

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 27, 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

Dear friends,

Thank you all for participating in the Regathering Survey. We had a very positive response rate and clear support for offering an option of in-person worship. This Sunday, September 27th, we will worship both online (Zoom and Facebook) and in-person. The Regathering Task Force has done a wonderful job thinking through each part of the service and how to ensure as safe an experience as possible. We recognize that our in-person worship will not look or feel like it did prior to the pandemic and grieve this loss with you. We also recognize that for some, any kind of in-person worship is welcome and for others, it will remain impossible until a vaccine is available. If you choose to participate in in-person worship, there are several precautions we are following in order to keep everyone safe and to follow the bishop's guidelines. We all appreciate everyone doing their best to keep these guidelines and also to assume that each person we encounter is doing their best as well.

- ✦ Each individual will need to sign-up using <https://calendly.com/gaelyn/holy-eucharist>; please note that if a couple or family is attending **each person must have an individual sign-up in calendly**, so that we can keep to the limit of people allowed in the church. Please email Mtr. Gaelyn if you need assistance. We have been conservative in the number allowed this first week as we get used to this process.
- ✦ If you are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, please let Mtr. Gaelyn and/or Muff know so we may pray for you, and please stay home; check <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> for more information
- ✦ We will check everyone's temperature when they arrive
- ✦ All must wear face coverings for the entire service with the only exception being when receiving communion
- ✦ Hand sanitizer will be available, and all are encouraged to use it as needed
- ✦ Ushers will assist with seating in order to maintain social distancing, and we ask that the church be filled from the front to the back to lessen crowding in the aisle.
- ✦ The windows will be open with fans pulling the air outside. It will be chilly, so please dress accordingly.
- ✦ Ushers will assist with directing people to receive communion and at dismissal to lessen crowding in the aisle.
- ✦ Please bring a device to join in Zoom coffee hour following the service

I recognize this is a strange way to attend church. I also know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this journey and may yet have unexpected gifts for us in this time of wilderness. The Regathering Task Force and I know that we will have undoubtedly forgotten something, and we trust that grace and generosity will be present as we all work through this time together. I ask that you pray for the people of St. David's,

that you pray for the Task Force, and that you pray for me, and know that I will be praying for you and our community as we take these next steps to celebrate God's love for all creation in this beautiful valley.

Peace and blessings,

Mother Gaelyn

Service Information

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

Sign up if you wish to attend in person on Sunday:

<https://calendly.com/gaelyn/holy-eucharist>

Lector: George Rector

Prayers: Judy Annis

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](#)

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at noon **Outdoor Eucharist**

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

Episcopal Campus Ministry
WCU

Sign-up for Wednesday
Walks with WCU campus
missioner 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.

[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Might You Have a Fan to Spare?

To help accommodate indoor worship as safely as possible, we are looking for a couple of fans for inside the church. Regular box fans will NOT FIT with our windows, but smaller fans will. Specifically, we are looking for designs that are smaller, narrower, and can be angled or propped slightly downward (to blow out the window opening), since our tall windows open outward from the bottom with a top hinge. If you have a fan that will fit on a windowsill as described and you'd be willing to loan or donate it to the church, drop it off at the church any time before Sunday. Thank you!

Holy Hikes

Sunday September 27th 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.



Come Travel the Camino With Us (Virtually)!

1st Event: September 27th–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 27th, 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 1st, 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 (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 11th and 25th 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/>.



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 28th, 7 pm for the final session. [Register Here](#)

A “Little Thing” Question



Nan Watkins asks if anyone knows of a good place to take used batteries of all sizes for recycling. She says she used to take them to Radio Shack, but since they are no longer here, she is looking for another place to drop them off. Reply to magbowles@gmail.com to share with everyone via the Coracle or to [Nan](#) directly.

Use this link magbowles@gmail.com to submit your “little thing” examples, or post them on the [St. David’s Facebook page](#). 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.

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 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](#)



Halloween Weekend at Lake Logan

October 30th and 31st

Drive-in movies, haunted trails, trunk or treat, and lots more. Register online [here](#).



A large poster for Halloween Weekend at Lake Logan. The poster has a dark blue background with yellow scalloped borders at the top and bottom. In the center, there are three jack-o'-lanterns with faces. Below them, the text "HALLOWEEN WEEKEND" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, it says "AT LAKE LOGAN". To the left, it lists details for Friday, October 30: "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AGES 17 AND UP GATES OPEN AT 6 PM MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM HAUNTED TRAIL". Below this is a small image of a movie poster for "Friday the 13th" with an arrow pointing to it. To the right, it lists details for Saturday, October 31: "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 FOR FAMILIES GATES OPEN AT 4 PM MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM TRUNK OR TREAT HAUNTED TRAIL GAMES FOR KIDS". Below this is a small image of a movie poster for "Ghostbusters" with an arrow pointing to it. In the center, it says "CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE" and "SATURDAY: FREE POPCORN IF YOU BRING CANDY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!". Below that, it lists ticket prices: "ADVANCE TICKETS ONLINE: \$25/CARLOAD ONE NIGHT \$40/CARLOAD FOR BOTH NIGHTS (\$30/CARLOAD PER NIGHT AT THE GATE) HAUNTED TRAIL \$5 PER PERSON". At the bottom, it says "CAMPING AND CABINS AVAILABLE" and "LAKELOGAN.ORG/EVENTS".

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Sep 28

Donna Harris

Sep 30

Gracia Slater

Oct 2

Haidee Wilson

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

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

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