

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



June 17, 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	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
Sun	Aug 5	Pentecost 11—1 st Sunday collection for Community Table
Tue	Aug 7	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 12	Pentecost 12 Rice & Beans Sunday
Sun	Aug 19	Pentecost 13
Tue	Aug 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 26	Pentecost 14 Children's Sermon

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Todd Vinyard

Reader: Paul Cooper

Music: Nan Watkins

Rector's Cross: Josh Vinyard

Coffee: **ALL-reception for**

Maleah and Austin

Readings: [1 Samuel 15:34-16:13](#)

[Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-](#)

[10, \[11-13\], 14-17, Mark 4:26-34](#)

Serving during June

Bread: John Slater

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Eucharist: Judy Annis &

Faye Jacobson

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Lydia Aydlett

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Special Coffee Hour This Week

Coffee Hour this week will be a reception for Maleah Pusz and Austin Rios who will be married in a private ceremony on a favorite hiking trail. Maleah started attending St. David's when she was a student at WCU. After graduating, she has remained in the area but will shortly be moving to Rome, Italy, where Austin is rector of St. Paul's Within the Walls Episcopal Church.

From the Senior Warden

Here it is, mid-June, five months into our journey through interim time. Sometimes I hear conflict or discontent expressed, then followed up with the comment, “we shouldn’t be making changes now,” or, “the interim should just be a place holder until we get a new rector.” From our discussion with Canon Augusta Anderson prior to Valori’s arrival, I knew there was more to it but perhaps have not been able to adequately articulate it “on the hoof.”

The four-person discernment committee that interviewed interim candidates considered two others who might have been “place holders,” but our deep sense was that that wasn’t what St. David’s needed at this point in our history together. We felt moved by the Holy Spirit to invite Valori, with her particular history and skill set, to join us for this time.

There is a clear description of what the interim time is all about in the Letter of Agreement between the interim rector and the parish. At the beginning of this document is a section called “Developmental Tasks of the Interim Period.”

[An interim period is principally a time of renewal and reenergizing the parish in its life and mission. Beyond maintaining effective ministry during this period, the Vestry and Interim Rector shall work together to prepare for healthy transition to the next rectorship. Specific tasks to be addressed include:

1. Coming to terms with the history of this congregation and its relationship to previous clergy.
2. Discovering the congregation’s special identity, what it dreams of being and doing apart from previous clergy leadership.
3. Dealing with shifts in leadership roles that naturally evolve in times of transition, allowing new leaders to come to the fore constructively.
4. Renewing and reworking relationships with the diocese, so that each may be a more effective resource and support one to the other.
5. Building commitment to the leadership of the new Rector, in order to be prepared to move into the future with openness to new possibilities.]

Please take the time to reflect on this document in light of our experience. What jumps out at me is the dynamism of the words used: discovering, dealing with shifts, renewing, reworking, being prepared to move.

My own sense as is that right now we are experiencing still a grieving process (remember that grieving is a nonlinear process described classically as including denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance—in no particular order) not focused so much on the loss of our former rector Michael Hudson but on “the way we were,” and the fear that something essential will be lost. As I listen to parishioners’ concerns, I want to soothe their fears but also defend the process, and encourage us all to bravery in the face of change or struggle. Let’s all take a deep breath and believe in the value of walking through this together.

"Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (Matthew 13:51-52 RSV)

I hope we will give this moment the benefit of the doubt: believe the best of one another, and of our interim rector, as we sift through the treasure trove of “things old and new”, discovering in the process what is essential to who we are at St. David’s, and what is not, so that we can move freely into the phase of calling a new rector.

I thank you for your willingness to share this journey with me, in faith and love.

Betsy

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School with Cullowhee United Methodist Church is fast approaching: June 25th-28th from 9 am–noon each morning (Monday–Thursday). Here is a link where you can sign up to help if you have not already committed: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4CACA828AAFC1-please .

Yoga with Chad Hallyburton

June 18th-22nd at 6:30 am. Celebrate the Sun! A week of sunrise yoga to commemorate the Summer Solstice. FREE! with breakfast included! Classes will meet at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee.

Camp Henry Scholarships Still Available

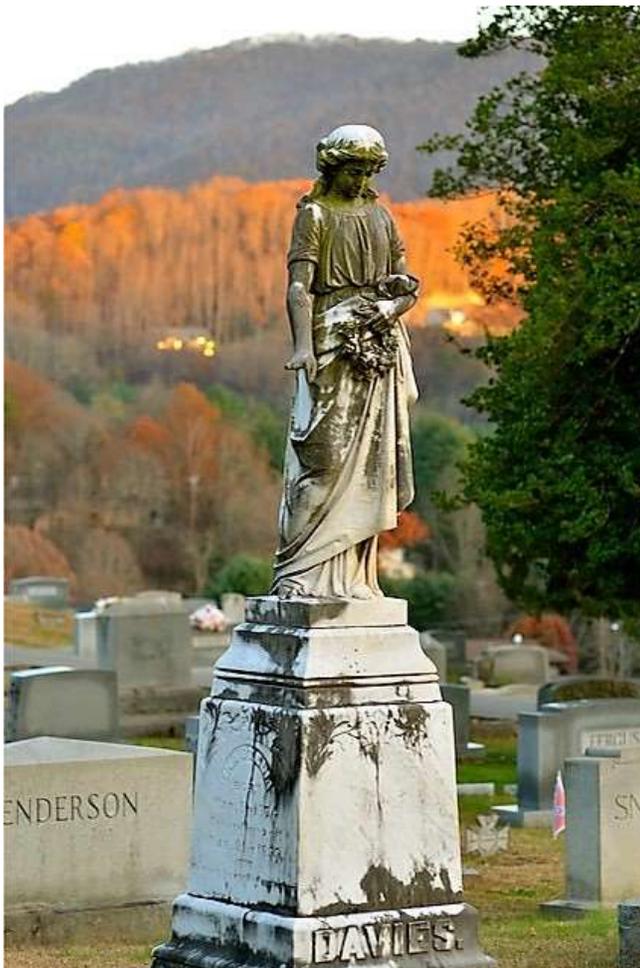
Just a reminder to parents that scholarship assistance is available for going to Camp Henry, and several sessions still have space available.

Help Wanted

We looking for an assistant treasurer - someone who is comfortable with both numbers and computers and is willing to regularly assist with things like bank deposits, account reconciliation, bill paying, and entering data into our financial software. Please let Steve Steinbrueck know if you're interested or would like more information. stevesteinbrueck@gmail.com

St. David's Timeline

By June Smith



Judge Davies youngest daughter Ina Otelia died in 1899. One can assume there was as yet no cemetery laid out by St. David's at that time, because Otelia was buried in Green Hill Cemetery in Waynesville, in the Sensabaugh family plot. Katherine Elizabeth, the Judge's wife, was a Sensabaugh from Waynesville. Judge Davies grandson Edward died two years after Otelia and is buried near her. When Judge Davies wife died, she was also buried in Green Hill beside her parents, her daughter, and her grandson.

In her family history, Katherine Cox Cook relates, "On June 26, 1899, Judge Davies, with Mr. W. O. Wolfe, of Asheville, looked after the details of erecting a beautiful Italian monument to the memory of his daughter Otelia, who died March, 1899. The monument is of Italian marble, and is surmounted by the figure of Virtue, scattering flowers upon the earth. A real piece of art." W.O. Wolfe was the stonecutter father of writer Thomas Wolfe and was the W.O. Gant in *Look Homeward Angel*. Otelia's and Katherine's names and dates are cut into the base of the monument. One can only guess if the figure of Virtue was actually carved by W.O. Wolfe or only procured by him. The monument is on a gentle rise near the front of Green Hill Cemetery and deserving of a look in a peaceful and beautiful place.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

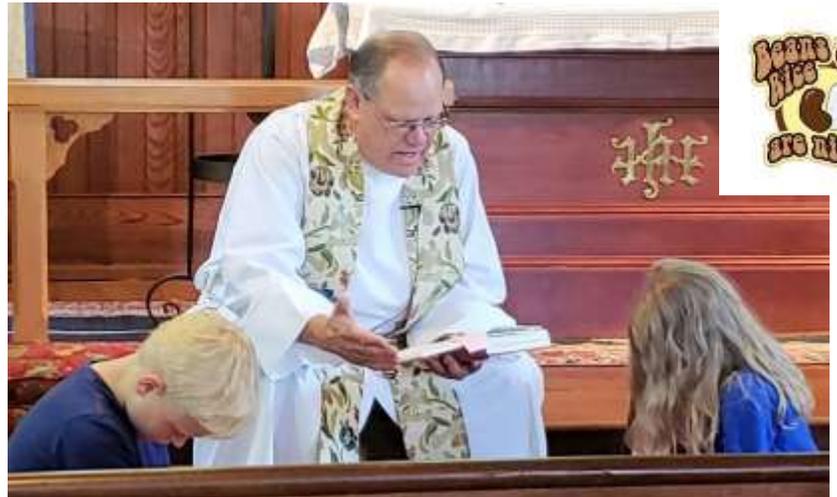
Jun 17 **Laura Annis Gravely**
Jun 18 **Eric Stevens**
Jun 21 **Taylor Rhodes**
Jun 22 **Lydia Aydlett**
Jun 25 **Wesley Satterwhite**

Anniversaries

Jun 17 **Scott & Jessica Philyaw**



Gracia and John Slater are travelling in Nova Scotia.



Third Sunday of Pentecost, 2018

We welcomed The Rev. Nick MacDonald as supply priest and also Brad Ulrich (and Caroline). Brad's trumpet filled the church with joyful music. Once again, Mary Francis Vinyard, the youngest member of Altar Guild, helped make the flower arrangements.



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Through the Circles of Hope program individuals receive classes which are essential to the participants success:

Classes include:

- Problem solving skills
- Budgeting strategies
- Hidden rules of economic class
- How to build community resources

National Impact Report

- ♦ Circle Leaders in Jackson County have an 81% increase in income
- ♦ Those taking a leadership role are working their way out of poverty
- ♦ Average Salary has gone from \$653 a month to \$1,886 a month



How can you help?

If you have a heart for the poor, an open mind, and want to experience the wonder of seeing someone get out of poverty through their own hard work and dedication to their goals, we hope you will come one Tuesday night to the Mission and Fellowship Center of First Baptist Church and join us for a good meal and great fellowship with amazing volunteers and Circle leaders!



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.

[Sermon Link](#)

Regular	Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
Activities	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 Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-May	Soup/Bread Community Supper

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