

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 24, 2022

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

Happening Soon at St. David's

Sundays 10:00-10:40 am

Bible Study

Pentecost 7

Holy Eucharist 11 am

End of Life Planning Workshop

Saturday, July 30th 10 am-2 pm

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The Gathering Place, St. David's Episcopal Church, Cullowhee, NC

Planning how we want to end our lives is as important as planning how we want to live our lives. The End-of-Life Planning Workshop will cover four essential areas of planning: medical decisions, advance directives, wills, funeral plans, burial and cremation options. These are plans everyone needs; they not only mean your wishes can be known and followed but are a gift to your loved ones. The workshop will be led by Harry Brown, MD, Vance Davidson, JD, David Moffitt of Moffitt Family Funeral Care, and the Rev. Gaelyn Evangrene. To help the presenters better prepare, please register by emailing Mtr. Gaelyn at rector@stdavidscullowhee.org

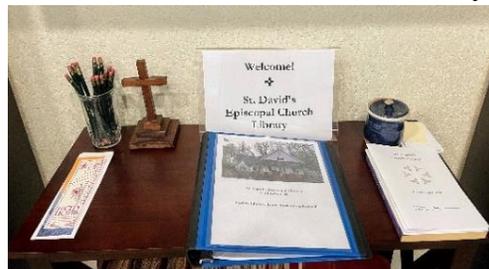
Announcing St. David's Lending Library

By Harry and Karen Brown and Nan Watkins

We are pleased to announce that our collection of several hundred books has been organized into various subjects and is now available to be borrowed and savored at home.



Our books range in subject from Church History, Faith, Practice, World Religions and Philosophy to Prayer and Meditation, Celtic Spirituality, Environmental Concerns, and more. There are fine reference books on the Bible with commentary.



We invite donations by local authors and books on subjects of special interest to our church community. A notebook is available with a page for any person who wishes to check out and return a book.

The library is in the *Upper Room of the Gathering Place*. Please come browse and enjoy our collection.

From the Vestry
Vestry Meditation from July 20th, 2022
By Doug Hanks

Every month at our Vestry meeting we begin with Pastoral concerns followed by a short bible study/meditation. Mother Gaelyn has asked that I submit this month's meditation to the Coracle.

Considering that this is my final meditation presentation for the Vestry at St. David's, as my three-year term will be winding down at the end of this year, I reflected on the work that the Vestry has taken on the past two and a half years that I have been a member. Having reflected on where we were when I came aboard, where we are now and where God is calling us, I have come to appreciate the many challenges faced throughout this process and the many more to come. In light of this, my final meditation for the Vestry meeting is a simple but ubiquitous prayer, attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr, dating back to 1932. A prayer that I believe is relevant to the challenges that we face in the world today, in our country today and in this Vestry as we move forward with our Mission.

This prayer is the Serenity Prayer, one that hung on the wall of my childhood home. While there are many versions of this prayer, and even roots that precede what is considered the original version, three stand out as I researched its origins. The most common version is the one I remember growing up:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

A version that I find most amusing, is what I refer to as the Mother Goose juxtaposition:

For every ailment under the sun
There is a remedy, or there is none;
If there is one, try to find it;
If there be none, never mind it.

Finally, the version that I find most hopeful, and the one that I wish to pray moving forward, is the form originally attributed to Niebuhr, himself. A version requesting "courage to change" before petitioning for "serenity."

Father, give us courage to change what must be altered,
Serenity to accept what cannot be helped,
And the insight to know the one from the other. Amen.

Parish News & Notes

Anniversaries

July 26	Elizabeth & Sandy Frazier
July 31	Jeanette Cabanis-Brewin & David Brewin



[Link to additional photos](#)



Mtr. Gaelyn has been on the Wild Goose staff since 2014. She currently heads finance, administration, and Sunday morning Eucharist and participates in planning throughout the year. In this picture she is assisting her dear friend, the Rev. Carrie Craig, and they are with author and preacher Diana Butler Bass whose latest book is *Freeing Jesus*.

The bottom picture is luminaries on the lawn at night.

Flat Rock Playhouse Outing



Reviving a tradition disrupted by the pandemic, Gracia and John Slater treated friends to a performance of *West Side Story*. Pictured left to right: Maggie Bowles, June Smith, Gracia's cousin Bay Chamberlain, Gracia, John, Jim Bowles, Margot and Tom Wilcox, Bob and Joyce Lantz.

A sincere thank you from the editor for your submissions! News items and especially photos are always welcome. Let us know what you are up to or anything of interest to your parish friends. Send items to [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.

Lake Logan Events

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

Beans & Rice

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church to be distributed to Vecinos and families.



Securing Our Property

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector

Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this Sunday

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift

Lector, Lydia Aydlett

Readings:

[Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\), Luke 11:1-13](#)

Coffee Hour,

Greeter, Laurie Hulbert

Altar Set Up, Laurie Hulbert & Muff Lyons

Linens, Faye Jacobson

Bread Baker, Mtr. Gaelyn

Live Streaming, Doug Hanks

Vestry Counter, Betsy Swift

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Regular Schedule at St. David's

Sundays

10:00-10:40 Bible Study in the Upper Room

11:00 In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist, Rector in office

Mondays and Wednesdays

Rector in office

2nd Mondays at 5:30

Vestry in the Gathering Place