

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 25, 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.

Calendar

Sat	Aug 24	Yard Sale
Sun	Aug 25	Pentecost 11 Holy Eucharist 11 am Parish Reconciliation Meeting after church
Sun	Sep 1	Pentecost 12, Parish Meeting after church
Tue	Sep 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 8	Pentecost 13, Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</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 Coffee Hour Honoring Kirwans 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
Sat	Oct 19	Yoga Retreat- <i>Life is Hard: Find the Joy</i> 9 am-noon
Fri	Nov 2	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

[Sermon Link](#)

[Sermon 8/18/2019 The Rev. Nick McDonald](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: June Smith

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee: **ALL**

Readings: [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#),

[Psalm 71:1-6](#), [Hebrews 12:18-29](#),

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Serving during August

Flowers: Volunteer of the Week

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Communion: Karen & Harry

Brown

Bread: John Slater

Greeters: Muff Lyons &

Margot Wilcox

Serving during September

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gael Graham

Communion: Laurie Hulbert &

Muff Lyons

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Jake Jacobson



Our Yard Sale is This Saturday August 24th

Please bring household items and housewares, furniture, jewelry, books and decorative items in good condition on Friday 10 am-3 pm. That will be our set-up and pricing day. The sale will occur on Saturday 8 am- 4pm, both in *The Gathering Place*. Tell you neighbors about the sale! Thanks to everyone in advance.

Contact Judy Robinson if you can help or with questions: judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com

From the Vestry
Parish Reconciliation Meeting
Sunday, August 25th after church

The Discernment Committee and Vestry have considered the results of the Cat Survey in a joint meeting and listened closely to the Interpretation by Holy Cow Consultants. While clearly identifying our positives, it is also clear from the survey results that some parish reconciliation is needed. In the words of our consultants, “there is an on-going significant struggle within our congregation that is more than malaise, and points to the notion that St. David’s has gone through a trauma beyond the transition process, and this has been a polarizing time.” One area on the survey indicates that 56.2 % of respondents agree that there is a disturbing amount of conflict in our parish. Your Vestry believes that this needs to be addressed before progressing to the next steps in the search process. The good news is that, in the same section of the survey, 84.7% of respondents agree that our problems are solved through mutual effort, and 88.4% agree that we have a healthy tolerance for differing opinions. Therefore, your Vestry and Discernment Committee are hosting a meeting on Sunday, August 25th, right after church, for this conversation to occur. We are hoping that all will participate, particularly if you have unresolved feelings regarding our parish at this time. Please come even if you are not comfortable sharing in a large group; someone else is bound to say what you are thinking, and that can be helpful. Please come even if you are very positive about our current situation, as we need a full spectrum of understanding of where we are. We are hopeful that this conversation will be an important first step toward reconciliation, as we continue to work together on our rector search. We thank you in advance for participating.

Coffee hour will be incorporated into the conversation time. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share.

The sharing of the CAT Survey Summary and Interpretation meeting will still occur and has been moved to Sunday, September 1st after the regular church service.

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



Healing Day National Bell Ringing
August 25th at 3 p.m.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia Bishop James B. Magness invite Episcopal churches to take part in a national action to remember and honor the first enslaved Africans who landed in English North America in 1619 by tolling their bells on Sunday, August 25th, 2019 at 3:00 pm ET.

Watch Presiding Bishop Curry's video message [here](#).

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.



Also, From the Vestry

Financial Stewardship

We have been busy over the past year investing time and effort in SEOL, the Stewardship of the Entirety of Our Lives. This included task forces and action steps in the areas of Worship, Christian Formation, Pastoral Care, and Mission & Outreach (please see St. David's website at www.stdavidsculloowhee under Ministries to view what has been accomplished in these areas). A group of us also attended a seminar regarding our personal financial needs for wills/trusts as our own well-being is part of SEOL.

It is now time to consider the financial well-being of our church. Our Financial Stewardship Campaign for 2020 will take place this fall during September and October. We have moved it forward from the usual late fall campaign because we need to be able to commit to the salary of whomever we call as Rector, and the search begins this fall. We will be asking that each of us make our pledge for 2020 no later than the end of October. Please begin thinking about your hopes and dreams for the next phase of our dear St. David's as we move towards the end of this transition period, and how you can help fund those hopes and dreams. Your contributions will also support the very practical: electric bills, property and sanctuary upkeep, community use of the Gathering Place, and the continued pledge we have made to five local and one global ministering agencies. We thank you for beginning this thoughtful consideration.

Rector Search and Annual Giving

As we begin our Financial Stewardship Appeal for 2020, we thought it would be important for you to know the costs of hiring a new Rector. These figures are based on conversation with the CFO of our Diocese and are as accurate as possible without our knowing the exact individual who will be our rector.

The range of salary for a ¾ time Rector for 2020 will be \$56,960–\$66,000. This range includes housing allowance, medical coverage for the Rector only (more if spouse/family coverage is needed), travel expenses, professional development, and a mandatory annual 18% of salary contribution to a pension fund. The lower end of the range would be for someone new out of seminary; the upper end of the range for someone with experience as Rector or Interim Rector.

In order to meet this expense, our annual giving must equal or hopefully exceed what has been pledged for 2019. Please consider this as you pray and discern your contribution to St. David's for 2020. Financial reports and vestry minutes are available on the [Vestry](#) page of the church website. Sign-in will be needed.

Parish Administrator Search

We are currently searching for a new Parish Administrator. Kendra's last day was 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.

Ashby Church Calendars

By Margot Wilcox

I am only ordering pre-ordered calendars this year, having ended up in recent years with leftovers. If you would like one of these calendars for 2020, please reply via email to me. I'll collect your money when the calendars are delivered. The price will be \$10; profits (tho' slim) go to the Altar Guild.

Although a lot of folks search the internet for the information found on these calendars, some of us still like having the actual calendar on hand. For those to whom these calendars are an unknown quantity, the Ashby Church Calendars provide valuable worship service information for each Sunday — Liturgical season and color, Bible lessons for the day in accordance with the Revised Common Lectionary, Feast Days and more — especially handy to have if you're on the altar guild or serve as lector. Looking forward to receiving your order. mtwilcox@frontier.com



Holy Conversation Two

Vance Davidson and Marilyn Jody are putting together the decorations for the event last Saturday. The brunch and discernment session was well-attended and yielded excellent information.

Blessing of the Backpacks

The Rev. Nick McDonald, our supply priest, blessed all kinds of backs, handbags, etc. for the new school year.



Valley Ballyhoo

Brian Railsback and Judy Robinson were on hand to welcome WCU freshmen on behalf of St. David's at the Valley Ballyhoo event on campus Saturday.

St. David's Episcopal Church, Cullowhee, NC (Right behind Ramsey Center and football field)

<https://www.stdavidscullowhee.org> or find us on Facebook

Services every Sunday at 11 am.

Community Soup Suppers At St. David's in the Gathering Place
The last Sunday of each month 5pm - open to all bring a friend or just your appetite
Welcome Soup Supper for WCU Students on Sunday September 29th 5pm

Yard Sale at the Church Saturday August 24 8am-4pm
Items of all types priced to sell for your dorm room...and DISCOUNT to WCU students

Betsy Swift was there to encourage students to register to vote.



Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

Holy Conversation Two 8/17/2019

Almighty and gracious God, we give thanks for the abundance of the earth in its season and for the labors of those who gather the harvest. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty; as you have provided for our needs let us work for the relief of all who are in want. We also ask for our conversations today to be fruitful and to be nurtured by a spirit of peace. Let us always encourage and support one another through our shared desire to understand your will, especially during this season of discernment. May we always be quick to listen for your inspiration and thoughtful in our response. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we know that when we gather in your name You are in our midst. We pray, then, to live with thankful hearts, fearing nothing, certain in the knowledge that You are with us wherever we may go. In all matters let our trust be placed in You and your infinite wisdom, and not in the confining limits of our own desires. Let our faith grow, becoming stronger and more resilient as we seek to honor You and your creation, the church and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Prayer Collection by George Rector



Life is Hard: Find the Joy

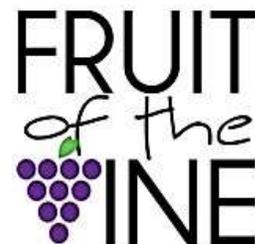
A yoga retreat with Chad
Hallyburton and Jane
Coburn

October 19th
9 am-noon
The Gathering Place

Friday, November 2nd

6:30 p.m.

A wine education and
tasting event.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Aug 27

Judy Annis

Aug 28

Curtis Wood, Ron Robinson

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)			

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Lectionary Page 2019

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[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

[Sign up for Diocesan Newsletter](#)

[Camp Henry Facebook page](#)

www.lakelogan.org

St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

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.

Regular Activities

2nd Sundays

Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr

Mondays 10:30 am

2nd Mondays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Rice & Beans Ministry

Soup/Bread Community Supper

Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am

Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

Accessible Mindfulness 10 am