



# The Messenger

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Happy Days of Summer!



# WNC CURSILLO #81

**SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2016**

WNC Cursillo #81 will be held Sept 22-25, at Christmount Assembly in Black Mountain. The team is in formation and we are accepting additional team members. The Lay Rectora for the Weekend is Jane Erickson.

From the Lay Rectora:

The weekend will begin on the afternoon of Sept 22 at 5:30pm, with a reception for the pilgrims and a sponsor's Eucharist. Our weekend will conclude with the Clausura at 4:00 PM on Sunday, Sept 25. A reception to welcome the new Cursillistas will follow. Please bring a snack for the reception.

The scripture for the weekend is from Isaiah 6:8. *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" and I said, "Here I am . Send me".*

Where is the Lord sending you? Are you being called to serve with this team as we offer up ourselves to love and serve the Pilgrims whom God will call to the weekend? Are you being called to sponsor a pilgrim this weekend? Are you being called to offer the gift of Palanca in the form of prayers and encouragement letters?

Consider the absolute joy (and privilege) of seeing pilgrims, so wary and cautious at first, go through the process of opening up to God's love and yielding themselves unreservedly to Him by Sunday afternoon.

Sponsorship is a wonderful service and we can all participate. Remember your weekend? You can be a part of providing a weekend experience to someone else. Our duties as Christians are to follow Christ, to come together for corporate worship, and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. This is the method of the Cursillo Movement. It has been tested by time to help us carry out our Christian duties. It makes it possible for us to live what is fundamental plan for being a Christian in order to become more effective in apostolic action.

Please pray for guidance in discerning what God may be calling you to do. Pray for those people in your parish and community who will be called to attend a weekend.. You can commit to praying for the weekend by visiting [3dayol.org](http://3dayol.org) and registering for a 30 minute window of time to pray for WNC Cursillo #81. Please pray for pilgrims and team members as they prepare for the weekend. You can also make a contribution to Western North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo. Donations will be used for scholarships. Applications may be found on the WNC Cursillo web site, [cursillownc.org](http://cursillownc.org). You may contact Jane at: [wncursillo81@yahoo.com](mailto:wncursillo81@yahoo.com) or 828 243- 1903.

## CHANGES ARE COMING TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has been on summer vacation. Even though the Sunday instruction has not happened in July there has been a lot of behind the scenes activity. The following is a copy of the letter that was mailed to the parents. Please take a moment to read this so that all of you will know about the changes that are coming to the program in August. Thanks for the love and support that you show us as teachers and more importantly, for the love you show the children, as they are the future of our church.

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let all of you know about the changes that are taking place when Children's Sunday School resumes in August. It has become difficult to adequately instruct the children in the grouping that exists right now. There is too much difference in their ages and abilities to make the Sunday School experience the true benefit that it is intended to be. With that in mind, and with the approval of Fr. Wes, we have restructured Sunday School in the following manner:

All children (except the youngest nursery attendees) will meet together for about 10 minutes every Sunday. During that time we will recite the Lord's Prayer and introduce the week's scripture or story.

After that time the younger children (ages 3 through 5) will go to the nursery. Barbara Mauldin is in charge of the nursery. Please contact her with questions. It will be up to the parents to inform the nursery worker(s) if they want their child to join them at the Peace for communion.

We feel it is important for the older children to start familiarizing themselves with the entire service. Part of the instruction during Sunday School will be understanding what goes on during the Eucharist and why we do what we do. Therefore, on the first Sunday of every month, there will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTION**. The older children (ages 6 and up) will attend the entire church service. Then on the following Sunday, we will have an opportunity to discuss the service and answer questions the children might have.

The nursery will be open and available for children through age five on the First Sundays. **THE FIRST SUNDAY THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IS SEPTEMBER 4th.**

Fr. Wes, Carlann, and I are excited about the upcoming changes in our Sunday School program. They will lead to greater spiritual enrichment for all of our children. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Amy Spanjers



## Events for August & September



Firewood Ministry **Mondays at 9 am** For more information, contact Wes at church.

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



TCW Meeting on **August 9 at 12:30** in Parish Hall

Beach Service on **September 11**

Adult Sunday School will start back **September 17th**

The "M&M" Club will kick off their second season with Game Day on **Wednesday, September 21, 1 p.m.**, Parish Hall. Many games, refreshments and the sought after "prizes." All are welcome. As always, leave your wallet at home!

### TCW News

Twenty Transfiguration Church Women and spouses went to the Sierra Nevada Brewery in Asheville for our July meeting. We had a tasty lunch then took the self guided tour. While we were there we celebrated LR's birthday with song and a special dessert.

Please join us for our next meeting on August 9 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall. We will be planning for our next service ministry. We need everyone's ideas, so bring a lunch and join us some conversation and fellowship.

The September meeting will be on the 13th. I think there will be a special outreach activity on that day. More later on that.



## Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave M&M (mature and motivated) Boat Tie Up and Lake Lure Tour June 15, 2016



We had planned this outing twice before and it had been rained out. It didn't look "charming" for the third time either! Dark clouds, thunder, rain and life guards blowing their whistles to warn the swimmers to get out of the water made us wonder if this was really going to happen! Mike Maziarka, Chuck Watkins, and Chuck Hailey gathered at the Lake Lure town dock for a captain's conference. About 20 optimistic people showed up and we decided to go for it! Umbrellas and raincoats were out and we went across the lake to the

Rumbling Bald dock in the rain. "Hang on Wendy and Carlann, we are coming!" That side of the lake was getting pounded and several people decided to leave. We finally got across the lake to pick them up but Wendy asked for me to get a perspective from that side of the lake and this is how Carlann saw this "Driving through the pouring rain and driving wind thinking, "You really are crazy. Surely they are going to call this thing off!" I had looked at the weather map and it was only going to be a few pop up thunderstorms at best, but it was raining really hard and fifteen minutes until we were supposed to get into the boat. I pulled into the parking lot at Rumbling Bald to meet Wendy. Got out of the car and waded through the puddles to see what the plan was. I had called Julie who was at the Town beach dock to find that they were loaded up and ready to go. Yes, it was raining a little there, too. So there Wendy and I stood ankle deep in puddles trying to figure out how this was going to work out. Boat trip in the rainstorm? Really? We called Jim to come back down to the Marina. He had given up any hope of taking his boat out. Chuck (both of them actually), and Mike were on their way to pick us up. So we waited. The clouds grew darker, the rain came again, and we watched the lake for any sign of pontoon boats coming our way. And we waited. The skies cleared a little, and we were hopeful. Then the rain came for a third time. But there were the boats coming our way! The three of us gathered the snacks we had brought and headed for the boat. Blue sky began to peek out from the clouds.

We tied the boats together, Fr. Wes Shields led us in a blessing, we learned about Lake Lure from Chuck Watkins, ate some snacks, and then toured the lake for an hour in a now



gloriously sunny afternoon. Boat trip in the rainstorm? Yep! Really" wrote Carlann. Now I would like to say that there are many adjectives to describe our M&M group: intrepid, faithful, determined, optimistic, but Wendy summed it up best with her quote, "AND, being a bit nuts helps!!" Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in our Church of the Transfiguration fabulous first boat tie up and tour on Lake Lure!

Julie Maziarka

## Dear Fellow Parishioners,

After about a year of prayer and discernment I have decided to give up the monthly Saturday breakfast. With any ministry there has to be a passion and the passion has waned for me. My plan was to make August my last breakfast but we are celebrating my mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 20<sup>th</sup>. In the future I am willing to assist with breakfast and my prayer is that someone will want to take this on as their ministry.

Respectfully yours,  
Chuck Hailey



## Thank you

To all the people who prayed for me. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. I am thankful too for all the friends who brought me dinner every night while I was recovering from surgery! Also thank you Veryl Lynn who gave me communion while I was in the recovery unit. Also you are very special to all the people who have loaned me special invalid equipment. It has worked wonderfully.

Thank you too for the surprise pie! May God richly Bless all of you. You are dear to my heart.

In His Name

Lynn Morehead



## Do you have your Little Blue Box?

The Blue Boxes are part of the United Thank Offering (UTO), a ministry of The Episcopal Church. Our Church supports this ministry by collecting the offerings of our Church Family twice a year. If you would like to take part in this ministry, you can get your blue box from the Church office. Just see Harriet or Carlann.

Through this ministry, adults and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God by recognizing and naming our many daily blessings. One way of making an offering of thanks is by slipping a coin or bill into your Blue Box as you give thanks to God for your blessings both large and small.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, the United Thank Offering was founded by the Women of the Episcopal Church to help individuals pay more attention to the spiritual blessings in their lives by making small thank offerings. These offerings were used to support innovative ministries in the Church that the Church budget was not yet able to fund. Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, Episcopal Church Women organized, promoted, and funded much of the missionary outreach of The Episcopal Church. Today UTO grants are awarded from the money collected from these Blue Boxes.

The 2016 the UTO awarded \$1,161,314 in grants to 32 dioceses for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally.

Please consider taking home a Blue Box of your own. Later this year, we will ask those of you who choose to participate to empty your boxes and write a check to the Church for UTO or to bring you boxes to the altar on our Ingathering Sunday. Your thankfulness can make a difference in the lives of others.



## Vestry Meeting Summary

### June and July 2016

Your vestry met on June 8, 2016. Julie has requested that each member of the congregation bring in a picture (4x6 or smaller) for the bulletin board to help visitors and other members recognize each other. The Congregational Survey is available on the website with the hope all members will take the opportunity to participate and provide feedback.

The Sisters have given the church a \$2000 contribution toward our energy efficiency efforts. We are reviewing options to maximize our HVAC systems.

Sunday School for the children and Nurser will change slightly due to the increase in participation. Each, Sunday all the kids will start together and after a short period, children under 3 years will go into the nursery. This will give the older ones a better opportunity to learn. They will come into church after communion.

We have 5 kids going to Camp Henry this summer, and Wes will serve as chaplain for the high school camp. At our June potluck dinner Wes will discuss the final candidates for the election of our new Bishop which takes place June 25th. Your church voted to use \$500 of its Outreach budget to support the Seminarian Fund. We have created a Welcoming Ministry to better focus on our visitors and new members. Marta is coordinating this effort to include communication, record keeping, orientation and matching their interests with our activities and ongoing ministries.

Our July vestry meeting was held on July 13th. Our Sunday service has seen increased attendance along with our community dinners. We thank all those have helped with this. We have received many favorable comments about the food. The vestry also thanks those who provide our coffee hour refreshments. There has been some confusion about those responsibilities, so Julie has posted a helpful checklist that is posted on the refrigerator.

The vestry is reviewing HVAC options for the church to improve our energy efficiency. They voted to use a hybrid system, replace the existing ductwork and install programmable thermostats.

Another service at the Lake is being planned for this fall. Our music system is in need of some updating and the vestry has approved the replacement of the disc player at a cost of \$677.

The vestry has been reviewing our policies, costs and expenses regarding the Spiritual Garden. They approved increasing the fee for inclusion in the Spiritual Garden to \$600.

As a part of our Outreach Ministry, a \$500 donation was approved to support Thermal Belt Outreach in Polk County in honor of Dave and Carlann Scherping who have been very instrumental in the success of their kids backpack program.

Wes shared with the vestry that he and Laura will be moving out of the rectory this fall. They are buying Joanne and Ackie's house which is just a few miles away. (Joanne and Ackie will move up close to the fire department.) The vestry approved the change and is giving serious thought as to the best use of the property in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Marily Floyd, Clerk





## FINANCIAL FACTS

### Financial Information for period Jan - June, 2016

Operating Revenues			\$81,248
Expenses:			
	Maintain our facilities	\$15,915	
	Worship, office & programs	\$15,511	
	Clergy & related expense	\$41,702	\$73,128
	<b>Net Revenue over expenses</b>		<b>\$8,120</b>

### Budget vs Actual

Budget Revenue	\$75,000	
Actual Operating Revenue	\$81,248	
Over Budget		\$6,248
Budget Expenses	\$72,606	
Actual Operating Expenses	\$73,128	
Over Budget		(\$522)
<b>Ahead of Budget</b>		<b>\$5,726</b>

The year is half over and our net revenue is at 10% of operating income.

In addition to normal operating expenses, we have a new very visible sign and shelving in the attic for a cost of \$4,200, replaced the rectory kitchen tile for \$1,700 and sent four of our youth to Camp Henry this summer for \$1,500.

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

## Bare Necessities Update...

After our August 3 work session we will have supplied ANOTHER Sisters of Mercy medical mission team with cloth diaper kits and feminine hygiene kits. We expect to send out between 60-70 kits with this team to Haiti! We have delivered two "Welcome to Gorge" new baby kits as well.



We wanted to take time in this newsletter issue to thank the many hands and hearts that support this ministry that reaches our neighbors in the Gorge, and neighbors afar.

The tasks involved in this ministry include prayer, planning for work sessions, shopping for materials, seeking and choosing missionaries, sewing, tracing and cutting fabric, snapping, assembling kits, revising how we make items to be most time/cost effective, monetary support(through your tithe to church budget), trimming threads, and the list goes on. These tasks are completed at the work session, but just as much, if not more, time is spent by workers at home in between sessions. It is truly a "body of Christ" that makes it work when seen in its entirety. To all of you who contribute in your myriad of ways.....THANK YOU!

Upcoming workdays:

August 3

September 7

October 5

Laura Shields/Amy Spanjers



# Rotation Schedule for 10 am Services

Aug 7 Michelle & Patrick  
 Aug 14 Sara & Michael  
 Aug 21 Charlene & David  
 Aug 28 Whitney & Tim  
 Sept 4 Kathy & Mike  
 Sept 11 Gloria & Norman  
 Sept 18 Jeanette & Johnny  
 Sept 25 Linda & Joe



Aug 7 Harriet & Robert  
 Aug 14 Marion & Fred  
 Aug 21 Barbara M & Harriet T  
 Aug 28 Veryle Lynn & Blaine  
 Sept 4 Harriet & Robert  
 Sept 11 Alice G. & Danny H.  
 Sept 18 Michele Y & Patrick W  
 Sept 25 Susan & Marshall



Aug 7 Dawn  
 Aug 14 Dave  
 Aug 21 Mike  
 Aug 28 Chuck  
 Sept 4 Marily  
 Sept 11 Dave  
 Sept 18 Mike  
 Sept 25 Dawn



Aug 7 Nancy & Tim  
 Aug 14 Marily & Robert  
 Aug 21 Julie M. & Russ  
 Aug 28 Robert & Chuck W.  
 Sept 4 JoAnne E. & Tim  
 Sept 11 Mike B. & Julie M.  
 Sept 18 Chuck W. & Harriet  
 Sept 25 Chuck H. & Susan B.



Aug 7 Chuck H.  
 Aug 14 Wendy  
 Aug 21 Veryle Lynn  
 Aug 28 Harriet  
 Sept 4 Jack S.  
 Sept 11 Wendy  
 Sept 18 Robert T  
 Sept 25 Veryle Lynn



Aug 7 Marta & Kieley  
 Aug 14 Kathy & Charlene  
 Aug. 21 Barbara M. & JoAnne  
 Aug 28 Jeanne & Sandra  
 Sept 4 Marta & Kieley  
 Sept 11 Kathy & Charlene  
 Sept 18 Barbara M. & JoAnne  
 Sept 25 Jeanne & Sandra

**August**

- 03 - Marshall Brooks**
- 10 - Veryle Lynn Cox**
- 16 - JoAnne Ellingson**
- 17 - Joe Carter**
- 21 - Blaine Cox**
- 24 - Andy Leighty**

**September**

- 08 - Ackie Okpych**
- 09 - Riley Hardy**
- 09 - Jed Turner**
- 10 - George Wittner**
- 13 - Chuck Hailey**
- 23 - Brady Helms**
- 28 - Linda Carter**



**BIRTHDAYS**

**August**

- 14 - Chuck & Joselyn Watkins**
- 16 - Johnny & Jeanette Auld**
- 21 - Watts & Mary Stroman**
- 24 - Shirley Kupier & Tom Fitzpatrick**
- 29 - Riley & Marcia Hardy**
- 29 - Lisa & Rob Fye**



**ANNIVERSARIES**

**September**

- 01 - Michael & Sara Gray**
- 15 - Gloria & Norman Lyda**
- 20 - Fred & Marion Wilson**
- 30 - George & Hope Wittmer**

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 & 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,



Gertrude, Ackie Okpych, Ellie Osborn, Chelsea Parks, Jim Stanier, Stacey Weaver, Bertha 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, Anne Hinton, Marty Taylor, Kaitlyn McElreath, Evelyn Barry, Lauren Jones, Linda White, Eddie Gaines, Barbara Freeman, Barbara Meliski, Jim Proctor, Kirk Gay, and Dorothy Hailey, Sam Fine, Mark Goodson, Nathaniel Smith, Roberta Smith, Holly, Sherwood & Daisy Nye, and Evan Hays, Lynn Morehead, Rebecca La Breche, Betty Zieger, Curt Ledford, Jennifer Whiteside, Brenda Parks



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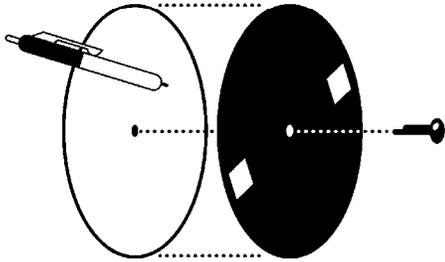
September 25, 2016

Thanks, mary ann



# P R O M I S E W H E E L

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



### What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

### What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



**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