

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 22, 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.

## From the Senior Warden

By Betsy Swift

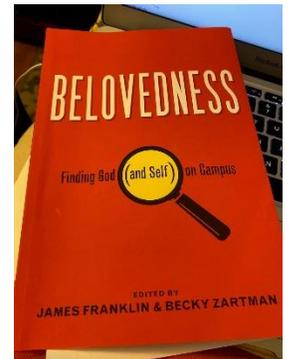
Dear Friends,

I have been to two Vestry meetings since hopping on for the end of Jessica's term, and I can report that while you may not have heard much from them in the past few months, they are working like that metaphorical duck, calm to all outward appearances but lots going on under the surface.

There have been the visible repairs and maintenance projects around the Gathering Place and our beloved church building. But also, this summer the Vestry participated in a book study of Belovedness: Finding God (and Self) on Campus (by Franklin & Zartman) with WCU campus minister Kelsey Davis, and the Diocesan Missioner for Youth & Young Adults Eden Lewis.

With chapters covering Relationships, Success & Failure, Sex, Partying and Mental Health, we were challenged as a group to imagine and empathize with the campus experience of 2021 (so different from our personal experiences so many years ago!) and to begin to open our minds and hearts to the ways the Spirit may be calling us to be welcoming to our neighbors across the street.

Listen for Mother Gaelyn to begin challenging us from the pulpit as we discern our next steps as a parish.



It is mid-August already, we see signs of it everywhere - children returning to school, the WCU campus revving up, friends returning from summer adventures, gardens overflowing with the fruits of our spring labors. Whatever you have been doing, consider sharing a tidbit of news (and some pictures!) with your parish family. Maggie will gladly add your news to the Coracle to liven it up a bit!

With love and hope for our journey together,

Betsy



## Get ready to welcome!

Mother Gaelyn headed over to Western to meet new and returning students and to welcome them to campus and to St. David's. She gave packages of Skittles with information on them about St. David's and Episcopal Campus Ministry at WCU and talked with many kind and interested students.

## Van Gogh Immersive Experience



Barb Manke and Betsy Swift were thrilled to go to the Van Gogh Immersive Experience in Atlanta last month. It was wonderful in every way, including being with friends we hadn't been able to see because of the pandemic.



## Brown's Hike Colorado Trail

Karen and Harry Brown have been hiking the Colorado Trail for the past month with Karen's sister. They send photos of some amazing scenery.



## Blue Ridge Service Corps

Blue Ridge Service Corps is excited to share that we are starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> program year and will be welcoming four young adults to our community in late August. We are hoping that your church community will help us welcome these wonderful young adults by providing a meal or items to stock the kitchen pantry. We have set up a meal train for those who would like to provide a meal and a Walmart gift registry for packing the pantry. Thank you in advance for showing love and care to the Blue Ridge Service Corps young adult members as they embark on their service year. For more information about the service corps please visit [blueridgeservicecorps.com](http://blueridgeservicecorps.com) or contact Kelsey Davis at [kdavis@diocesewnc.org](mailto:kdavis@diocesewnc.org),

Meal Train: <https://mealtrain.com/ye445e>

Pack the Pantry: [www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=908ff6f0-52c3-44f8-ab90-5bbaaa23cad7](http://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=908ff6f0-52c3-44f8-ab90-5bbaaa23cad7)

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### Shared Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

We can order box lunches from Lake Logan for our picnic there after confirmation on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The box lunches contain either a chicken salad or veggie wrap, chips, fruit, cookie, and either bottled water, coke, or Diet Coke. The price is \$14. The deadline for ordering is one week prior to the picnic. Contact Lauri Sojourner; her e-mail is [lauri@lakelogan.org](mailto:lauri@lakelogan.org). Her work phone is 828-646-0095, ext. 5. Of course, you may also bring your own lunch.

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### If You Are Reading This...

Please spread the word that for some people the emailed Coracle notice has been landing in their spam folders. You can always access the latest issue by going to the church website, [stdavidscullowhee.org](http://stdavidscullowhee.org), and clicking the newsletter link on the home page <https://www.stdavidscullowhee.org/the-coracle.html>. It is almost always posted there by sometime on Thursday.

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## Parish News & Notes

### Birthdays

Aug 26	<b>David Nelson</b>
Aug 27	<b>Judy Annis</b>
Aug 28	<b>Ron Robinson</b>

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Wild Goose Festival, September 2-5**  
**Lake Logan Bishop's Visitation, Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 am**  
**Wine Event Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**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.

**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. If anybody is interested in helping physically with this ongoing outreach project, please let Muff know: [mufflyons@gmail.com](mailto:mufflyons@gmail.com), 293-0637 or text at 506-5553



**Lake Logan Summer Events**

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/>

**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:**

Betsy Swift, Chalice Bearer  
Judy Annis, Lector  
Muff Lyons, Intercessor  
Doug Hanks, Bread Baker  
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

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3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS: CHURCH HIKES, short-ish hikes with Eucharist. Contact Maggie Bowles for more information. [magbowles@gmail.com](mailto:magbowles@gmail.com)

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

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