



The Messenger

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June & July



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Church of the Transfiguration Lake Lure Beach Service

Our beach service was held on May 22nd, 2016 with Fr. Wes Shields presiding on a beautiful day the Lord had made and we rejoiced and were glad in it! JoAnne Ellingson coordinated the music, musicians, and practices for the service. She wrote a very sweet thank you to those who participated. "I want to thank everyone who participated in the Beach Service last Sunday. It was wonderful. You really set the tone for the whole service. The guitar, mandolin and saxophone players were terrific (thank you Joe, Steve, Don, Marily & Mike), and the singers did a great job. (Thank you Jeannette, Curt, Julie, Jack, Chuck & Joselyn and those who sang & played at the same time) Thank you for your time, effort & beautiful music."

Thanks also go to Mike and Kathy for setting up the potluck, Patrick and Fr. Wes for the chairs and tables, Marta for drinks, and to everyone else who pitched in to help. Sunday School was "held" in the sand with buckets and bubbles (thank you Marily!). In addition to our parishioners we had many visitors including Mike who was hitchhiking for Christ, found us and dropped in. A delicious and bountiful potluck followed. Our sincere thanks go to Lake Lure Beach and Boat tours for graciously allowing us this time to worship and praise God in all his majesty! Julie



Covered Dish Dinner
Wednesday June 22



The monthly Covered Dish Dinner has been moved up a week. As many of you know, we are in the process of electing the next Bishop of our Diocese. The Electing Convention will be held on Saturday, June 25. At the dinner, the parish family will have a chance to ask questions about the process and the candidates. Wes, Julie Maziarka, and Carlann Scherping attended the gathering at Christ School on May 16 to meet the candidates and to hear them speak. We will be available to answer questions and share our experience. This will not be a special program, just conversation.

On June 25, Wes, Carl Nelson, and Carlann will attend the Electing Convention. Carl and Carlann were the delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention and that also designated them as delegates to this convention.

There are profiles for each of the four candidates on the Diocesan website diocesewnc.org. as well as information about the process.

Join us for the usual great food and conversation at the June 22nd dinner.

Hitchhiking for Christ

Mike and I were in Hendersonville the Saturday before our beach service for the Church of the Transfiguration and noticed what looked like a homeless man with backpacks, gear, signs and flags, going the other way across 4 lanes of traffic. I was sorry I could not give him one of the “goody bags” that I use when I come across homeless in Asheville. But then I realized that was just a thing. I could join with his soul in love and that would be real. So that is what I did while waiting for the light to change. Imagine my surprise when he was there waiting for us at our beach service on Sunday! His name was Mike, he was not homeless and he informed us he had been on the road 147 days Hitchhiking for Christ! He would meet up with his group at designated times and places. He said he grew up in a place a lot like Lake Lure and was enjoying being led there and was waiting to see where the Lord would lead him next. Faith. He said he could stay another day because of the generosity shown him. Which also had me thinking about the intent behind donations to people, institutions, etc. Many won't give unless the recipient is “worthy”. But that is going at it backwards. The gift comes from within like the joining in love at a stoplight with a homeless person. The money is just a thing. The gift is given before the exchange takes place. Thank you, Mike, for the gifts you brought us and Godspeed!

Julie Maziarka

In appreciation of Fr. Wes and his family's two year anniversary

We at the Church of the Transfiguration are so grateful and appreciative that Fr. Wes and his family chose to bring their gifts to share with our family. When Harriet and I were brainstorming all the growth in the last two years we kept coming up with more and I hope we haven't left anything out. I would like to start with our appreciation to Laura for her Bare Necessities ministry of far reaching mercy and justice. And of course we need to thank Emma, Cody and Tucker for swelling our Sunday School ranks, inspiring a church playground and for being an active part of our family. I could list the mission and ministries we have accomplished thanks to



Fr. Wes, such as our AD groups that meet regularly and encourage each other's spiritual growth, the firewood ministry, and the M&M (mature and motivated) club, our new sign, improvements to the buildings and grounds, continuation of the Sunday Suppers, but these are just deeds. Fr. Wes always asks why are we doing this? He helps us look for the love so God can fill out the rest. There are the obvious gains to our church such as increased membership and stewardship but these were possible because sharing the love of the Lord came first. I am most grateful to Fr. Wes not only for his sermons that speak straight to the heart but for his ability to Walk the Talk.

When Father Wes began here 2 years ago, one of the things that the transition committee was instructed by the diocese to do, was to help set healthy boundaries for our new rector and particularly one living in a rectory. As a Vestry we wanted to make sure we continue to educate the congregation in that regard. Having the rectory right next to the church is a temptation to just "pop on over", but please be mindful that this is their residence and respect their family time and privacy.

Fr. Wes works Sunday - Wednesday and the best way to get a hold of him is and by email at wes@ectransfiguration.org. You can also try the church phone at [828-625-9244](tel:828-625-9244). He is very prompt in answering inquiries on the days that he works. If you would like to talk to or meet with him, please call or make an appointment. In the case of an emergency that cannot wait, call his cell phone 828-423-2409 and leave a message. He will return your call. Please do not use the cell phone unless it is an emergency!

It is also important to remember that Wes is the priest and Laura is his wife. We must be mindful to bring personal and church matters to Wes and not to Laura. I'm sure that Laura doesn't mind listening to many of our problems, but we need to recognize that that is not her burden to bear. Having a rector with such a beautiful family is a blessing to be treasured, and we can show this by respecting their family time and privacy. Thank you so much. Julie Maziarka, Senior Warden

Events for June & July



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



The “M&M” Club - **1-3, June 15—Boat Tie Up** ...Contact Wendy Field for more information. (M&M Club is taking July and August off due to many folks on vacation or out of town. We will resume activities September 21st, the third Wednesday in September, Game Day.

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.



Free Friendship Dinner

Please Note: Sunday Adult Bible Study is taking July and August off for the summer.

Church Survey

Having a church that is alive and growing means walking in the path that Jesus taught us. The vestry would like to give each member of the congregation the opportunity to do just that by helping us identify the gifts we can bring. We will be sending out a survey soon that can be taken on line. It is simple, short and easy to do. Believe me, I took it! You will find a variety of ministries that are available in our Church. Some require regular commitments such as Chalice Bearer or Organist, but others only require occasional involvement.

As Christians, we are called to serve, but that service takes many forms. Perhaps one or more of the opportunities listed will be something that speaks to your heart. Someone will get in touch with you about any ministry that you choose, to determine your interest and discuss any details. You are, of course, under no obligation by responding here.

After learning more about each ministry you can make your final decision. Many of these ministries are on an as needed basis. You may not be called right away. If you do express an interest, the ministries are flexible enough to fit your needs. People who choose to be involved in the life of their church receive a richer spiritual experience in return. If you are already serving in church ministries, **THANK YOU!** And please sign up again to express your desire to continue. Julie



The Children's Sunday School Class is continuing to blossom. It is a joy to watch the children's spiritual growth. We continue to teach about the lessons contained in the parables. We also try to connect a part of the weekly lesson to that week's gospel reading. Please take a few moments to talk with your children about what they learn about understanding and more importantly sharing God's love with their family and friends. We hope the congregation enjoyed watching as Summerlinde and Stella were presented their bibles during the Lake Lure beach service. That is always an exciting event for us.

The class is ready for summer. First, as a reminder, we will not meet in July. The nursery will be open to help the parents with the younger children. We have several activities planned for the summer. The first activity is the **Pool Party at the Boff's house at 1pm on June 12th**. Bring a snack to share and come celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. **Our first**

Summer Activity Day will be held on Tuesday June 21st from 9:00 – 11:30am. We hope that your children – 1st Grade -> 6th Grade – will join us. Feel free to invite your children's friends and relatives. **Also for our Church members: We would be thrilled to have your grandchildren or visiting relatives come share this day with us. We will need know how many children to plan for so please put this day of fun on your calendars. You can contact Carlann or Amy for information. Our theme for the day will be Exploring God's Treasures. This is based on Luke 12:34... Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...** We are excited to offer activities like this throughout the summer as a good way to connect with the children and for the children to stay in touch with each other. Sunday School Parents and Church Members, please check your email and the bulletin board for reminders and details about this upcoming fun day. We wish all of you a safe and fun-filled summer.

Carlann, Gloria, and Amy



Children
of the
living God.

HOSEA 1:10

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.



Bare Necessities will be meeting Wednesday's July 6 and August 3 from 3:30-6:30. We will be completing items to go into kits for an August mission trip to Haiti by the Sisters of Mercy medical team. This team works out of Asheville and we have supported them in the past. Hope you can join us!



Amy and Emma

Marily

Barbara

Kathy

Joselyn



"Many of you may have received calls or you will receive calls, from individuals claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service and that you owe money on your tax return. They will threaten you with fines, penalties, property seizures, and a long list of other enforcement actions. If you are not in a complete panic at this point and question them they will give you a phone number that when you call it back is in fact the correct number for the Internal Revenue Service, making you believe they are the real Internal Revenue Service. When they call you again, they will ask if you called the number they gave you and are you satisfied they are from the Internal Revenue Service. They are very good at this **Scam**. **DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF. THEY WILL ASK FOR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, CREDIT CARD NUMBERS OR YOUR BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION. THEY WILL ASK YOU TO GO TO WAL-MART OR OTHER PLACES THAT SELL CASH CARDS TO PAY YOUR DEBT TODAY OTHERWISE YOU ARE GOING TO JAIL.** Again, this is a **SCAM** and they are using fear tactics to steal your money. The Internal Revenue Service will **NEVER** call you on the telephone about a tax issue. They will **NEVER** ask you about Credit Cards and they will **NEVER** ask to go to any store to get a cash card to pay a debt.

Please be very careful because these people have gotten very good and convincing. Just hang up the phone when they call. If you need to, tell them to call me to discuss it (828) 287-8909, and I will handle it. So far I have not received a single call from them at the office. However, they have called me at home and threatened me with all of the above.

Again, it is a scam and once the money is gone you will never be able to recover it.

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Church's float in the Chimney Rock Parade ...everyone had a lot of fun on May 14th.



M & M Group down at the Flowering Bridge.



Hope everyone has noticed the new church sign. It is lovely.

Greetings to you from the Diocese of Durgapur Slum Children Ministry

We are happy to inform you that day by day our centers are growing and transformation have been seen in the children. So, here I am posting some activities of the children of Adra Child Study Center and Purulia Child Study & Community Study Center. The children are most of them from Muslim and Hindu background but they have tasted the love of Jesus Christ.



These all happening duye to all of you like peoples constant support and prayer for them. Please share these news and pictures with your people.

With regards,

Raja Moses, Project Coordinator, Diocese of Durgapur



A child from Adra praying to God but he is a Muslim



A child of Purulia praying to God



Children who have pass 10th & 12th grade board exam

Making a Difference

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Bat Cave is making a difference in the communities they serve, as well as people struggling with the basic needs of living, around the world.

Unfortunately many who live in the mountains of our area rely on wood as their source of heat throughout the winter. For them it's not as easy as dialing up the thermostat. Instead the arduous process of cutting, splitting and hauling wood is a necessity to stay warm. Some families no longer have the physical ability to do these things. Health and age have caused many families to suffer without. The churches' firewood ministry has made a huge difference in the lives of many of our local mountain people.

Church members meet once a week to cut unwanted, typically already downed, trees for people and then distribute the wood to those in need. In a little over a year the church has cut and is in the process of delivering 25 cords of wood. That is enough to fill a 20 by 20ft room from floor to ceiling. The ministry is funded by the church and relies on volunteers that gather once a week to do the work. Anyone interested in participating in this special ministry can contact the church (see below). There is a need for individuals to run a chainsaw, but also individuals to operate the splitter, as well as deliver firewood. No experience is needed. The church members are happy to teach anyone interested in making a difference.

Another active ministry of the church is headed by a group that calls themselves Bare Necessities. These are women that meet on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month from 3 to 7 PM to make reusable diapers and feminine hygiene products for women and children from around the world. Both products are handmade by the group and assembled into kits. The diapers save young mothers and orphanages thousands of dollars on disposable diapers, as well as, serve as an alternative to no diapers at all. The feminine hygiene products allow young girls to go to school in places where they would otherwise have to stay home for at least one week a month. Their products are now on four continents and have gone to countries such as Haiti, Uganda, Thailand, Nicaragua, and others. The retail value of the products that they have sent out over the past year is somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000. This ministry is funded by the church and through donation of money and materials from people all over WNC. If you would like to get involved please contact the church.

The church and its members believe love and generosity is something to be shared and are trying to do that with individuals locally and from around the world. Please contact the church at wes@ectransfiguration.org if you are interested in participating or have any questions about these ministries.

Mike Boff

TCW News

The TCW has been working on a project for the past few months that we hope will benefit many. After talking with friends and neighbors who have lost loved ones, we realized how overwhelming everything can be. There are agencies to contact, accounts to close, papers to file, and the list goes on and on. Our group decided to try to gather information that could be shared with others that might help people through the process and make things a little easier. Five of us, with input from many, have worked together to create a set of check lists and documents that we are calling *Planning for Tomorrow*. We hope to have this project completed in the next month and share what we have created with the Parish.

Rotation Schedule for 10 am Services

June 5 Marily Floyd
 July 3 Marily & Wendy
 June 12 Julie & Mike Maziarka
 July 10 Harriet & Robert Taylor
 June 19 Mary & Bryant Williams
 July 17 Linda & Aaron White
 June 26 Veryle & Blaine Cox
 July 24 Alice & Danny
 July 31 JoAnne & Curt



June 5 Susan & Marshall
 July 3 Harriet & Robert
 June 12 Barbara M & Wendy F
 July 10 Michele Y & Patrick W
 June 19 Harriet & Robert
 July 17 Sandra & Carl
 June 26 Tim T & Robert T
 July 24 Wendy F & Tim T
 July 31 Alice & Danny



June 5 Chuck Hailey
 July 3 Dawn Milachouski
 June 12 Mike M
 July 10 Dave S
 June 19 Dave S
 July 17 Mike M
 June 26 Marily Floyd
 July 24 Chuck Hailey
 July 31 Marily Floyd



June 5 Robert T & Tim T
 July 3 JoAnne E & Nancy McNary
 June 12 Curt E & Susan B
 July 10 Tim Turner & Julie M
 June 19 Julie M & Marily F
 July 17 Susan B & Kathy B
 June 26 Harriet T & Nancy McNary
 July 24 Curt E & Marily F
 July 31 Harriet T & Jeanne T



June 5 Harriet T
 July 3 Chuck Hailey
 June 12 Jack Stanier
 July 10 Veryle Lynn Cox
 June 19 Chuck Hailey
 July 17 Harriet Taylor
 June 26 Wendy F
 July 24 Robert Taylor
 July 31 Jack Stanier



June 5 Marta & Kieley
 June 12 Kathy & Charlene
 June 19 Barbara M & JoAnne
 June 26 Jeanne & Sandra



June

11 - Barbara Freeman

July

09 - Betsy Longoria

10 - Kevin Cooley

17 - Fred Wilson

21 - Jeanne Taylor

24 - Nancy McNary

26 - Edie Davis

28 - Curt Ellingson

29 - Wendy Field

30 - Bill McAninch



July

05 - Mike & Julie Maziarka



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, Don Hinton, Marty Taylor, Kaitlyn McElreath, Evelyn Barry, Lauren Jones, Linda White, Jim Pryor, 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.

Celebrate THE FOURTH



The Spirit Gives Life

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.



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

July 25, 2016

Thanks, mary ann



Vestry Meeting Summary

Your vestry met on April 13th. Wes reported that we have 3 pilgrims (Mike and Kathy Boff and Chuck Hailey) and 5 on team (Wes Shields, Curt and JoAnne Ellingson, Michele Yackel and Patrick Warncke) for Cursillo this month. Our pot luck dinner topic this month will be Evangelism. Wes led a discussion to consider the best way to approach this. It needs to include education and action.

It was a busy month in and outside the church: the parking lot was sealed and striped and we have a beautiful new sign. Julie reported that we have one applicant to attend Camp Henry so far. We have money in the budget for this expense and will apply for scholarship assistance that Camp Henry provides. The vestry voted to pay the full amount. The director of the camp will be in church on Sunday, May 8th and will make some brief remarks.

The vestry discussed the Congregational Survey that was done last year and decided to do it on an annual basis to keep up with new and existing members of the church. Discussion included making it available online as well as in print. Each member was asked to review it in detail and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

We are reviewing our cemetery policies, expenses and charges. Our expenses have increased and our charges are not in line with our costs or the market place. Your vestry voted to set the price of a burial plot for a member at \$1200 and \$2500 for a NON-member. We are also researching the current charges for disbursement of cremains in the spiritual garden and associated costs.

Wes received a request from Tom Phillips and Trey Rogers for financial assistance as they further their ministry/education with Emmaus in Florida. Theirs is an intentional ministry, one that our church has experienced. The vestry voted unanimously to provide \$500 for each of them this year as a part of our Outreach Ministry.

The vestry met on May 11th. Wes noted that we had a slight increase in attendance. Our parking lot is very full on Sundays, so Julie is going to ask 6-8 people to park above or behind the church to provide room in the main lot for visitors. Good discussion followed about membership and how we follow up with visitors and integrate them into our church activities. Wes recommended that we identify one person to be the coordinator for this ministry, someone who sees this as a mission, not an assignment. Similarly, he discussed the concept of not assigning vestry members to specific areas of responsibility as we have done in the past. Instead, the vestry's job would be to find people in the church who have a passion about certain areas and invite them to participate.

Julie received 2 more applications for Camp Henry for Dawn's girls which the vestry approved, we will apply for scholarship assistance for all applicants.

We are still in need of some small directional signage for the parish hall/nursery and a private residence sign for the rectory. This will accomplish both safety and privacy issues.

Upcoming Calendar events: Our Beach Service is planned for May 22. Since we are having potluck after the service, we will NOT have the monthly potluck in May. A second workday is planned for May 21st. Mike posted a list of projects that need to be done.

Wes thanked the vestry for their support and understanding during a difficult month due to the loss of Laura's father.

Marilyn Floyd

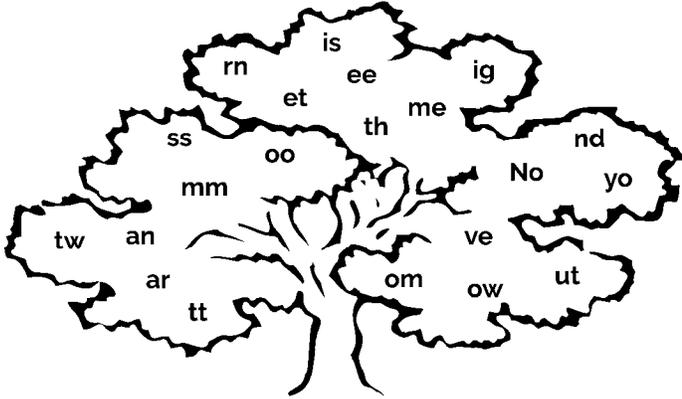
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PUZZLE

Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



“ ___ w lea ___ th ___ le ___ on
 fr ___ the f ___ tr ___: As s ___ n
 as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
 its lea ___ s co ___ o ___, ___ u
 kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___.”

Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.”
 Matthew 24:32, NIV



June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
 Support those living with Brain illnesses and their caregivers by wearing purple this month.
 Special flier and more information available for
 June 20 - The Longest Day event

<http://www.alzfdn.org/>



Please pray daily for the leaders of our church.

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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