

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 1, 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.

Farewell to the Philyaws! Sunday, August 1st after church

This Sunday there will be a very special Coffee Hour to honor two people who will be sorely missed around here. Scott and Jessica Philyaw are moving to Canada where Jessica will begin a new job in the cataloging department of Canada's largest library wholesaler. Do plan to be on hand to wish them well on their adventure.



Middle & High School Families
BBQ Party
GAMES & FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST 1-4
THE HANKS' HOME 49 S. SUNDROPS TRAIL
RSVP: BOOT (225)773-1798 OR MTR. GAELYN (828)545-9956

And then in the afternoon...

Families with middle and high school age children will gather at the Hanks house for an afternoon of fun and socializing.

And Sunday, August 15th ...

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!
August 15th at 11:00
All students, teachers, and educators are invited to bring their school bags to be blessed.

Church Hike August 15th

For our August Church Hike, we will try again for the Mountains to the Sea Trail out of Soco Gap. This hike parallels the Blue Ridge Parkway upward towards Waterrock Knob. About a mile in there is a lovely spot beside a stream where we can celebrate Eucharist. Hikers who wish to hike further can continue uphill as far as they wish to go, or, if they leave a car at Waterrock Knob and catch a ride to Soco Gap, they can hike all the way up to Waterrock Knob (about 4.5 miles).



Meet at the church at 1:30 or at the [Soco Gap](#) parking lot about 2:15. Google Map [Directions](#) from the church. Let [Maggie](#) know if you plan to come so we won't leave anyone behind.

Shared Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday, September 12th at 11 am, 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.

The bishop visits every congregation in the diocese most years to confirm, receive, and reaffirm parishioners as well to be with each congregation pastorally. Confirmation is a mature affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism. Priests may baptize but only a bishop confirms or receives individuals into the church. In the Episcopal Church there is a variation in ages when youth typically choose to be confirmed anywhere from 10 or 11 through early adulthood. The important distinction to be made is that confirmation is a choice. In confirmation a person, whether a youth or adult, is taking on the promises for themselves that were made for them in baptism. If you or your child are curious about confirmation, please speak to Mtr. Gaelyn.

Mark Your Calendars!
Wine Event Friday, October 8th at 6:30 pm

Behold Red!

An age-old tradition is coming to St David's in the Valley! The tradition of red doors on Episcopal and Protestant churches is centuries old and has many meanings. In England in the Middle Ages, it was a sign of sanctuary for those being pursued by someone. A person seeking refuge could enter the Sanctuary, state his or her case to the priest and ask for justice to be served. Through the ages, red doors on Episcopal churches have been a reminder of the Passover and God's Covenant with the Israelites, a symbol for the sacrificial blood of Christ, and an indication of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Today many Episcopal churches paint their doors red to symbolize that they are a haven for emotional and spiritual healing and a place for forgiveness and reconciliation. Their doors are an invitation to enter a space filled with the Holy Spirit and shine with a welcoming warmth. St David's doors will shine!

Wild Goose Festival

The Wild Goose Festival is a place and experience of home. I have been part of the festival since 2012 starting as a Ranger and moving into various positions each year as needed. I have been on staff since 2015 and am in charge of Finances and the Office. Each year WGF is like a big family reunion with those who spend a week living the gospel and practicing what it would be like to live the gospel every day in our own lives and our own communities. There are speakers, musicians, artists, and activists, but for me, even more than all that, there are thousands of people doing their best to live into the fullness of who they are and who God calls us to be. If you want to be part of this, please come or even better volunteer (there are teams listed below, and I still need some, too). If you have any questions, please let me know. I would be happy to help connect you to this life-giving community!

Peace and blessings,



SPIRIT | JUSTICE | MUSIC | ART
SEPT 2-5, 2021 | HOT SPRINGS, NC

This is an **URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**. Wild Goose Festival is a volunteer driven festival and we need volunteers. We're growing each year and our volunteer needs grow as we do, so this year is no exception.

<https://wildgoosefestival.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Our greatest needs for volunteers are for the following teams:

Youth Team
WINGS Team
Water Team
Venue Hosts Team
Studio/Art Team
Stage Team
Sponsor/Partner Support Team
Silent Disco
Rangers Safety Team
Rangers Guard Shack Team
Production Team

Post-Festival Tear Down
Parking Team
Media Team (specifically needs camera operators, production assistants, digital media wranglers, and anyone with experience in video production)
Ice Team
Green Team
Children's Tent Team
[You can find team descriptions here](#)

COVID-19 POLICY - Vaccinations Required
We don't want a festival where everyone must wear a mask all the time, but masks may be required in some situations, so plan on bringing masks. In addition, *proof of vaccination for all adults will be required to attend the festival.* We also reserve the right to implement additional safety measures that are unknown at this time. Our goal is to gather and to gather as safely as possible.

Lake Logan Summer Events

Aug 9-11 - 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

Update on Covid-Related Practices

Informed by national and state public health guidelines and those of Bishop José, the Vestry has decided to revise our mask and distancing guidance for worship services and other indoor gatherings. Importantly, we realize that many have different comfort levels about gathering in public and encourage you to talk with Mtr. Gaelyn or any Vestry member if you have concerns.

Masks:

- Unvaccinated individuals should wear face masks when indoors. This includes children who are too young to be vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated, and those who have chosen not to be vaccinated.
- Masks should be worn when working with children who are unvaccinated.
- If you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required during worship services or other indoor gatherings.
- We encourage you to wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so.
- Masks are available on the cabinet just inside the main sanctuary doors.

Distancing:

- The pew cushions that were removed to encourage distancing will be replaced. Please sit at whatever distance feels comfortable to you.
- Please respect those who choose to sit or stand at a distance during any gathering.

Holy Eucharist, Offering, and Sharing the Peace

- We will continue to use individual cups when celebrating the Holy Eucharist.
- We will resume passing of the offering plate.
- As you are comfortable, you may resume Sharing of the Peace as you have done in the past.

Air Conditioning

- Due to increasing temperature and humidity, we will resume use of the air conditioning; windows and doors will not remain open.

Parish News & Notes

Aug 3 **Anniversary**
Maggie & Jim Bowles



**New greeter
welcomes
church
goers.**

Coracle Submissions

As always, news items from the parish and especially photographs are always welcome. 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.

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

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

Serving this week:

Jessica Philyaw, Chalice Bearer
June Smith, Lector
Muff Lyons, Intercessor
ALL, Coffee Hour
June Smith, Greeter
Doug & Mary Michael Hanks, Bread Baker
Judy Robinson, Flowers
Gerlinde Lindy, Linen
Faye Jacobson & Judy Annis, Sunday Communion

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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. Contact Maggie Bowles for more information. magbowles@gmail.com

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

RECTOR IN OFFICE