

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 4, 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 3	Lois Tebo Memorial Service 2 pm Macon Funeral Home Visitation 1 pm
Sun	Aug 4	Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>My Grandmother's Hands</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>Vestry meeting 5:30 pm Date change</b>
Tue	Aug 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am Holy Conversation 5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 11	Pentecost 9 Holy Eucharist 11 am Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</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:

Reader:

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee: Sandy & Elizabeth Frazier

Readings: [Hosea 11:1-11](#), [Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#), [Colossians 3:1-11](#), [Luke 12:13-21](#)

## 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.**

## Rest in Peace

### Lois Tebo

St. David's oldest member at age 99.

**Visitation 1 pm, Memorial Service 2 pm**

**August 3, 2019**

**Reception to follow  
at the American Legion**

[Macon Funeral Home](#)

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may  
be made to St. David's Episcopal Church or  
Macon County Library.

## Rest in Peace

### The Rev. John Rivers

This beloved former rector of St. David's, passed  
away at his home in Black Mountain on August  
1<sup>st</sup>. He served St. David's from 1967-1981 when,  
due to hearing loss, he left to become Missioner  
for the Deaf, a position he held for 17 years.

**Visitation 1 - 3 pm**

**Harwood Funeral Home**

**Service 4 pm**

**St. James Episcopal Church**

**Black Mountain**

## Holy Conversations Are Up Next

*Where the Spirit leads us...*

The Discernment Committee meets this Friday to make final preparations for the first Holy Conversation which will be on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to sign up if you would like to attend. The event begins with supper at 5:30 pm.

### Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

*Almighty God, you brought order from chaos and laid the foundation for the world; the evidence of your glory reaches in all directions. Why, then, should we ever doubt that you also dwell within our own hearts? Fill us with your wisdom as this committee seeks direction and clarity in its efforts. We ask to be worthy of the trust shown to us by the members of this congregation. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

*Almighty God, each moment of our lives is another step of a pilgrim's journey; guide us as we walk this path together. We pray that in this time of transition we will grow in courage and resolve, determined to work together in peace and love, so that we may understand your will for St. David's. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear; keep us strong and united as we travel with common purpose. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

(7/18/2019)

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

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## St. David's Yard Sale

By Judy Robinson

Our "Yard" Sale will be held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm. We picked this date with the idea of having items WCU students may need as they start the semester, and we will make sure it is well advertised at WCU. Donna Ross, George Rector, Joan Byrd, and Judy Robinson make up the core team. We need and would appreciate more helpers! On Friday, we really need help with item pricing. We will set up on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that is the day we would like folks to bring items. We will need help with "take down" late Saturday afternoon. (And yes, we checked; there is no football game on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>). Please watch the Coracle for more information.



Contact Judy Robinson if you can help or with questions:

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## Valley Ballyhoo at WCU August 17<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## Future Book Studies

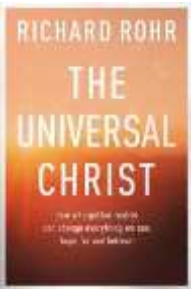
Please join us this summer and fall for the following book studies. As usual, City Lights Bookstore will have copies available at a 10% discount; just let them know it is for the book study.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** Prayers of the Cosmos, Reflections on the Original Meaning of Jesus's Words by Neil Douglas-Klotz.



From the publisher: Neil Douglas-Klotz offers a radical new translation of the words of Jesus Christ...Reinterpreting the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes from the vantage of Middle Eastern mysticism, Douglas-Klotz... reveals a mystical, feminist, cosmic Christ. *Prayers of the Cosmos* is a spiritual revelation—and in the words of *Science of Mind*, “When you read this book, you will have no further doubt that God loves you infinitely and unconditionally.” Join us after coffee hour in The Gathering Place. Bring a brown bag lunch in case there is no coffee hour sustenance.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>-??:** When we begin our fall program season, our book study will continue with *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. This book is meant to be read aloud and pondered in a slow integrative process. We will meet to read this book aloud together, taking the time the Spirit desires for us to contemplate and integrate it.



From the publisher: Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. “God loves things by becoming them,” he writes, “and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet.”

Thought-provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, *The Universal Christ* is a landmark book from one of our most beloved spiritual writers and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.” Join us after coffee hour in The Gathering Place.



Team Apricot held their second meeting last week at the home of Harry and Karen Brown. Pictured are Harry Brown, Tom Wilcox, Pat and Steve Steinbrueck; seated are Karen Brown and Margot Wilcox.





# Parish News & Notes

## Birthdays

Aug 5 **Ruth Hardie-Hudson**

Aug 9 **Joan Byrd**



Maggie and Jim Bowles celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week.

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## Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

**Accessible Mindfulness: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

<b>Regular Activities</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays 5:30 pm	Taizé Service 5:30 pm
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

<b>2019 Outreach Support</b>			
From 1 <sup>st</sup> 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)			

**St. David's Links and Contact Information:**

Website: [stdavidscullowhee.org](http://stdavidscullowhee.org)

**[Lectionary Page 2019](#)**

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**Diocesan Links:**

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

**[Sign up for Diocesan Newsletter](#)**

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**[www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org)**

**St. David's Vestry Members:**

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden  
Muff Lyons, Junior Warden  
Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham  
Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson