

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 5, 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

Sat	Aug 4	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 5	Pentecost 11— Holy Baptism Emerson Patrick Chase, 1st 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 Pool Party for kids after church (Marilyn Jody)
Sun	Aug 19	Pentecost 13, Christian Formation
Tue	Aug 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 26	Pentecost 14 Children's Sermon, Christian Formation
Mon	Aug 27	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sat	Sep 1	Monthly Mindfulness
Sun	Sep 2	Pentecost 15
Tue	Sep 4	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 9	Pentecost 16, Christian Formation
Sun	Sep 16	Pentecost 17, Christian Formation
Tue	Sep 18	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 23	Pentecost 18
Mon	Sep 24	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sun	Sep 30	Pentecost 19, Christian Formation
Fri	Nov 2	Wine Tasting—details to follow later

Childcare is available during the church service

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: George Rector

Music: Nan Watkins

Coffee: Faye & Jake Jacobson

Readings: [2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a](#),

[Psalm 51:1-13](#), [Ephesians 4:1-16](#),

[John 6:24-35](#)

Serving Tuesday, Aug 7th

Bishop's Visit

Chalice: Vance Davidson

Reader: Muff Lyons

Music: Lillian Pearson

Food: As assigned

Readings: [Confirmation Service Readings](#)

Serving during August

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Volunteer of the week

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Eucharist: Newt Smith

Greeters: Lydia Aydlett &

Jane Coburn

[Sermon Link](#)

The Gospel

John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father

who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Abundance of Grace

By The Rev Valori Mulvey Sherer

This Sunday we will baptize my precious grandson, Emerson, and welcome him into the body of Christ. It is especially joyful for me to have my St. David’s community be those who welcome him and his family. My daughter, Jessica, and her wife, Katherine, have had recent experiences at church (Episcopal) that have been... difficult. I can’t think of a kinder, more loving group of people to show them that it can be different.



Then on Tuesday evening we’ll gather again to celebrate the Confirmations of Joan Byrd and George Rector whom Bishop José will anoint with holy oil empowering them to live their divine purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit. We will also celebrate the blessing of a shadow box containing artifacts of the ministry of The Rev. Alice Mason, Deacon at St. David’s for 20 years! This box, designed and built by those who loved and served with Alice, will enable her loving spirit to be visually present with us every time we gather in our parish hall.



We are truly blessed by the abundance of sacramental grace pouring into us in this moment of our lives at St. David’s. Thank you for being a people through whom God’s love is truly made known.



Bishop José Visits on Tuesday, August 7th 5:30 pm

A summer picnic-style supper is being planned following the service Tuesday, August 7th when Bishop José will be at St. David’s for confirmation and to bless a shadow box containing memorabilia of Alice’s ministry with us.

Confirmation is always a time of joyous family celebration, so we hope you plan to be part of the evening!

Safeguarding God's Church Trainings

By The Rev Valori Mulvey Sherer

As you've heard me say, part of my interim responsibility is to get our licenses and certifications up to date. We are doing both right now. I am grateful for all who have participated in the liturgical ministries trainings and are working with me to get their applications for licensing ready to send to the bishop.

As we plan and prepare for the ongoing formation of our children and youth, and for wider public reach online, we are required to participate in Safeguarding Trainings and keep current certificates at the church office. Few things are required in the Episcopal Church, but this is—understandably.

If you are wondering if you need the training, here's the diocesan statement about that:

Who is required to take Safeguarding Training?

- All clergy whether stipendiary, non-stipendiary, or otherwise who are engaged in ministry or service to the church
- All persons who teach, supervise, or assist with supervising children or youth in ministries, programs, or activities more often than occasionally
- All paid or volunteer Church Personnel whose work regularly takes them throughout the facility or grounds
- All persons who provide transportation to children or youth without other adults in the vehicle more than occasionally
- All vestry members or members of similar decision-making groups who have the authority to approve the creation of ministries, programs or activities for children or youth.

Certificates are valid for five (5) years. If you've been trained in the last five years, please email, or bring a copy of your certificate to the church office. If you need help finding your certificate, the diocesan office has copies they will send to us if you can tell them (or me) the year and location of your training.

If you have not been trained or if your certification has expired, the trainings are available online as well as being offered in churches throughout the diocese at various times. The diocese has made me an administrator for the online training, so all you have to do is contact me for a link to get you going.

Knowing that poor internet service can be an issue here in the mountains, the church will be purchasing a computer soon for use in the church office, and this will be available to you for this purpose. It will take a couple of hours, but you can do as much as you choose at one time, then go back and finish later. Please be assured that you will not be intruding on me if you use the church computer. I can do much of my work anywhere I can carry my laptop!

I think it's safe to say that we all value the safety of the members of our community, particularly our children and youth. Thank you to everyone for working to ensure we have done all we can toward that goal.

For more information on the diocesan policies and checklists on this issue, I include this link:

<https://www.diocesewnc.org/sexual-misconduct-prevention-traini?mobile=0>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valori +".

From the Senior Warden

By Betsy Swift

The document below was born of several Vestry retreat sessions, seeking to find who we are called to be at St. David's, in the Episcopalian branch of the Jesus Movement, in Cullowhee, NC in 2018.

We started with an exercise reflecting on the servant leadership modeled by Jesus: "Here I am among you as one who serves you." and how we connect to that model individually and as a vestry.

We listed the assets available to us in our church and in our community as well as our dreams for the parish. We reflected on the needs around us and on the abundance with which we have been blessed. We resolved to think about, and practice, stewardship in a way that takes all of that into account (dreams, blessings, assets, needs.)

This document is called our Stewardship Covenant. We will say more about it as we discern how to live into it. For now, we share it with you, our church family.

St. David's Vestry Members:

Betsy Swift, Senior Warden—Muff Lyons, Junior Warden
Maggie Bowles—Todd Vinyard—Sandy Frazier—Judy Robinson

Stewardship Covenant

St. David's Episcopal Church

2018

We believe that our community is called upon to fully trust in God's promise to provide. Sometimes, however, we are fearful that it won't happen due to our lack of trust, our fear, and our need to control.

We commit to remember who we are in God and for the world, near and far: beloved servants. We commit to make financial decisions remembering that God provides for us, sometimes in surprising ways, by keeping the Gospel promise of abundance as our guide and touchstone, and by constantly evaluating this new way of thinking.

We invite everyone to join the vestry in reflecting on the grace and good luck that pervade our lives which leads us to a natural and comfortable means of sharing the abundance with which we have been blessed.

Pool Party for Kids

Marilyn Jody has graciously offered to host, with help from Lydia Aydlett, a pool party at her home for St. David's children and their friends. It will be after church on **Sunday, August 12th**. Parents please bring lunch for your children. Snacks and drinks for adults will be provided.

Adults should be accompanied by a child.



Fruit of the Vine

A Wine Education and Tasting Event Friday November 2nd, 2018

A Wine Event Team has been formed; the members are: Harry and Karen Brown, Gerlinde Lindy, Randi Neff, Barbara Manke and Betsy Swift. But don't worry!!! You will not miss out in the fun—we will still need volunteers for the day of the event, for food preparation, set up and clean up. Watch this space—more information will be forthcoming!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

Flowers

A hearty thank-you to Rosa Reily for volunteering to do the flower arrangements the last three weeks in August.



Special thanks to Jeff and Randi Neff, Ron and Judy Robinson, Muff Lyons, Betsy Swift, and Lydia Aydlett, for preparing dinner for the Circles of Hope participants on Tuesday, July 30th. Everyone was most appreciative.



And a very special thank-you to Todd Vinyard for creating a new public Facebook page for St. David's church. This new page will complement the existing two pages which are members-only pages: one where the parents of children communicate to make plans and the other where church members share items. The new page will be for everyone to communicate news and events happening at St. David's and interact with folks from the wider community around us. Check it out [here](#). Be sure to "like" the page and share it with others.



Children's Task Force Update

The Children/Youth Formation Task Force met last week and decided to have a Blessing of the Backpacks/Back to School Party rather than a prayer event as their first event. They are looking for feedback on the date, especially from parents of children. Tentative date will be Sunday, August 26th, with the blessing part during the service and the party replacing coffee hour, immediately after the service.

Any task force member—[Randi Neff](#), [Lydia Aydlett](#), [Melba Cooper](#), [Valori M Sherer](#), or [Johanna Price Vinyard](#)—welcome your feedback on this, or any other aspect of children's formation!

Church Mouse Reminder

Please remember to chat with friends in the Parish Hall so that the church remains quiet for at least ten minutes before the service starts.





Two views of the Smith's dining room as Faye and Jake Jacobson, Judy and Jere Annis, and Tom and Margot Wilcox enjoyed having dinner with June and Newt.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

- Aug 5 **Ruth Hardie-Hudson**
- Aug 9 **Joan Byrd**

Prayers go with Ann and Chad Hallyburton; Ann's dad suffered a broken hip last weekend.
 Prayers for Nancie Wilson as she undergoes knee-replacement surgery later this week.
 Prayers for Ann Suggs as she pursues treatment for mitochondrial disorder in Bethesda, MD.



Here is Maleah (Pusz) Rios mailing letters home. She and Austin are hiking the Camino Real in Spain, a spiritual journey that June and Newt Smith and Terry Kinnear and Harry and Karen Brown from St. David's (and many others from around the world) have undertaken.



[Click here](#) for information about Cullowhee Mountain Arts annual "Drawings for Art" fundraiser to be held on August 9th. You may buy one or more tickets (see chart below) to have entered into a drawing/s for the art work/works of your choice. There are 17 donated art works - there will be 17 tickets drawn - one drawing for each work.

1 Ticket = \$20—3 Tickets = \$36—5 Tickets = \$50—12 Tickets = \$100
Your purchase is considered a donation and is tax deductible.

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 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
	4 th Mondays 5:30 pm	Taizé Service
Activities	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
	1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper

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