

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 20, 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	May 20	Pentecost
Sun	May 27	Pentecost 1 Trinity Sunday, Children's Sermon
Sat	Jun 2	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am Cancelled
Sun	Jun 3	Pentecost 2—1 st Sunday Collection for United Christian Ministries
Tue	Jun 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sat	Jun 8-9	Cold Mountain Music Lake Logan
Fri-Sun	Jun 8-10	Yoga Retreat Valle Crusis, Chad Hallyburton
Sun	Jun 10	Pentecost 3 Beans & Rice Sunday
Tue	Jun 12	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Jun 17	Pentecost 4
Tue	Jun 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jun 24	Pentecost 5 Children's Sermon
Sun	Jul 1	Pentecost 6—1 st Sunday Collection for Clean Slate
Tue	Jul 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sat	Jul 6-7	Vestry Retreat
Sat	Jul 7	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 8	Pentecost 7 Beans & Rice Sunday
Sun	Jul 15	Pentecost 8
Tue	July 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 22	Pentecost 9 Children's Sermon
Sun	Jul 29	Pentecost 10

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: Muff Lyons

Music: Nan Watkins

Coffee: **ALL!**

Readings: [Acts 2:1-21](#), [Romans 8:22-27](#), [John 15:26-27](#); [16:4b-15](#), [Psalm 104:25-35](#), [37](#)

Serving during May

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Eucharist: Muff Lyons &

Laurie Hulbert

Greeters: George Rector & Joan Byrd

Serving during June

Bread: John Slater

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Eucharist: Judy Annis &

Faye Jacobson

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Lydia Aydtlett

Pentecost May 20th, 2018

Think red. Wear red. Bring red food. As a Principle Feast in the Episcopal Church (see BCP, p 15), this is a party day. It's the birthday of the church, so we plan to celebrate big! The children will fly the Holy Spirit dove in procession along with the prayer flags they made for Easter.

Everyone is invited to read the Gospel on this day in a language meaningful or familiar to you—at the same time—during the service! [Valori+](#) can provide you with the text translated into the language you choose.

Everyone, please bring a food item to share at Coffee Hour!



**KEEP CALM
AND
WEAR RED
ON
PENTECOST**

The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Notes from the Interim Rector

By The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Thank you!

Dear friends at St. David’s,

Thank you for the wonderful, and wonderfully surprising, “grandmother shower” you gave me last Sunday. As you could tell, I was overwhelmed by your love and generosity. In the first place, I’d never heard of a grandmother shower—what a great idea! I’ll definitely be carrying that idea forward.

More importantly though, your thoughtfulness toward me and my personal life is unprecedented in my experience. I think that’s what overwhelmed me. You went to a level of caring about me that I haven’t experienced before as a rector/interim. I was at once so very excited that the predominant gift of this community, kindness, was manifest yet again and deeply humbled to be the recipient of it.

I sent pictures of the basket of books to my daughter, and she was deeply moved too, and I think for the same reason. “They really are as nice as you say, Mom. I’m glad you’re there—for them and for you.”

I’m glad too. I’ve witnessed what the power of pure love can do to heal lives and communities. That powerful gift is present naturally among you. God has surely blessed you, and me through you. Thanks be to God and thank you.



Children's Formation

As a reminder: the children's sermon will now be on the fourth Sunday of each month. This month that falls on May 27th which is Trinity Sunday. This feast day is a favorite among Celtic-ly inclined Christians, which fits right in with our identity at St. David's. Please talk with the children ahead of this about God as Trinity in Unity, so they are ready to speak their wisdom and ask whatever questions arise in their hearts. This should be fun - not to mention challenging for the preacher!



Recycling the Readings Inserts

Thank you for returning the readings inserts each week for our re-use. I collect them each week but haven't had opportunity to separate them from the bulletins (which we recycle) and file them. Is there anyone out there who would like to help me get through this stack of paper? Your help would be much appreciated!

Worship Booklet Revision

The liturgy team has worked to revise the worship booklet in order to simplify its use by those (like me) unfamiliar with it. There has been no substantive change to the content or rhythm of the service, only room for a little more freedom of choice in certain places, e.g. the Prayers of the People, and the inclusion of the third Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*, the source of the two prayers already in the booklet. It also adds some "rubrics," i.e., instructions/explanations of what's going on for the edification and comfort of guests and newcomers.

We will begin use of this booklet on May 27, Trinity Sunday. If you'd like to preview it, click [HERE](#).



Children's Formation Task Force

We've been talking about forming this for a little while now, and the time has come. Those for whom children's formation is a priority are invited to join the Children's Formation Task Force (CFTF). This Task Force will support the parents (who are already scheduled to the max) by organizing and accomplishing means and opportunities for the spiritual formation of the children of St. David's. The fruits of our recent parent meetings will be provided to the CFTF and Valori+ will provide a tool to take what has been offered by the parents and make action plans for implementation and evaluation. The CFTF will convene for a period of time, probably four months, then disband. When/if it is needed again, the CFTF will reform and address the needs that have arisen. Please contact [Valori+](#) and let her know you'd like to have a part in the formation of our youngest members. We'd like to get this going before Valori+ goes on "grandmother leave" during June.



Feedback Invited Regarding Charitable Donations

By Todd Vinyard

St. David's Church cares for its neighbors. We reflect those values in the six charities our parish has chosen to support: Clean Slate, Community Table, Good Samaritan Clinic, Macon CareNet, Neighbors In Need and United Christian Ministries.

The Vestry is currently evaluating our community outreach options and would like your feedback. If you have a group that you think should be added (or dropped) or thoughts about what factors the vestry should consider in making these decisions, please contact [Todd Vinyard](#) or other Vestry members—[Betsy Swift](#), [Maggie Bowles](#), [Muff Lyons](#), [Sandy Frazier](#), [Judy Robinson](#) or Interim Rector—[Valori+](#).

Traditionally, the loose plate offering on the first Sunday of each month went to fund Michael's Rector's Discretionary Fund. In early 2017, with his retirement approaching, Michael told the Vestry his discretionary fund had enough to finish the year without a further contribution. Starting in February 2017 then, the plate offering on the first Sunday of each month was designated to one of these charities. The Rector's Discretionary Fund may be reinstated at a later date probably when we have a permanent rector.

St. David's Soup-and-Bread Community Supper at the end of the month also accepts donations to help the charities mentioned above.

The charities we currently donate to are described below.

Clean Slate – This program provides safe, accessible, affordable housing for women in transition. It seeks to help women learn healthy life and job skills and reduce recidivism and addictive behavior in a supportive environment while encouraging hope and opportunity. Our beloved Deacon Alice Mason was a founder of this program.

Community Table – This 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has a mission to provide nutritious meals to our neighbors in need in a welcoming environment.

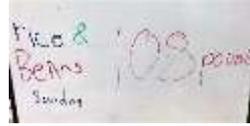
Blue Ridge Health (formerly Good Samaritan Clinic)—Seeks to provide quality healthcare that is accessible and affordable to all.

Macon CareNet – Through food assistance programs, the program strives to meet the nourishment needs of Macon County residents who are unable to provide for themselves due to a crisis.

Neighbors in Need –A volunteer organization that is bringing together community organizations and citizens to promote effective collaboration to assist Jackson County residents in need of adequate warm shelter during the cold weather months.

United Christian Ministries – For over 25 years, United Christian Ministries of Jackson County has been ministering to the needs of North Carolina residents living in Jackson County. The goal is to help residents of our county in times of emergency by providing food, household goods, limited financial assistance, furniture, cleaning supplies, and personal care items for all ages.

Thank you to St. David's members for supporting the work of the parish through pledge and plate offerings.



Gerlinde & Robert Lindy hosted the Neffs, Marilyn Jody and Lillian Pearson for dinner and treated them to music as well! They play at City Lights on Thursdays.

Please take a photo when you have your meetings and send it in for publication along with a few words about it: magbowles@gmail.com.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

- May 22 **David Bowles**
- May 23 **David Philyaw, Ann Hallyburton**
- May 27 **Art Campana**

Anniversaries

- May 20 **Sloan & Michael Despeaux**
- May 22 **Donna Ross & Frank Lockwood**
- May 25 **Courtney Smith-Mark Tomczak**

Congratulations to Chad Hallyburton who will begin a new job teaching biology to nursing students at WCU.

Prayers for a speedy recovery for Jake Jacobson who just had cataract surgery.

The Unstoppable Lois Tebo!

Said to be on death's doorstep just a couple of weeks ago, Lois was at church Sunday. She is pictured with Margot Wilcox and her son Sandy Frazier and daughter Beth Hern. Palliative care appears to agree with her.



It's Graduation Season!



Congratulations to Emily Lamm who graduated *Cum Laude* from the honors college with a degree in English Literature. Her family was at church with her this past Sunday.



And congratulations also to Kendra Graham on her graduation from WCU.



It was nice to have David and Julie Hughes visiting from Wales. They are the in-laws of Joanne Cleary's daughter whom some of us have met on previous pilgrimages.



Such fashionable men we have!

Yoga Retreat with Chad Hallyburton

Resting in the Quiet Heart: A Mountain Yoga Retreat: Friday, June 8th—Sunday, June 10th. Spend a weekend at the historic Valle Crucis Conference Center near Banner Elk, NC. Relax, rejuvenate, and soak up the quiet mountain atmosphere. \$214 includes programs, food, and lodging. Register here: vcconferences.org/programs.

From the Diocese

COLD MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

— AT LAKE LOGAN —

JUNE 8 & 9 2018

Cold Mountain Music Festival takes place this year June 8-9 at Lake Logan. The event raises funds and awareness for Lake Logan and Camp Henry. Cold Mountain Music Festival features top-notch musical talent, amazing local food & drink vendors, a kid's area, and more all in one of the most pristine settings imaginable. The centerpiece of the 300-acre property is a mile-long lake surrounded by the Shining Rock Wilderness Area of Pisgah National Forest.

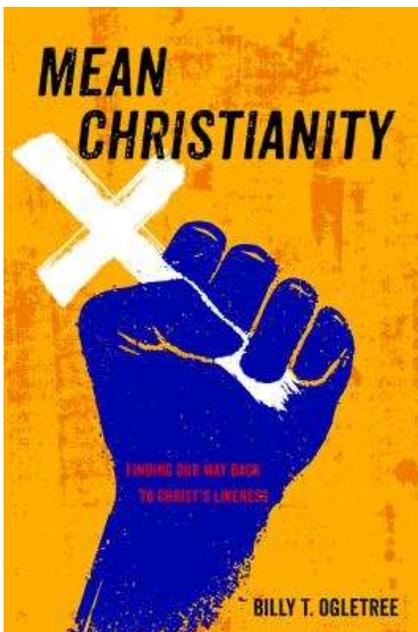
[Biltmore Beacon article about Cold Mountain Music Festival](#)

In Our Community and Beyond...

Mean Christianity

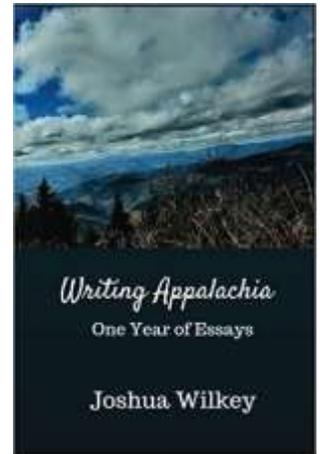
Billy Ogletree will present his new book on Saturday, May 19th at 3 pm at City Lights Bookstore. His book, *Mean Christianity: Finding Our Way Back to Christ's Likeness*, explores the Christian faith as an intentional, daily commitment to others, a cathartic and uncomfortable journey that leads travelers to Christ's likeness. The book considers how and why individual Christians and the corporate body of Christ have come to be perceived negatively by so many. It describes the primacy of Christ as the central tenet of Christianity and offers seven "Jesus" life themes for every Christian. These themes, based on a qualitative study of the canonical gospels, assist readers with the development of a framework for a Christ-like life.

Billy T. Ogletree is the Brewer Smith Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Western Carolina University. A speech-language pathologist and university educator interested in the communicative success of individuals with intellectual disabilities, Dr. Ogletree is a well-cited author of over seventy professional articles, chapters, and books. He is also a long-time Christian who writes for d365, an online devotional series. Dr. Ogletree's devotions emphasize the challenging yet cathartic possibilities associated with following Jesus.



Joshua Wilkey's Appalachian Essays

Joshua Wilkey will present his essay collection on Friday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore. *Writing Appalachia: One Year of Essays* started as a way to get into the daily discipline of writing turned into a blog with much wider appeal than Wilkey ever imagined. The essays in this book, many of which first appeared on his blog, This Appalachia Life, reveal the complexities of Appalachia. Wilkey argues that any story about Appalachia that doesn't have the potential to break a reader's heart might be glossed over in some way. In the pages of this book, Wilkey strips away the veneer of oversimplification, victim-blaming, and historical amnesia to reveal the region's people and circumstances in historical and cultural context. The essays are simultaneously personal and scholarly, framing Wilkey's lived experiences growing up in poverty through the lens of his training as an historian and scholar. To reserve copies of *Writing Appalachia* please call City Lights Bookstore at 828-586-9499.



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.

	Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
Regular	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
Activities	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
	1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-May	Soup/Bread Community Supper

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