

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 17, 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

Thu	Sep 14	Chad's yoga in the Parish Hall 7-8:30 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	Pentecost 15 Holy Eucharist, Special Music and Reflections by church members
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
Sun	Oct 1	Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Pentecost 17 Steve Hines (supply priest)
Tue	Oct 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Oct 7	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Oct 8	Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Pentecost 18 Valori Mulvey Sherer (supply priest)
Sun	Oct 15	Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Pentecost 19 Scott Oxford (supply priest)
Tue	Oct 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri	Oct 20	Fall Wine Event
Sun	Oct 22	Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Pentecost 20 Canon Augusta Anderson (sermon, transition information, Q&A)
Sun	Oct 29	Protestant Reformation Class 10 am Pentecost 21 Walter Bryan (supply priest)

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Betsy Swift

Reader: June Smith

Coffee: ALL

Music: Nan Watkins

Readings: [Exodus 14:19-31](#),

[Psalm 114](#), [Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Serving during September

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Donna Ross

Linen: Claire Marsh

Eucharist: Laurie Hulbert &

Muff Lyons

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Jake Jacobson

Serving during October

Bread: John Slater

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Eucharist: Judy Annis &

Faye Jacobson

Greeters: Lydia Aydlett &

Steve Steinbrueck

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 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.



Hurricane Harvey Help

Checks for Hurricane Harvey and/or Hurricane Irma relief may be made out to and mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development, 815 2nd Avenue, NY, NY 10017.

To help our furry family members who have been made homeless by the Hurricane, you may give to [The Humane Society Disaster Animal Relief Fund](#).

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Weekend Logistics

WCU has given permission for us to park in the circle in front of the Ramsey Center and in the nearby baseball field parking lot. If you are able to walk from there, or if you can drop off less-able riders at the church, please park in the WCU lots so that the church spaces will be available for members and guests who have mobility difficulties. A church member will run a shuttle from the baseball lot to the church on Saturday afternoon.

Faye Jacobson has sent an email reminder to those who have signed up to bring food for the festivities. Friday after the concert there will be sweets, coffee and liqueurs, courtesy of Judy Annis. The Saturday picnic will include BBQ cooked by Michael Despeaux, baked beans, corn pudding, deviled eggs, salads and fruit with plenty of vegetarian choices. Oh yes, and cake baked by Sloan Despeaux and ice cream sundaes provided by Margot Wilcox. Chances are there will be lots of leftovers for Sunday morning Coffee Hour.

Tea, coffee, and lemonade will be provided. Bring your own wine or beer if you so desire.

Childcare will be provided on Friday evening, Sunday morning before, during and for a short while after the play..

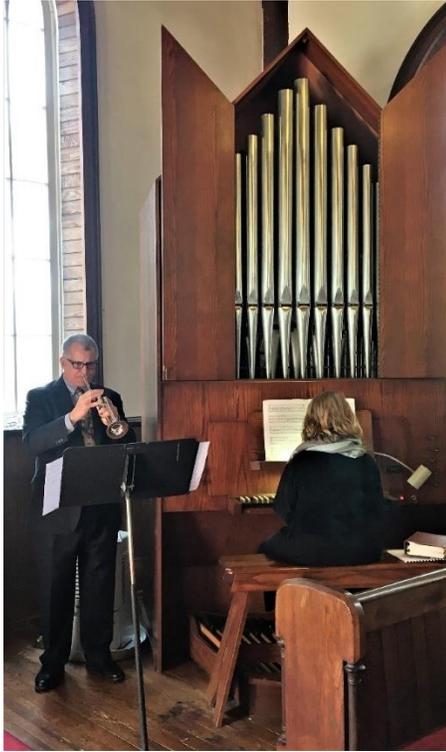
Volunteers are needed to help take down tables and put away chairs on Saturday so the Parish Hall will be ready for the Sunday morning service. We will also need help with traffic control each day.



Photographs are continually being added to this online album: [St. D's Photo Collection](#). Selections from this collection will be shown as a slide show at the church throughout the weekend.

A Truly Grand Celebration

Do we have something to celebrate? You bet we do! During the weekend of September 15th-17th, we will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the consecration of St. David's and the 25th anniversary of the ministry here of the Rev. Michael V. Hudson. Michael was installed as the third full-time priest of St. David's in August, 1992, as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the church in August, 1892.



The celebration begins with a concert in the church on **Friday night, September 15th, at 7:30 pm.** Playing the harpsichord and organ will be our own Lillian Pearson. Lillian Buss Pearson has performed extensively throughout the United States and Costa Rica, England, and China as a soloist and collaborative artist. She was the piano professor at Western Carolina University for 18 years, until 2006, when she moved to Massachusetts to pursue training in Alexander Technique. After completion of this training, she returned to North Carolina in 2014 and is again at WCU.

Her interest in historical performance practice led her to study harpsichord and fortepiano. For several years she has served as the harpsichordist for Stephen Preston's baroque flute class at Wildacres Flute Retreat in Little Switzerland, NC.

Lillian began playing organ at St. David's Episcopal Church shortly after first moving to Cullowhee and has had the pleasure of having association with this congregation almost continuously since that time, resuming her role when returning to NC.

The concert will include harpsichord solo works by François Couperin, Girolamo Frescobaldi, Johann Froberger, and Johann Sebastian Bach. She will be performing on her own harpsichord, a

Flemish double manual, built in 1978 by William Dowd of Boston.

The other soloist for the concert is Dr. Bradley Ulrich, professor of music and trumpet professor at Western Carolina University since 1989. Maintaining an active performing career, Brad currently performs with the Asheville Symphony Orchestra, the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet, and the Fortress Brass Quintet.

Brad has performed countless recitals, both as a soloist and in brass quintets. He has performed and taught across the United States and in Russia, Canada, England, Ireland, Wales, St. Barths, Italy, China, Germany, Jamaica, Hungary, Romania, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, and South Africa. Brad is the Artistic Director/First Trumpet of the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet, which gave its New York debut at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in June 2007.

Brad has three times won the James Dooley Award for Excellence in Teaching Music (2002, 2008, 2015), and in 2013 he was awarded the prestigious University Scholar Award from Western Carolina University. He is a former member of St. David's.

For the Friday night concert, Brad will perform works by J.S. Bach, Jean Baptiste Loeillet, John Stevens and Henry Purcell. He will be accompanied by Lillian Pearson on the organ.

Childcare will be provided for the concert and refreshments will follow in the parish hall. Parishioners are urged to invite their friends for this special concert.

On **Saturday, September 16th, from 3 to 6:30 pm,** current members, former members, and friends will gather for fellowship, fun, and food at the church. We will be entertained first by Eric and Norma Hendrix with their unique music and energy. The children will then perform a play entitled *Our Church* written for the occasion by Newton Smith. The staging is similar to Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. The part of the stage manager will be played by none other than St. David himself! After the play, we will enjoy a feast of barbeque prepared by Michael Despeaux with side dishes courtesy of other church members.

On **Sunday, September 17th**, at 11 am, the service of Holy Eucharist will feature hymns from Michael's *Songs for the Cycle* and reflections by church members on the meaning of Michael's ministry for them. Special music will include Gael Graham conducting St. David's *Jubilate Deo*, and Charles Pringle, our former verger, singing a beloved Welsh hymn. Nan Watkins, who joined the ranks of St. David's organists in September 1992, will serve as organist.



The members of the Celebration Committee hope that all current members, former members, and friends of St. David's will join us for this very special occasion that will send us off for the next 100 years of St. David's ministry in Cullowhee valley.

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 has been posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board so that interested persons may sign and indicate their interest and intent to attend.

A small book entitled, *A Brief Introduction to The Reformation*, will be available at City Lights Bookstore for those who have signed up so far. Paul suggests (1) that persons might wish to call and double-check with City Lights Bookstore prior to making a drive downtown, (2) the volume is expected to be in and available this Thursday afternoon, September 14th.

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.

From the Senior Warden

Canon Augusta to Visit St. David's

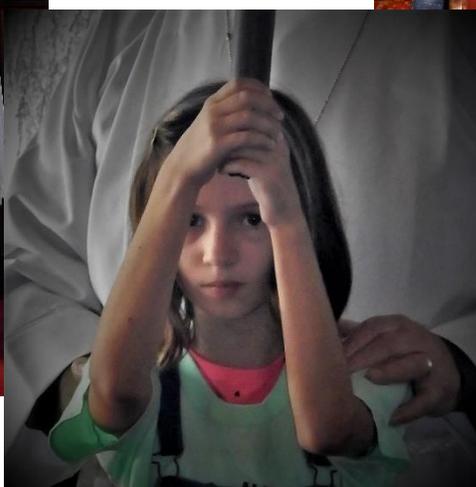
By Steve Steinbrueck

Everyone is encouraged to stay after church on October 22nd when we'll have a short talk and Q&A with Canon Augusta Anderson. As Canon to the Ordinary, she is the person from the Diocese whom we have been working with and will be working with most closely during the transition. The transition will include formal discussions within the parish, compiling a "parish profile" (with interpretation by a trained consultant) designed to flesh out both what we're about and what we're looking for, hiring of an interim priest, and much more. A selection/discernment committee will be formed for the express purpose of reviewing candidates and then making a recommendation to the Vestry. Most of these activities become visible after Michael's retirement at the end of December.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays
Sep 17 Emmett Kirwan

Anniversaries
Sep 20 Terry & Linda Kinnear
Sep 24 Donna Harris & Nicole McRight



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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