

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



June 2, 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 2	Ascension Sunday Eucharist 11 am Launch of CAT Survey
Tue	Jun 4	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sun	Jun 7-9	Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness
Sun	Jun 9	Pentecost Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	Jun 10	Vestry Meeting 5:30 p.m.
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
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
Fri	Nov 2	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: Paul Cooper

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee:

Readings: [Acts 1:1-11](#), [Ephesians 1:15-23](#),
[Luke 24:44-53](#), [Psalm 47](#) or [Psalm 93](#)

Serving during June

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Communion: Judy Annis & Faye Jacobson
(Linda Kinnear on June 9th)

Bread: Doug & Mary Michael Hanks

Greeters: Hank Sharp & Lydia Aydlett

[Sermon Link](#)

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

Lillian Pearson to Present Concert at Grace Church on June 2nd

Our own Lillian Pearson will appear in concert on Harpsicord at Grace Church in Waynesville at 7 pm on June 2nd. Her concert falls during the time that the church is hosting an internationally-acclaimed exhibit in which Ludmila Pawlowska explores the inspiring and intergenerational power of iconography, putting a contemporary spin on traditional Russian icons and painting techniques.

This traveling exhibit has toured cathedrals and museums in both Europe and the United States. Over 150,000 people in the U.S. alone have viewed it. There is still time to participate in viewing this extensive collection as well as attend accompanying events as it continues until June 16th, 2019

ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION

A stunning traveling exhibition that presents the mystery and spiritual power of icons hosted by **Grace Church in the Mountains, Episcopal**

April 28 to June 16, 2019
EVENT SCHEDULE

Exhibit Hours
Wednesdays, 1-3 PM
Saturdays, 3-5 PM

Musical Meditations with Dr. Lillian Pearson
Sunday, June 2, 7-8PM

Sacred Dance Interactive Workshop with Tarana Wesley
Friday June 7, 7-8:30PM

Pentecost Evensong & Piano Prelude with Charles Banks
Sunday June 9, 6:30PM

A Closing Conversation
Sunday, June 16, 9:15-10:15AM



Planning Our Future Together!

We are inviting church members to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of St. David's as they make decisions about our future.

Very soon, members will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. Beginning June 2nd, we are asking them to use that provided link to go online and tell us about experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers. There will be unique identifiers for cases where more than one member uses the same email address.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. Our future together is dependent on member participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, or if you do not receive an email with a link, please contact Maggie Bowles at magbowles@gmail.com or 828-743-0585 (home) or 803-920-9974 (cell). If it is a problem for you to do the survey online, contact Maggie and we will figure out how is the best way for you to participate. Also, if you are aware of someone who did not receive an email message whom you think should have, please let Maggie know. We aim to be inclusive, but sometimes slip-ups can occur.



Many thanks,

Harry Brown, Maggie Bowles, Vance Davidson,
Marilyn Jody, George Rector, Margot Wilcox

#WearOrange Weekend

FRI., JUNE 7 TO SUN., JUNE 9

Free orange ribbons will be available at St. David's
on Sunday, June 9.



Every day, 100 Americans are
killed with guns.

Firearms are the second leading
cause of death for American
children and teens.

Access to a gun increases the
risk of death by suicide by 3x.

Orange draws attention, whether it is up close or from a distance.
Orange was chosen to symbolize the value of human life and is worn as
a signal that wearers do not want to be the next victim of gun violence.

The campaign encourages people to post photos on social media and
explain why they support the cause, using the hashtag #WearOrange.

For more information go to: www.wearorange.org

Stop and Let the Love Happen

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Recently, while visiting with my family in Atlanta, I surprised my grandson, Emerson, by my arrival. He had just finished his breakfast and was in his mother's arms getting ready to play. He reached for me (you know how my heart melted over that!) and I took him joyfully into my arms, preparing to sit on the floor for his favorite activity—reading a book.

When I received him into my arms, however, he put his head down on my shoulder and got very still. I waited, then realized he was loving me with his whole body. I had been prepared to get right to what we were going to do together, but Emerson had a different plan: he wanted to stop and let love happen first. I surrendered, and we stayed in that embrace for a very, very long time.

This lesson from Emerson is one I have to learn over and over again: stop and let the love happen. Like so many in our culture, I am generally oriented toward getting things done. Our internal chronometers compel us to keep moving, to keep accomplishing, mindful of the schedule for the day.

The first person to introduce me to this lesson was my Transition Minister from my home diocese of Georgia. Born in Selma, AL, and a friend of my husband's family, The Rev. Bob Carter was a slow (and I mean (slow) talking Southerner. I was in the process of ordination at the time, so Bob would call me often. When I'd hear his melodic address: "Vaaalllori, this is Booobb Caaaahuh" my internal chronometer would shut off, and I'd stop what I was doing ready to listen for as long as it took. Bob was a loving man, a wise counselor, an experienced priest, and a valued friend. It was always worth attending fully to what he had to say—for as long as it took him to say it.

Relationships deepen when we stop to listen or to let love happen. Sometimes the most important thing we can do is let go of our schedule for the day and notice who or what is seeking our full, loving attention. It may be a hug from a precious baby or a call from a slow-talking friend. It may be a bird whose song compels us to join it in creation or a memory of a loved one that draws us into prayer and remembrance.

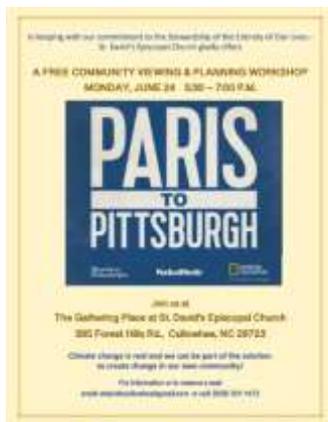
There is nothing we can accomplish on our calendars that has more eternal significance than stopping to let love happen, in all its many forms. As we move into the many tasks a rector search will involve, and as we continue our work building the ministries that will carry St. David's forward in faith, I pray we remember to stop and let the love happen and our relationships deepen.



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.



From the Diocese

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My first experience with this diocese was when I brought youth to Valle Crucis for Towel Ministry. Some of my favorite memories are of that time, when I would listen to youth talk about the ways in which they had encountered God in the people we served that day.

Towel Ministry is a servanthood ministry that specializes in housing rehabilitation and refurbishing for the elderly and the handicapped. More than wood, nails, and paint, it is a way to help those in need and to show them that they are not alone- they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This year, a Towel Ministry program is being sponsored by the Church of the Transfiguration in Saluda. We are looking to host up to 24 rising 9th-12th grade boys and girls to attend July 17-21. As Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist and washed his disciples' feet, he came not to be served but to serve. Like Jesus we also come to serve others.

This is a great, and affordable, opportunity to serve the needy in our own back yard. Our week at Towel Camp includes morning and evening worship, a healing service, evening programs, zip lining, white water rafting, movies, and sunset reflections on the porch with friends.

If interested in registering, please contact the Rev. Chip Broadfoot at broadfoot.chip62@gmail.com or at (828) 845-5326.

There is some scholarship money available; we won't turn anyone down who wants to take part.

Faithfully,



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



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.cullowheemc.org/>.



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.

Mainspring Opens Satellite Office In Sylva

Jackson County residents now have a shorter drive to learn more about Mainspring Conservation Trust. On May 21st, they held a ribbon-cutting with the Chamber of Commerce celebrating their new office at 642 West Main Street. Currently, they plan for that office to be open Tuesday–Friday and manned by current Mainspring staff and volunteer board members. Read more [here](#).

Mainspring is one of the organizations that receives St. David's outreach support.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jun 2 **Emerson Patrick Chase**
Jun 6 **Elise Reynolds, Lesley Duggins, Paul Yanik**

Anniversaries

Jun 2 **Judy & Ron Robinson**
Jun 7 **Faye & Jake Jacobson (50th)**

Bill and Betty Lynn Kirwan were in New Jersey last weekend attending a family wedding.



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

St. David's Links and Contact Information:

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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

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.