

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



August 19, 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 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, Blessing of the Backpacks	
Mon	Aug 27	Taizé service 5:30 pm	
Sat	Sep 1	Monthly Mindfulness, WCU football affects parking	
Sun	Sep 2	Creation Cycle 1 First Sunday collection	
Tue	Sep 4	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am	
Sun	Sep 9	Creation Cycle 2, Rice & Beans Sunday	
Sun	Sep 16	Creation Cycle 3, First Parish Summit after church	
Tue	Sep 18	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am	
Sat	Sep 22	WCU football affects parking	
Sun	Sep 23	Creation Cycle 4, Children's Sermon, The Rev. George Choyce, supply priest	
Mon	Sep 24	Taizé service 5:30 pm	
Sun	Sep 30	Creation Cycle 5	
Tue	Oct 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am	
Sun	Oct 7	Pentecost 20, First Sunday Collection	Sat Oct 13 WCU football affects parking
Fri	Nov 2	Wine Tasting-details to follow later	Childcare is available during the church service

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Vance Davidson

Reader: Paul Cooper

Music: Lillian Pearson

Vestry (Offering) Maggie Bowles

Coffee: Gael & Kendra Graham

Readings: [1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14,](#)

[Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20,](#)

[John 6:51-58](#)

Serving during August

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Eucharist: Newt Smith

Greeters: Lydia Aydlett &

Jane Coburn

[Sermon Link](#)

St. David's Has a New Website!

<http://www.st-davids.org/>

Thanks to Paul Yanik, St. David's has a brand-new website which came online the end of last week. Use the link above to check it out, but remember that it is a work in progress. More material will be added steadily as time permits. And look elsewhere in this Coracle for a note from the Vestry. You can access the Coracle without signing in, but you will need to create a new sign-in to access the password protected sections, some of which are still under construction. The one from the previous website will no longer work.



The Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "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."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Season of Creation

By The Rev Valori Mulvey Sherer

During interim time, God asks us all to stretch beyond what is familiar—and I am no exception to this. The Liturgy Team recently discussed with me the St. David's tradition of celebrating the Season of Creation. I'd heard of that, but have no experience with it as it isn't a part of the "official" Episcopal liturgical calendar.

The Season of Creation does fit with the personality and theology at St. David's and with my own theology, so I ventured in and found some pretty great resources from our sisters and brothers in the world-wide Anglican communion, particularly a group called, *Green Anglicans*. I shared those resources with the Liturgy Team so that we might use from them what works for us while keeping what has been meaningful to us in past years.

If we are to move away from the liturgical calendar and lectionary of The Episcopal Church, even for a season, we must have the permission of our bishop. Bp. José has just replied with his permission and blessing to proceed! There are few records of any past liturgies, readings, etc. in the church office, so if you have any saved, please share them with me so the Liturgy Team—Betsy Swift, Gael Graham, Gerlinde Lindy, Muff Lyons, Nancie Wilson, and myself—can get to work!



Aware that St. David's has previously celebrated this season just ahead of Advent, the liturgy team considered the information from *Green Anglicans* and this link from world-wide participation, <http://seasonofcreation.org/> which has the dates for the Creation Season (this year, at least) from September 1st to October 4th, which is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and thought we might try joining our prayers with those being offered world-wide this year.

This brings up a question: Do we generally do a Blessing of the Animals at St. David's? Wouldn't that be a wonderful way to bring the Creation Season to a close?

The start of this season is coming upon us quickly. If anyone has resources from previous years, please share them with the Liturgy Team. Hoping for and anticipating a go-ahead from our bishop, I've already ordered my orange stole!

Valori+

From the Senior Warden

By Betsy Swift

Our Diocesan convention this year will be held November 9-10th, 2018 (Friday and Saturday).

Please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to be one of our two delegates or an alternate this year. This is always a positive experience of being a part of the larger Diocesan family.

Nominate yourself or another (with their permission of course) ASAP!!

A special election will be held during Church on Sunday August 26th.

Typically, we have done this later in the fall, but electing our delegates now will allow them to be included in mailings of preparatory documents and information sessions at the deanery level.

Steve and Pat Steinbrueck, and Paul and Wesley Yanik/Satterwhite have served in recent years, if memory serves. Ask them what it was like and then let Valori know if you are willing to take on this important role. Thank you for considering it!

St. David's Begins WCU Outreach

By Judy Robinson, Vestry Member

In the past several months, it has become clear that our St. David community would like to be more involved with WCU students, staff, and faculty. While we would obviously be pleased to be the Episcopal home for any who are seeking a church affiliation, it seems our outreach should go beyond that to see what their community may need that we can, and are willing, to provide. To that end, Betsy Swift, Senior Warden, and I have had two meetings we would like everyone to know about.

First, we met with Patti Curtis, pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sylva, because St. John's has been the diocesan designee to do campus ministry at WCU for some years now. By mutual agreement, and through Diocesan direction, St David's will be taking over that ministry. Patti was very gracious to say that they will work with us in the coming months as the change occurs. In a nutshell, they had an active group of students for a number of years, but they graduated over a year ago. They were not successful in connecting well last year; they are happy to partner with us on whatever we do.

Our second meeting was with Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff at WCU. She was delighted with our interest in their community, being obviously very caring and committed to WCU students, staff, and faculty. She had some wonderful ideas for possible outreach. Here is a summary of possibilities, with the what and how to be determined: the Homebase Program (holistic support for WCU students who have aged out of foster care); contact Student Affairs to connect with other Registered Student Organizations; partner with LASO (Latin American Student Organization) to serve Vecinos or other groups; contact WCU Service Learning Director to partner with other students for volunteer work; huge need for support to students with mental health issues; and infant care (ages 6 months–2yrs) is desperately needed by faculty, staff, and students. We also discussed partnering with WCU on a diversity education/training conference in the future, which Melissa supported wholeheartedly and gave us two campus contacts for possible partnership. Other components still on our list: work with Intercultural Affairs Office and SAGA (student LGBTQ organization) to learn how we can support them. We can also consider moral support for one of the women's athletic teams by attending home games (you know, the guys get all the crowds). As you can see, there are SO many wonderful opportunities!

Several of you have let me know you are interested in working on this WCU Outreach Team. We will need lots of willing hands over the coming months/years to get through this list. Please email me if you would like to join the team for discernment of what to tackle, action planning, and action. The action part will, of course, be open to all St. David's community, but we need a core group to organize and coordinate.

Betsy and I propose a small start: we would like to invite the Homebase students and the LGBTQ student group to our first soup supper in September. We would do this in person, meeting with each group. This is just the beginning...judyleroyrobinson@gmail.com

First *Hands on Jackson* Scheduled for November 1st

By Todd Vinyard, Vestry Member

Hands on Jackson is a day when Jackson County citizens rally together to lend a helping hand to those in need, and St. David's has the opportunity to help.

Organizers for this event include: The Jackson County Department of Social Services, The Jackson County Department on Aging, Jackson Neighbors in Need, The Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity and Mountain Projects Community Action Agency. This collaboration is focused on helping our neighbors in need by mobilizing community volunteer teams of all skill levels and matching them with needs that have been identified by the above-listed groups. Jobs may include such things as installing energy efficiency measures, building ramps, or cleaning yards and gutters.

St. David's is organizing a team of volunteers. Sign-up sheets will be available this Sunday. There will also be a sheet for listing jobs you might know of that need to be done. Thank you for prayerfully considering this service opportunity.

[Sylva Herald article Hands on Jackson](#)

Vestry Passes Resolutions

The Vestry passed the following resolutions at the August 14th meeting:

- A VERY big Thank-you to Paul Yanik for his work over the summer on our Parish web site, which has been moved to a new web host that will make it easier to maintain. It is beautiful! You can see it here <http://www.st-davids.org/> Also....

Thank you to Maggie Bowles, who has managed it up until this point, along with editing and publishing the Coracle every week. Thank you to both of you who keep us connected in this important way!

- We also owe a great debt of gratitude to Frank Lockwood and Bill Kirwan for their many years of service doing the annual parish audit. This is largely invisible work to all but the Vestry, but very important to the fiscal health of the community. We thank you both for the many hours you have devoted to this task!

Help Wanted!

A volunteer is needed to take on some administrative tasks in the church office. This would be to do such things as updating the Sunday bulletins, print and cut the lectionary reading inserts, respond to phone calls (very few of these), open and sort mail, update the parish register with sacraments, transfers, etc., do letters of transfer, filing, inventory, and update office supplies as needed (notify of need to purchase).

If you would be like to help in this area, please get in touch with Valori interimvmsherer@gmail.com.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Aug 20 **Norma Hendrix**

Aug 22 **Sam Neff**

Aug 24 **Lois Tebo**

Anniversary

Aug 19 **Carole & Curtis Wood**

Healing prayers for Marilyn Jody who is struggling with pneumonia.

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.



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!





POOL
Party



Special thanks to Ellen Perry for posting these photos on Facebook



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

St. David's Links and Contact Information:

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[Lectionary Page 2018](#)

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