

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 27, 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 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, 3-6:30 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: Gerlinde Lindy
Coffee: Johanna & Todd Vinyard
Music: Nan Watkins
Readings: [Isaiah 51:1-6](#),
[Psalm 138](#), [Romans 12:1-8](#),
[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Serving during August

Bread: Jane Coburn
Flowers: 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.

Calling All Children!

Play practice will take place during the Church School time and also after church in the sanctuary this week. There will be a Dress Rehearsal about an hour before the actual play but no other afternoon or Saturday time. So, on September 16th, be at the church at 3 pm with whatever costume you need.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

WoW (Women of Western) Reunites!

Tuesday, September 5th, 1:30 pm at MadStone Café and Catching Light Books.

All St. David's women are invited to join us, as we take a break from the busy work week to connect with each other.

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.



Old Photographs Wanted

Actually, any photographs that relate in any way to the history of St. David's are requested. But we already have a good number of recent ones, so older ones are especially needed. John Slater has offered to scan prints, which, of course, will be returned to you. Bring them to church or get them directly to John. johnslater875@gmail.com. Digital photos can be sent to Maggie Bowles magbowles@gmail.com.

For those interested, here is a link for a sneak peek at the photo collection being assembled:

[St. D's Photo Collection](#)

Food for the Feast

We still need a few volunteers for Saturday, September 16th. We need:

- 2 people to bring 2 dozen deviled eggs each
 - 2 people to bring large green salads with dressing
 - 3 people to bring watermelon or mixed seasonal fruit
- Friday night is all covered.

I will send out a reminder to everyone who is contributing to food about two weeks before the big event.

Thanks,

Faye

Reply to: thejakes@frontier.com

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.



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*

Coming in October

Remembering The Protestant Reformation

Many events occurred in 1517.

However, the primary event that - at-that-time, and including the present - has continued to have significant impact upon our world was The Protestant Reformation.

All Saints Day - October 31, 2017 - will mark the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 Theses upon the church door in Wittenberg, Germany - the galvanizing event that has historically been celebrated as initiating the Protestant Reformation across Europe and the British Isles.

St. David's vestry has approved a five-week Sunday morning study for persons interested in commemorating this significant period in world and church history, and exploring in a class/discussion format the seismic force of The Protestant Reformation - in the 16th century as well as its continuing impact to our present day.

The class sessions will meet upstairs over the Parish Hall on each of the five Sundays in October (1,8,15,22, and 29) from 10 am - 10:45 am- adjourning prior to the 11 am Sunday worship hour.

The course leader will be Paul Cooper.

A sign-up sheet will soon be posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board so that interested persons may sign and indicate their interest and intent to attend.

The sign-up sheet will also provide a space to indicate if there is an interest in attendees having a small resource book during the study. If sufficient persons indicate an interest, I will contact City Lights Bookstore and inquire as to their having available sufficient copies of a small book entitled, *A Brief Introduction to The Reformation*.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Aug 27 **Judy Annis**
Aug 28 **Curtis Wood,**
Ron Robinson,
Susan Metcalf,
Ben Johnson
Aug 29 **Angela Dills-Mulholland**
Sep 1 **Andy Coburn**



From the Diocese

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week I wrote a [letter](#) in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Charlottesville.



I want to be clear that as Christians, we must meet everyone with the love of Christ in our hearts – no matter their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or country of origin. We are all God's children. Likewise, the ideologies espoused by any hate group, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, and white supremacists, are the antithesis of the teachings of Jesus.

But I want to do more than just make pronouncements. In the past, I've watched many times as our leaders spoke out against overt and systemic racism, bigotry and oppression. Too often, their good words were not followed by concrete actions. Now that I am in a position to make these statements myself, I hold myself accountable to initiate a collaborative process for moving forward.

First, I want you to know that I am meeting with the Diocesan Commission to Dismantle Racism this week. This commission exists in our diocese to equip all of us to name, confess, resist and confront the sin of racism through prayer, education, advocacy and action. I want to use their expertise to begin a dialogue in our diocese about how we can take the next steps; we must move beyond verbal support to wholehearted, concrete practices that cultivate systemic change. I will communicate the results of our conversation in the coming weeks



Second, I ask that all congregations begin having intentional conversations about how they can address hate and bigotry in their communities. I believe this is an important time to come together, to talk, to pray, and to look deep in our hearts for solutions. As I visit your parishes, I want to hear about these conversations.

Last, I invite every church to include in your worship the Collect for the Human Family during the next four Sundays. It is my hope that this will help give us guidance as we move forward:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As bishop, it is my mission to find ways for us to collaborate on programs, education and ministries so that we can continue to lead the charge towards unity and reconciliation in Western North Carolina. Together, we must walk with Jesus and participate in God's own mission to redeem the world.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José A. McLoughlin".

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



You are invited to join Down Home NC this **Sunday, August 26th** in Waynesville, NC for *Sitting in the Fire: Western NC Racial Justice Training*.

The world we live in is one increasingly focused on the things that divide us. Many of us find ourselves feeling hopeless or completely avoiding issues that deeply impact our society and our future. Given the current political climate, from Charlottesville to Durham, we believe that now is the time to have open, honest and respectful dialogue across differing perspectives and opinions about racism and racial equity in Western North Carolina.

Sitting in the Fire: A Western NC Racial Justice Training is meant to examine the relative power you hold in a society that is structurally unequal due to racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, ableism, religious discrimination and so on. The intention of this training is to break down the concepts of power and privilege as a way to understand how the system of racism and white supremacy is created and kept alive.

You can register for the event by [clicking here!](#)

Sitting in the Fire is an invitation to build a North Carolina that affirms the value of ALL OF US and to restore the fabric of our human relationships. Carrying the light of those from the past who worked toward peace, we hope this racial justice training will bring us closer to a more just state and world.

Warmly,

Brigid at Down Home NC

P.S. Don't forget to RSVP [here!](#)

An Opportunity for Community Service

Blue Ridge Health- Sylva (former Good Samaritan Clinic)

Rebecca Mathis has sent this explanation and appeal: Over the past few months, we've added new staff, added onsite point-of-care testing, added a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who provides behavioral health counseling to our patients, and we're in the process of adding pediatric services to begin in mid-Autumn.

We're also preparing to expand into additional clinical space and we need the community's help! We're in search of a group of folks who would be willing to paint 3 offices in our new clinical space. We have the paint, but we need a paint crew. Right now, we are having student and community volunteers deep clean our new space (located in the back part of the Old Sylva Medical Center).

Ideally, we'd like to have the 3 rooms painted so that our medical providers can move into the space by mid-September. If you know of folks in your congregations or community groups who would be willing to meet this need, please contact me at this email address - rmathis@brchs.com - or give me a call at (828) 226-0754.

Also, if you're not interested in painting, but willing to pick up a scrub brush, we need help with that, too!

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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