

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 2, 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	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	Creation Cycle 1, Rice & Beans Sunday, Pies for the People
Sun	Sep 16	Creation Cycle 2, First Parish Summit after church
Tue	Sep 18	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sat	Sep 22	WCU football affects parking
Sun	Sep 23	Creation Cycle 3, Children's Sermon, The Rev. George Choyce, supply priest
Mon	Sep 24	Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sun	Sep 30	Creation Cycle 4
Tue	Oct 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Oct 7	Creation Cycle 5, First Sunday Collection. Blessing of the Animals
Sat	Oct 13	WCU football affects parking
Sun	Oct 14	Creation Cycle 6
Sun	Oct 21	Creation Cycle 7
Sun	Oct 28	Creation Cycle 8
Thu	Nov 1	<i>Hands On Jackson</i> event
Fri	Nov 2	Wine Tasting 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	Nov 9-10	Diocesan Convention Kanuga

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader:

Music: Nan Watkins

Coffee:

Readings: [Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#), [Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10](#), [James 1:17-27](#), [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

Serving during September

Bread: John Slater

Flowers: Donna Ross

Linen: Gael Graham

Eucharist: Laurie Hulbert &

Muff Lyons

Offering: Betsy Swift

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Jake Jacobson

Childcare is available during the church service

[Sermon Link](#)



From the Editor

By Maggie Bowles

I wish to express my deep gratitude to Todd Vinyard for offering to take on the Coracle during September so that I can have a bit of respite and a nice trip to Italy.



Printed Copies of Cookbook Still Available

Nan will have printed copies of the recipe booklet that was presented to Maleah Pusz Rios on the occasion of her recent wedding for sale after church this Sunday for \$10 each. Since all of the proceeds will benefit St. David's outreach projects, please feel free to donate as much as you wish for the booklet. If you are unable to be at church and would like a copy, please contact Nan at nan_watkins@hotmail.com.

St. David's Episcopal Church
Cullowhee, NC



A Recipe Booklet
for Maleah Pusz
On the occasion of her marriage to
The Rev. Austin Rios
June 15, 2018
From the Cooks of St. David's

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Creation Season Follow-up

By The Rev Valori Mulvey Sherer

The Season of Creation discussions have led us to this middle-way path: in keeping with our long-standing tradition of celebrating an eight-week-season while adding the new feature of joining in the world-wide celebration, our Creation Season this year will begin on September 9th and continue for eight weeks, ending on October 28th. The world-wide season begins September 2nd, so we'll share five of those eight weeks in worldwide prayer.

Our plan is to utilize some of the lectionaries from the world-wide event which focus on biodiversity, land, water, climate change, etc. in combination with our past practice of using our regular lectionary, the Revised Common Lectionary, substituting meaningful readings or poems from outside sources for the psalm or second reading. There are no records of previous readings or liturgies for this season in the church office, so if you have a reading or poem that is meaningful to you, please share it, and we'll add it to one of our liturgies.

There will be two Children's Sermon Sundays in this season, and it has been suggested that we invite the children to give their input into one or both of those services, providing for their interactive participation in the service and giving voice to how they see themselves as stewards of creation. For one of the children-youth formation events, we'd love to have the children and youth plant a tree or trees—one for each of them—which will be blessed and dedicated as a visible, living sign of their commitment to preserving creation.

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi also falls within this Creation Season, so we plan to have a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7th and invite students, local pet-saving agencies, veterinarians, etc. to participate. In the past, I've set up tables for them to put their information. I've even held pet adoptions at previous events. A fun project for this event is making healthy treats for dogs, cats, and birds to share as the people share a snack and fellowship time following the service.

The Creation Season provides many opportunities for Christian formation for all ages. In keeping with the stewardship of creation portion of the stewardship of the entirety of our lives, we hope to provide the experts already among us at least one opportunity, possibly two or more(!), to teach us what we need to know to strengthen ourselves as stewards of God's creation. Just a few possible topics include: the state of our water and what we can do to protect/preserve this valuable resource, organic gardening, preserving food, tips for reducing household waste.

Thank you!

...to Johanna Vinyard for her years of servant-ministry coordinating childcare and the Rice & Beans Sundays at St. David's. Johanna's service to and mentorship of our youngest members in living a missional life of service to those in need has provided a firm foundation upon which to build our next season. Her leadership in providing for the needs of our children and the peace of mind of our parents on Sunday mornings is a valuable gift which we take with us as we discern our current needs and path forward in this transitional time. Johanna also served on the Children and Youth Formation Task Force which continues its work for a bit longer as we finalize the calendar of formation events. Thank you for your service, Johanna. Your legacy is strong and will be honored as we move into this new season at St. David's.

Valeri+



Congratulations, Johanna!

Johanna Price Vinyard, a Western Carolina University assistant professor of [communication sciences and disorders](#), has been awarded a fellowship by the American Association of University Women to pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

The fellowship will allow Price to continue research that focuses on language development in children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disabilities. Her current project explores the written language skills of adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. Her work will examine the writing skills of girls diagnosed on the spectrum, thereby contributing to the development of sex-specific profiles of autism.

From the Western Carolina News Service

First Hands On Jackson Scheduled for November 1st

St. David's is organizing a team of volunteers. Sign-up sheets and also a sheet for listing jobs you might know of that need to be done are in the Parish Hall. Thank you for prayerfully considering this service opportunity.

Website Update

This is the link to access the brand-new St. David's website: <http://www.st-davids.org/> The letters are the same, but this link points to a new web address. As with anything new, there will be a few hiccups. At present, the link Margot sends you each week takes you to the newsletter page where you then click on the issue you want to read, and it downloads to your device. In time, more material will be made available.



Diocesan Convention

November 9-10th

Kanuga Conference Center

June Smith and Judy Robinson were elected to be delegates to the convention and Newt Smith was elected as an alternate delegate.

Thank You!

A hearty thank-you to Frank Lockwood and Donna Ross for donating a sturdy hand truck that will come in handy for many things, not the least of which will be for moving cases of wine ordered at the wine event.

Fruit of the Vine

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



An Invitation for The Women of St. David's

The women of St. David's are invited to join the women of St. Alban's, Hickory for the retreat described below offered by our own Valori Sherer+. The contact person for the retreat is Claudia Moore: claudiamoore49@yahoo.com. St. Alban's, Hickory.

Embodied Spirit:

The wholeness of our humanity reconciled to God in Jesus

September 21-23, 2018

Valle Crucis Conference Center

146 Skiles Way, Banner Elk, NC 28604



In this retreat we will learn and practice praying in and with the body, taking time to learn the language of God present to us uniquely in our bodies. We will explore how we have been marvelously made, knit together in our mother's wombs, and we'll practice tools to recognize stress/dis-ease and promote peace in the body. Our Eucharist will include the practice of healing prayer from our tradition which includes anointing with oil and laying on of hands. Retreat Leader: The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, VMSherer Consulting, Interim Rector, St. David's, Cullowhee, and partner in Partnership for ReNEWal. The cost is \$176 per person including meals.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Sep 1 **Andy Coburn**
Sep 4 **Phil Sanger**
Sep 6 **Margo White**
Sep 7 **Harry Brown**
Sep 10 **Muff Lyons**
Sep 16 **Jim Bowles**
Sep 17 **Emmett Kirwan**
Sep 25 **Betty Lynn Kirwan**
Sep 28 **Donna Harris**
Sep 30 **Gracia Slater**

Anniversaries

Sep 3 **Judy & Jere Annis**
Sep 24 **Donna Harris Nicole McRight**

Prayers for a speedy recovery for Pat Steinbrueck who had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday.

John Slater was hospitalized briefly this week to implant a pulse generator which in time will communicate with his brain to improve his motor skills-a cutting-edge Parkinson's disease treatment.

Prayers for Newt Smith and Family

By the time you read this, Newt Smith will have undergone open-heart surgery to replace a deteriorating aortic valve which is the source of emboli that have travelled to his brain causing permanent vision loss in parts of each eye.

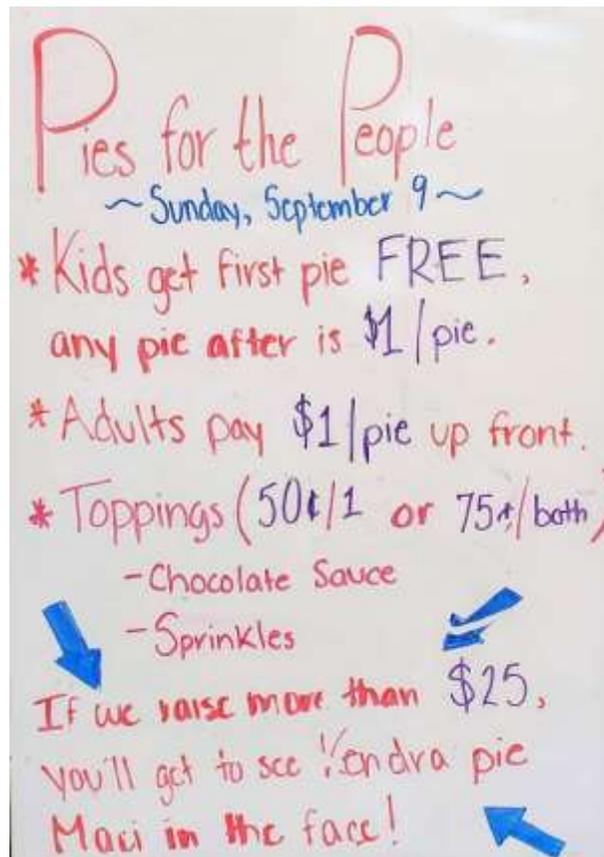


Vestry Stewardship Covenant
St. David's Episcopal Church
2018

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.



Support United Christian Ministries of Jackson County

Here is an easy way to help a great local agency in our community. For every test drive taken, Andy Shaw Ford will donate \$20 to United Christian Ministries of Jackson County for a total of up to \$6,000. A little drive could go a long way.

Saturday, September 22, 2018 ◊ 9:00 AM-3:30 PM



Take a spin in a new Ford vehicle. For every test drive taken, Andy Shaw Ford will donate \$20 to

UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF
JACKSON COUNTY

For a total of up to \$6,000.

A little drive could go a long way.



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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.



Please plan to join us for an evening of great food and fun as we gather to celebrate the ministry of the Church of the Advocate.

Thursday, September 13

Tuton Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street

Silent Auction Begins at 4:30 pm

Silent Auction Closes and Dinner Served at 6:00 pm

Honored Speaker: Bishop José McLoughlin

Honored Guests: Members of A Common Thread

All proceeds will help fund The Good Works! Crew, our counseling program, and The Red Door Ministry Outreach Fund.

Tickets are \$35.00 and may be purchased online beginning August 1 at advocatechurchasheville.org under the **DONATE** button OR seats may be reserved via check or email at office@advocatechurchasheville.org

A table for eight may be purchased **in advance** for \$280.00

We Are Currently Accepting Donations for Our Silent Auction with the Deadline Being Friday, August 31. Donating Items is a Great Opportunity to Contribute to the Those We Serve in a Very Meaningful Way!

All Donated Auction Items are Tax Deductible at Market Value.

Contact Ken Wilson or Barbara Setzer at 828-253-9361 for More Information or email ken@trinityasheville.org

This event has become a September tradition for the many friends of Church of the Advocate. We gather to enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, and learn more about what happens behind The Red Door. Make Your Plans to join us and lend support to this sacred place where

All Are Welcome and All Are Worthy.

ECUMENICAL IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE
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THE NC SANCTUARY COALITION IS AN INTERFAITH NETWORK OF CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, CONTRIBUTING OUR TIME, RESOURCES, AND ENERGY TO DEFEND AGAINST UNJUST DEPORTATION AND DETENTION. AS A COALITION, WE HAVE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY BY OFFERING PHYSICAL SANCTUARY, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, AND PERSISTENT ADVOCACY UNTIL WE ACHIEVE JUSTICE FOR ALL.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 6 PEOPLE IN SANCTUARY IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE MOST IN ANY STATE. THESE 6 PEOPLE WERE AT RISK FOR IMMINENT DEPORTATION AND CHOSE TO GO INTO SANCTUARY AS THEIR LAST OPTION TO AVOID BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAVE LIVED IN THE US FOR YEARS AND ONLY KNOW THIS COUNTRY AS THEIR HOME WHERE THEY WORKED, PAID TAXES, STARTED A FAMILY, AND SETTLED DOWN.

TO READ MORE ABOUT THIS COALITION AND THESE INDIVIDUALS GO TO SANCTUARYNC.ORG WHERE YOU CAN SIGN ON TO OUR STATEMENT AND SIGN THE PETITIONS FOR THESE 6 PEOPLE IN SANCTUARY.



North Carolina Council of Churches
Strength in Unity, Peace through Justice

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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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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St. David's Vestry Members:

Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Maggie Bowles—Todd Vinyard

Sandy Frazier—Judy Robinson