

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 18, 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.

Church Hike July 18th

Our July Church Hike will be on the Mountains to the Sea Trail from Soco Gap towards Waterrock Knob paralleling the Blue Ridge Parkway. This hike was originally planned for last month but was postponed due to inclement weather. About a mile in there is a lovely spot beside a stream where we can celebrate Eucharist. Hikers who wish to hike further can continue uphill towards Waterrock Knob as far as they wish to go, or, if they leave a car at Waterrock Knob and catch a ride to Soco Gap, they can hike all the way up to Waterrock Knob (about 4.5 miles).

Meet at the church at 1:30 or at the [Soco Gap](#) parking lot about 2:15. Google Map [Directions](#) from the church. Let [Maggie](#) know if you plan to come so we won't leave anyone behind.



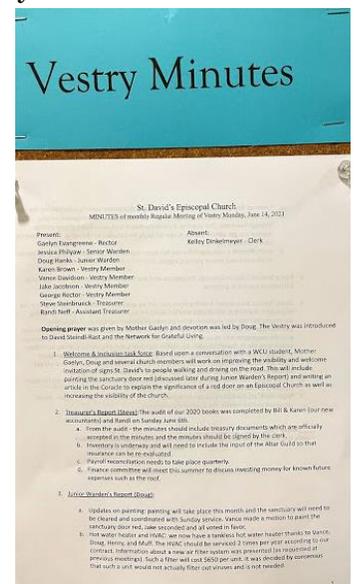
News from the Vestry

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

The vestry met on Monday, July 12th at 5:30 in The Gathering Place. There are just a couple of matters to bring to the congregation's attention at this time:

1. You should have received a Year-to-Date Giving Statement via email. Please compare it to your own records and let Steve Steinbrueck know if there are any discrepancies, or if you have any questions.
2. Elsewhere in this issue, you'll see an explanation of how we will update our COVID-19 precautions. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Mtr. Gaelyn or any vestry member.
3. The approved minutes of vestry meetings are now posted on the bulletin board in The Gathering Place. We are also working on making them a permanent and accessible home on the website.
4. The playground needs some sprucing up and safety adjustments (exposed bolts, sharp edges, etc.), which will be addressed by Jake and Vance in the coming week or two. Until they are able to take care of things, the playground will be locked as a safety measure.
5. Mark your calendars for the St. David's Fall Wine Tasting!! October 8th, 2021!
6. Scott and I are humbled and touched that there will be both prayers offered during the August 1st service and a special Coffee Hour afterwards in honor of our family's move to Canada. Your fellowship and friendship over the years mean more to us than we can say, and we will most certainly stay in touch (and shed tears on August 1st.)

The most current vestry meeting minutes are now posted in The Gathering Place.



Sunday, August 1st Will Be Busy and Special Farewell and Best Wishes!

Sunday, August 1st after church

Please plan to come to this special Coffee Hour. This will be the first all-parish celebration since Covid began plus we are honoring two people who will be sorely missed. Scott and Jessica Philyaw are moving to Canada where Jessica will begin a new job in the cataloging department of Canada's largest library wholesaler. We wish them well on their adventure!



Families with middle and high school age children: mark your calendars! On August 1st we will gather at the Hanks house for an afternoon of fun and socializing.

Some Organizational Matters

In The Gathering Place several times recently, lights have been left on, doors left unlocked, and the AC turned down very low. Please indicate on the calendar if your group plans to use the space or if you stopped by. This will help us help each other to keep our space secure and our power bills down. Thanks!

Calendar Sign-Up/Sign-In
Please write your name or group name on the date you plan to use The Gathering Place. When you leave, please make sure:

- the doors are locked
- the lights are off
- the AC is off in summer, or in winter, heat is turned down to 60 degrees

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



The flower sign-up sheet has also moved to the bulletin board. When you sign-up for flowers please send an email to parishadmin@stdavidscullowhhee.org to indicate any memorial or honor for the flowers to appear in the Sunday bulletin.

Shared Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday, September 12th at 11 am, St. David's will gather for Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows along with Grace Church in the Mountains, St. John's Sylva, and St. Andrew's, Canton at Lake Logan.

The bishop visits every congregation in the diocese most years to confirm, receive, and reaffirm parishioners as well to be with each congregation pastorally. Confirmation is a mature affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism. Priests may baptize but only a bishop confirms or receives individuals into the church. In the Episcopal Church there is a variation in ages when youth typically choose to be confirmed anywhere from 10 or 11 through early adulthood. The important distinction to be made is that confirmation is a choice. In confirmation a person, whether a youth or adult, is taking on the promises for themselves that were made for them in baptism. If you or your child are curious about confirmation, please speak to Mtr. Gaelyn.

Update on Covid-Related Practices

Informed by national and state public health guidelines and those of Bishop José, the Vestry has decided to revise our mask and distancing guidance for worship services and other indoor gatherings. Importantly, we realize that many have different comfort levels about gathering in public and encourage you to talk with Mtr. Gaelyn or any Vestry member if you have concerns.

Masks:

- Unvaccinated individuals should wear face masks when indoors. This includes children who are too young to be vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated, and those who have chosen not to be vaccinated.
- Masks should be worn when working with children who are unvaccinated.
- If you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required during worship services or other indoor gatherings.
- We encourage you to wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so.
- Masks are available on the cabinet just inside the main sanctuary doors.

Distancing:

- The pew cushions that were removed to encourage distancing will be replaced. Please sit at whatever distance feels comfortable to you.
- Please respect those who choose to sit or stand at a distance during any gathering.

Holy Eucharist, Offering, and Sharing the Peace

- We will continue to use individual cups when celebrating the Holy Eucharist.
- We will resume passing of the offering plate.
- As you are comfortable, you may resume Sharing of the Peace as you have done in the past.

Air Conditioning

- Due to increasing temperature and humidity, we will resume use of the air conditioning; windows and doors will not remain open.

Lake Logan Summer Events

July 25 - Camp Henry Family Camp

Aug 9 - On-site Art Making Event

Aug 28 - Float-in Movie: Jaws

Volunteers are welcome on Thursdays to do various jobs in the office and on the grounds. On Sundays, volunteers are needed to help check-in campers for Camp Henry.

Movies run through October and a complete schedule can be found here:

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>



Come to the Lake: An On-Site Art-Making Event
August 9 - 11, 2021
Medium: All Mediums (Pen, Air)
Cost with Lodging & Meals: Single Occasion: \$450
Double Occasion: \$550 (Commuter: \$250 (meals only))

Artists of all disciplines are invited to participate in a 3-day on-site, or plan-ate, art-making event in an outdoor studio of 300 acres of Lake Logan Conference Center, August 9 - 11, 2021. Whether the artist's medium is painting, drawing, photography, or a fusion of approaches, this is a chance to retreat and make art in community of other artists.

Located 10.9 miles from Waynesville, NC, participants will stay in Lake Logan's charming cabins and spend the days creating in a landscape replete with natural features: the lake, the fly pond, the Pigeon River, secluded wooded areas, streams and waterfalls.

The retreat will be hosted by artist, former art professor at Western Carolina University, and founder and director of the internationally recognized Cullowhee Arts, Hendrix has hosted dozens of artist retreats with workshops at Lake Logan Conference Center. "I know first-hand how inspiring and transformative the beauty and serenity of Lake Logan's landscape can be in furthering one's creative work," says Norma. "Waking in the morning to the ever-changing light on the water is enough to set the mood for the day. It is the perfect environment for creative pursuits."

The event will include a reception and small exhibit for participants, along with invited Lake Logan friends and supporters.



About the Host:
Norma Hendrix has been an exhibiting artist for over 40 years. She holds a BFA from Ohio University, an MA from Western Carolina University and an MFA from Northern Vermont University. She has been guest curator at Western Carolina University's Fine Art Museum, Carolina Gallery, Highlands, North Carolina and the Cullowhee Arts and Spore gallery, Waynesville, North Carolina. Hendrix has exhibited in numerous group and solo exhibits. She has twice been the recipient of a North Carolina Arts Council's "Regional Arts Project Grant." The most recent award funded a mono-print project at Jeff Hest Studio in Chicago, Illinois, culminating in the suite of work "Land, Water, Air" exhibited at the Cullowhee Arts' ArtSpore. Hendrix's artwork is held in private and public collections in the US, France and England. normahendrixart.com

REGISTER: www.lakelogan.org/visit-on-site-art-making-event/
Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry, Inc.
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An Important Message from Bishop José

July 13, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

At present, Cuba is experiencing its most significant protests since the early 1990's. Aggravated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as a recent spike in COVID-19 cases, many protestors, frustrated by the country's struggle to combat the coronavirus and resulting poor conditions for many residents, are calling for the resignation of current President Miguel Diaz-Canel. Facing a lack of access to food and other necessary supplies, lack of communication, and deadly violence plaguing the streets, most people fear for their well-being.

The country is also facing its most challenging economic crisis in years. With the loss of income from tourism in 2020 and 2021 and recent government changes in the monetary system, many Cubans are jobless and hungry. With the reimposition of strict U.S. sanctions against Cuba in 2020, the protests have been described by President Biden as a "clarion call for freedom," as many Cubans argue to end the US embargo in Cuba. The culmination of these challenges has left Cuba in one of its greatest economic crises since the 1950s.

As many of you know, this is deeply personal for me. My mother and her family are from Cuba. My mother escaped the Communist regime on January 28, 1961, leaving her house in Santiago by train the day before at 7PM - dates that will be forever etched into her mind. I still have family that lives in Cuba to this day. My family and so many Cubans have suffered deeply as a part of this six-decade old regime, a situation only complicated by the pandemic and the economic collapse brought on by the government's changing of the nation's monetary system. What many of you are seeing in the news I have received as first hand reports from my family and that of our sister, the bishop of Cuba, the Rt. Rev. Griselda [Delgado del Carpio](#).

What we are witnessing is something we have not seen in decades: people taking to the streets of Cuba. As I hear from my family and from Bishop Griselda, the situation is in fact dire. There is deep suffering among the people of Cuba. I have been in communication with Bishop Griselda as recently as today, and in the letter that she shared with me, she described the emotional, spiritual, and physical toll that this situation has taken on Cuba.

“El domingo 11 de julio en diversas ciudades del país tuvieron lugar actos de protesta por la difícil situación económica junto con la sanitaria que está viviendo nuestro pueblo. A partir de la implementación del Ordenamiento Económico, a principios de este año, así como otras medidas de carácter restrictivo que se han sumado a esta realidad, han agravado la crisis que se venía arrastrando desde mucho tiempo atrás, hasta llegar a situaciones límites en la actualidad. Ha generado incertidumbre, frustración, agobio y desesperación a partir de la permanente carencia de los productos básicos alimenticios y carencia de medicinas entre otros infortunios. Todos nosotros estamos experimentando un creciente deterioro emocional, mental, físico y espiritual. El Salario medio se ha visto devaluado dramáticamente, por otra parte los productos más importantes se ofertan solamente en las nuevas tiendas por divisas extranjeras. Las plantas generadoras de electricidad han salido de su funcionamiento por diferentes roturas dando lugar a cortes del suministro eléctrico, lo cual añadió más inquietud en la población en pleno verano.”

“On Sunday, July 11, protests took place in various cities of the country due to the difficult economic situation along with the health that our people are experiencing. Since the implementation of the Economic Regulation, at the beginning of this year, as well as other restrictive measures that have added to this reality, they have aggravated the crisis that had been dragging on for a long time, until reaching extreme situations in the present. It has generated uncertainty, frustration, overwhelm and despair from the permanent lack of basic food products and lack of medicines, among other misfortunes. All of us are experiencing increasing emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual decline. The average salary has been dramatically devalued, on the other hand the most important products are only offered in the new stores for foreign currencies. Electricity generating plants have gone out of operation

due to various breaks, leading to power outages, which added more concern to the population in the middle of summer.”

And yet, she also reminds us that we must continue to seek understanding amongst all people.

“Todo Ser Humano es imagen y semejanza de Dios, por lo cual tiene la dignidad debida y un carácter sagrado. La vida es el don más preciado. Y el exhorta a que prime la razón, la cordura y la responsabilidad. El camino debe ser construido por todos los cubanos y cubanas. Siempre habrá divergencias, opiniones diversas, diferentes pensamientos, ahí está la riqueza y la integralidad de ser un Pueblo. Es preciso poner en alto el valor del Diálogo para buscar el entendimiento y vías de solución. Asimismo exhorta a las Autoridades pertinentes a que promuevan acciones para contener toda violencia y alcanzar la paz. Es inadmisibile el enfrentamiento entre cubanos.”

“Every Human Being is the image and likeness of God, for which he has due dignity and a sacred character. Life is the most precious gift. And he urges that reason, sanity and responsibility prevail. The road must be built by all Cuban men and women. There will always be divergences, diverse opinions, different thoughts, there is the richness and integrity of being a People. It is necessary to raise the value of Dialogue to seek understanding and ways of solving. Likewise, it exhorts the pertinent Authorities to promote actions to contain all violence and achieve peace. The confrontation between Cubans is inadmissible.”

I have reached out to leaders within The Episcopal Church to find ways, as I always have, to assist to our brothers and sisters in Cuba. Once I am informed of specific ways in which we can help, I will share that information with the diocese. I have expressed our support and love to Bishop Griselda and the Diocese of Cuba and will continue to do so as we seek more concrete ways to extend our love and care.

I ask your prayers - for my family, for our companion diocese, for my dear friend Bishop Griselda, and for all the people of Cuba.

Blessings,

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin
Bishop



[**A Message from Bishop José on Cuba**](#)
[**Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to the people of Cuba**](#)

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on the Latino Experience**

In Episode 4 of “Mission: Joy!” Diocesan Latino Missioner Oscar Roza is joined by the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén and the Rev. Samuel Borbón to discuss the Latino experience in the world and the church. [Listen online now.](#)

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jul 18 **Sloan Despeaux**
Jul 21 **Brian Dinkelmeyer**
Jul 22 **Peyton Harvey**

Coracle Submissions

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

Beware of Scammers!

Please know that no member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

RECTOR IN OFFICE

3RD SUNDAYS: CHURCH HIKEs, short-ish hikes with Eucharist. Next hike, June 20th. Contact Maggie Bowles for more information. magbowles@gmail.com

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

RECTOR IN OFFICE

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:

Betsy Swift, Chalice Bearer
Vance Davidson, Lector
Muff Lyons, Intercessor
Muff Lyons, Coffee Hour
June Smith, Greeter
Karen Brown, Bread Baker
Judy Robinson, Flowers

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