vestry member acts as chaplain, opening us with prayer, setting the tone for our time together. The chaplains have inspired us all to do our work in faithfulness to God, one another, and our local community. As a result, we have been spiritually confident to face any hurdles that came our way.

St. David's now has its first by-laws and a full set of policies, some updated, some new, which enable us to operate safely and in keeping with the canons of our diocese and denomination.

Vestry meetings sometimes have the reputation of being long and excruciatingly boring. Not this vestry. We've endured some long meetings, as churches in transition will do here and there, but our meetings are usually kept within our one-hour time goal because the members are prepared, having sent in reports and agenda requests ahead of time.

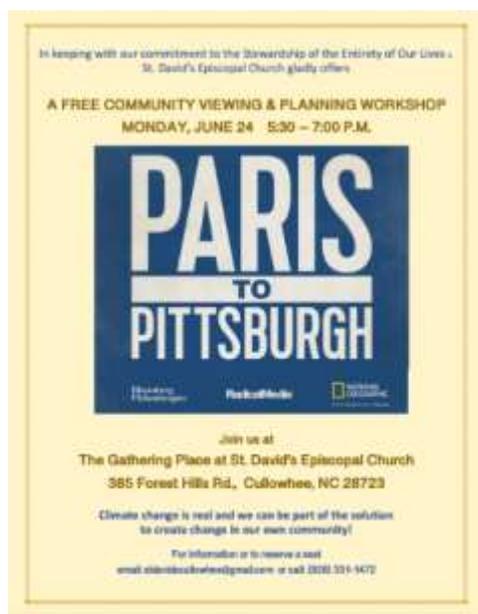
As the priest, I very much enjoy our meetings. I can't say that about all of the churches I've served. Your elected leadership is a remarkable group, and I want to thank them publicly for their ministry. They are true servant leaders.

Interim Rector on Retreat

The week following Trinity Sunday (June 16th-23rd) our Interim Rector will be on private retreat. Please hold Valori+ in prayer during this time of re-remembering. The Rev. Nick McDonald will be our supply priest for Sunday, June 23rd. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Judy Robinson, our Sr. Warden, who will contact Valori+.

Save The Dates!

Monday, June 24th we will be hosting another SEOL community event: a screening of *Paris to Pittsburgh*, a new film from National Geographic intended "to draw faith communities together to inspire local community action to heal the climate for the benefit of all."



Sunday, July 14th we will gather at the WCU picnic center for an Abrahamic family reunion picnic—time set aside for us to relax, eat, play, and just be together—deepening our relationships. BYO Picnic food, drinks, utensils, plus a little extra to share.

Abraham's Table:

A family reunion

Join us as we relax, eat, play,
and share time together as the children of Abraham:
Jewish, Christian, and Muslim.

Sunday, July 14

4:00 to 8:00 pm

All are welcome as we celebrate our common roots
and live as one in an era of political division.

WCU Picnic Area

behind the softball field

We invite you to bring a picnic lunch –
enough for you and a bit extra.
Bring your favorite picnic game(s), guitar
or instrument for sing-a-longs!

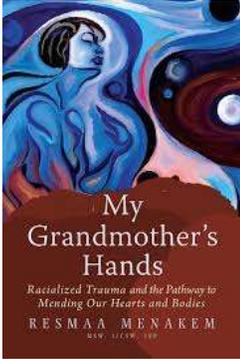


The lamps are different but the light is the same. ~Rumi

Summer Reading Book Studies

Please join us for two book studies this summer and another in the fall. As usual, City Lights Bookstore will have copies available at a 10% discount; just let them know it is for the book study.

July 7th, 14th, 21st: *My Grandmother's Hands, Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menakem.

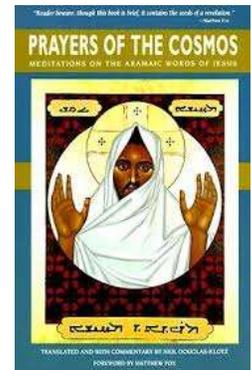


From the publisher: The body is where our instincts reside and where we fight, flee, or freeze, and it endures the trauma inflicted by the ills that plague society. In this groundbreaking work, therapist Resmaa Menakem examines the damage caused by racism in America from the perspective of body-centered psychology. He argues this destruction will continue until Americans learn to heal the generational anguish of white supremacy, which is deeply embedded in all our bodies...*My Grandmother's Hands* is a call to action for all of us to recognize that racism is not about the head, but about the body, and introduces an alternative view of what we can do to grow beyond our entrenched racialized divide. [This book offers] a step-by-step solution—a healing process—in addition to incisive social commentary.

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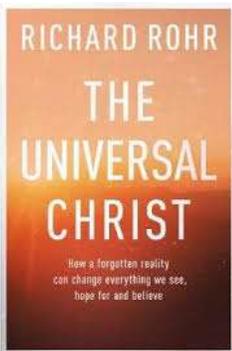
August 4th and 11th: *Prayers of the Cosmos, Reflections on the Original Meaning of Jesus's Words* by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

From the publisher: Neil Douglas-Klotz offers a radical new translation of the words of Jesus Christ...Reinterpreting the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes from the vantage of Middle Eastern mysticism, Douglas-Klotz... reveals a mystical, feminist, cosmic Christ. *Prayers of the Cosmos* is a spiritual revelation—and in the words of *Science of Mind*, “When you read this book, you will have no further doubt that God loves you infinitely and unconditionally.”



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September 8th–??: When we begin our fall program season, our book study will continue with *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. This book is meant to be read aloud and pondered in a slow integrative process. We will meet to read this book aloud together, taking the time the Spirit desires for us to contemplate and integrate it.



From the publisher: Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. “God loves things by becoming them,” he writes, “and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet.”

Thought-provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, *The Universal Christ* is a landmark book from one of our most beloved spiritual writers and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.” Join us after coffee hour in The Gathering Place. Bring a brown bag lunch in case there is no coffee hour sustenance.



Beans & Rice

Summertime donations of beans and rice are urgently needed! When Muff delivers lunches for hungry children, she can add rice and beans to further help these needy families. So, please keep those donations coming.

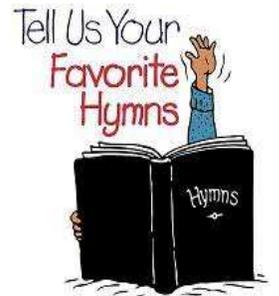
St. David's Loves to Sing

By Rosa Reily

St David's loves to sing *A mighty fortress is our God!* This song was chosen 8 times by parishoners, followed by *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*(7), *Morning Has Broken*, *Joyful, Joyful We Adore We, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (6) and *Oh for a Thousand Tongues To Sing*, *Fairest Lord Jesus*, *Let All Mortal Flesh*, and *Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming* (5)

This list got four mentions each: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, *I Am The Bread of Life*, *All Glory Laud and Honor*, *Of The Fathers Love*, *Come Ye Thankful People Come*, *Were You There*, *Welcome Happy Morning*, *I Sing a Song, Holy, Holy Holy*, *All Creatures of Our God And King*, *We Gather Together*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *Lead On O King Eternal*, and *There Is A Balm In Gilead*.

A complete list will be available to peruse in the parish hall by the end of the month.



Cemetery Committee Seeks Member

By Bill Kirwan

Bill Kirwan has announced that he will be resigning from the Cemetery Committee in August. If you are interested in joining the committee please let a member of the committee or the Vestry know. If you are interested in knowing more about the work of the committee, the next meeting is Thursday, June 20th at 1:30 pm in the Gathering Place.

The other members are Jake Jacobson and Muff Lyons.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jun 13 **Eric Hendrix**

Jun 14 **Rose Helen Graham**

Jun 15 **Laurie Hulbert**

Anniversary

Jun 12 **Joan Byrd & George Rector**

Prayers for Ellerd Hulbert who is undergoing some medical tests.

Prayers for Vance Davidson who is having cataract surgery and for Kathy who has a painful hip.

A hearty thank-you to Laurie Hulbert for planting annual flowers in the bed out front.



It was a very red and orange Sunday! Red for Pentecost, orange for gun violence awareness.



And there was ice cream for Coffee Hour!

Church members are enjoying summer travels.



June Smith, shown with Courtney, is enjoying a visit to Lake Michigan with family.



Judy Robinson spent several days with grandsons Dexter (age 10) and Drake (age 7) in Ponca City Oklahoma, for their ceremonial welcoming into the Osage Tribe.



Nan Watkins is off to New York City.

Randi Neff is attending a workshop in Alaska.



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

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

2019 Outreach Support

From 1 st 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)			

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.