



An O.C. Edwards Message

O.C. Edwards here shown among a group from Holy Spirit Church who were part of the Moral Monday turnout, August 14, 2014, in downtown Asheville. Jane is at O.C.'s left side, also holding up a sign.

This photo was snapped by Linda Tull who submitted it for this January issue of Mountain Spirit, the first issue to follow the passing of O.C.

Says David McNair about this photo: "If the gospel is lived faithfully, it will always engage and confront politics — and of course O.C. and Jane knew and lived this out."

Thank you, Linda Tull, for sharing this photo. We also note the passing of the human rights activist Desmond Tutu on December 26.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 30

The parish of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will hold its annual meeting **immediately following** the Sunday service January 30. Please plan to attend this **brief, important** business meeting for our parish.

First Sunday Offering for January

To support for Haitians from the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. See page 2 for a report by Ty Jones on the huge needs of that country.

Recipient of First Sunday Offering For January, 2022

The First Sunday Open Offering for January will go to support for Haitians Administered by Episcopal Relief and Development

Among the poorest of nations in the world, Haiti is a failed state, where the most wretched are subject to violence, hunger, neglect and many abusers: gangs, criminal syndicates, corrupt politicians and non-responsive institutions. Under such awful circumstances, it is very, very difficult for any non-profit to triage and tend to the vast needs of the suffering.

This year, Haiti experienced a triple whammy: On August 14, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest. This was quickly followed by tropical storm Grace. Hundreds were killed. More than a million people, including over half a million children, suffered grave losses. The homeless have desperate needs.

And then, you may remember, the elected president was assassinated.

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) has been responding effectively on the ground, with direct assistance to the most vulnerable. ERD also partners with other non-governmental operations for the long term, building the relationships over the long haul which help lift people out of such abject poverty. You can learn more about their efforts by visiting the ERD website, episcopalrelief.org. Find the Haiti page and click on the tag "Stories & Info" for many explanatory entries.

Your generous gift will help Haitians in the wake of this year of disasters.

— Ty Jones

January Birthdays

Barbara Moloney 3	Bobby Wilson 13	Carolyn Davis 22
Regan Roos 3	Rebekah Wilson 13	Page Mangum 25
Bob Magnus 4	Laura Smith 14	Sam Shiver 26
Jim Haaga 5	Ginny Lentz 14	David Miller 27
Pam McNally 5	Dave Usner 15	George Smith 28
Jennifer Woodruff ... 6	Gail Kase 16	Jerome Moriarty ... 29
Michael Smith 7	Chloe Schneider 19	Ron Pell 31
Lynda Miller 13	Lorrie Cooper 22	

The One-Column January Calendar

EVERY WEDNESDAY ~ Centering Prayer in person
and via Zoom: 10:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer via Zoom: 7:00 p.m.

EVERY SUNDAY ~ Holy Eucharist at ECHS:
10:30am (as long as guidelines allow)
The service will also be live streamed.

OTHER:

2 ~ The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

6 ~ The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9 ~ The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

15 ~ Women's Group meets via Zoom

10:30 a.m. to noon (tune in at 10:00 a.m.)

to chat and catch up with folks)

16 ~ The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Outreach Committee meets following service

18 ~ Vestry Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

23 ~ The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

30 ~ The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

ECHS annual meeting following the service

31 ~ New Year's Eve

Women's Retreat Revived!

**Get out your 2022
calendar and turn to
September!**

We now have a confirmed date for the rescheduled Women's Retreat at Lake Logan: **September 23-25, 2022.**

Plans are fluid and will evolve further as new variants and science allows. The planning committee for the retreat is intact, holding the plans made for 2021 and will meet early in 2022 to tweak those plans.

We hope for a wonderful gathering, so start putting a few dollars away each month! And pray with us that it finally happens!

Blessings,
Peggy Wilson

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Ministry Schedule for January, 2022

Date:	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 30	Feb 6
Vestry	Nancy Larkin	Dick Jordan	Lorraine Hilty	Mary Maupin	Kathleen Phillips	Mark Holland
Prayer Leader	Peggy Wilson	Ronnie Jordan	Bendik Clark	Peggy Barnes	Marnie Wilson	Ingrid Diedereren
Cantor	Mike Robinson	Ann Smith	Mike Robinson	Ann Smith	Mike Robinson	Ann Smith
Offertory Musician	Ann Smith	Nancy Larkin	Rebekah Wilson	Robertjohn Gillespie	Jan Mallindine	Mark Holland
Reader 1	Ingrid Diedereren	Dick Jordan	Amanda Hilty	Claire Gillespie	Gail Kase	Carol Van Voorhis
Supply Stocker	Ann Shiver	Ann Shiver	Ann Shiver	Ann Shiver	Ann Shiver	Mary Jo Sparrow
Trash	Kathleen Phillips	Kathleen Phillips	Kathleen Phillips	Kathleen Phillips	Kathleen Phillips	Peggy Wilson
Ushers	Teresa Matthews Adam Reda	Amanda Hilty Bendik Clark	Julie Johnson Dick Jordan	Marnie Wilson Peggy Barnes	Rod Vestal Adam Reda	Bendik Clark Teresa Matthews
Sunday Cleanup	The Sewells	Bendik Clark Ruth Van Sickle	Dick Jordan	Lynn Michie	Rod Vestal	Nancy Whitaker
Altar Guild	Ann & Michael Smith	Jennifer Reda	Lorraine Hilty	Lorraine Hilty	Peggy Wilson	Peggy Wilson
Bulletin Folder	Barbara Schauer	Ruth Van Sickle	Dick Jordan	John Doran	Mary Maupin	Martie Carson
Acolyte	Gail Kase	Ann Smith	Peggy Wilson	Gail Kase	Jim Haaga	Gail Kase
Greeter	Ruth Van Sickle	Harold Toney	Rod Vestal	Bendik Clark	Ann Smith	Nancy Larkin
Camera	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews

We suggest printing this page in order to read it comfortably.

BIG THANKS from the Outreach Committee!

Christmas Angels 2021

Over THIRTY angels were provided for in 2021 — a record number! The Outreach Committee thanks ALL who participated and gave so generously.

Both the gift cards and nine of our Santa Angel gifts came from the French Broad River Crossing Community. We thank Ann Shiver for spearheading outreach to this community.

When presented with the gift cards, the *social workers were overwhelmed. They told Marnie, Carol, and Nancy how much they wished to have gift cards for some of the children they were serving.

They exclaimed, "The Lord works in mysterious ways!" Indeed, He does.

So who are the Christmas Angels? They're all children in the Madison County foster system. A few have been placed outside the county due to extenuating circumstances, but their families are Madison County residents. The Angels range in age from infant to age seventeen. Then at age eighteen foster children age out of the system.

*The social workers work with the Department of Social Services and do not actually work for the school system, although the kids they work with are in that system.



Marnie Wilson, Carol Van Voorhis, and Nancy Larkin at DSS delivering gifts with the help of a friendly Koala Bear.