

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 22, 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

Sun	Sep 22	Creation 3: Climate Change, Coffee Hour Honoring the Kirwans, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> follows, Abrahamic Dinner 5:30 pm Cullowhee United Methodist Church
Sun	Sep 29	Creation 4: Need not Greed, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Soup & Bread Community Supper 5 pm
Tue	Oct 1	Deanery Meeting 9 am
Thu	Oct 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Oct 6	Creation 5: Biodiversity, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Finance Committee 4 pm
Mon	Oct 7	Vestry Meeting 5 pm
Sun	Oct 13	Creation 6: Stewardship, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Rice & Beans Sunday
Mon	Oct 14	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Thu	Oct 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Oct 19	Yoga Retreat- <i>Life is Hard: Find the Joy</i> 9 am-noon
Sun	Oct 20	Creation 7: Proper 24, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Sun	Oct 27	Creation 8: Proper 25, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Soup Supper 5 pm
Fri	Nov 1	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Judy Annis
Reader: June Smith
Music: Lillian Pearson
Coffee: Reception
Readings: Lectionary: Gen 6: 11-14; 7: 11-8: 4; 9: 8-15; Ps 24: 1-6;
Ro 8: 18-72; Mk 16: 1-8

Serving during September

Flowers: Rosa Reily
Linen: Gael Graham
Communion: Laurie Hulbert & Muff Lyons
Bread: Wesley Satterwhite
Greeters: Hank Sharp & Jake Jacobson

[Sermon Link](#)

Please Join Us

This Sunday, September 22nd

For a Very Special Coffee Hour Reception

In the The Gathering Place at St. David's

To Say Farewell To

Bill and Betty Lynn Kirwan

The Kirwans are moving to an assisted-living
facility in Chapel Hill, NC



From the Vestry

Dear St. David's Community,

You have heard via church announcements that our Financial Pledge Stewardship drive is occurring earlier than in previous years: September and October, with pledges due October 31st.

The main reason for this change is that the funds we have available for the coming year (2020) will guide us in regard to calling a new rector. Parishioners have asked that the Vestry and DC consider a full time as well as a part time rector for our next step. We must know how we are able to financially support that person when they arrive and in the years that follow. This year's pledge will be a good indication of what is possible. So, please think about it and pray about it. Pledge forms will be available at church and online for printing before the end of September.

This is an important part of SEOL (the Stewardship of the Entirety of Our Lives) as it so deeply affects the life of our dear church. With thanks in advance for your discernment and generosity,

Grant Application Made to Fund Roof and Cross Replacement

As you know, our 22-year-old roof needs replacement, and an evaluation has shown that the steeple is sound, needing only a good paint job. However, the cross also needs to be replaced due to deterioration of the wood. The cost of the project, totaling \$47,550.00, includes a new roof, painting the steeple, attaching a new cross to the steeple, purchasing a new cross, and removing the playground fence and steps so that equipment can reach the roof. The vestry is submitting a grant application this week to the Diocese of Western North Carolina for the amount of \$20,000.00 to fund the project. We have also applied for a second grant from All Saints Day Memorial Offering (ASMDO) and will let you know the outcome. The grant is given to a church/ECW for a project that will improve, enhance, or fulfill a need pertaining to parish buildings. In addition, we will use \$5,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund. Please pray that our request is granted. We appreciate the Diocese's hard work in making grants available and in considering our application.

Help Needed from Our Parish Members for Our Roof Project

As we are moving through our Rector search process, we have asked you all to make pledges for 2020 financial stewardship by October 31st so that we can be sure of the financial support of our new Rector as well as all other operating expenses. Because of this, the Vestry has decided not to pursue a capital campaign to fund our roof repair. However, we are asking parish members to please consider making a one-time financial contribution towards the Roof Replacement Project.

Please make this contribution, if at all possible, before October 15th. We will let the Diocesan Grant Committee know the total that your generosity provides through this appeal and count it as part of our congregation's contribution towards the Roof Project. Our beautiful church is 136 years old, and we need to keep it in good repair.

With gratitude in advance, Your Vestry

St. David's Vestry

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

Abrahamic Dinner this Sunday

Please join us at CUMC for wonderful food and discussion with sisters and brothers of the children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim. The presentations have been very interesting and informative, generating lots of great discussions and building our friendships, The topic this week is:

Abraham's Table: A family reunion

Join us for dinner as we explore the commonalities and uniqueness shared by the children of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim.

Sunday, September 22 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

All are welcome as we celebrate our common roots and diverse practices in an era of political division.

PRESENTATION TOPIC: SCRIPTURE IN ALL THREE RELIGIONS

Cullowhee United Methodist Church
416 Central Drive, Cullowhee

We invite you to bring a pot-luck item or just come as you are.

Food will be plentiful.

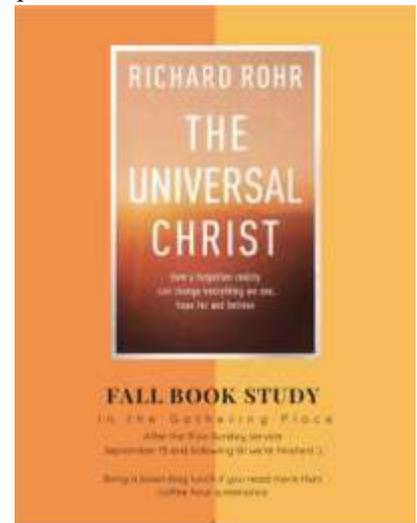


The lamps are different but the light is the same. —Rumi

Book Study

The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr.

All are welcome - it isn't too late to join our discussion. We've decided to discuss two chapters each week. This week Betsy Swift will lead the discussion for chapters 1 and 2.



Life is Hard: Find the Joy

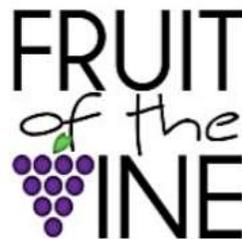
A yoga retreat with Chad Hallyburton and Jane Coburn



October 19th
9 am-noon
The Gathering Place

You Are Invited

to



A wine education & tasting event

Friday, November 1

6:30 pm

at

**St. David's
Episcopal Church**

**385 Forest Hills Road
Cullowhee, NC 28723**

"You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart..."
(Psalm 104: 14-15)

Our favorite sommelier, Sonia Hooper, will lead our gathering once again this year.

Participants will have opportunity to taste each variety offered, learn of its origins, history, and suggested food pairings – Sonia's expertise! – and its impact on the modern environment/economy, then purchase the samples of their choice.

Deliveries will be made to St. David's Church within approximately 7 - 10 days. Purchasers will be notified of pick-up times.



Light refreshments provided. Please enjoy dinner before you arrive.
Free, safe transportation home provided for any who may need it.

"May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine."
(Gen 27:28)

Rector Search

Discernment Committee Chairman Harry Brown may be traipsing through the Alps, but the rest of the committee members are right here in Cullowhee writing the Parish Profile document and filling out the Parish Portfolio. The goal is to have all of the required documentation ready to submit for diocesan approval in early October.

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



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Sep 24 **Brian Railsback**
Sep 25 **Betty Lynn Kirwan**
Sep 28 **Donna Harris**

Anniversary

Sep 24 **Donna Harris & Nicole McRight**

The Slater's hosted a farewell concert at their home for the Kirwans. Caroline Ulrich performed on flute, Lillian Pearson on piano, and Brad Ulrich on trumpet.



The Lost and Found Department

This from Margot Wilcox:



My large stainless spatula went to church to serve lasagna at the first Holy Conversation. Before I could grab it to take it home, it was in the dishwasher and then put in the utensil drawer in The Gathering Place. About a week back I spotted it there, took it out of the drawer, and mindlessly laid it down somewhere in that room vs putting with my purse. When I remembered and went looking for it, it had disappeared. I really hope to get it back, as it's something I use a lot. And it's part of a set (witness the spoon). The handle is about 9" long and the head has 4 or 5 parallel slits. Thanks for your help in recovering my missing utensil!

Vecinos in Need of Care Packages for Migrant Workers

By Muff Lyons

Vecinos is again asking for our help with care packages for migrant farm workers. There will be a basket in the back of the church containing the list in a bag for your shopping convenience.

Vecinos travels to migrant camps on a weekly basis to care for the medical needs of the workers who have arrived with just the clothes on their backs and little else.

Vecinos thanks you as I do for your generosity.

Items requested for each bag:

1 bar of soap
1 toothpaste tube
1 floss
2 pairs of socks

1 athlete's foot cream
2-3 pain-relieving patches
1 box of band-aids
2 toothbrushes

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.

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.

2019 Outreach Support

From 1st 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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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

**Regular
Activities**

2nd Sundays

Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr

Mondays 10:30 am

2nd Mondays

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Rice & Beans Ministry

Soup/Bread Community Supper

Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am

Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

Accessible Mindfulness 10 am