

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 23, 2017

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 23	Pentecost 7 10 am
Sun	Jul 30	Pentecost 8 10 am
Tue	Aug 1	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Aug 5	Safeguarding God's Children, Grace Waynesville, 8:30 am-noon, Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 6	Transfiguration Sunday 10 am Collection for Community Table
Tue	Aug 8	Vestry meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 13	Pentecost 10 Rice & Beans Sunday 10 am
Tue	Aug 15	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 20	Pentecost 11 10 am
Sun	Aug 27	Pentecost 12 10 am
Sat	Sep 2	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 3	Pentecost 13 Start back with church at 11 am through May 2017 Collection for Community Table
Tue	Sep 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 10	Pentecost 14 Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Sep 12	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sat	Sep 16	Celebration of Michael Hudson's ministry
Sun	Sep 17	Pentecost 15
Tue	Sep 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 24	Pentecost 16 Soup & Bread Community Supper resumes 5-7 pm

Childcare is available during the church service.

Kay Byer's memorial service will be on August 5th at the Community Table at 3 pm.

Would You Like a Visit from the Rector?

Michael would be happy to visit; just let him know in person or by email stdavids1879@gmail.com.

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.



WCU Football Saturdays

St. David's parking lot will be used by WCU on the following Saturdays: Sep 9th after 3 pm, Sep 23rd, Oct 14th after noon, Oct 28th after noon, and Nov 11th after 11 am.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: Wesley Satterwhite

Coffee: Margot & Tom Wilcox

Music: Nan Watkins

Readings: [Genesis 28:10-19a](#),

[Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23](#),

[Romans 8:12-25](#),

[Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#)

Serving during July

Bread: John Slater

Flowers: Muff Lyons &

Margot Wilcox

Linen: Nan Watkins

Eucharist: Muff Lyons &

Charles Pringle

Greeters: Jane Coburn &

Linda Kinnear

Serving during August

Bread: Jane Coburn

Flowers: Charles Pringle

Linen: Claire Marsh

Eucharist: Newt Smith & Tom

Wilcox

Greeters: Muff Lyons &

Margot Wilcox

Regular Activities	Mondays 7:25 am	Mindfulness Meditation
	Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
	1 st Wednesdays 6:30 pm	Indivisible/Common Ground
	1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-May	Soup/Bread Community Supper

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

St. David's Timeline

1979

In the early 1970's the Episcopal Church in America began a process to revise the 1928 prayer book to reflect the theological and worship changes of the ecumenical reforms of the 1960s. The new liturgy incorporated more modern language and restored the Eucharist as the central liturgy of the church. Making the Eucharist the central liturgy was a return to ancient Christian tradition. Some of the language was original, and some was a modification of traditional language. Other changes were made in the rubrics and in the shapes of the services. St. David's and all parishes in the diocese were asked to use the trial liturgy for a period of time and give feedback. Once this was done, St. David's asked Bishop Henry's permission to continue using the 1928 prayer book, which he granted. When the revised book was formally adopted in 1979, however, St. David's began using it at once with few negative feelings.

The twentieth anniversary of the re-consecration of the church was also celebrated in 1979.

Planning Begins for Celebration of Ministry for Michael Hudson

There will be a meeting this Friday morning (7/21) at 10 am in the Parish Hall to share ideas on planning a celebration of Michael's 25 years of ministry at St. David's, and, co-incidentally, the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church. Please come and bring your ideas and your energies to put into making this big event a memorable and loving occasion for Michael and Barbara. If you can't come, please email Margot Wilcox your suggestions! We want this to be an all parish 'whoop-de-doo', so your help is needed! mtwilcox@frontier.com

Save the Weekend

September 15-17, 2017

Beginning Friday evening, September 15th through Sunday morning, September 17th, join us for music, drama, history, food, fun, and festivity, not to mention celebration!

The Senior Warden's View of Our Journey Through Transition

By Steve Steinbrueck

Beginning in September with a celebration of Michael's 25 years of ministry at St. David's, we will formally begin the process of transitioning to new clerical leadership. This journey actually began with Michael's decision to retire; the Christmas Eve service this year will be his final act as rector of St. David's. Over the last several months, both Michael and the Vestry have had several conversations with Bishop José and Canon Augusta. The Vestry has met with Canon Augusta, who will be our primary contact at the Diocese.

It is important to note that there is not a precise timeline, but I think planning on at least a year, perhaps more, before issuing a call for a new rector is a reasonable expectation. The process consists of the following steps:

The first visible steps will be planned later this year and will take place rather rapidly at the beginning of 2018. Working with Canon Augusta, the Vestry will:

- Appoint a discernment committee
- Select a consultant
- Select and call an interim rector/priest-in-charge

The Vestry, working with the consultant, discernment committee, and Canon will:

- Prepare and conduct a self-study and prepare a parish profile
- Seek candidates (the Diocese will be heavily involved in screening)
- Present a list of candidates for in-depth evaluation by the discernment committee following review and approval by the Bishop's office

The discernment committee will:

- Interview and evaluate the recommended candidates
- Nominate candidates to the Vestry

The Vestry will then:

- Conduct interviews with the recommended candidates
- Request permission from the bishop to issue a call
- Issue a call and manage the transition from interim to new rector

Please be in touch with me (stevesteinbrueck@gmail.com) or other Vestry members ([Vestry contact info](#)) should you have questions or concerns.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jul 27 **Nancy Joyner**
Jul 29 **Jim Addison**
Jul 30 **Mary Ellen Griffin**

Anniversaries

Jul 26 **Sandy & Elizabeth Frazier**
Jul 30 **Thomas & Helen McCaskill**

Barrett Yanik told us all about how great her experience was at Camp Henry.



What amazing flower arrangements Margot Wilcox and Muff Lyons made for the altar Sunday!

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Mindfulness Meditation: Mondays 7:25-8:30 am in the Parish Hall. Our practice is Contemplation of Wise Texts (Lectio), Sitting Meditation, and Informal Dialogue.

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Monthly Mindfulness: First Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon in the Parish Hall.

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.](#)

The **Tuesday Meditation Group will not meet during June, July, and August.** In September, it will resume meeting in the undercroft at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Sylva on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1 pm.** The format is to meditate for 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end. The inspirational material for the half hour in between will be decided by whoever volunteers to facilitate that week.

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.

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[Altar Guild Schedule 2017](#)

[2017 Greeter Schedule](#)

Diocesan Links:

[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin,
Bishop

[Diocesan E-Newsletter sign-up page](#)

[Camp Henry Facebook page](#)