

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 12, 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	Aug 12	Pentecost 12 Rice & Beans Sunday Pool Party for kids after church (Marilyn Jody)
Tue	Aug 14	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 19	Pentecost 13, Fruit of the Vine Planning meeting after church
Tue	Aug 21	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Aug 26	Pentecost 14 Children's Sermon
Mon	Aug 27	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sat	Sep 1	Monthly Mindfulness, WCU football affects parking
Sun	Sep 2	Pentecost 15, First Sunday collection
Tue	Sep 4	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 9	Pentecost 16, Rice & Beans Sunday
Sun	Sep 16	Pentecost 17, First Parish Summit after church
Tue	Sep 18	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Sep 23	Pentecost 18, Children's Sermon
Mon	Sep 24	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sun	Sep 30	Pentecost 19
Tue	Oct 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Oct 7	Pentecost 20, First Sunday Collection
Fri	Nov 2	Wine Tasting-details to follow later

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: Lydia Aydlett

Music: Lillian Pearson

Vestry Offering Counter:

Coffee: It's covered!

Readings: [2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33](#), [Psalm 130](#), [Ephesians 4:25-5:2](#)
[John 6:35, 41-51](#)

Serving during August

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Eucharist: Newt Smith

Greeters: Lydia Aydlett &

Jane Coburn

[Sermon Link](#)

Childcare is available during the church service



It's Rice and Beans Sunday!

Jane Coburn will be on hand to help the children package up the rice and beans to be blessed during the church service.

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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.



All-parish Summit Meetings

By The Rev Valori Mulvey Sherer

Your vestry recently completed its retreat, facilitated by the Partnership for Renewal © (PfR), in which they spent time learning about and practicing servant leadership as modeled by the ministry of our Savior found in Scripture, and also learning and practicing a tool to facilitate the planning of new or renewed ministries within the parish. This tool was also employed at the recent Children-Youth Formation Task Force planning meeting. It's a simple tool that makes room for the Holy Spirit to be part of ministry team/task force discernment and planning.

The vestry retreat also included an introduction to the Stewardship of the Entirety of Our Lives ©, a PfR program that transforms and expands our understanding and approach to stewardship from solely a fall campaign intended to raise money to support the budget, to a year-long ministry that includes, but is not limited to, the fall pledge campaign. The vestry stewardship covenant, which was shared as a bulletin insert last Sunday and is found elsewhere here in the Coracle, is just one fruit of this transformed approach to stewardship. Todd Vinyard will be sharing more about this in the coming weeks.

Now that your vestry has completed its retreat, the time has come for the first of three parish-wide summits as part of our interim time. These summits will follow a similar pattern to what the vestry experienced at their retreat in that, at the first summit we will look at our story as a faith community (who we were); at the second summit we'll look at who we are now (our core values, etc.); and at the third summit we'll listen for who God is calling us to become. These summits allow for story-telling by all persons of every age in the St. David's community.

In the first summit we will share our family stories from the distant and near past, remembering the events and people who led us to be who we are today. By doing this we strengthen our bond as we rediscover our place in the larger picture of the story of St. David's, Cullowhee. Younger and/or newer people in the community also have stories to share, and this will connect them in a deeper way to the larger narrative of this community of faith.

Our first all parish summit will be held on Sunday, September 16th after church. Your vestry sought to find a date that will allow for school to get underway and include our summer members while they're still here in order to get this part of the interim process underway quickly. We will share a pot-luck lunch together after Sunday church on the chosen date (Jesus was big on sharing meals), then spend about two hours together in the summit.

We are aware that some among us have been experiencing increasing frustration with the pace of the interim process. People are asking: What is the time-line? What can we expect?

The answer is: interim process doesn't have a timeline as such. There are developmental tasks to be accomplished and that happens at a different rate in each church community. These tasks, which were shared by your Sr. Warden in the June 17th, 2018 edition of Coracle, take time to accomplish, especially in a church that has just concluded a 25-year rectorship. My Letter of Agreement with St David's is for 18 months and I was asked to allow for an extra 6 months should St. David's need it. That is as much timeline as we have at the moment.

At their retreat, your vestry was introduced to the term: "the groan zone." This is that uncomfortable experience when Good Friday has happened and Easter is longed for but hasn't yet arrived. It's the Holy Saturday experience.

In essence, that's what the interim time is: Holy Saturday. It's uncomfortable at times and can feel like it takes too long. We want to move quickly from the pain of the problem to the comfort of a solution.

We are called, however, to wait together in the discomfort—just as Jesus' disciples did in the Upper Room. This is where God is at work in us forming new life in the darkness of the tomb, life we can't even begin to imagine.

God is at work in us in this interim time. I have every confidence in God, in you, and in the interim process we share.



From the Senior Warden

By Betsy Swift

As I wrote in last week's Coracle, a Wine Event Team has been formed and has met once. Steve Steinbrueck, who headed up the event for the past several years, has been kind enough to spell out the many details that go into making this a successful event—enjoyable for our guests and profitable as a fundraiser. From my notes of those conversations, I will create a manual to facilitate the passing-on of this institutional knowledge, so that everyone who volunteers to work on the wine tasting knows how it works. They can also participate in adding details as things change and as we learn, in order to keep the manual up to date (sort of a living document).

We will be looking for volunteers for set up and clean up as usual, so get ready to sign up! The Wine Event, called *Fruit of The Vine: A Wine Education and Tasting Event* will be held on Friday, November 2nd, 2018.

This event is second only to our pledge drive in its importance to St. David's financial health, but the effort that goes into it is a stewardship also of our relationships with the wider community, since it is one of the ways people know us. This welcoming of guests to our church home, literally breaking bread and drinking wine with them, is a ministry of hospitality and joy. Thinking about it that way will make that aching back - after taking down 20 tables and stacking 60 chairs - all worth it!



Fruit of the Vine

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

The members of the Wine Event Team are Harry and Karen Brown, Gerlinde Lindy, Randi Neff, Barbara Manke and Betsy Swift. We will still need volunteers for the day of the event, for food preparation, set up and clean up. Remember to bring your friends!

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!

It was a momentous week at St. David's!



**Valori baptized
her grandson,
Emerson**





Bishop José confirmed Joan Byrd and George Rector



And then he dedicated a shadow box containing Deacon Alice Mason's stole. Nancie Wilson presented the bishop with a painting for the Diocesan office.



A great party followed.



Donna Ross, Faye Jacobson, and Judy Annis made it all happen, as they have so many times in the past.



Lois Tebo, our oldest member, is not one to miss out on a party.

More photos:

[Baptism Emerson Patrick Chase 8/5/2018](#)

[Confirmation Byrd/Rector Dedication Alice Mason](#)



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Aug 12 **Sara Addison**
Aug 13 **Randi Neff**
Aug 16 **Anna Suggs, Mike Reily**
Aug 18 **Sarah Gehring**

John Slater is resting following deep brain stimulation surgery to treat his Parkinson's disease. With time he expects improvement in his motor function.

Prayers for Nancie Wilson for a speedy recovery from knee replacement surgery.

**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.

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
Activities	4 th Mondays 5:30 pm	Taizé Service
	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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Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Maggie Bowles—Todd Vinyard

Sandy Frazier—Judy Robinson