

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 8, 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

Fri	Sep 6	Ellerd Hulbert funeral 2 pm
Sun	Sep 8	Creation 1: Land, Book Study: <i>Prayers of the Cosmos</i> after church, Rice & Beans Sunday
Mon	Sep 9	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Sep 15	Creation 2: Water, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
Thu	Sep 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 22	Creation 3: Climate Change, Coffee Hour Honoring the Kirwans, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> follows
Sun	Sep 29	Creation 4: Need not Greed, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church, Soup & Bread Community Supper 5 pm
Thu	Oct 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Oct 6	Creation 5: Biodiversity, Book Study <i>The Universal Christ</i> after church
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
Fri	Nov 1	Fruit of the Vine Wine Event 6:30 pm

[Sermon Link](#)

[Sermon 8/18/2019 The Rev. Nick McDonald](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader:

Music: Savannah Bennett

Coffee: Brian Railsback

Readings: Gen 12:1-10; Ps 126;

Acts 4: 32-37; Mk 4: 26-34

Serving during September

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gael Graham

Communion: Laurie Hulbert &

Muff Lyons

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Jake Jacobson

Rest In Peace

Ellerd Miner Hulbert

1931-2019

Memorial Service 2 pm St. David's Episcopal Church

[Obituary](#)

A Call to Evangelism

By the Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

At our CAT survey results meeting this past Sunday, I saw and heard a desire for ways to be more invitational, to “get the word out” about St. David’s to people, then how to connect visitors once they arrive. In other words, evangelism.

On a recent vacation, I attended a conference on just this topic for my non-profit, the *Partnership for Renewal*. I’m happy to share the resources and lessons I learned from experts in The Episcopal Church such as Mary Parmer and Mary MacGregor, The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes (Newark), and The Rev. Carl Ohmer (Falls Church, VA). I attended workshops on making digital connections, Sunday welcome—ideas for introductory response and noticing internal systems that help and/or hinder, incorporating visitors who come regularly, and making church—school connections—a new approach to chaplaincy.

I’m happy to share what I learned with anyone interested in these topics. If there are several, it would be helpful to have group meetings on the topics. You know how to find me!

Convention 2019

You may remember that we did not elect delegates to Convention at our Annual Meeting in January. Registration is now open for convention, so I’m working with the vestry to get this done. You’ll be hearing more soon as this needs to be accomplished quickly. If you are interested in serving as a delegate to Diocesan Convention, please let a vestry member or me know. Convention takes place at Trinity in Asheville on November 8th and 9th.

Also, at Convention this year, we have an amazing opportunity to update our (required) anti-racism training under the leadership of Canon Stephanie Spellers from The Episcopal Church (aka 815) who is also our keynote speaker. This training usually occurs ahead of convention business on Friday, but we await final details for this year from our diocesan office.

Invitation to Lay Leadership

Bishop José is encouraging lay and clergy leaders to gather for Deanery activities. The next meeting of the Western Deanery is Tuesday, October 1st at 6 pm at All Saints in Franklin. Our Dean reminds us that: “This is a critical meeting for clergy and lay delegates to Convention, so that we have a chance to talk through significant business items for the Convention (namely the revision of Constitutions & Canons and the Diocesan budget).”

I strongly recommend lay participation. The Deanery is an effective, helpful diocesan structure that has lain fallow for years, and I applaud Bp. José for resurrecting it.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me, and we’ll make arrangements to carpool. Thank you!

Safeguarding God’s People (SGP) and Safeguarding God’s Children (SGC)

Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville is offering this (required) training on Saturday, September 21st. Canon Augusta Anderson will be co-leading the training with The Rev. Joslyn Schaefer. SGP will be at 9 am and SGC will be at 10:30 am.



FALL BOOK STUDY
 In the Gathering Place
 After the 11:00 Sunday service
 September 15 and following till we're finished :)
 Bring a bown-bag lunch if you need more than
 coffee hour sustenance

The fall book study starts September 15th following the church service.

You Are Invited

to



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)



Life is Hard: Find the Joy

A yoga retreat with Chad Hallyburton
 and Jane Coburn

October 19th
9 am-noon
The Gathering Place

Special Coffee Hour September 22nd

By Faye Jacobson

The Kirwans will be moving at the end of September, and, since they have been members for 50 years and such a vital part of St. David's, we would like to give them a special send off. There has been terrific response to the email message I sent regarding food for the occasion, so everything there is covered.

We hope that all of you can be on hand for this special event.

Last Call for Church Calendars

By Margot Wilcox

I am only ordering pre-ordered calendars this year, having ended up in recent years with leftovers. If you would like one of these calendars for 2020, please get your order in to me now via email. I'll collect your money when the calendars are delivered. The price will be \$10; profits (tho' slim) go to the Altar Guild.

Although a lot of folks search the internet for the information found on these calendars, some of us still like having the actual calendar on hand. For those to whom these calendars are an unknown quantity, the Ashby Church Calendars provide valuable worship service information for each Sunday — Liturgical season and color, Bible lessons for the day in accordance with the Revised Common Lectionary, Feast Days and more — especially handy to have if you're on the altar guild or serve as lector. Looking forward to receiving your order. mtwilcox@frontier.com

Accessible Mindfulness Changes Meeting Day to Thursdays

By Betsy Swift

For several years now a small group has met twice a month for what Michael called "Accessible Mindfulness." Usually there are just three or four of us, and we spend about an hour with a simple check-in, reflection on a text, about 10 minutes of silent meditation, and ending with intentions for our practice until we meet the next time.

Perhaps you have been curious about what this might be all about. Please know you are welcome to join at any time, "Come and see," try it out.

The "regulars" (George Rector, Joan Byrd, Betsy Swift, Mary McGlauflin) say : "We meet now on the first and third THURSDAYS every month at 10 am, usually upstairs in the Gathering Place, and you would be most welcome to join at any time."

Rector Search

The documents related to the CAT survey are posted on the church website: stdavidscullowhee.org under the Rector Search tab. They are password protected so you need to register as a member if you have not already done so.



Prayers by George Rector, Discernment Committee Chaplain

CAT Interpretation and Holy Conversations

September 1st, 2019

Almighty God, You are our refuge, our ever-present strength and courage. Let us stand firm in our faith, then, unmoved by the momentary passions of this world. Let us call on You and not on our own ambition, knowing that through your grace we may know the plans You have prepared for us. You make plain that which was hidden, giving our lives fullness and maturity. Make us attentive to your presence in all that we do so that we may more perfectly serve You and serve one another. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, let our prayer be to remember the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" We know that You are with us where ever we go and that You are found in all that we do; there is no aspect of our lives from which You are excluded. We pray, then, to always live with an awareness of your presence and to trust in You to lead us in the direction which we should go. Let us listen to your instruction and let us use what we learn so that we may honor You, your creation and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Needed: Virtual Closet Manager

Claire Marsh has ably performed this ministry for a number of years, but where she lives now her internet service is poor. It's a pretty easy job: keep a list of items that parishioner have that they are willing to lend when the need arises—primarily medical-related stuff but could be anything. Coordinate between the lender and borrower to facilitate their utilization. If interested, contact clairemrsh@gmail.com or Maggie at magbowles@gmail.com

Parish News & Notes

Birthday

Sep 10 **Muff Lyons**

Valori+ offered a blessing for the 59th wedding anniversary of Judy and Jere Annis.



Congratulations to Paul Yanik and colleagues who have been awarded a grant of \$180,000 to launch and foster FIRST robotics teams at WNC high schools.

Congratulations also to Wesley Satterwhite on earning her master's degree in Library and Information Services

Prayers for Austin Coburn as he undergoes surgery this week to implant a vagus nerve stimulator in the hope it will reduce seizures and/or decrease their severity.

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

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.

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

2019 Outreach Support			
From 1 st 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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St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

St. David's Vestry

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson	Junior Warden, Muff Lyons
Sandy Frazier	Gael Graham
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Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.