

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 20, 2017

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

Sun	Aug 20	Pentecost 11 10 am
Sun	Aug 27	Pentecost 12 10 am
Sat	Sep 2	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 3	Pentecost 13 Start back with church at 11 am through May 2017 1 st Sunday collection for Good Samaritan Clinic Collection for Community Table
Tue	Sep 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Sep 9	Clean-up to prepare for Celebration 9 am-noon Parking lot in use by WCU for football after 3 pm
Sun	Sep 10	Pentecost 14 Rice & Beans Sunday
Mon	Sep 11	Long-range planning meeting 6:30 pm
Tue	Sep 12	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Fri	Sep 15	Celebration Concert 7:30 pm
Sat	Sep 16	Music, History, Comments, Food, and Fun, 2-6 pm
Sun	Sep 17	Holy Eucharist, Special Music and Reflections by church members
Sun	Sep 17	Pentecost 15
Tue	Sep 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Sep 23	Parking lot in use by WCU for football after noon
Sun	Sep 24	Pentecost 16 Heidi Dinkelmeyer baptism Soup & Bread Community Supper resumes 5-7 pm
Fri	Oct 20	Fall Wine Event

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader:

Coffee:

Music: Lillian Pearson

Readings: [Isaiah 56:1,6-8](#),
[Psalm 67](#), [Romans 11:1-2a](#),
[29-32](#), [Matthew 15:21-28](#)

Serving during August

Bread: Jane Coburn

Flowers:

8/19 & 26 Judy Annis

Linen: Claire Marsh

Eucharist: Newt Smith &
Tom Wilcox

Greeters: Muff Lyons &
Margot Wilcox

Serving during September

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Donna Ross

Linen: Claire Marsh

Eucharist: Laurie Hulbert &
Muff Lyons

Greeters: Hank Sharp &
Jake Jacobson

Would You Like a Visit from the Rector?

Michael would be happy to visit; just let him know in person or by email
stdavids1879@gmail.com.



WCU Football Saturdays

St. David's parking lot will be used by WCU on the following Saturdays: Sep 9th after 3 pm, Sep 23rd, Oct 14th after noon, Oct 28th after noon, and Nov 11th after 11 am.

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.



The packaging and blessing of Rice and Beans is postponed until next month while the children rehearse for the play they will perform at the Celebration on September 16. However, food donations can be made at any time.

After play practice, Randi Neff will help the children make pinhole viewers for the eclipse out of shoe boxes.

The Gospel

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Saturday, September 9th

9 am-noon

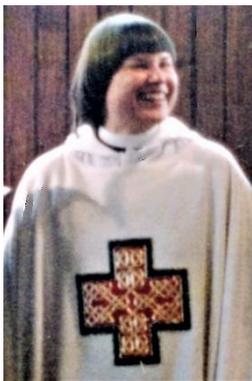
Please plan to come on Saturday morning, September 9th to help get the church and grounds spruced up and ready for the Grand Celebration one week later, September 15th-17th.



St. David's Timeline

By June Smith

1988



After six years of ministry in Cullowhee Valley, it became apparent that the Rev. Sherry Mattson was no longer a good fit for St. David's. She resigned in December, 1987. Attendance was sagging and finances were low, but a handful of active parishioners were determined to not let the church go dark again. For the entire year of 1988, the vestry and some very active committee members kept the church running smoothly. With the help of lay readers and supply priests, no services were missed. Parish traditions were evident. A new parish profile demonstrated that the congregation was determined that St. David's would be strong again. Bishop Weinbauer became convinced that St. David's was the special place it had always been and began discussing the possibility of securing a part-time interim priest.

Vestry Notes

By Steve Steinbrueck, Senior Warden

During its August meeting, the Vestry:

- ✧ As part of the Treasurer's Report, revisited long-running discussions regarding a forming a joint Parish/Cemetery Finance Committee, searching for a new Treasurer/Treasurer-in-Training, and possibly hiring an outside bookkeeper
- ✧ Discussed needed maintenance and painting and agreed to get bids from several companies
- ✧ Discussed the 2016 Audit Report
- ✧ Received updates about the Parish Care and planned Newcomer's Ministries
- ✧ Agreed to use a written agreement for outside groups using St. David's facilities
- ✧ Received an update regarding the Long-Range Planning Committee and reviewed two draft brochures, one targeted for outside use, the other for acquainting visitors with St. David's
- ✧ Agreed to try to sell the old copier
- ✧ Approved moving the annual meeting to January and having the Vestry select the Sr. Warden for 2018
- ✧ Heard updates regarding the planned celebrations on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Michael's 25th anniversary and St. David's 125th - September 15-17
- ✧ Discussed planning for both calling an Interim Rector and naming a Discernment/Selection Committee after the first of the year
- ✧ Briefly discussed plans to obtain supply priests during the month of October when Michael is on vacation

Note: On October 22nd Canon Augusta Anderson will both conduct the service and hold an information meeting regarding the transition process.

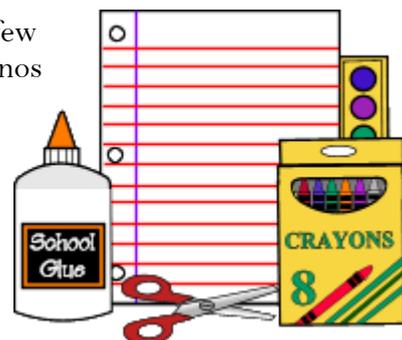
Copies of Vestry Minutes, Financial Statements, and Annual Audit Reports are available on the website.

SAVE THE DATE

Our fall wine event will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, October 20th beginning at 6:30 pm. As always, we'll need help setting up that morning, doing food prep beginning around 5, and cleaning up after all the fun.

School Supplies Needed

Believe it or not, it's getting close to back-to-school time. Over the next few weeks, St. David's will once again be gathering new school supplies for Vecinos and other families who receive food donations. Luckily Wal-Mart and other stores have them right up front and on sale. Please bring donations of paper, notebooks, pencils, markers, crayons and other supplies and place them in the basket in the Parish Hall. Wal-Mart has local class lists if you want to get an idea of the kinds of supplies needed.





Please Join Us For

A Grand Celebration

*125th Anniversary of St. David's Founding
and
25th Anniversary of The Reverend Michael Hudson's Ministry at St. David's*

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 15-17, 2017

Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Concert in the Church

Lillian Pearson, harpsichord and organ, and Brad Ulrich, trumpet.

Saturday, 3-6:30 p.m.

Church yard and Parish Hall

Music, History, Comments, Food, and Fun

Featuring the ASLAN Players Resurrected accompanied by the Old Saint Himself

Sunday, 11 a.m.

The service of Holy Eucharist

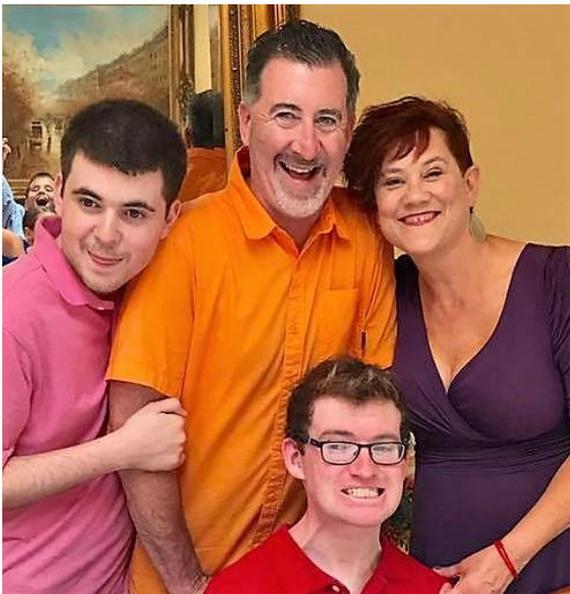
*Reflections by Church Members: The Gifts of Michael's Ministry
Special Music by Gael Graham, Charles Pringle, and Natalie Watkins*

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Aug 20 **Norma Hendrix**
Aug 22 **Sam Neff**
Aug 24 **Lois Tebo**
Aug 26 **Dave Nelson**
Aug 27 **Judy Annis**

From the Sylva Herald: At last Sunday's 25th annual banquet of the Jackson County Athletic Hall of Fame, Smoky Mountain High School's 2007 softball team was recognized. Miriam Brown Dusenbery, daughter of Harry and Karen Brown, played on this team which reached the state 2-A Final Four.



Jane and Andy Coburn are going empty nest this week as Jake moves into a dorm at the University of Alabama and Austin moves into a house associated with Full Spectrum Farm. How about those smiles?

From the Diocese

A statement from the Bishop in solidarity with Charlottesville

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As followers of Jesus, we boldly proclaim that he is the perfect manifestation and fulfillment of the promises echoed in the 85th Psalm:

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other

By word and action, Jesus taught his disciples that hatred, bigotry, racism and violence is anathema to the Kingdom of God. Our Lord modeled peace and unity by naming the evil voices of discord, division and oppression. Indeed, there is no other way to be faithful servants of God.



Like many of you, I've been watching with uneasiness as extremist groups have gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia. Today, we saw these groups violently clash with counter-protestors, and the governor of Virginia has declared a state of emergency.

I want to be clear that as Jesus' disciples, we are commanded to not only pray for peace but to also be the embodiment of God's love and justice. As Christians, we must speak out against both the bigotry and hatred espoused by these extremists as well as the violence that has occurred because of their actions.

I invite all Episcopalians of the Diocese of Western North Carolina to join me in prayer for those who were injured or died in the violent outbreaks in Charlottesville. Pray for the safety of all who live in that community and pray for those charged with keeping the peace. Tomorrow, as you gather in your churches, I encourage you to remember our Baptismal Covenant – may we persevere in resisting evil, hatred, violence and prejudice in any form, and may we respect the dignity of every human being, striving for peace and justice in all things.

Finally, I also ask everyone to join me in taking measurable steps to build bridges in our communities and be agents of our Lord's mercy, grace, truth and love. There is great strength in the unity of our faith. Together, we will stand as one body holding fast to the teachings of Christ.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'José A. McLoughlin', with a small cross symbol to the left.

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin
VII Bishop of Western North Carolina

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Mindfulness Meditation: Mondays 7:25-8:30 am in the Parish Hall. Our practice is Contemplation of Wise Texts (Lectio), Sitting Meditation, and Informal Dialogue.

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Monthly Mindfulness: First Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon in the Parish Hall.

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.](#)

The **Tuesday Meditation Group will not meet during June, July, and August.** In September, it will resume meeting in the undercroft at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Sylva on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1 pm.** The format is to meditate for 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end. The inspirational material for the half hour in between will be decided by whoever volunteers to facilitate that week.

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.

Regular Activities	Mondays 7:25 am	Mindfulness Meditation
	Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
	1 st Wednesdays 6:30 pm	Indivisible/Common Ground
	1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-May	Soup/Bread Community Supper	

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Bishop

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