

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 11, 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.

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Calendar

Sun	Aug 11	Pentecost 9 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>My Grandmother's Hands</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>
Sun	Sep 1	Pentecost 12
Tue	Sep 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 8	Pentecost 13, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i>
Sun	Sep 15	Pentecost 14 Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i>
Tue	Sep 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 22	Pentecost 15 Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i>
Sun	Sep 29	Pentecost 15 Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> Soup & Bread Community Supper 5 pm
Fri	Nov 2	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Betsy Swift
Reader:
Music: Lillian Pearson
Coffee: **Peach Cobbler!**
Readings: [Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#),
[Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24](#),
[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40](#)

Serving during August

Flowers: Volunteer of the Week
Linen: Gerlinde Lindy
Communion: Karen & Harry Brown
Bread: John Slater
Greeters: Muff Lyons & Margot
Wilcox

[Sermon Link](#)

**Childcare is available during
the service most Sundays.**

Interim Rector on Vacation

Dear friends,

I will be away on vacation for the next two weeks reconnecting with long-time friends as we celebrate the wedding of one of the children we raised in our "village" as young families, as well as working on an icon I was recently commissioned to write. You will remain close in my prayers as you listen together in holy conversations, celebrate the return of students to WCU, and prepare for the Yard Sale fundraiser. I return on Sunday, August 25th. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Judy Robinson, our Senior Warden. Peace and prayers,

Book Study update

The third and final meeting for the book, *My Grandmother's Hands* will be this coming Sunday, August 11th after coffee hour. The discussion will be facilitated by Marilyn Jody.

The following week, Sunday, August 18th, we begin a two-week exploration of the book, *Prayers of the Cosmos*.

Parish Administrator Search

We are currently searching for a new Parish Administrator. Kendra's last day will be August 17th. Please find the updated job description for this position linked on our website on the [Welcome](#) and [Contact Us](#) pages. You are invited to share the job description with those you think might be a good fit. I will be available to interview potential candidates upon my return from vacation, August 25th.

Rector Search

Holy Conversation One-8/6/2019

Where the Spirit leads us...

The Holy Spirit was indeed present and active for our first Holy Conversation this past Tuesday. Thirty people enjoyed a dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, and peach cobbler before plunging into lively discussion of a wide variety of church-related topics. Copious notes were taken and will be used by the Discernment Committee as valuable input information going forward.

The next Holy Conversation will be a brunch on Saturday, August 17th, at 10 am in The Gathering Place. Email Maggie at magbowles@gmail.com to add your name to the list of participants.



Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

Almighty and gracious God, we thank you for the gifts of your bounty which we enjoy today; the food which nourishes our hunger and your divine truth which feeds our spirits. As you have provided for us in the past, so may you sustain us throughout our lives. Bless those who labor in the fields or upon the seas, those whose work makes our meal possible; protect them and bring them safely home at day's end. And let us never forget those in want or our duty to share the richness of our blessings with them.

While we enjoy the gifts of your creation, may we also celebrate the gift of family and friends. We pray to love one another as you have loved us; let our relationships always be governed by an instinct for patience and compassion, and let us never fail to acknowledge that Your holy presence dwells within each one of us. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, let us live with thankful hearts, fearing nothing, certain in the knowledge that You are with us wherever we go. In all things let our trust be in You and Your wisdom, rather than in our own limiting desires. May our faith grow and be strong and resilient in times of trial, as rooted and determined as trees planted by the waters. Help us as we search to discern Your will and guide us to live in such a way that honors You and Your creation, the church and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (8/6/2019)

[Discernment Committee Prayer Collection by George Rector](#)

From the Vestry

First, we would like to apologize that it has taken so long to get Vestry minutes onto the parish website. We are in process of sending approved minutes for January-July 2019 to our newest (and oldest) website administrator, so it should all be there within days of this publication.

In the meantime, we would like to share some recent actions we have taken on behalf of the Parish:

- Mr. Kirby Smith has been engaged to do an inspection, including shooting video, of the steeple and roof. The results of this inspection will yield an estimate of the work that needs to be done and cost itemization. The Vestry has approved \$800 for this inspection. Trucks with cherry pickers have been on the premises recently, so the inspection is in process.
- The WCU Athletic department came back with a counteroffer to our request to raise the parking fee for their use of our upper and lower lots to \$2400 per season. The Vestry has rejected the counteroffer of half that amount, standing firm on our increase. We are waiting to hear their response.
- The Vestry and Discernment Committee are meeting together on Monday, August 12th to do our work of discernment and deeper understanding of the CAT survey results and to craft a summary for the parish. You will hear soon about a parish-wide meeting date to share both.
- Bill Kirwan met with the Vestry to turn over the Cemetery administration, make arrangements for several longstanding unmarked grave sites, and to make sure that the care-taking of the Cemetery continues. A new Cemetery Committee is being formed and, at this writing, includes Muff Lyons and Jake Jacobson. If anyone is interested in participating, please let Jake know. We gratefully thank Bill for his years of dedication to the Cemetery and for a job well done. A lot of detail is involved when a space is needed in the Cemetery, and Bill handled many interments over the years with competence and caring.

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson
Sandy Frazier
Vance Davidson
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Junior Warden, Muff Lyons
Gael Graham
Jake Jacobson



St. David's Yard Sale

By Judy Robinson

St. David's Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, August 24th, 8 am-4 pm in The Gathering Place with some larger items outside. Please gather your donations and deliver them to us at the church on Friday, August 23rd, 10 am-3 pm. Items will be priced and arranged for display as they arrive on Friday. Members of the work team are George Rector, Joan Byrd, Donna Ross, Gerlinde Lindy, Pat Steinbrueck, Nancie Wilson, and Judy Robinson. Please be mindful of your donations. We are very grateful for them, but please bring items in good condition to sell. We are accepting household items of all types, jewelry, books, small furniture pieces, yard items, and tools. No clothing please. We will be advertising in the Sylva Herald and Smoky Mountain News, all over WCU campus, and with yard signs.

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.

Benefit Concert for Clean Slate

Ubuntu of the Blue Ridge and *One Heart* (formerly Franklin Ubuntu) will give a benefit concert for Clean Slate on Sunday, August 25th, at 3 pm at Cullowhee United Methodist Church. The concert is free; a collection will be taken up to support the work of Clean Slate.



Looks like a bunch of silly-willies showed up at the Robinsons's home for Dine Around last week.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Aug 12 **Sara Addison**

Aug 13 **Randi Neff**

Aug 16 **Anna Suggs, Mike Reily**

Prayers for June Peacock (Heber's widow) who has had a massive stroke, is in Hospice, and is not expected to survive the week.

Prayers for Vance Davidson who suffered a chest injury when the airbag in his car deployed after he swerved to avoid a deer on the way home from the Holy Conversation on Tuesday. He is currently in Mission Hospital. Shown at right is a photo taken by Muff of the rock that triggered the airbag.



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.

2019 Outreach Support

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)			

	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
Regular Activities	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

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.

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[Lectionary Page 2019](#)

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