

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 31, 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 8

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 Evangreene. To help the presenters better prepare, please register by emailing Mtr. Gaelyn at rector@stdavidscullowhee.org

Vestry News

By Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

Saint David's Vestry met last week, 7/20/22, a rare Wednesday meeting to allow Mother Gaelyn a day to recover from the Wild Goose Festival.

Doug Hanks started us off with the Serenity Prayer (see last week's Coracle), putting us clearly in mind of being servant leaders, doing what is given us to do all the while knowing the outcomes are not always in our control. Thank you, Doug.

On the agenda were several familiar topics. But we were able to check one item off as "done"—window washing! The windows in the sanctuary and *Gathering Place* have been washed to sparkling effect. Thank you, Muff Lyons, for getting estimates and to George Rector for interfacing with the window-washers while they were on campus. Take a moment to notice how clear our vision is the next time you are at St. David's!

The perennial topic of Fundraising was on the agenda also. Every year we budget a certain amount of income to come from fundraising. Our old stand-by, the wine tasting event, is still complicated by Covid concerns. I am discussing a repeat of our on-line wine ordering opportunity with Jeremy Sims and hope to have a plan to announce soon.

Other fundraising opportunities include providing tailgating space for WCU home games this fall at \$20/space and a spring concert combined with a silent auction and basket auction.

No doubt all of these activities will provide community building and volunteering opportunities for us—stay tuned!

On another note entirely, on the occasion of his semi-annual visit, organ tuner Steve Moore noted extensive infestation in the organ and advised us to attend to it as soon as possible. The Vestry approved the extra, unbudgeted expense but to keep the cost as low as possible, the parish will provide Mr. Moore with assistants on July 28th & 29th when he returns to do the work, which will involve essentially dismantling the organ and cleaning each pipe and piece individually.

Fortunately, to prevent our mouse neighbors from just moving back in afterwards, it is a simple matter of installing a light to make the organ a less appealing habitation.

Our editor loves photos, so here's what the organ tuner found. You can see why we need to take care of this ASAP.



A Note from Treasurer Randi Neff

Apologies if you received an email for giving statements from 2021. Chalk it up to my first time working with the audit committee. Thanks for your patience!

An Easy Gardening Method

By Muff Lyons

For those of us who need just a few organic veggies—green beans here—and I have had beets and spinach earlier this year, this makes for a great garden.

Get a bag of Miracle-Gro potting soil. Punch lots of small holes in the bottom for drainage. Turn it over and cut out a picture frame for planting seeds. Be sure to leave enough of the bag frame to hold the soil when you water. Add slow-release fertilizer and just hunt a sunny spot to put your bag.

Betsy Swift has her basil growing in a small bag.

What is it that the Clemson Ag Agent says, “Happy Gardening!”



Parish News & Notes

Anniversary

Aug 3

Maggie & Jim Bowles

News from Barbara and Michael

By Faye Jacobson

(The Rev. Michael V. Hudson was rector of St. David's from 1992 through 2017. He is married to Barbara Hardie-Hudson, and they have one daughter, Ruth Hudson, who lives in Sylva.)

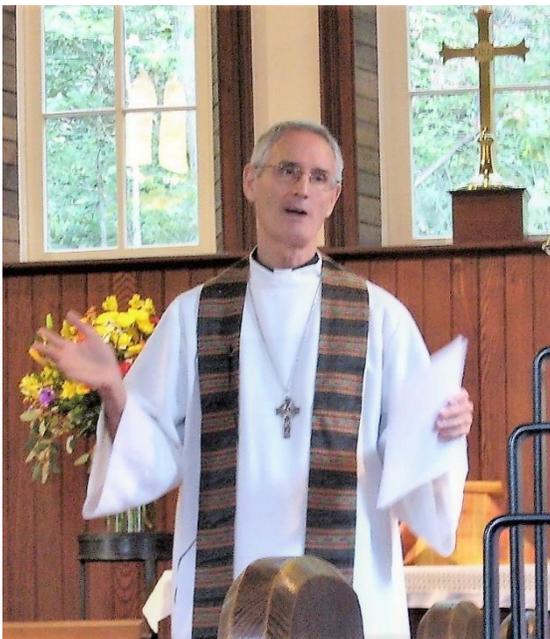
Yesterday I sent the email below to meal volunteers and wanted to share it with the parish.

Dear Parish Family,

We will no longer be providing food for Michael and Barbara as they are moving to Vero Skilled Nursing today (formerly Mountain Trace). Thank you so much for all that you have done over these past three months. Food delivery was the highlight of Michael's day. Both the food and human contact was nourishment to both body and soul. I am sure you experienced, as we did, his bright smile and tight hugs. St. David's is such a loving parish, and I think it warmed all of our hearts to be able to help these three much-loved members of our church family in their time of need. I am sure that visits will be appreciated once they are settled.

Love,

Faye



We had 26 volunteers who provided meals three days a week since the second week in May. Michael looked forward to those visits, no matter how brief. Barbara was not feeling well enough to visit, but I know she was very appreciative. She requested food assistance, and the response was immediate and continuous.

I know many of us will want to go see them in their new home, so I called Vero this morning to inquire about their visitation policies. There are no current Covid restrictions, and I was told visitation was anytime between 8 and 5 and sometimes allowed after 5. The response seemed vague, so I checked their website. No visitation rules were listed there. Since Covid is on a rise you may wish to call before you visit.

Michael provided love and support to so many of us over the years. Providing for them when they needed us has been special. I am proud to be a part of such a caring parish.

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](#).

Securing Our Property

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

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.



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, George Rector
Lector, Margot Wilcox

Readings:

[Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21](#)

Coffee Hour, Karen & Harry Brown
Greeter, Gael Graham

Altar Set Up, Laurie Hulbert & Muff Lyons
Linens, Faye Jacobson

Bread Baker, Mtr. Gaelyn
Live Streaming, Doug Hanks
Vestry Counter, George Rector

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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