

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 21, 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	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 History of St. D's Book Launch party 12:30 pm Book Study: <i>My Grandmother's Hands</i>
Sat	Aug 3	Lois Tebo Memorial Service 2 pm Macon Funeral Home Visitation 1 pm
Sun	Aug 4	Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</i>
Tue	Aug 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am Holy Conversation 5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 11	Pentecost 9 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</i>
Sat	Aug 17	Holy Conversation 10 am
Sun	Aug 18	Pentecost 10 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	Aug 20	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Aug 24	Yard Sale
Sun	Aug 25	Pentecost 11 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Fri	Nov 2	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

[Sermon Link](#)

Childcare is available during the service most Sundays.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: George Rector

Reader:

Music: Lillian Pearson

Coffee: Nan Watkins

Readings: [Amos 8:1-12](#), [Psalm 52](#),
[Colossians 1:15-28](#), [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Serving during July

Flowers: Muff Lyons &

Margot Wilcox

Linen: Margot Wilcox

Communion: Muff Lyons &

Laurie Hulbert

Bread: Judy Robinson

Greeter: Steve Steinbrueck

Serving during August

Flowers: Volunteer of the Week

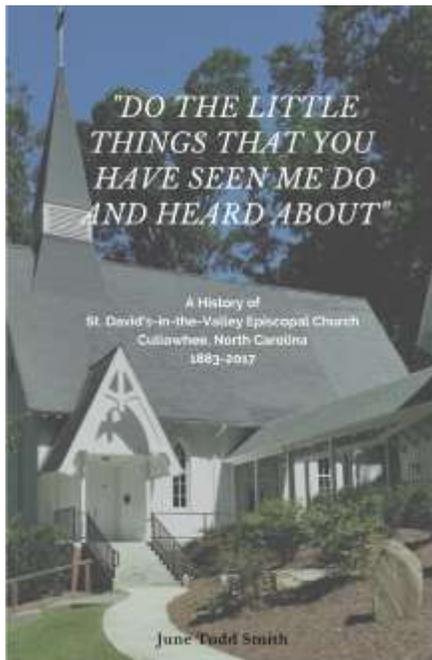
Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Communion: Karen & Harry Brown

Bread: John Slater

Greeters: Muff Lyons &

Margot Wilcox



Next Sunday, July 28th after church

In *The Gathering Place*

Special Book Launch Party

*A History of St. David's-in-the-Valley
Episcopal Church
Cullowhee, North Carolina 1883-2017*

By June Todd Smith

Summer Book Study: *My Grandmother's Hands*

The book study continues this Sunday, July 21st and next Sunday, July 28th.

Abrahamic Family Picnic: Truly a Family Reunion

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Friendship shone like the sun while the rains poured at the start of our picnic last Sunday. About 30 hearty souls came anyway, and we enjoyed lively conversations and delicious picnic foods under the covered shelter.

As we gathered together to offer prayerful thanks at the start of our meal, I asked who would like to pray. The youngest among us (Judy Robinson's four-year-old grandchild) shot his arm up and said, "I'll pray! I'll pray the ABC's." I welcomed his prayer, figuring that even the ABC's offered by a child as prayer would unite our hearts and lead us all to give thanks—and that is prayer! "A-B-C-D-E-F-G" he began singing, "thank you God for feeding me."

I was astonished by this prayer, the little voice that offered it for us, and the joyful response of the whole gathering to it. God truly spoke through this little child, and we were made one body, one spirit by it.

The conversations continued as they always do when we gather: with energy and excitement. New people joining us for the first time were openly taken by and grateful for our purpose. Returning folks moved from one conversation group to another as familiarity has built among us these last few months. The young adults among us played a card game, punctuating our conversations with raucous laughter.



Then the sun came out—in true NC fashion. The little ones scrambled to the creek, which they clarified to us was actually a river, and played, and played! The whole day was a beautiful experience—except maybe for the little one who got stung on his leg just as we were packing up to go.

As we left, one of our Muslim planners asked me if we could meet again and begin planning our next gathering. An email received that same day from one of our Jewish participants, who was unable to come, asked us to expand our email list to include more names from the Jewish community.

I am awed and so grateful for the work of God among us in this endeavor, the fruits of which are already plentiful. I'm also grateful for the openness of St. David's who made space for this to be born but didn't cling to it as it grew beyond us.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to [God] from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21 BCP, Morning Prayer, p. 102

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Holy Conversations Are Up Next

Where the Spirit leads us...

The Holy Conversation dates are **Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30 pm** (previously August 8th). **Saturday, August 17th at 10 am**. Many of you have already signed up. It's not a problem if you need to change from one to the other. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place where you can choose your preferred time to participate or you can email or call Maggie to sign up. magbowles@gmail.com or 828-743-0585 or 803-920-9974



Rector Search

Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

Almighty God, we pray to always remember that we have been created in Your image. Grant us the insight to recognize that which is divine within all of us. Let our true nature, inspired by Your creation, guide us to do good, to practice compassion, to speak honestly and to live humbly. Let us live in such a way that will always honor you. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we pray to see your presence within ourselves and to recognize your presence within others. Use us as instruments of your will, making us always mindful of the needs of others; because we know that when we serve others, we also honor you. Let us be bold, then, in our love for one another, for all our sisters and brothers, for the ones we know and for those we have yet to meet. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (7/11/2019)

[Discernment Committee Prayer Collection by George Rector](#)

St. David's Yard Sale

By Judy Robinson

Our "Yard" Sale will be held on Saturday, August 24th, 9am-4pm We picked this date with the idea of having items WCU students may need as they start the semester, and we will make sure it is well advertised at WCU. Donna Ross, George Rector, Joan Byrd, and Judy Robinson make up the core team. We need and would appreciate more helpers! On Friday, we really need help with item pricing. We will set up on Friday, August 23rd, and that is the day we would like folks to bring items. We will need help with "take down" late Saturday afternoon. (And yes, we checked; there is no football game on Aug.24th). Please watch the Coracle for more information.



Contact Judy Robinson if you can help or with questions: judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com

All Willing Hands on Deck !

It is time to sign up for *Hands on Jackson County* Volunteer Work Day Saturday October 3rd



Last year St. David's was represented at this county-wide event to help out where needed. We would really like to have YOU on our team this year. Please sign up by **August 1st**—on the bulletin board in *The Gathering Place* and indicate your t-shirt size if you want one.

The Gathering Place, formerly known as the Parish Hall, has a new sign.

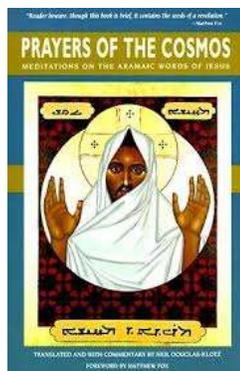


Assistant Treasurer

Would you consider serving St. David's as Assistant Treasurer? Steve Steinbrueck is looking for someone to learn about the details of our financial management and help with bank deposits, bill paying, and reporting. He estimates that this will take a maximum of 5 hours a week, probably less. The role needs someone who is fairly detail oriented and very comfortable with computers/online banking. Importantly, the role does NOT include bookkeeping. Please be in touch with Steve [treasurer@stdavidscullowhee.org] or (828) 507-8816 if you'd like to discuss the possibility.

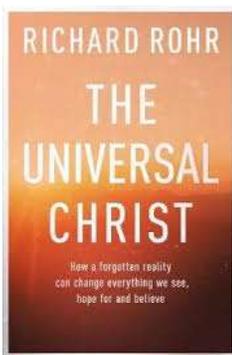
Future Book Studies

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



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.” Join us after coffee hour in The Gathering Place. Bring a brown bag lunch in case there is no coffee hour sustenance.



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.

Parish News & Notes

Birthday
Jul 27 Nancy Joyner

Anniversary
Jul 26 Sandy & Elizabeth Frazier

Prayers for Scott Philyaw as he recovers from open heart surgery.

Prayers for Ann Suggs who is hospitalized with an infection.

Rest in Peace

Lois Tebo

St. David's oldest member at age 99.

Visitation 1 pm, Memorial Service 2 pm August 3, 2019

Reception to follow at the American Legion.

[Macon Funeral Home](#)

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church or Macon County Library.

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2019

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that God loves us unconditionally and desires that we love one another without exception; that God wants us to use the gifts we've been given including the gifts of listening, discerning, and doing. We trust in God's abundance and can respond in generosity and love by serving our community and creation in ways we never thought possible.

We commit to fostering a broad vision of stewardship as encompassing our physical church, our congregation, the community that surrounds us, and all of creation.

We invite the St. David's family to explore how we can embody God's love and promise of abundance in our process, practice, and reflection.

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	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	3 rd Sundays 5:30 pm	Taizé Service 5:30 pm
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 nd Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

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Lectionary Page 2019

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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)			