

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



September 30, 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	Sep 30	Creation Cycle 4 Children's Sermon Creation Walk 12:30 pm
Mon	Oct 1	Liturgy Team Meeting 11:30 am
Tue	Oct 2	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Wed	Oct 3	Blessing of the Animals 11 am at WCU, 5:30 pm at St. David's
Sun	Oct 7	Creation Cycle 5, First Sunday Collection, First Parish Summit after Church-Formed for a Purpose
Sat	Oct 13	WCU football affects parking
Sun	Oct 14	Creation Cycle 6 Rice & Beans Sunday
Mon	Oct 15	Beaches vs Buildings-Can We Have Both 5:30 pm
Sun	Oct 21	Creation Cycle 7 Second Parish Summit after Church-Consciously Present
Mon	Oct 22	Taizé Service 5:30 pm
Sun	Oct 28	Creation Cycle 8 Planting for Life 12:30 pm
Thu	Nov 1	<i>Hands On Jackson</i> event
Fri	Nov 2	Wine Tasting 6:30 pm
Sat	Nov 3	WCU football affects parking
Sun	Nov 4	Pentecost 24 1 st Sunday Collection Third Parish Summit after Church-Sharing in God's Dream
Tue	Nov 6	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sat	Nov 9-10	Diocesan Convention Kanuga
Sun	Nov 11	Pentecost 25 Rice & Beans Sunday
Tue	Nov 13	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sat	Nov 17	Yoga & Identity Chad Hallyburton 9 am
Sun	Nov 18	Pentecost 26
Sun	Nov 25	Pentecost 27 Children's Sermon

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Vance Davidson

Reader: Lydia Aydlett

Music: Nan Watkins

Coffee:

Readings: Exodus 16: 13-18;

Psalm 104: 25-32; poem by John

Hall Wheelock; Luke 12:13-15

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

Serving during October

Bread: Jane Coburn

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Eucharist: Judy Annis & Faye

Jacobson

Offering: Todd Vinyard

Greeters: Steve & Pat Steinbrueck

Childcare is available during the church service

[Sermon Link](#)

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-15

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Creation Walk—An Intergenerational Event

Participating in the world-wide creation focus on SUSTAINABILITY, George and Joan will lead us in a walk around our St. David's property identifying native and invasive plant species, and we'll begin to formulate a plan to encourage the continued good health of our land. Age appropriate information from the NC Native Plant Society and other sources will be handed out and discussed.



First Soup & Bread Community Supper of the fall season is this Sunday, September 30th, 5-7 pm. All are Welcome!

Gentle Guidance

By The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

On the heels of the women's retreat on Embodied Spirit which I led last weekend at Valle Crucis, and following a visit yesterday with our beloved Newt, June, and their family, this passage from the Gospel of Luke continues to resonate in my prayers for St. David's, so I share these thoughts about it with you.

...and when Jesus...had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, like a dove...

There are four things I notice about this. First, Jesus had been baptized. Why would the one who was without sin need to be baptized? Well, it wasn't for him as much as for us. Like so many other times in the stories about Jesus in Scripture, the revelation was intended for those who were witnessing the event.

Second, Jesus was praying. Still in the company of those with whom he had just been baptized, his faith community, you might say, Jesus modeled inviting God's action into his life and into the world by praying...communally and privately.

Third, *heaven was opened* (or more literally—ripped open; it was a cataclysmic moment). The boundary between heaven and earth was torn apart, ushering in great change. And God's Holy Spirit became present in such a way that everyone who was there could see it and know it. By using the phrase, *in bodily form*, Luke was making plain the point that what was happening was real. People could see it, even if they couldn't quite understand or describe it.

And Fourth: when Luke says that God descended in bodily form *like a dove*, he's not describing what was happening, but how it was happening. As the boundary between heaven and earth was violently ripped open, the Spirit of God descended softly, gently, the way a dove would, on Jesus, revealing a great change being ushered in by God. This man, Jesus, whom everyone knew as Mary's son, the cousin of John the Baptizer, was revealed to be the beloved Son of God, the light of God's love radiating in the darkness, the One sent to bring salvation to the whole world.

We, like Jesus, are transformed by our baptism into beloved daughters and sons of God, into lights radiating in the darkness in our world. The covenant we make in our baptism is our response to the covenant made first by God: *I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness... I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. (Isaiah 42:6)*

This was the ministry Jesus claimed and it is our ministry too.

When life feels chaotic and the path ahead seems unclear, we might experience insecurity, even fear, about what we should do next; but being faithful means being willing to pray, in private and in community, and listen for the voice from heaven which will descend gently upon us to guide us as change is ushered into our world. Then the current moment of chaos is revealed as simply the doorway to living fully into the next season of our lives.

Valori +

A Blessing of the Animals

honoring the Feast of St. Francis

Wednesday, October 3

11: 00 am

Blessing 2-Go
at the UC lawn

and

5:30 p.m.

at St. David's Episcopal Church

385 Forest Hills Rd., Cullowhee

(across from the Ramsey Center at WCU)



Francis of Assisi

Bring your pets, pet rocks, or favorite stuffed friends...
bring photos of beloved furry family who have passed on....

All are welcome!

Pets are asked to arrive on their leashes or in crates
for their comfort and safety.

An offering will be taken up at the 5:30 service

and given to

Catman2 and ARF (Animal Rescue Friends)

our local no-kill shelters



Join us for light refreshments following the service.

Representatives from Catman2 and ARF

will be present

to share information about their services.

Information: 828.331.1472. Please leave a message.

PARISH SUMMITS

The parish summits provide us the means by which the whole St. David's community can intentionally walk through the interim process together.

We will remember the people and events that led us to be who we are today, prayerfully ponder who we are in this moment of our history, and open ourselves to discover who God is calling us to become.

Three summits are planned:

Sunday, October 7: Formed for a purpose

Sunday, October 21: Consciously present

Sunday, November 4: Sharing in God's dream



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.

**Fruit of the Vine
A Wine Education and Tasting Event
Friday November 2nd, 2018**

Beaches vs. Buildings: Can We Have Both?

A community workshop

Monday, October 15

5:30 pm

St. David's Episcopal Church

Professor Andy Coburn will be discussing coastal/beach ecology, the environmental impacts of human economic development at the beach, the impacts of storms on beaches and development, how we react and prepare for natural disasters and how we, as a society, have a moral and ethical obligation to manage our developed—and undeveloped shorelines in an equitable, responsible, and sustainable manner.



Andy Coburn is a member of St. David's Episcopal Church and is Research & Graduate Faculty Associate Director, Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines and Faculty Associate in Campus Engagement for Sustainability at Western Carolina University.

Rest in Peace Donald Newton Smith, Jr.

1939-2018

May he go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service...

Book of Common Prayer

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Sep 30 **Gracia Slater**
Oct 2 **Haidee Wilson**
Oct 4 **Nancie Wilson, Anna Wood**

Anniversary

Oct 4 **Robert & Gerlinde Lindy**

Thank you, Todd Vinyard, for getting the Coracle out the past three weeks while Maggie was on vacation!

Thanks to all of you who brought food, prayed for me, and sent cards and best wishes during my knee replacement surgery and subsequent recuperation. I'm getting good reports from my doctor, and although it will be several months before I'm 100%, I'm very pleased with my progress so far.

On Sunday I will be bringing dishes that belong to those of you who brought food. I will also be bringing two grocery bags full of plastic containers with lids. If any of those are yours, please take them. Otherwise I will leave those containers and lids in the Parish Hall for use when taking home some left over coffee hour goodies.

Again, my thanks.

Nancie

**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.

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.

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 Activities	Mondays 10:30 am 4 th Mondays 5:30 pm 1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Cullowhee Men's Group Taizé Service Accessible Mindfulness Soup/Bread Community Supper
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[Greeter Schedule 2018](#)

Diocesan Links:

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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www.lakelogan.org

St. David's Vestry Members:

Betsy Swift, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Maggie Bowles—Todd Vinyard

Sandy Frazier—Judy Robinson

ECUMENICAL IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE

SANCTUARY

A PROGRAM OF THE NC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



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.



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