

# The Cornerstone

## June 2026

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### Words from the Senior Warden

Do you remember when President Bush introduced his Points of Light initiative? His reason was to promote volunteerism and community service. President Bush's Points of Light initiative emphasizes the following:

- Encourage individuals to engage in volunteer activities that benefit their communities.
- Foster partnerships between government, businesses, and nonprofits to support service projects.
- Recognize and celebrate the contributions of volunteers through awards and events.
- Provide resources and training for organizations to effectively mobilize volunteers.
- Promote the idea that every person can make a difference through small acts of service.
- Inspire a culture of giving back by sharing stories of impactful volunteer efforts.

I was thinking about "points of light". Jesus told us in Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Each of us can make a difference through small acts of service. When we help our neighbor in the yard, or volunteer at a local event, or bring a can of food for the Food Pantry we are showing where our values are.

When we check in with our family and neighbors we are demonstrating our love and compassion for others.

We also need to check in with our church family. Giving a call or text when we notice they are not in church, or at the potluck is showing concern. Our church family appreciates the concern shown by their fellow St. Davidians.



So, we are to be a point of light. It does not mean we have to be a searchlight. We do our little bit and that adds to the whole, and that is exactly what Jesus calls us to do. Our part, as the point of Light.

Carolyn Beranek  
Senior Warden

## Thank You

Mechille Chavis for doing altar for May  
Carolyn Beranek and Linda Tapia for cleaning the altar linens  
All parishioners who regularly attend St. David's  
All ushers who provide delicious "Coffee Hour" goodies  
All Lay Eucharist Ministers who take communion to ailing parishioners

## June Birthdays

June 1 McKenzie Smithson  
June 6 Twyla McKoy  
June 9 Heather Petiot, Ian Plitt  
June 15 Mikie Love  
June 18 Amanda Marshall  
June 23 Carol Fowler  
June 28 Kyle Bethel

## June Anniversaries

June 4 Jim and Donna Wilson  
June 11 Skip Clark and Martha Gibson  
June 23 Skip and Jeanne Fedak

## Graduates for 2026

We celebrated four of our own as they graduate from High School.

- Emma Chavis, daughter of Mechille Chavis and Velvadena Adkins-Chavis
- Emma Jones, granddaughter of Eric and Melissa Williamson
- Matthew McDuffie, son of Traci Chapman and grandson of Donna and Jim Wilson
- Jermaine Terrell, son of Lindsey Fields and grandson of Linda Tapia

As is our St. David's tradition, a bed pillow was given each graduate as we pray for sweet dreams for each of them in their journeys. (This was not a budgeted item since we do not have graduates every year. If you would like to contribute to the pillows, you can give \$5.00 or \$10.00 in the plate and mark it "pillows").

Carolyn Beranek



## Water for the Birds and Squirrels

This will be a hot summer. If you notice that the bird bath in the front bell garden is empty, would you fill it with water? There is a jug in Mrs. Whitehead's Sunday school room that will fill the birdbath basin. If several of us pay attention to the water level, the birds and squirrels will thank us.

Carolyn Beranek

## Outreach from our Investments

The Vestry voted to give each of other 52 graduating SEarCH Seniors a \$10.00 gift card from Chik-Fil-A. We are business partners with the Early College/High School and look for ways to assist the students and staff. The Staff met in the Parish Hall three times in the month of May for their end of year celebrations and wrap-up.

The remaining money was sent to Family Promise of Scotland County. Executive Director, Kristy Ruscoe, made a presentation during our church service to explain the many ways that Family Promise supports families to make them successful in finding housing, build budgets, find jobs, and provide a secure footing for themselves and their children.

Carolyn Beranek

## Monthly Potlucks Resume

Our May theme was Spring Recipes and it was refreshing and pleasing. We had green Beans, potato salad, Greek yogurt with raspberries, strawberries and blueberries, a Venison Burger Casserole, Apricot Chicken with green olives, fresh tomato/onion/cucumber salad, fresh fruit salad, fresh sliced tomatoes, "pizza style" pasta salad, apple pie, multi sized cupcakes, strawberry dream, and spring colored sugar cookies.

Our theme for June is pure fun, "Celebrating Donald Duck". He has been around since 1934, usually as a foil for Mickey Mouse. What foods would celebrate his persona and longevity?

Carolyn Beranek

## Farmer's Markets in Laurinburg

For those of us who do not have gardens, or have very limited space for growing plants, The Farmer's Market in McDuffie Square provides a nice selection of fruits and vegetables and homemade goodies from which to choose. The dates this summer are April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 12, and October 31 (during the annual Halloween Festival).

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](mailto:bonnieglenn@gmail.com). The Cornerstone editor is Bonnie Glenn.

## Church Community Services

### Donation Totals

April 2026 – 15

As of May 20, 2026 – 32

Lee Harris

## Vestry News

Mechille Chavis has accepted the part-time secretary position and is no longer on Vestry. The Vestry appointed David Adams to complete her term as Junior Warden.

Carolyn Beranek



## Walking the Labyrinth

The youth group from St. Margaret's, Waxhaw, NC made a snack and labyrinth walk stop at St. David's on May 17, 2026.



Photo by Carolyn Beranek

## Yard Sale

The Vestry was discussing the possible late summer Yard Sale (like maybe mid-August?). We need a person to co-ordinate or chair the sale. We have lots of volunteers who will pick up items, or do other tote-and-carry things, but we need a point person to make things work well.

Is that person you? Call a Vestry person to volunteer.

Carolyn Beranek

### Disclaimer:

The views expressed in these newsletter articles are those of the author only.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	4	5	6
7 Holy Eucharist, 11am Christian Formation, 10am	8	9	10 Parish Potluck, "Celebrating Donald Duck," 6pm Compline, 7pm	11	12	13
14 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	15	16	17 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	18	19 Juneteenth Church Newsletter Deadline	20
21 Father's Day Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	22	23 Church Newsletter Deadline	24 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	25	26	27
28 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	29 Full Strawberry Moon	30				



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