

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 26, 2020

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

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

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Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and our Savior Jesus Christ! Have you ever noticed how Paul in each of his letters begins with a greeting and then usually tells the community how he prays for them daily? "I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus" (Philemon 1:4-5). Paul considers himself to be a member of all the communities he writes to, whether he has spent much time with them, like the Corinthians, or never visited them, like the Romans. Paul knows that we are connected by the Spirit and through prayer even when we cannot physically be together. Thank God for that!

Thankfully we are able to gather in small groups and to meet online for Sunday worship, coffee hour, book groups, and prayer in addition to being connected in the Spirit and through prayer. Many of us have heard that there is both wonderful joy at being able to lead worship in the church or participate in worship online when it is streamed from the church. Being able to be in the church has also allowed us to once again have organ music which is beautiful and allows more choices when planning the liturgy. Sadly, the organ music has not sounded as beautiful over the live stream as it has in the church.

This week Brad Ulrich, Steve Steinbrueck, John Henson from WCU, and I met to see how we could improve the sound quality. John has generously loaned us a piece of equipment which works with the microphones Brad Reisinger loaned us and set up last week. Lillian joined us to play the organ for the testing and adjustments. We have a set up that will work much better and allow us some time as we consider how we need to move forward to continue rich, meaningful worship, both in church and online because we will need to continue live streaming services even when some people are able to return to church.

In addition to the above-mentioned helpers, I also want to thank Sloan Despeaux, Kelley Dinkelmeyer, and Carol Payton for their continued behind the scenes work to keep us together over the internet. To participate in worship this week you will have the same choices as the last two weeks: Zoom or Facebook Live. We will live stream from the church to Facebook because it can support the music. The Facebook stream will then be shared in Zoom. We think this will make a positive experience for everyone! For those who are on Facebook, please join us on Zoom for coffee hour, as usual!

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4).

Peace and blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

Service Information for the Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday Service Online

Join us Sunday, July 26th, 2020 at 11 am in real time on [Zoom](#) or [Facebook LIVE](#).

No internet or smartphone?

You can still join St. David's Zoom church meeting by phone by dialing +1 929 205 6099 and entering the meeting ID number 857 5147 5913. You can even use *6 to toggle mute/unmute.

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Serving this Sunday

Lector: George Rector
Intercessors: Doug Hanks and Margot Wilcox
Organist: Lillian Pearson
Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

Worship in Person

If you need some "in person" worship time, please [SCHEDULE](#) here for small gatherings on Monday at 5 pm or Wednesday at 9:30 am, or to meet with the rector for conversation and/or prayer.

Call for Virtual Ushers!

Would you like to help St. David's virtually? Sign up to be a virtual usher. In this position, you would log onto Zoom at 10:30 as a host. You would host the pre-service gathering and the post-service coffee hour. During the service, you would share the livestream through Zoom. Training is easy and will be provided. All you need is familiarity with Zoom and a good internet connection. To sign up for a Sunday, please go to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caca828aafc1-stdavids>

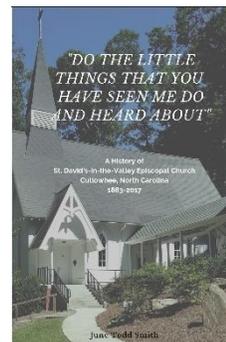
August Online Book Discussion

Join us on [Zoom](#) each Wednesday afternoon in August at 4 pm for a facilitated discussion about the history of St. David's and our Celtic roots. Whether you have already read June Smith's book or plan to someday, come listen to the author and guest before joining in the discussion on Zoom. Let's take one hour each week to revisit our past as we head into our future. Copies of the book, "Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about": a history of St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church Cullowhee, N.C. 1883-2017 by June Todd Smith, are available at City Lights Bookstore.

Schedule

August 5th: Prologue and Chapters 1,3,4 (1856-1967)
August 12th: Chapters 5, 6, 7 (1967-1992)
August 19th: Chapters 8, 9,10 (Michael Hudson's ministry 1992-2017)
August 26th: Chapter 2-St. David and Celtic Spirituality

Ask questions in advance [HERE!](#) This will help us shape the discussion.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jul 29 **Jim Addison**
Jul 31 **Kelley Dinkelmeyer**

Anniversary

Jul 27 **Elizabeth & Sandy Frazier**

Healing prayers for Courtney Smith Tomczak who broke her arm this week and had surgery to repair it.

Church Work Day Last Saturday

By Sandy Frazier

Saturday morning broke bright and clear, you know one of those “Carolina Blue” mornings. We were blessed with beautiful weather and even more blessed when twelve of us drifted in as singles and couples at the appointed hour of 9 am. Mother Gaelyn and her flock of eleven were gathered for a St. David’s church workday, the first in a very long time. There was a sandwich board with a list of tasks (on both sides); just choose where you want to spend your next three hours and off you go. Some worked inside the sanctuary cleaning pews, cushions, windows, and floors. Others used pressure cleaners to work on the outside walkways and donated deck furniture. While others erected a 20’ x 20’ canopy to provide shelter over the back deck of the Gathering Place. All of this was accomplished with our new reality: social distancing and face masks in place.

Actually, the workday came with an extra bonus. At the completion of all of our chosen tasks (in two and a half hours) we set up a temporary Altar outside and Mother Gaelyn led us in a Eucharist. For most of us it was our first communion since March 8th, and it was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who showed up and gave of their time, talent, and effort and thank you Mother Gaelyn for a timely and soul-nourishing meal of bread and wine.



Flowers at Our Driveway Sign

By Judy Robinson

If you have driven or stopped by our church recently, we are sure you have noticed the lovely and colorful inpatiens flourishing underneath the St. David's sign. They are the result of Laurie Hulbert's caring hard work. Laurie's parents, Phyllis and Ellerd Hulbert, were longtime members of St. David's church and altar guild. Thirty years ago, they started a family business, Twin Brooks Nursery. They had nine greenhouses and grew flowers and vegetables for retail and wholesale purchasers. Laurie moved back home to become part of the workforce, along with her sister Diane. When the St. David's Auction was a



yearly event, the Hulberts always donated beautiful hanging baskets to be auctioned off. Also about 30 years ago, they built, provided flowers for, and maintained the St. David's Sign. Laurie is following tradition by taking over the care and planting of flowers below the sign. It is obviously a labor of love that is a joy to behold. Thank you very much, Laurie.



Second Shipment to Vecinos Farm Workers



Way to go! Two cars full.

A Meeting of the Ms

Marilyn Jody, Margot Wilcox, and Maggie Bowles, of recent Parish Profile notoriety, got together on Thursday at the Bowles' home for a properly socially distanced porch sit. (Jim and Tom were there, too.)



Special thanks to Jere Annis for submitting this.

When Giants Walked Among Us

He was not an especially tall man, 5'6", but he was a giant among men.

He was a humble man, but he was a giant among men.

He was a wise man, "hate is too heavy a burden to carry" and he was a giant among men.

He was a man of hope and faith but he did not just talk them he lived them, for he was a giant among men.

He was a man for all seasons and we may not see his like again, for he was a giant among men.

He inspired and mentored us with his spirit and grace, for he was a giant among men.

So, GOD speed John Lewis we shall miss you so much, but you are now in a better place and you were a giant among men.

"Let's Kick Ash!"

Trinity church in Asheville is selling raffle tickets to raise money to renovate one of the cabins at Lake Logan. The prize is a stay at Old Edwards Inn in Highlands!

A couple years ago, Lake Logan began a campaign for churches or groups of churches to adopt a cabin. Trinity chose Ash—a 4 bedroom/4 bathroom, with living room, kitchen and large porch—one of four cabins built in the 1970's nestled along the lake. Since then, a small group of volunteers have repainted the outside. "Let's Kick Ash!" is our campaign to completely renovate the inside. Plans are now underway with demolition to begin December 1st.

To raise the funds, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a glorious luxury stay at The Old Edwards Inn in Highlands. Your \$1500 gift certificate can be used any time of the year, yet it will buy you extra goodies in the off season—like spa treatments, dinner at Madison's, golf or more nights! Tickets are \$100 and 500 will be sold, as that is the cost of renovation.

Once all are sold the winner will be announced. Tickets are available from several of Trinity's Trailblazers, who are regular supporters of Lake Logan. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two. They make for great gifts!

To purchase tickets please contact Carlyn Pheil at carlynpheil@gmail.com or Nancy Swann at ndswann@mindspring.com. To join the work team please contact David Pheil at david@pheil.com. There will be a ribbon-cutting celebration sometime next March to celebrate!

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[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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