

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 21, 2018

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	Jan 21	Epiphany 3
Sun	Jan 28	Epiphany 4 Children: Superhero activity Congregational Meeting following church Soup & Bread Supper 5:30 pm
Sat	Feb 3	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 4	Epiphany 5 1 st Sunday Collection for Community Table
Tue	Feb 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 11	Epiphany 6 Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Feb 13	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Wed	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Sun	Feb 18	Lent 1 Children: Meditation with Jane
Tue	Feb 20	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Feb 25	Lent 2 Soup & Bread Community Supper 5-7 pm
Thu	Mar 1	St. David's Day
Sat	Mar 3	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 4	Lent 3 1 st Sunday Collection for Good Samaritan
Tue	Mar 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 11	Lent 4
Tue	Mar 13	Vestry Meeting 5:30 am
Sun	Mar 18	Lent 5
Tue	Mar 20	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Mar 25	Palm Sunday Soup & Bread Community Supper 5-7 pm
Sun	Apr 1	Easter

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Judy Annis
Reader: Paul Cooper
Coffee: Betsy Swift & Barb Manke
Music: Nan Watkins
Readings: [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#),
[1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#), [Mark 1:14-20](#),
[Psalm 62:6-14](#)

Serving during January

Bread: Jane Coburn
Flowers: Margot Wilcox
Linen: Faye Jacobson
Eucharist: Gracia Slater &
Margot Wilcox
Greeters: Jake Jacobson &
Jane Coburn

Serving during February

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite
Flowers: Judy Robinson
Linen: Gerlinde Lindy
Eucharist: Linda Kinnear &
June Smith
Greeters: John & Gracia Slater

**Childcare is available
during the church service.**

The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Look up and see!

By The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

I share today a favorite Midrash - ancient Jewish commentary on biblical text - about Reuven and Shimon, two Israelites among those present when Moses parted the Red Sea and the people of God crossed safely into freedom. As they were walking across the parted sea, Reuven and Shimon noticed that, though it was now safe to walk on the bottom of the sea, it was very muddy.

"Ugh," Reuven muttered. "What in the world is this muck?" Shimon agreed. "There's mud everywhere!"

"This is just like the slime pits of Egypt!" Reuven complained as the mud squished between his toes. "What's the difference?" Shimon asked, raising the hem of his cloak out of the muck. "Mud here. Mud in Egypt. It's all the same."

The two kvetched all the way across, and since neither one looked up from their feet, they didn't notice that the people who had reached the shore were singing songs of praise to God for the miracle they'd been given. God had parted the great Red Sea and guided them safely to freedom! For Reuven and Shimon, however, there was only mud.

It's all about perspective.

We are not fleeing oppression, thanks be to God, but we are embarking on a journey toward a new shore, a new life as a community of faith. I pray we always remember to look up and see the miracles God is already working in and among us. We are God's beloved people and God will guide us safely and joyfully on this journey.



Parish Tour Kicks Off

Editor's note: Valori announced during her first Sunday service here that she would like to visit with each person or family in the parish. Her email address is interimvmsherer@gmail.com. Please contact her to set up a time to meet. She has prepared a sheet to bring with her to the meetings to guide the discussion which you can preview here: [Parish Tour Info Sheet](#).

Dear friends,

At my initial "Parish Tour" meetings, a few of you have expressed interest in an Inquirer's Class. We have a couple of people ready to prepare for Confirmation, and others who may want Reaffirmation. Still others just want to be part of the fun! All are welcome. I have a syllabus and class schedule ready. All we need is to choose dates and times. No need to wait, we can get this rolling pretty quickly, so please let me know what dates and times work in general, e.g., Mondays at 7pm, or Sundays at 3pm. I'm here Sundays through Wednesday morning, and my time is your time! Email me at: interimvmsherer@gmail.com

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valori +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Call for Vestry Nominations

As we look forward to 2018 it's time to select one new Vestry member for a three-year term. Anyone interested in serving in this role may self-nominate by notifying Steve Steinbrueck no later than Sunday, January 21st. You may nominate someone else with their permission. Candidates may submit a short statement regarding their thoughts on Vestry service for inclusion in the Coracle the week before the congregational meeting and election on January 28th.

Congregational Meeting

January 28th, 2018

Please plan to stay after church on January 28th for a short congregational meeting. We will elect one new Vestry member, receive brief reports, and discuss the 2018 budget.



January 28th is Superhero Sunday

It's getting closer: St. David's Super Hero Kids will use their Super Heart Powers on Sunday January 28th as we pack welcome-back treat bags for the WCU students/faculty who park in the lower lot during the week.

Each Super Kid will get a cape and mask to take home with them. Please confirm if your Super Kid will attend so that I can plan accordingly. centeringyoganc@gmail.com or respond on the Facebook page.

Best wishes to all of our children who are competing in the Lego tournament this weekend!

Soup and Bread Community Supper

Sunday January 28th 5-7 pm

As always, ALL in the community are welcome! Invite friends! Donations will be accepted for Clean Slate.

If you are planning to bring soup and/or bread, please contact Wesley Satterwhite at wesleysatterwhite@hotmail.com or (828) 200-4363. You do not have to bring soup to:



Come! Eat! Enjoy!

Communication Is Key



In person, by phone, email, Facebook, instant messaging, it is important for us all to keep in touch and spread the word. The church has a public Facebook page, [Saint David's Episcopal Cullowhee](#), which is being used by a number of people now for quick communication. There is also a closed-group page which the parents and friends of the children use to communicate and make plans., [St. David's Children](#). Check them out!

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jan 24

Donna Ross, Tommy Suggs

Jan 27

Mary McGlaulin



Jackson Neighbors in Need

828.586.2345

Charlie's Challenge

A Fundraiser for Neighbors In Need

By Judy Annis

It is time for Jackson Neighbors In Need annual fund-raising dinner, Charlie's Challenge. The meal will once again be provided by Chef Randy of Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort. There is no charge for the dinner but donations are happily accepted. Jackson Neighbors In Need major focus is providing heating assistance for our neighbors when they do not qualify for any other help. Last winter season we were able to help 90 families and we spent \$20,400. Because we are no longer managing the cold weather shelter we have added a new area of funding. We now are able to offer help when a family/individual experiences a small economic crisis or "bump in the road" that they do not have the funds to pay for. We have been keeping a record of people's unmet needs that no agency can fund and we decided that we could help. For example, a person needs a new car battery but he/she does not have enough money to pay for it. Not getting the battery could result in not being able to get to work and thus the loss of a job. We have learned that many times it is the small things that lead to huge catastrophes.

All of you are invited to attend. Please RSVP to me at jannis@dnet.net. We have always had several tables of St. David's members. The dinner is at the Mission and Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church at 6 pm on Saturday Jan. 27th. Once again, we will have terrific raffle items and an auction of amazing cakes.

Please plan to come. It is a fun event and the money raised really helps our neighbors.



Blessing of the Beans and Rice





Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

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](#).

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.

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.

Regular Activities	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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