

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 20, 2020

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters  
and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

## A Message from Mother Gaelyn

### It's Greek to Me!

[Ed note: Earlier this week parishioners should have received this note from Mother Gaelyn with a link for a *SurveyMonkey* survey. However, some of you received it written in Greek. Just another thing to add to the strange list of aberrations of the year 2020. Please follow the link and complete the survey, which is actually written in English.]

Dear Friends,

As you may know, North Carolina and the Diocese of Western North Carolina have moved into COVID Phase 2.5. During this phase, while continuing to offer online worship, we can also offer more in-person worship. The Vestry and I would like to know how our community is feeling about both our current online and in-person worship and increased opportunities for in-person worship. Please take a few minutes to answer this short survey which will help us as we move forward in both in-person and online worship. If multiple people in your household use the same email address, we would appreciate hearing from each individual. Thank you in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQP7YFS>

Peace and blessings,

*Mother Gaelyn*

### Service Information

Join us Sundays at 11 am on [Zoom](#) or [Facebook LIVE](#).  
[Bulletin](#)

Organist: Lillian Pearson

Email prayer requests to [Muff Lyons](#)

Mondays at 5 pm **Evening Prayer** in the church.

Wednesdays at 9:30 am **Morning Prayer** in the church  
and on [Zoom](#)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at noon **Outdoor Eucharist**

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

To meet with the rector for conversation, prayer, or a safer-at-home communion option, send her an email at [rector@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:rector@stdavidscullowhee.org).

### Episcopal Campus Ministry WCU

Sign-up for Wednesday  
Walks with WCU  
campus missionary  
Kelsey Davis: 1:1  
outdoor walk around  
campus, no strings  
attached. Anyone is  
welcome.



[Walk sign up](#)

### No Internet or Smartphone?

You can still join St. David's Zoom church meeting by phone by dialing +1 929 205 6099 and entering the meeting ID number 857 5147 5913. You can even use \*6 to toggle mute/unmute.

## News from the Vestry

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

The vestry met for our regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, with a couple of us socially distant with Mother Gaelyn upstairs at The Gathering Place and others online via Zoom. It was our first attempt at this sort of “hybrid” meeting style, and it worked quite well. One of our discussions was about the possibility of in-person worship on Sundays IN ADDITION to our online service and coffee hour.

If you have not already taken the survey that Mother Gaelyn sent out earlier this week, please do so.

On the subject of worship, we know that technology has been extremely frustrating lately. In his Junior Warden’s report to the vestry, Doug Hanks made an excellent summary of the problem. Pre-recording the service and then uploading the file for viewing on Sunday requires less precious bandwidth than a true livestream, and it is upload speed that is the heart of the issue. With the return of students to Cullowhee, the available speed, which was marginal to begin with, has simply evaporated. We believe that the pre-recording solution is our best option at this point because upload speeds in this crowded environment cannot be guaranteed even if we pay extra for it.

You may have noticed that our recently placed Black Lives Matter yard signs have been stolen from their location near the road. They lasted 10 days....

Stewardship Season is around the corner. Please prayerfully consider the many different ways you might choose to support the St. David’s community in 2021.

St. David’s is part of WCU’s Safe Zone initiative, and several of us took part in new training sessions offered online by WCU. You will see the new Safe Zone logo displayed at the church soon, as a sign of welcome for all LGBTQ people, especially those living, working, or studying at WCU.



Kindness and Patience are particularly precious virtues these days. Jake Jacobsen shared this tale with vestry at our meeting:

### “An Old Cherokee Tale of Two Wolves”

An old Cherokee man is teaching his grandson about life. “A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy. “It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil—he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.”

He continued, “The other is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?”

The old man simply replied, “The one you feed.”

## Holy Hikes

**Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

Please join us for our initial Holy Hikes offering. Fashioned after the Christian Eco-Ministry, the hike will include reading, reflection, and Eucharist, all happening on the trail. This particular hike is off of the Blue Ridge Parkway and is about 3 miles round trip. [Sign up here](#) so no one gets left behind.

We will meet at Bear Pen Gap Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway and hike to an area called Wet Camp where there is a clearing and a place where you can look out over the Little Canada area. Use Google maps or other mapping software for directions to the pull out for the trailhead.

If you'd like to participate but forego the Holy Hike, consider bringing a chair and visiting while waiting for hikers to return. All are welcome! Despite its name, this particular pull out does not have much of a view, but there are several others nearby that have stunning views. Figure that the hikers will probably be gone for a couple of hours.

Learn more about Holy Hikes in this [Episcopal News Service article](#).



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### **Come Travel the Camino With Us (Virtually)!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Event: September 27<sup>th</sup>–Holy Hike, Batman!**

By Kelley Dinkelmeyer

Many of you will remember the trip taken by Newt and June Smith immortalized in his book of poetry, *Camino Poems: Reflections on the Way*. We have decided that, instead of lamenting our inability to travel as we'd like right now, we are inviting all to join us on a virtual journey together. Using the Camino de Santiago as an inspiration, you can journey physically (walking, biking, hiking, etc.) or spiritually (meditating, praying, writing, reading, etc.)

#### **How will it work?**

We will have an "official" opening on the "Holy Hike" that Mother Gaelyn has planned for September 27<sup>th</sup>, mentioned above. (You don't have to attend this event to be included in the group, though.) However, you define your "miles", you will log your own miles yourself, and, as often as you want, send them to Kelley Dinkelmeyer. She will compile them for the whole group, and we'll see how far we go! We plan to get together online every few weeks or once per month to share with each other how our journeys are going and read some excerpts from Newt's book. Any other ideas for encouraging each other are welcome!

#### **How long will we participate?**

The trip runs from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 until Christmas Eve, 2020. (What better destination to have?) You can join at any time during that time frame!

#### **How do you define your journey?**

The actual Camino is roughly 500 miles. But you don't have to do that! Some examples of what you could do:

One person only plans to walk about 10 miles per week, so she is going to count each real mile as 30 "Camino miles".

Another plans to meditate—he is going to count each hour of meditation as 20 "Camino miles".

We'll also add all of our miles up to see if we can as a group gather that many miles, whether physically or spiritually.

#### **How do you join up?**

Send your contact information (email and phone) to Kelley Dinkelmeyer at [kdinkelmeyer@email.wcu.edu](mailto:kdinkelmeyer@email.wcu.edu) (or message her on Facebook).



**Note:** The website I mentioned last time is a bit trickier than I originally thought. I'm working on making us a team page—please hold off on that part of it until I know more. 😊

## Creation Cycle Book Club



*Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change* by Stephen A. Jurovics, PhD will be our Creation Cycle book. What better time to renew our commitment to our faith, take action, and learn about climate change and what we can do to improve life for all on the planet? Join us Sunday afternoons on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 pm on [Zoom](#) with the password "book." The author will join us to facilitate the discussion! The book is available at City Lights and other book sellers. For more information check out <https://hospitableplanet.com/>.



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## 2020 Virtual Budget Road Tour

The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina invites all interested lay leaders, parish delegates to Diocesan Convention and all clergy to attend the 2020 Virtual Budget Road Tour. Come learn more about the mission and ministry of the Diocese and the allocation of funds to support the Jesus Movement in Western North Carolina.

This year our Budget Road Tour will be held virtually by Zoom. Join us on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm for the final session. [Register Here](#)

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A silver lining from the COVID cloud for most of us has been decreased gasoline usage making fewer trips count for more as we do only the most necessary things.

Use this link [magbowles@gmail.com](mailto:magbowles@gmail.com) to submit your "little thing" examples, or post them on the [St. David's Facebook page](#), and we will make this be a regular feature in the Coracle. Naturally, some things will appear more than once as undoubtedly many of us do the same things, but we will all likely note some new things that we can adopt.



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## Ashby Calendars

These 8"x14" Episcopal Church wall calendars (under \$5.00 each) feature calendar dates in the proper color for each day, and the Lessons and Psalms for each Sunday and major feast days are printed on the back of each month's calendar sheet. Email [parishadmin@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:parishadmin@stdavidscullowhee.org) if you would like us to include one for you in our upcoming order.



This is the address of a new private Facebook group that Sloan Despeaux created in support of the Jackson County Indoor pool. Please join us.

[Friends of the Indoor Pool](#)



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## Parish News & Notes

### Birthdays

Sep 24 **Brian Railsback**  
Sep 25 **Betty Lynn Kirwan**

### Anniversaries

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

Condolences to Sallie Rivers on the recent loss of her brother Jay.

**INTERFAITH VIGIL for RACIAL RECONCILIATION and JUSTICE**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 6:30 pm INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY**  
**Downtown Sylva Bridge Park 76 Railroad Street**

This vigil is one of more than 3686+ events occurring globally during 2020 Campaign  
Nonviolence National Week of Action, September 17-27.



# **CAMPAIGN NONVIOLENCE**

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[St. D's Public Facebook Page](#)

[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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