

The Cornerstone

April 2026

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Words from the Senior Warden

It has been a hard winter. We had a Sunday service canceled due to ice, and another Sunday service went online due to snow. We have had flu, SAD, and breathing issues affecting many parishioners. Our folk have had falls, broken bones, and muscle tremors. Our Parish Secretary died. There are many challenges for us to face.

We look forward to Easter, when we are reminded that God loves us enough to send His Son to die for us. In His death, we have an opportunity to draw closer to God when we recognize our failure to live as Children of the Living God, and ignore God's plea for us to receive His Love. It is a blessing to remember that God loves us as we are, and only asks us to look to Him for guidance. When we do so, we can feel the flood of love he has to give us.

His love is steady and unwavering, only looking out for the best for us. We have endured so much, but God was right next to us, to support and strengthen us, if we but ask. It has been a long, hard winter, spring is here, and so is our opportunity to receive the unwavering love that God has for us. Happy Easter!

Carolyn Beranek
Senior Warden



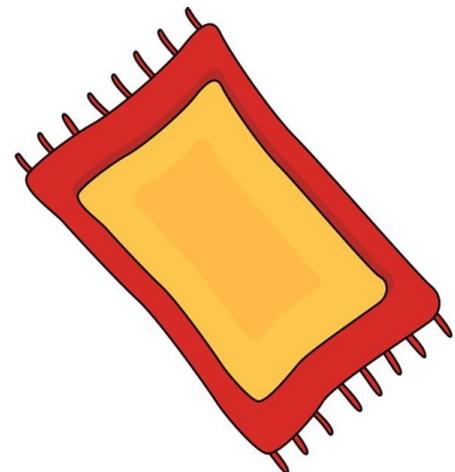
Thank You

Carolyn and John Beranek for doing altar
Carolyn Beranek for cleaning the linens
David Adams for maintaining our beautiful grounds
Carolyn Beranek for setting up for the Wednesday suppers
Carol Fowler for arranging the program (Anglican Rosaries) for our Wednesday Soup & Bread suppers
Those who cleaned up the yard and buildings before the Bishop's visit

Carpet Campaign

We have successfully completed our organ campaign, windows campaign, and roof campaign. In our continuing care for our campus, it is time to update the sanctuary carpet. We are launching a carpet campaign to redo the church floor.

Carolyn Beranek



April Birthdays

April 1 John Beranek
April 6 David Hoffman, Skip Fedak
April 7 Donald Nisbett
April 11 Gabriella Heffern
April 14 Donna Wilson
April 17 Abigail Tremblay
April 20 John Melton
April 23 Louise Andrews, Mechille Chavis
April 24 Jack Lewis
April 30 Eric Williamson

April Anniversaries

April 26 Joe and Carolyn Plitt
April 29 John and Carolyn Beranek

Lenten Soup and Bread Suppers

Our first supper had four delicious soups. There was Zoppa Toscana with sausage and spinach, chicken gumbo, mixed bean with bacon, and vegetable beef. We had a discussion about those who came before us at St. David's, and what impact they made on us.

Our second supper was with chili bean soup and the fixings, Tuscan white bean soup, and cream of corn soup with potatoes. Carol Fowler spoke to us about the Anglican Rosary and what the various points of the rosary meant.

Our third supper had multiple tasty soups. There was lasagna soup with a cottage cheese mixture as a topping, broccoli and cheese soup, chicken veggie soup, bean soup with bacon, creamy eggplant soup, and Scottish Cullen Skink (no reptiles used). Carol Fowler led us in assembling our Anglican Rosaries and then she tied the last knot. They turned out beautiful!

Our fourth supper was comprised of beef vegetable soup with orzo, street corn soup, pulled pork soup, and in a nod to a former parishioner (John Withington), green pea soup (not split pea). Dessert showed up! It was apple cake and Dr. Pepper cake. Carol Fowler gave us some suggestions from the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer to guide us in the prayers using the rosary.

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Secretary for St. David's

Vickie's death left a void at St. David's. For decades, she has been the voice on the other end of the telephone, and the face we see in the office. There is just too much work for volunteers to do. Mechille Chavis has a background in IT and offered to help us. We have hired her for a three-month trial period to see if the fit is good. She has posted her part time hours on the door, and her background as an Episcopalian will be a big help.

Holy Week

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter is called Holy Week. In most large churches there are services every day. We cannot support that, but we do have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. We will also have a Garden, reminding us of when Jesus prayed before the guards took him to face Pilate, and His crucifixion.

Praying with the Reserve Sacrament in the Garden is a very tender time that we can spend with Jesus. We need flowers for The Garden. This year we will try something different. It has been hard to fill the hours from the end of the service of Maundy Thursday into Good Friday. Many of us no longer drive at night. We will the sign-up slots posted at every two hours over the night. (One does not have to stay the two hours.) That way we may be able to fill the hours of the night. We shall also have "virtual Sign-ups." You can sign up to spend an hour at home during the night praying. We will have a video of the church garden and you can pray during your hour at home to fully appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for "in-person" and "virtual" time with Jesus praying in the Garden. Please take some time with Him.

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Bishop Sam's Visit 2026



Photos by Minor Glenn



Photos by Carolyn Beranek

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Victoria Stribling.

“Let light perpetual shine upon her.” – BCP

Congratulations to our newest Confirmand

Emma Chavis became confirmed on March 15 when Bishop Sam Rodman came for his annual visit. He celebrated the Eucharist, confirmed Emma, joined our potluck and met with the Vestry. He was very appreciative of the work of St. David's in our community and called us “small and mighty.”

Carolyn Beranek



Contributions for The Cornerstone

The Cornerstone deadline is the 19th of each month. All articles are invited. Please email articles to bonnieglenn@gmail.com. The Cornerstone editor is Bonnie Glenn.

A Letter of Gratitude and Blessing for St. David's Family of Worshipers

What can what can I say? There are no words to really express the gratitude for the many prayers and cards with encouragement and love. Every one is a blessing to encourage healing.

Sunday, the 15th brought the full measure of God's love. James came with the tablet so I could Zoom the service. How perfect. Bishop Rodman's sermon, on new beginnings, spoke directly, through my heart. Truly, I am headed for a totally new beginning. Reverend Hugh Tudor-Foley, Josh Lewis, So special. Carolyn, her usual expertise in full swing. Janet, your altar bread was wonderful. The music so special. I could go on and on. Josh came to give me Communion, and share words of wisdom. He is the next episcopal bishop, somewhere down the line.

Thank you all for filling me with hope and the knowledge that God dwells within all of us. Carol Fowler, you, are such an inspiration.



Prayers and candles to all!

Love,
Carol Whitehead

Square In Use

We have access to a Square for digital payments at the Pancake supper, Market Day, and the Yard Sale. If you would like to pay your pledge, or donate via the Square, let John Beranek know so he can have it at church ready to go.

Carolyn Beranek

St. David's on the Web:

<https://stdavidslaurinburgnc.org/>

Home Communion

We have people trained to bring communion to our home-bound, or sick or hospitalized. Please call Carolyn to request home communion. We can work with our schedules and either bring it on Sunday afternoon or on Monday. But we need to have you request it. As we all recognize, communion is not necessary every week. It is a very comforting ritual when we are housebound, sick or in the hospital. It is a way of maintaining the connection with our parish family and drawing us closer to Christ. But not all of us need it every Sunday when we miss church. Do not keep us guessing, let us know when to bring it to you.

Carolyn Beranek



Church Signs

Embrace the Power of Prayer

- Seen in Hamlet, NC

Above All Love Each Other Deeply

- Seen in Laurinburg, NC

Bonnie Glenn



Easter Potluck

Easter is a joyful time, but not so much when you have no family to celebrate with for the Pascal Feast after church. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the narthex. For those of us with family far away, we can celebrate together with a full Easter feast.

Carolyn Beranek

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	2 Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing, 7pm Garden of Repose, 8pm-8am Full Pink Moon	3 Parish Work Day, 9am-12noon Good Friday Service with Reserve sacrament, 7pm	4
5 Easter Holy Eucharist, 11am Parish Potluck, 12:30pm	6	7	8 Parish Potluck, "Easter easy," 6pm Compline, 7pm	9	10	11
12 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am Vestry, 12:30pm	13	14	15 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	16	17	18
19 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am Church Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22 Earth Day Compline via Zoom, 7pm	23	24 National Arbor Day	25
26 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	27	28	29 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	30		



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