

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 4, 2021

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



Cleanup Day Scheduled for July 3rd

The Vestry has agreed on a Spring/Summer Cleanup Day at St David's on Saturday July 3rd starting at 8 am. Goals are pruning shrubs, taking out invasives and removing foliage that have outlived their purpose. Useful tools include lopping shears, pruning shears and saws. We will also clean the deck and railing and outdoor furniture. We need a crew skilled in the art of the brush to stain handrails. Any and all are welcome.

Scammer Activity Alert, Again!

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!

Scammers are very adept at impersonating clergy over email by creating realistic-looking email addresses and making appeals for money for people in need. Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails. Never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email. If you have responded to a suspicious email, it is a good idea to change your passwords and secure your account.

Peace and blessings,
Mtr. Gaelyn

A Personal Note from the Senior Warden

I want to share some personal news that also affects the parish. I will be stepping down as Senior Warden and as a vestry member because I have accepted a job in Kitchener, Ontario Canada. Scott and I (and Bonnie the dog) will be moving in mid-August. It is an exciting professional opportunity and a wonderful adventure, but it does take us away from St. David's, and that is what makes this overall happy news so difficult. But I am delighted to let you know that Betsy Swift will fill my position on vestry and serve as Senior Warden through the end of this year. I am grateful that the parish lay leadership is in such excellent hands.



The job I am accepting is as head of the cataloging department of Canada's largest library wholesaler, which happens to be a not-for-profit corporation owned by its member libraries. For a cataloging geek such as myself, it is an irresistible combination of librarianship and non-profit trusteeship. On the social responsibility and racial equity side, Library Services Centre is well underway, with many partner organizations and libraries, in revising cataloging practices to remove culturally offensive subject headings first developed in the 19th century and still common today, particularly as applied to materials dealing with the indigenous peoples and cultures of Canada. I will be learning a lot, which makes me happy.

Scott and I will miss the St. David's community more than we can say, but you will travel with us in our hearts and in our prayers, and we will always stay in touch.

With love,
Jessica

Shared Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday, September 12th at 11am, St. David's will gather for Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows along with Grace Church in the Mountains, St. John's Sylva, and St. Andrew's Canton at Lake Logan. More details about the event itself will be communicated in the coming weeks.



If you are interested in or curious about Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows please let Mother Gaelyn know. Preparation for all three rites is available both individually and in small groups, depending on who is interested at this time. Below is a brief explanation of each rite. If you are unsure whether any of these rites may be appropriate or good for you or your child at this time, please don't hesitate to ask for more information or to have a conversation with Mother Gaelyn.

Confirmation: a mature affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism. The bishop lays hands upon the confirmand and says, "Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen.*"

Reception: for those who have made a mature affirmation of faith in another tradition (Confirmation or Baptized as an affirmation of faith at a mature age) you can be Received into the Episcopal Church. The bishop lays hands upon the one to be received and says, "*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of the Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*"

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows: if you are already Confirmed but wish to reaffirm your commitment perhaps after a significant faith event, an encounter with God, a return to church or faith after an absence, or any other reason, you may reaffirm your Baptismal Vows with the bishop. For this rite, the bishop lays hands upon the one reaffirming her or his faith and says, "*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*"

The entire service for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 412-419.

Circles of Hope Needs Help

Dear St. David's Members,

In the past we have helped with the dinner meal for Circles of Hope in the months that have 5 Tuesdays. They want to know if we can help again. It requires us to prepare a picnic meal for 20 people. They are currently meeting in the picnic shelter area at WCU. If you would like to help with a meal, please call me at 586-9557.

Thanks so much,
Judy Annis

Keep On Sending in Those Favorite Hymns

Now that we can sing again in church, this is a great opportunity to get to sing your favorites! Mother Gaelyn will integrate them into the services during July and August, regardless of the season when they normally would appear. Email your favorites to [Mother Gaelyn](#) and [Maggie Bowles](#) along with a few words about why you like them.

The Wisdom of World Religions Learning Series

Join the Center for Spiritual Wisdom for this virtual 6-week course beginning in August offering fascinating glimpses into the rich diversity of faith traditions. [Learn more and register online.](#)

Putting Together the “Stream Team”

By Doug Hanks

Not to be confused with the 1992 United States Men’s Olympic Basketball Team. I am looking for adventurous individuals to assist with streaming Sunday morning Services to Facebook. Since we kicked off streaming a live feed using our Mevo camera, I have been in charge of setting up the Wi-Fi in the Sanctuary and beginning and ending the feed to Facebook. In the event that I have been unavailable, Mother Gaelyn and Jessica have graciously stepped in. I am hoping to recruit a few more Streamers to step in and eventually make this a sign-up board position. But that is for the future. For now, if you would be interested in learning more about how we get the Sunday morning Service out to the masses, please email me. Rest assured; you DO NOT have to be tech savvy. I have proved this to be true over the past year. The position will come with step-by-step instructions, and you do not have to get fancy with the Mevo. (Although you will almost assuredly succumb to its siren song to get creative with the feed, as I have.) If not, no problem. What’s important is getting the feed out. The time commitment is arriving at St David’s early enough to get the Wi-Fi and Mevo down to the Sanctuary and set up (arrive around 10:20 am.); beginning and ending the feed and returning the Wi-Fi to the Upper Room. You are even welcome to meet me at St David’s to watch me go through the motions before you commit. It is truly inspiring, and you will most definitely leave a changed person! If interested, email me at:

dhanks2@mac.com

And rest assured, we will slowly transition into this position so you will not be expected to serve until you feel you are ready. Don’t miss out on your chance to be on the Stream Team.

Respectfully,
Doug Hanks: Your Junior Warden and Tech Novice

Lake Logan Summer Events

July 17 - Drive in Movie: Dirty Dancing
July 25 - Camp Henry Family Camp

Aug 9 - On-site Art Making Event
Aug 28 - Float-in Movie: Jaws

Volunteers are welcome on Thursdays to do various jobs in the office and on the grounds. On Sundays, volunteers are needed to help check-in campers for Camp Henry.

Movies run through October and a complete schedule can be found here: <https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>



Come to the Lake: An On-Site Art-Making Event
August 9 - 11, 2021
Medium: All Medium Plein Air
Cost with Lodging & Meals: Single Occupancy \$450
Double Occupancy \$350 | Commuter \$250 (meals only)

Artists of all disciplines are invited to participate in a 3-day on-site, or *plein air*, art-making event in an outdoor studio of 300 acres of Lake Logan Conference Center, August 9 – 11, 2021. Whether one’s medium is painting, drawing, photography, or a fusion of approaches, this is a chance to retreat and make art in community of other artists.

Located 10.9 miles from Waynesville, NC, participants will stay in Lake Logan’s charming cabins and spend the days creating in a landscape replete with natural features; the lake, the lily pond, the Pigeon River, secluded wooded areas, streams and waterfalls.

The retreat will be hosted by artist, former art professor at Western Carolina University, and founder and director of the internationally recognized Cullowhee Arts. Hendrix has hosted dozens of artist retreats with workshops at Lake Logan Conference Center. “I know first-hand how inspiring and transformative the beauty and serenity of Lake Logan’s landscape can be in furthering one’s creative work,” says Norma. “Waking in the morning to the ever-changing light on the water is enough to set the mood for the day. It is the perfect environment for creative pursuits.”

The event will include a reception and small exhibit for participants, along with invited Lake Logan friends and supporters.



About the Host:

Norma Hendrix has been an exhibiting artist for over 40 years. She holds a BFA from Ohio University, an MA from Western Carolina University and an MFA from Northern Vermont University. She has been guest curator at Western Carolina University’s Fine Art Museum, Carolina Gallery, Highlands, North Carolina and the Cullowhee Arts’ ArtSpace gallery, Sylva, North Carolina. Hendrix has exhibited in numerous group and solo exhibits. She has twice been the recipient of a North Carolina Arts Council’s “Regional Arts Project Grant.” The most recent award funded a mono-print project at Jeff Hirst Studio in Chicago, Illinois, culminating in the suite of work: “Land, Water, Air,” exhibited at the Cullowhee Arts’ ArtSpace. Hendrix’s artwork is held in private and public collections in the US, France and England. normahendrixart.com

REGISTER: www.lakelogan.org/event/on-site-art-making-event/
Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry, Inc.
25 Wormy Chestnut Lane, Canton, NC, 28716 | 828-646-0095

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

July 4 **Elizabeth Frazier**
July 4 **Kendra Graham**
Anniversary
July 8 **Betsey & Ed Hamlet**

Continuing prayers for Betsy Swift's sister Brigid who was seriously injured in a head-on automobile collision.

As always, news items from the parish and especially photographs are always welcome. Send submissions to [Maggie Bowles](mailto:magbowles@gmail.com).

HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID'S

SUNDAYS

11:00 IN-PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

RECTOR IN OFFICE

3RD SUNDAYS: CHURCH HIKEs, short-ish hikes with Eucharist. Next hike, June 20th. Contact Maggie Bowles for more information. magbowles@gmail.com

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

RECTOR IN OFFICE

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

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector
Carol Payton, Parish Administrator
Lillian Pearson, Organist

Serving this week:

George Rector, Chalice Bearer
Lydia Aydlett, Lector
Muff Lyons, Intercessor
The Hanks family, Coffee Hour
June Smith, Greeter
Steve Steinbrueck, Bread Baker
Karen Brown, Coffee Hour
Margot Wilcox, Flowers

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