

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



July 22, 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	Jul 22	Pentecost 9 Children's Sermon
Mon	Jul 23	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sun	Jul 29	Pentecost 10
Tue	Jul 31	Children/Youth Prayer Event 5:30 pm
Sat	Aug 4	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 5	Pentecost 11—1 st Sunday collection for Community Table
Tue	Aug 7	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am Bishop's visit with commemoration of Alice Mason's ministry and confirmation 5:30 pm
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
Sat	Sep 1	Monthly Mindfulness
Sun	Sep 2	Pentecost 15
Tue	Sep 4	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 9	Pentecost 16
Sun	Sep 16	Pentecost 17
Tue	Sep 18	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 23	Pentecost 18
Sun	Sep 30	Pentecost 19

Childcare is available during the church service.

[Sermon Link](#)

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Vance Davidson

Reader: Lydia Aydlett

Music: Nan Watkins

Coffee:

Readings: [2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#),

[Psalm 89:20-37](#), [Ephesians 2:11-22](#),

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

Serving during July

Bread: Jane Coburn

Flowers: Muff Lyons &
Margot Wilcox

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Eucharist: Muff Lyons &

Laurie Hulbert

Greeters: Muff Lyons &

Margot Wilcox

Serving during August

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Volunteer of the week

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Eucharist: Newt Smith

Greeters: Lydia Aydlett &

Jane Coburn

The Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Celebrating Faith and Commitment

By The Rev Valori Mulvey Sherer

In a couple of weeks, we'll be welcoming our bishop to celebrate Holy Eucharist with us and Confirm, Receive, or Reaffirm members of our St. David community. These members undertook a 6-week course of study and discernment called "Inquirers Class" back in the spring. In this course we went deeply into the story of our journey as Christians who are Episcopalians, who are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. There are many ways to be a believer, but these identifiers represent the way we choose to live our faith as individuals and community.

As Episcopalians, we baptize people at any age, but our most common practice is to baptize infants. Confirmation is the sacramental rite that marks the baptized person's adult affirmation of their Baptism. As our Book of Common Prayer says, "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop." (p. 412)

This affirmation is a powerful moment in the life of a Christian, which is why the whole community celebrates it together. When the bishop lays hands on the person and anoints them with holy oil saying, 'Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower her/him for your service; and sustain her/him all the days of her/his life.' many people report having a visceral experience, something like a surge of energy or excitement pass through the bishop's hands into their bodies. It is truly life-changing.

If a person has been confirmed in another tradition, then they are officially "Received" into our community with these words by the bishop: "*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you."

Finally, there are times in the course of our Christian development, which is, after all, a life-long journey, that the embers of faith and commitment are fanned into flame within a person who already has been Confirmed or Received. This movement of the Holy Spirit is recognized and celebrated by the church through our chief pastor, the bishop who lays hands on that person and says, "*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom." One person I knew who chose to be Reaffirmed made that choice after being what they called "a listless Christian going through the motions" for many years. As a gay person, they had stuck with the church through its journey into inclusion, but their verve had been lost in the long, drawn out, often bitter process. When we held the first Pride Picnic in our county and they saw the promises of Christ being lived out by their church community, this person's faith was awakened, restored, and revived. They became (and remain) on fire again with the Spirit and actively serving God and the church.

Once a person has been Confirmed or Received, certain ministry opportunities are open to them including serving on vestry, voting at annual parish meetings, serving on diocesan ministries such as Executive Council or Standing Committee, or as a delegate at diocesan or General Convention.

If you feel called to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed, and if you attended the Inquirer's Class last spring, please let me know as soon as possible so I can get the proper paperwork done. It isn't too late.

I invite the whole St. David's community to join us on Tuesday, August 7th at 5:30 pm as we celebrate this momentous moment in the faith journey of some of our own. The Holy Spirit is moving among us and it is certainly something to celebrate.

But wait... there's more!

A reception follows the Confirmation service, and it has a special purpose. The bishop will dedicate a shadow-box containing a stole and other artifacts of the ministry of The Rev. Alice Mason, Deacon. This shadow box will be an outward and visible sign of Alice's 20 years of sacramental ministry at St. David's. It is being lovingly constructed and fitted by members of St. David's who knew and served with Alice. How fitting that this is being dedicated as our bishop anoints new members for sacramental service at St. David's. We hope you'll join us.

Valeri+

Faye Jacobson is organizing food for the Bishop's visit on August 7th. There are still have quite a number of empty slots to be filled. Please email Faye at: thejakes@frontier.com or text her at 828 506-3184.

From the Senior Warden

By Betsy Swift

"In this time in the life of the Church, when laity and clergy are recognizing the benefits of shared leadership, your call means working collaboratively with fellow vestry members and the rector to create a vision and plan of action that reflects God's dream for the congregation. It means cultivating congregation-wide conversations about where God is calling your faith community. It means balancing your role in discerning God's mission and vision with sound stewardship of its property and resources."

Vestry Resource Guide, from the Episcopal Church Foundation, 2014, p. 2

The Vestry spent the evening of July 6th and most of the next day, a rainy Saturday, in retreat. We had the use of Judy and Jere Annis' lovely mountain cottage, and evidence of their hospitality was all around us, making us feel at home and embraced by community all at the same time.

One of the most striking exercises for me was looking at the assets we at St. David's have at our disposal for the work of the Kingdom of God (or as we could also say, the **Kin-dom**, and I thank Mary McLoughlin for that insight.) We have so much wealth at our disposal: wealth of experience, of generosity, of passion, of our location in these mountains, and, with the University virtually in our front yard, of relationship with one another and with the broader community (of which we are a part, and they of us.)

That visioning exercise was part of listening to where God is calling us in this interim time and beyond.

It is tempting even for me to think nothing much is happening now. We are impatient for the "main show," the parish profile and the work that will get us closer to inviting a priest to be our rector and share ministry with us here in Cullowhee. Enough of this opening act already! But a lot has been happening behind the scenes since Valori joined us in January that is laying the foundation for that later work.

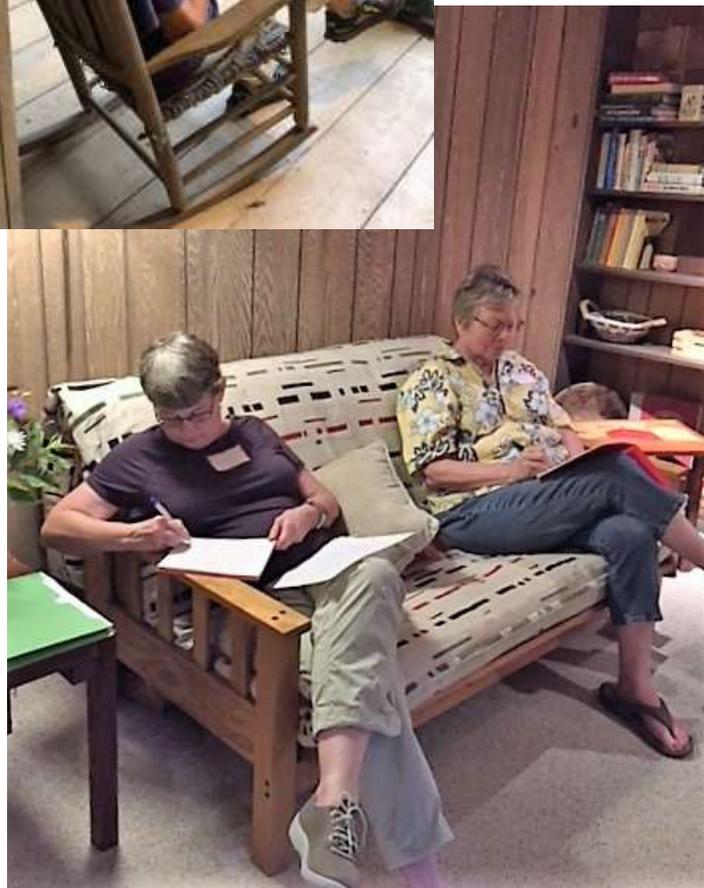
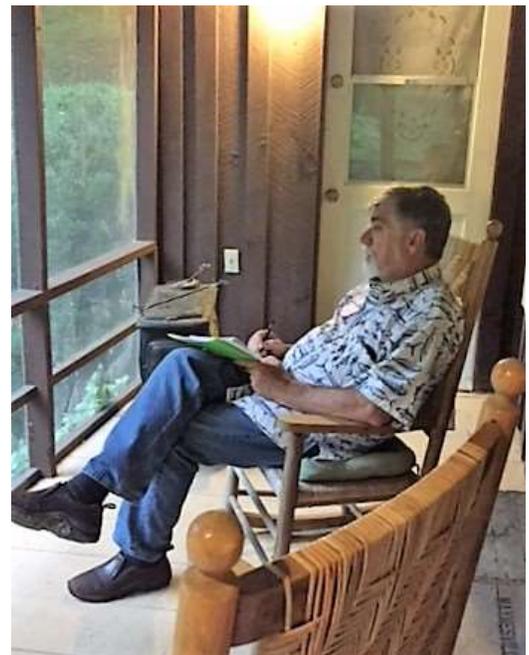
The Vestry has reviewed, and in some cases created, policies and procedures that bring us into compliance with current church and business practice. Our parish website has been receiving a facelift, parents of our young members and Valori have begun to create a children's program, we have a liturgy team working with the interim rector to plan for our worship, and a team is forming to resume our wine "fun and fundraising" event for the fall. And I promise you, that is just what I can think of without going back over old Vestry minutes!

Our Vestry retreat brought out a deep renewal of hope in the possibilities that exist within our parish as it is. Valori and Martin Darby (her co-facilitator in the [Partnership for ReNEWal](#)), really met us where we were. They are helping us to see the action of the Holy Spirit right in our midst and our capacity to open ourselves to Her movement. We are—and always will be—a work in progress, and we are (all!) learning to trust the Creator who shares the work of creation with us. Creating the future of St. David's is a work we all share, and it will take all of us to trust that, while it seems like not much is happening, we are like the little duck who looks serene but is paddling like crazy under the water!

With much Love and Gratitude for this community,



Betsy



Seven-In-Heaven Farewell Brunch

Monday, July 30th at 9 am

St. David's Episcopal Church

<https://www.facebook.com/events/494734104297360/>

After 7 years, Chad Hallyburton is saying goodbye to his Monday morning Centering Yoga class. Come help to celebrate the final class meeting with yoga and brunch.



Teach Us To Pray

A Children Youth Formation Event

The Children/Youth Formation Task Force (CFTF) will meet **Tuesday, July 31st** at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. The fruit of this event will be a form of Prayers of the People created by our young members. The children and youth will have opportunity to learn and practice at their level and as a community. Join us—and invite your friends! RSVP (so we have enough food) to: interimvmsherer@gmail.com

August is Volunteer Flower Month

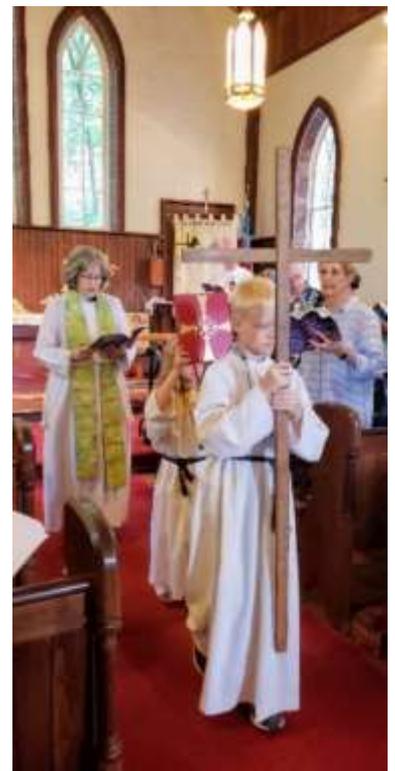
Your Altar Guild would like to give anyone who would like, Altar Guild member or not, a chance to volunteer to do Sunday flowers. We need folks for August 12th, 19th and 20th. Someone has already signed up for August 5th. Please let Judy Robinson know if you want to do flowers on one of the Sundays (judylerorobinson@gmail.com). If you enjoy doing it, we would love to have you join the Altar Guild as a regular flower arranger. Or you can do it one time to share your creativity. And please let Maggie magbowwles@gmail.com know so she can make note of who is doing them in the *Coracle*.

Convention approves use of expansive-language version of Rite II Eucharistic prayers

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/07/12/convention-approves-use-of-expansive-language-version-of-rite-ii-eucharistic-prayers/>

Click this link to view more photos:

[Photos Sunday 7/8/2016](#)



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Jul 25 Mary Ann Nixon
Jul 27 Nancy Joyner
Jul 29 Jim Addison
Jul 30 Mary Ellen Griffin
Jul 31 Kelley Dinkelmeyer

Anniversaries

Jul 26 Sandy & Elizabeth Frazier
Jul 30 Thomas & Helen McCaskill

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Thank you, Ann Suggs, for these cups!



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.

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.

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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[Greeter Schedule 2018](#)

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