



# The Messenger

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The Rev. Wes Shields

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Easter season and is enjoying the green grass and warm weather. We have a few things coming up that I wanted to make sure you were aware of. First of all at the end of this month on April 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having our monthly potluck dinner and the topic will be Evangelism. Before you panic, I'm not going to ask you to go knock on any doors, I want us to begin the conversation about what that word means for us and how do we fulfill that calling in our lives. We will also have a dinner May 25<sup>th</sup> and I will let you know about the topic. I would also ask your prayers for those of us going to Cursillo on April 21<sup>st</sup>. There are at least 8 of us and I am

sure many more coming to the serenade on Saturday night. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us and bless everyone at this Cursillo.

I wanted to share with you some jokes that I have received in the past and I hope that you will take a few minutes to sit back and enjoy them. There is a comedian that I like who often ends his show by saying, "If you ain't laughing, you ain't living." I think there is a lot of wisdom in that statement.

## Billy Graham

Billy Graham had just finished a tour of the Florida East Coast and was taking a limousine to the airport. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. Well, the chauffeur felt like he didn't have much of a choice, so he got in the back of the limo and Billy took the wheel. He turned onto I-95 and accelerated to about 75 MPH. WHAM! The blue lights of the State Highway Patrol flashed in his rearview mirror. He pulled over and a trooper came to his window. When the trooper saw who it was, he said, "Just a moment, please, I need to call in."

The trooper radioed in and asked for the chief. He said, "I have a REALLY important person pulled over and I need to know what to do."

The chief replied, "Who is it, not Ted Kennedy again?"

The trooper said, "No, even more important."

"It isn't the Governor Jeb Bush, is it?" asked the chief.

"No, even more important," replied the trooper.

"It isn't the President George Bush, is it?"

"No," replied the trooper, "Even more important."

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"Well, WHO in the WORLD is it?!" screamed the chief.

The trooper responded, "I don't know for sure but I think it might be Jesus, because his chauffeur is Billy Graham!"

## The Old Nag

An old hillbilly farmer had a wife who nagged him unmercifully. From morning till night (and sometimes later), she was always complaining about something. The only time he got any relief was when he was out plowing with his old mule. He tried to plow a lot.

One day, when he was out plowing, his wife brought him lunch in the field. He drove the old mule into the shade, sat down on a stump, and began to eat his lunch. Immediately, his wife began harassing him again. Complain, nag, nag; it just went on and on.

All of a sudden, the old mule lashed out with both hind feet, caught her smack in the back of the head. Done killed her dead on the spot.

At the funeral several days later, the minister noticed something rather odd. When a woman mourner would approach the old farmer, he would listen for a minute, then nod his head in agreement; but when a man mourner approached him, he would listen for a minute, then shake his head in disagreement.

This was so consistent, the minister decided to ask the old farmer about it. So after the funeral, the minister spoke to the old farmer, and asked him why he nodded his head and agreed with the women, but always shook his head and disagreed with all the men.

The old farmer said: "Well, the women would come up and say something about how nice my wife looked, or how pretty her dress was, so I'd nod my head in agreement."

"And what about the men?" the minister asked. "They wanted to know if the mule was for sale."

Special Thanks to church family members who continue to make food as well as set up and take down each Sunday for the Friendship Dinners. May 1, we will start providing one dish casseroles instead of soups. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful outreach food ministry, please let me know. It takes many hands and feet to make this ministry continue to reach out in order for us to do God's work of feeding others. Mary Ann



Free Friendship Dinner



Emma at Camp Henry

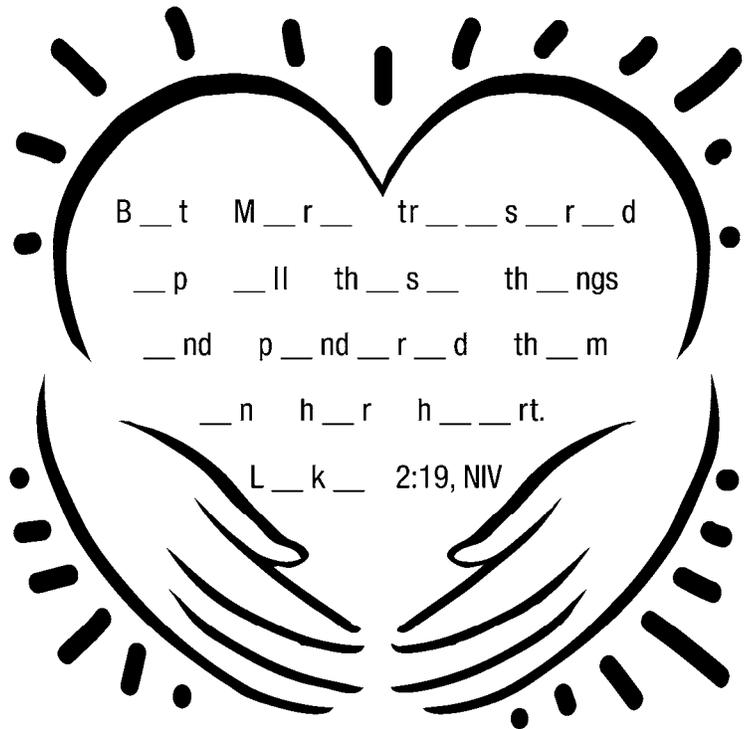


## A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

**End of school year swimming party on the lake at 1 pm at Sunday June 12th at the Boff's. All kids and parents are invited.**



## Events for April & May



Firewood Ministry **Mondays at 1 pm** For more information, contact Wes at church.



The “M&M” Club - **3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-3, March 16th.** Read about program on page 11. Contact Wendy Field for more information.

Church Breakfast in Parish Hall. **3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 am** - Come Join Us!

Friendship Dinners at **5:30 pm on Sundays** Come out for a free dinner and great fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors.

TCW - **2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1pm.** Come early at 12:30 and bring a bag lunch. Open to all women at Transfiguration. Come join us! (parish hall) Contact Carlann Scherping for more information.

Bare Necessities - **1st Wednesday of each month from 4-7 pm** Contact Laura Shields for more information.



Potluck dinner Wed. April, 27 at 5:30 pm

The church of the Transfiguration in Bat Cave, NC has formed an M&M (mature and motivated) club to bring health, community, education, and fun to the Gorge! Activities are open to all adults. There is no charge for these activities as they are encouraged and supported by the vestry. If needed, transportation can be provided. The M&M Club meets the 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 of every month in the Church Parish Hall, unless special programs are planned. At all events refreshments are served and raffle prizes are distributed (provided by the Committee). Previous programs have included yoga classes from a certified yoga instructor, a trip to the Grove Park Inn to see the gingerbread houses, game days, and a lecture from Anne B. Jacobs, LCSW.ACSW, a therapist at Senior Life solutions at St. Luke's Hospital addressing emotional and behavioral health of those over age 65. Future activities planned are a demonstration of container gardening and a guided tour of the Flowering Bridge. All materials will be provided. The program is on April 20 at 1:00. This will be presented by three members of our church who work on the bridge. In May we will have a boat tie-up with boats being provided by church members. Staying active, engaged, connected and growing is essential to a healthy lifestyle! Check out our webpage at [www.ectransfiguration.org](http://www.ectransfiguration.org) to see what exciting and informative activities are planned for the future! Hope to see you! Marily Floyd



Many thanks to Kevin Brode who provides the bread for our Sunday dinners. Kevin has been baking bread as labor of love for many years, and recently opened Standing Stone Breads in Landrum. He takes orders on-line each week and then bakes on Saturday mornings. People come to his bakery located at his home to pick up orders. He also bakes a variety of artisan breads for several area restaurants.  
Carlann

### From the Junior Warden...

Thanks to the great effort on the church clean up day, we have better organization of many of the church supplies. For the bathrooms, there are spare paper towels and toilet paper under the sink in each bathroom vanity. In the kitchen, all the cabinets are labeled; spare napkins, paper towels and extra paper plates are above the refrigerator; all cleaning supplies, trash bags, and recycle bags are in the cupboard by the back door; coffee cups and coffee supplies are in the coffee cabinet in the church hall. In the attic, there are extra rolls of toilet paper, paper towels, and napkins.

When you notice supplies are dwindling, please write it on the wipe board in the kitchen, on the side of the refrigerator. I will check each week, and get things replenished. If you want to buy items yourself, don't write it on the board.. just go ahead and take care of it!! Please note: there are an abundance of plastic silverware and plastic cups in the kitchen; no need to buy any of these for awhile!

Thanks for everyone's help in keeping things in order!!

Mike Boff



More photos on our church's website!

## Bare Necessities

Mark your calendars for April 16 from 9:30-12:30! Our normal workdays are Wednesdays, but we decided to offer different times once or twice a year to allow some of you who can't make it on Wednesdays an opportunity to join us. This will be a

normal workday, with a bonus! If you have never used a sewing machine, or, it has been years since you did, this is your chance to get back to it. We will be offering a training on the machines, as well as how to sew our items. We will have several machines available, or you can bring your own.

So far in 2016, we have sent 30 diaper kits and 30 post-partum feminine hygiene kits to Haiti. In addition, we delivered two more to HNGO, and resupplied one HNGO client who said the cloth diapers were working great for her 9mo old son.

Hope to see everyone on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>!



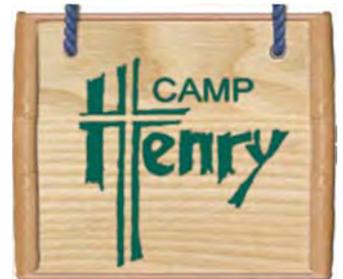
## Camp Henry open house for April 17



**CAMP**  
Henry

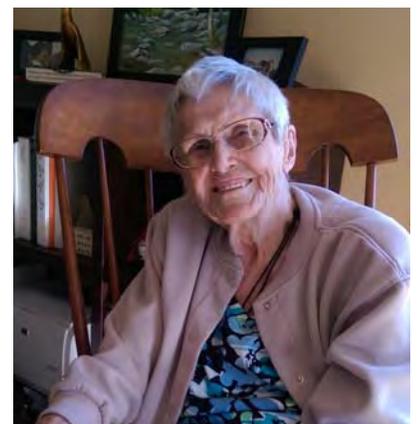
Camp Henry! Building healthy body, mind and spirit. Camp Henry has activities available for ALL children not just those from our church. Scholarships are available! Any questions, please contact Julie Maziarka. To download forms go to [campheny.net](http://campheny.net)

or get forms from Julie or Wes.



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Ellie Osborn turned 96 on March 17. Church friends gathered at Dave and Carlann's house to celebrate the occasion complete with a concert by Kevin Brode on the Bagpipes.



Hello All,



The children's Sunday School class continues to grow every week. We are happy that our number of usual attendees has grown with the addition of Allison, Summerlinde, Nina, Leah, and Liberty. We are growing in many other ways as well. The children continue to make us so happy with their growing interest in what we are studying. We are continually amazed at the knowledge and understanding our children possess. We celebrate in knowing that these children are a blessing to us as a church, to our communities, and to each of us as members of our church family. I regret that I was not in church on Easter Sunday. I heard that the children were more than willing and active members of the congregation as they recited the Lord's Prayer. I am so, so proud of them. I have taught them what it means when the BCP says that "we are bold to say". I think they demonstrated to the congregation that they understand. Again, I am proud of each and every one of your children for the kindness, willingness, respect, and love they show us all. On a personal note I want to thank the parents and the church as a whole for the faith and confidence you have in Carlann, Gloria, and I as we do our best to regularly show and teach the children what it means to walk as proud Christians in our changing world. Please remember to check the bulletin board for a look into how we conduct our weekly lessons. The children will happily share what they have learned. Please take the time to talk to them about it. PARENTS: I am reviewing/updating the contact info for all the children. I sent a group email. Please let me know if you did not receive it. Thank you so much for your children and for your faith in us. Carlann, Gloria, and Amy



*Church's Easter Egg Hunt! What fun!*

## Hendersonville Deanery ECW Luncheon

The Church of the Transfiguration in Bat Cave hosted a luncheon for the women in the Hendersonville Deanery. The Rev. Wes Shields celebrated the Eucharist and the Rev. Diane Livingston, Deacon at St. Philips in Brevard, was the guest speaker. Diane presented an informative and thought provoking program on Justice and Mercy in which we were challenged to consider the difference in the two and how we as Christians can move our charitable works toward justice as well as mercy.

We examined how acts of mercy or charity, while being good and in the right spirit, also contain an element of power or control over those receiving the charity. Justice, on the other hand, deals with fairness and handing the power and control over to those receiving our help. I think most of us understand the idea of teaching someone to fish as being better than just giving the person a fish. But going a step farther is providing that person with access to a fishing pond and equipment with which to fish.

An example of trying to incorporate justice into mercy is what happened with the Bare Necessities Ministry at Transfiguration recently. This Ministry meets once a month to make reusable diapers and feminine hygiene kits to be taken to countries where these items are much needed. These are also made available to local Outreach Ministries. This is an act of Mercy and a wonderful thing. But, as we learned, we were still in control and the recipients were dependent upon us. However, recently two of our Parishioners, Laura Shields and Kathy Boff, as part of the Bare Necessities Team, took sewing machines and fabrics to Haiti where we had previously sent our diaper kits. The people there wanted to learn how to make the diapers themselves, and this provided a way for them to do this and to move the control away from us and into their hands. It became their ministry in which they were able to help themselves. This is an example of moving acts of Mercy in the direction of Justice

So, we were challenged to examine our ministries and consider how we can blend Justice with Mercy. It is not always possible to do this and we understand that people need our help and cannot always help themselves. But this awareness of Justice is something that the Transfiguration Church Women (our ECW) is taking to heart and hoping to put to work in our ministries.



**More photos on website.**

## United Thank Offering In-Gathering on April 17



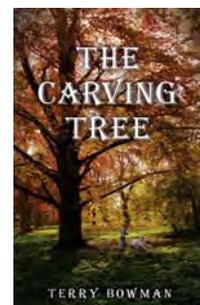
Many of you received a Little Blue Box for the United Thank Offering (UTO) back in February. My box sits on my desk and is a reminder that there are little things each day for which I am thankful. As an outward sign of my thankfulness, I offer a little prayer of thanks and slip a coin or a dollar into the box.

If you decided to participate in this ministry for thankfulness, it is time for our semi-annual in-gathering. On April 17, you are asked to either bring a check to Church for the amount that is in your box or bring the box (with your name on it, please). The boxes and checks will be taken to the altar and blessed. We have a volunteer to count the change inside the boxes and the boxes will be returned to the owners.

The money that is collected goes to UTO, and churches seeking to change lives by new and innovative ministries apply for grants. In 2015, the United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church awarded 55 grants for a total of \$1,558,006.85 for mission and ministry. The 2015 grants were awarded to projects in 36 domestic and ten overseas dioceses.

If you did not receive a Blue Box and would like to have one, we have plenty in the Church office. Your thankfulness can make a difference in the lives of others.

**Terry Thomas Bowman** is the brother of our parishioner Doug (Aleisa) Bowman. Terry is the featured speaker for the Mountains Branch Library author luncheon on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Lure Inn. Hopefully we can support them by attending this event. It is a fund raiser for the library. The luncheon starts at 11:30 till about 1:30 or 2:00 and the cost is \$25.00.



Here is a brief summary of his book "The Carving Tree"

**THE CARVING TREE** is a tale of love, courage, and God's redemptive grace that reminds readers there is always hope.

Forty-six years ago Jake pledged his love to Sadie by carving their names into the Carving Tree. Newly retired, Sadie is eager to take on life's adventures with Jake by her side. But when the symbol of their enduring love begins to wither and Jake is diagnosed with a heart condition, Sadie's dreams are put on hold.

Please call the Library 828-287-6392 for reservations.



May 8th



# Rotation Schedule for 10 am Services

April 10 Michelle & Patrick  
 May 1 Tim & Whitney Turner  
 April 17 The 8 O'Clockers  
 May 8 Gloria & Russ Anders  
 April 24 Jeannette & Johnny Auld  
 May 15 Harriet & Robert Taylor  
 May 22 Kathy & Mike Boff  
 May 29 Nancy M. & Mary S.

April 10 Wendy F. & Robert T.  
 May 1 Michele Y. & Patrick W.  
 April 17 Harriet & Robert Taylor  
 May 8 Carl & Sandra Nelson  
 April 24 Veryl Lynn & Blaine Cox  
 May 22 Alice G & Danny H.  
 May 29 Wendy F. & Harriet T.

April 10 Mike Maziarka  
 May 1 Chuck Hailey  
 April 17 Dave Scherping  
 May 8 Dave Scherping  
 April 24 Marilyn Floyd  
 May 15 Mike Maziarka  
 May 22 Marilyn Floyd  
 May 29 Dawn Milachouski



April 10 Harriet Taylor; Mike Boff  
 May 1 Chuck Watkins; Harriet Taylor  
 April 17 Julie Maziarka; Jeanne Taylor  
 May 8 Tim Turner; Harriet Taylor  
 April 24 Nancy McNary; Robert Taylor  
 May 15 Jeanne Taylor; Marly Floyd  
 May 22 Susan Brooks; Julie Maziarka  
 May 29 JoAnne Ellingson; Russ Anders

April 10 Jack Stanier  
 May 1 Robert Taylor  
 April 17 Wendy Field  
 May 8 Jack Stanier  
 April 24 Harriet Taylor  
 May 15 Wendy Field  
 May 22 Harriet Taylor  
 May 29 Robert Taylor

April 10 Kathy & Charlene  
 May 1 Marta & Kieleley  
 April 17 Barbara & Joanne  
 May 8 Kathy & Charlene  
 April 24 Jeanne & Sandra  
 May 15 Barbara & Joanne  
 May 22 Jeanne & Sandra  
 May 29 Barbara



Please note: The above schedule covers April and May for the Lay Ministries, music, and nursery.

**APRIL**

- 06 Wes Shields
- 11 Charlene Efird
- 22 Michael Maziarka
- 27 Sara Gray
- 29 Don Hinton
- 29 Betty Zieger



**MAY**

- 06 Jaidyn Taylor
- 10 Smith Goodrum
- 13 Joe Whitt
- 17 Carlann Scherping
- 18 Carl Nelson
- 23 Mark Butler
- 25 Harriet Taylor
- 25 Dave Scherping



**APRIL**

- 15 Marshall and Susan Brooks
- 19 Bryant and Mary Karr Williams
- 25 Curt and JoAnne Ellingson
- 30 Carl and Sandra Nelson

**MAY**

- 03 Alice Garrard & Danny Holland
- 18 Chuck Hailey & Dean Egly
- 29 David and Charlene Efird
- 29 Russell and Gloria Anders

Please pray for our men and women in the military and those serving in other areas of conflict. / Daniel Crane, Ralph Salamone, Hamilton, Jordan, Hunter Fitzpatrick, Benjamine St. Pierre, Bryla Robinson, Kellie Green & Zach Poole.



*Please pray for members who are in the hospital and who are sick.*

Shane Maxwell Banks, Susan Brown, Lee Butler, Monica Ferguson, Margaret Hodge, Nancy Long, David Woodcock, Gertrude, Ackie Okpych, Ellie Osborn, Chelsea Parks, Jim Stanier, Stacey Weaver, Bertha Whitt, Joe Whitt, JoAnne Woodcock, Brian Daniels, Robert Ell, Steve Hailey, Zee Woodcock, Rick Metcalf, Jacob Chalker, Steve Ruddy, Sam Thompson, George King, Thomas Stroud, Sylvia Mariani, Don Hinton, Marty Taylor, Kaitlyn McElreath, Evelyn Barry, Lauren Jones, Linda White, Jim Pryor, Tim Turner, Sr. Eddie Gaines, Laura Shields, Nancy McNary, Barbara Meliski, Jim Proctor, Jeanne Reichert, Chuck Hailey, Barbara Freeman, and Dorothy Hailey, Sam Fine, Mark Goodson, Nathaniel Smith, Robert Smith, Holly Sherwood, Daisy Nye, and Evan Hays.



Gloria with her famous coconut cake at one of the Lenten Suppers

This is your newsletter, so please share your photos and stories by sending them to

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The Messenger's next deadline will be

May 25, 2016

Thanks, mary ann





## FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Information for period Jan - Feb, 2016

Operating Revenues		\$26,903
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Expenses:

Maintain our facilities	\$6,119	
Worship, office & programs	\$4,260	
Clergy & related expense	\$14,083	\$24,462

<b>Net Revenue over expenses</b>		<b>\$2,441</b>
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Budget vs Actual

Budget Revenue	\$25,492	
Actual Operating Revenue	\$26,903	
Over Budget		\$1,411

Budget Expenses	\$24,428	
Actual Operating Expenses	\$24,462	
Over Budget		(\$34)

<b>Ahead of Budget</b>		<b>\$1,377</b>
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Here we are in 2016 already. A good start with revenues over budget and expenses almost even with budget. In addition to normal monthly expenses, we made a down payment on a new sign that is very visible from the road and materials to build shelving in the attic for over \$2,500.

God has truly blessed us in so many ways this year.

Thanks to all of you for the continuing support of our church with your time and talent and treasure.

Let us continue to pray for Father Wes and family, our church and our families.

Reach out in love and friendship to one another and keep that spirit alive and growing.

JoAnne Ellingson, Treasurer



## Fun, Friends & Flowers

**Container Gardening**

**Plant a pot of**

**Colorful Spring Flowers**

**To take home**

**And**

**Enjoy a guided tour of the  
Lake Lure Flowering Bridge**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**1:00 pm**

**Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave**

**All materials will be provided, as well as  
transportation to and from the Flowering  
Bridge**

**Sponsored by the M&M Club (Mature &  
Motivated)**

**Please join us**



# We Remember

**May 30th - Memorial Day**

## Vestry Meeting Summary

Your vestry met on March 9th. We reviewed a list of goals for the church, vestry and himself which will be the focus of the vestry retreat the following Monday. They are working on building a comprehensive church calendar that we can share with the community. One of our local newspapers, The Breeze, this month has a wonderful article about 2 of our ministries: Firewood Ministry and Bare Necessities.

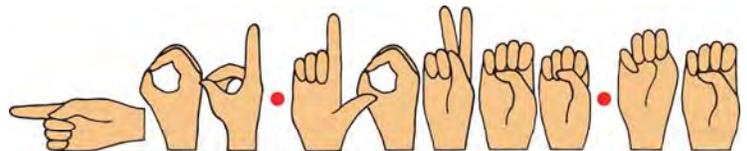
We are making progress inside the church and out: the parking lot has been patched, sealed and striped; the workday will be a great start on many projects; a new sign has been ordered. Mike Boff brought in a HVAC contractor to discuss options to improve energy efficiency and reduce costs of the current systems.

We have had a busy month with well-attended Lenten suppers discussing The Art of Forgiving by Lewis Smedes; we are now providing our own community dinners under the leadership of Mary Ann Ransom; February offered another successful M & M Club yoga class;

We reviewed the Camp Henry K-12 summer programs that are available to everyone. The church has budgeted money for kids to attend this summer. We were a volunteer member of the staff one week last year and plans to do the same this summer. You will be hearing more about this opportunity.

Marilyn Floyd

Clerk



# GOD LOVES ME

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## Vestry 2016

Please pray daily for the leaders of our church.

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### Weekly Services

Holy Eucharist: Sundays 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist and Healing: Wednesdays 10:00 am

### Bible Study:

Sundays 9:00 am & Wednesdays 11:00 am

**Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday 9:15 am

The women of the church are invited to a Fundraiser on May 14th at the Lake Lure Inn. Proceeds go for the Diocesan ECW Women Helping Women Educational Program. For more information talk to Harriet Taylor and/or Carlann Schepring.

**Register online at**  
**[www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org)**