

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 28, 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

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| Sun | Jul 28 | Pentecost 7 Holy Eucharist 11 am History of St. D's Book Launch party 12:30 pm |
| 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>My Grandmother's Hands</i> |
| Mon | Aug 5 | Vestry meeting 5:30 pm Date change |
| 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 Valley Ballyhoo at WCU 4-6 pm |
| Sun | Aug 18 | Pentecost 10 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</i> |
| Tue | Aug 20 | Accessible Mindfulness 10 am |
| Sat | Aug 24 | Yard Sale |
| Sun | Aug 25 | Pentecost 11 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</i> |
| Fri | Nov 2 | Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm |

[Sermon Link](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Betsy Swift
Reader: June Smith
Music: Lillian Pearson
Coffee: Reception for Book Launch
Readings: [Hosea 1:2-10](#), [Psalm 85](#),
[Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\)](#),
[Luke 11:1-13](#)

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

Childcare is available during the service most Sundays.



This Sunday, July 28th after church

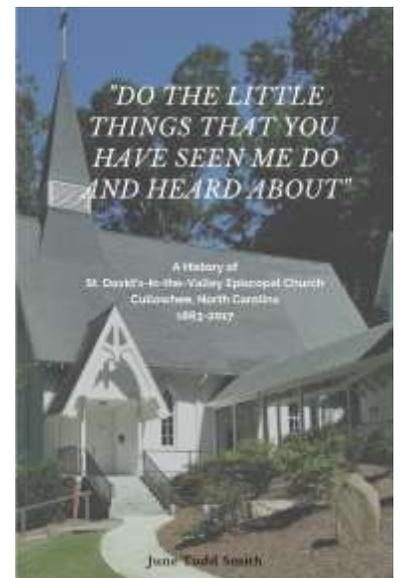
In *The Gathering Place*

Special Book Launch Party

"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, North Carolina 1883-2017

By June Todd Smith



Reaching for the Stars to Change the world

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."~Harriet Tubman

I've been inspired by Harriet Tubman since my childhood when I read about her from a book I borrowed from the library. I remember the day I found the book on Harriet Tubman. I was about ten years old, and her portrait on the cover caught my attention. Tubman's face startled me a little in its fierceness.

I was intrigued, then shocked, as I read about Tubman's life and work with the underground railroad. I was so inspired by this woman who was transforming my understanding of the world.

When my youngest child was nine years old, he had an African American teacher named Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones utilized the month of February to teach about black history. His young students were assigned to learn about and present to the class on a black American who inspired them. My son chose (on his own) Harriet Tubman, and I watched as his research on Tubman began to transform him too.

As we prayed before bed one night my golden-haired son, a strong personality with many privileges, said, "Mom, when I grow up, I want to be a leader." Knowing he had leadership qualities already, I affirmed his statement, then asked why he wanted to be a leader. "So, I can make sure no one treats people like Mr. Jones badly ever again." (Heart. Broken. Open.)

This marked the beginning of the dream of God catching my son. I believe he will change the world one day as he lives into the gifts and dream God has given him.

The same is true for all of us. The dream of God is one of shalom, that is, peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, and tranquility. We are called to make that the reality in our world in God's name.

As individuals and as churches who are the body of Christ in the world, we are uniquely gifted so that each part working with every other part accomplishes a synergistic result in the hands of God who guides us.

Like Harriet Tubman, we don't necessarily know what each step will be and where it will all go. But like her, we go anyway trusting that God knows and is guiding us: "I always told [God], 'I trust to you. I don't know where to go or what to do, but I expect You to lead me,' an' He always did."

Transitional time is difficult. We don't know where we're going or where it will all lead, but we do know that God knows and is guiding us. So, I hope that like Harriet Tubman, we keep this prayer in our hearts as the dream of God catches St. David's, and we claim our strength, patience, and passion, and reach to the stars to change the world.: "I said to de Lord, 'I'm goin' to hold steady on to you, an' I know you'll see me through.'"

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valori +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a plus sign at the end.

Holy Conversations Are Up Next

Where the Spirit leads us...

The Discernment Committee and Vestry, along with Canon Augusta, met for a videoconference presentation and interpretation of the CAT survey Thursday evening. A report will be presented during church on Sunday.



Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

Almighty God, as we gather here today let us remember these words from Proverbs: "Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your hearts to this knowledge." We are grateful to walk together as sisters and brothers on this path of discernment. We ask that in our journey we would always listen closely so that we may hear and be guided by your will. Let us use what we learn during this conversation so that we may serve the community of St. David's, and let all our efforts be made for the sake of the peace and unity of the church. For this we pray, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we are thankful for this day which you have made and for the gift of a life spent in Your presence. We ask that you lead us in our efforts to discover the plan you have for us and that you will permit us insight so that we may arrive at the knowledge of your truth. We trust that when we are unseeing You will give us vision; that if we experience moments of doubt You will provide clarity of purpose. For the sake of this church, let us always seek to do good, to practice compassion, to speak thoughtfully with one another and to faithfully honor You and your creation. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (7/25/2019)

[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



Valley Ballyhoo at WCU August 17th

St. David's is registered for a slot at WCU's Valley Ballyhoo event. WCU will provide a table and two chairs (somewhere in the quad or fountain area in the center of campus). We should set up at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 17th. We need to be at our table from 4 to 6 p.m. As most freshmen will pass through Valley Ballyhoo, this is our best chance to reach/find students interested in attending or being involved with St. David's. If you are interested in participating (does not have to be for the entire time), please contact Brian Railsback at brailsba@wcu.edu.



All Willing Hands on Deck !

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

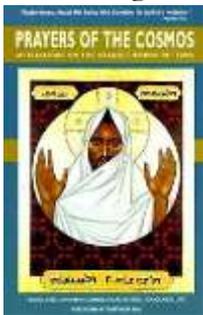


Last year St. David's was represented at this county-wide event to help out where needed. We would really like to have YOU on our team this year. Please sign up by **August 1st**—on the bulletin board in *The Gathering Place* and indicate your t-shirt size if you want one.

Future Book Studies

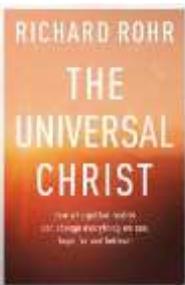
Please join us this summer and fall for the following book studies. As usual, City Lights Bookstore will have copies available at a 10% discount; just let them know it is for the book study.

August 11th, 18th & 25th: 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

Birthdays

Jul 29 **Jim Addison**
July 30 **Mary Ellen Griffin**
July 31 **Kelley Dinkelmeyer**

Anniversary

Jul 30 **Thomas & Helen McCaskill**
Aug 3 **Jim & Maggie Bowles (50th)**

Prayers for the Despeaux family; Sloan's brother Slade has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

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.



Farewell, Kendra

St. David's has always had a special place in my heart. It's where I grew up and created more messes than I could count. I've been working at St. David's for upwards of 4 years between both of my roles. It's been a crazy four years of many highs and many lows. The second half of 2018 and the first five months on 2019 can only be described as life changing. Some new relationships began (one of them my favorite of all), and some disappointments. I discovered many challenges and overcame many of them, but not all of them. I learned that it's okay to ask for help, and it's okay to realize you need to take time to yourself. All of this only to say, my last day as the parish administrator will be on August 17th, 2019. This wasn't an easy decision to come to. One of the hardest things I learned in the new year was letting go and being okay with change, and I'm ready for a new beginning and a new chapter in my life. I'm always going to be grateful for my time at St. David's, and I'll continually pop in to say hello. I am eternally grateful for my time here, and am looking forward to this next chapter in my life.

Kendra

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.

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[Lectionary Page 2019](#)

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Diocesan Links:

[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

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| 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 |

| 2019 Outreach Support | | | |
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| 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) | | | |