

## What's Love Got to Do With It? White Supremacy in the Church

**A Virtual Workshop**  
**Saturday, Feb. 13, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**  
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## Covid-19 Vaccination Information for Madison & Buncombe Counties (as of Jan. 26)

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## And What Would an Issue of Mountain Spirit Be ...

... **without a photo of a handmade quilt?** Sheer boredom from the days of enforced isolation drove Pam McNally to create this lovely beauty in the photo below. She reports that the colors lifted her spirits. Once finished, the quilt became a gift to one of her daughters. **Here's a question: what was YOUR strategy to lift your spirits during these past months? Let us know** and we will publish those strategies in the next issue of Mtn Spirit.



*(Photo courtesy of Pam McNally)*

**All Are Invited** to attend the virtual workshop Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. entitled **"What's Love Got to Do with It? White Supremacy in the Church"** led by Rev. Tami Forte Logan. The workshop will examine how the church can return to love, cast out white supremacy, and practice holy imagination. A virtual link to the workshop will be provided soon.

Rev. Logan was born in Germany, raised in Virginia, and has resided in Western North Carolina for thirty years. Tami is the pastor of Pharr Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She is a popular educator, community organizer, cultural organizer, and the business owner of **Inside & Out Consulting**. She fosters the healing of both oppression and white supremacy and believes *"If I am unwilling to support the liberation of all humanity, then I will never be free myself."*

Tami is also the Missioner of **Faith 4 Justice – Asheville**, which is composed of faith leaders working with (and for) black and brown people in order to advocate for racial equity and justice.

## Black Jesus Book Group February Meeting

In place of its regular February meeting, the ECHS Black Jesus Book Group will attend Rev. Tami Forte Logan's virtual workshop (see neighboring column for date and time). Watch for the link.

In March the group will discuss ***Begin Again, James Baldwin's America*** and ***It's Urgent: Lessons for Our Own*** by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., at the virtual book club gathering on Wednesday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. (Note the new meeting day and time.)



## February Birthdays

Helen Clark .....	3	Valentines Day .....	14	Zeke Loomis .....	26
Joan Henry*.....	3	Robertjohn Gillespie....	15	Ronnie Jordan .....	27
Ed Caskey.....	8	Dick Jordan.....	17	Vivienne McCullough...	28
Dillon Wyatt .....	8	Beecher Kinsey .....	17		
Robin Hare.....	10	Carolyn Ogburn** .....	20		
Katy Singhas .....	10	Lucas Yeakley.....	20		
Bobbie Pell .....	11	Lynn Michie.....	22		
Dora Hare.....	13	Jade McWilliams .....	25		

\*Joan Henry is Annette Henry's sister-in-law.

\*\*Carolyn O. gave us so much good music for so many years — surprise her with a bday card!

## Women's Group

The Women's Group met January 23 to discuss the topic of new beginnings, an appropriate theme for the January meeting. The poem "For a New Beginning" was shared by one of the women. It can be found in the column at right.

The Women's Group will next meet Saturday, February 20. As usual, coffee and chat will kick off at 10:00am. and the meeting will begin at 10:30. Crellin will lead the February meeting with a focus on the season of Lent. A link to this virtual meeting will be sent out a day or two beforehand.

A few quotes addressing the essence of new beginnings:

"Trust the magic of new beginnings." (Eckhart Tolle)

"Every moment is a fresh beginning." (T.S. Eliot)

"All great beginnings start in the dark, when the moon greets you to a new day at midnight." (Shannon L. Alder).

## For A New Beginning

by John O'Donohue

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

## Covid-19 Vaccination Info For Madison And Buncombe Counties As of January 26

### Madison County

Go to [madisoncountyhealth.org](http://madisoncountyhealth.org). If you are 65 or over and want the vaccine, click a reservation spot where you can fill in your contact info. You will receive a call confirming you are on the **Covid Vaccine Call Back List**. If you prefer contacting them by phone rather than through the internet, call 828-649-0755.

Be sure the info you provide is correct! Give them a phone number you can access quickly— if their call back to you receives no response TWICE, you will be placed at the end of the list. When you receive the call to come be vaccinated, ask which location you must go to. Be aware that their call may not come for a week or two, while supplies are replenished, so be patient. In the meantime, keep masking, distancing, and washing your hands. These measures will need to continue for months, until most of the population has been immunized.

**2nd Doses:** When I called 649-0755, I was told that after receiving the first dose in Madison, a call comes automatically about the second dose. That call will come four weeks later for the Moderna vaccine, and three weeks later for the Pfizer vaccine. If that call seems delayed, don't be anxious. There is a broad time window in which to get the second dose. The length of this window is uncertain, but it's at least a week or two. But do get the second dose when it's offered!

### Buncombe County

Go to [buncombecounty.org](http://buncombecounty.org) and click on **Covid Vaccinations, sign up for the waiting list**. This will provide an option to sign up as *65 or older* or *healthcare worker*. If calling by phone suits you better than using the internet, call 828-250-5000. Similar to Madison County protocol, you will provide your contact info for a call back. If they miss you twice, you will go to the bottom of the list.

**2nd Doses:** The Buncombe County site provides an obvious link to click for info.

If you want emergency text messages from Buncombe County, you can text **BCAlert** to 888-777 and you'll receive many alert types, not only those about the vaccine. If you choose to use this text number and have feedback on whether it's useful or not, let Jim Haaga know, by calling him at 828-284-4124.

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## The One-Column February Calendar

Every Tuesday ~ Evening Prayer via Zoom  
7:00pm

Every Wednesday ~ Centering Prayer via  
Zoom: 10:00am

Every Thursday ~ Evening Prayer via Zoom:  
7:00pm

Every Sunday ~ Morning Prayer via Zoom:  
10:30am

Other:

7 ~ The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10 ~ New Vestry Member Orientation:  
4:00pm

13 ~ Virtual workshop: "What's Love Got  
to Do with It? White Supremacy in the  
Church" led by Rev. Tami Forte Logan  
from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

14 ~ The Last Sunday after The Epiphany  
**Happy Valentine's Day!**

16 ~ Vestry meeting via Zoom at 5:00pm

17 ~ Ash Wednesday Service  
(time to be announced)

21 ~ The First Sunday in Lent

28 ~ The Second Sunday in Lent

## Women's Meeting *(continued)*

The Women of Holy Spirit Church will gather again to share stories and support (and maybe a little spirituality.) Our next Zoom gathering comes Saturday, February 20, starting at 10:00am with coffee time and lasting to near noon. All women of the Holy Spirit Community are welcome to attend, even if you have not been with us before or maybe not recently. Mark your calendar and join us.

The theme for that meeting will be "I am the Vine": John 15: 1-11. We have lots of gardeners in our group. If you can, provide a visual for our discussion, such as a vine in a pot or a picture of a vine — or simply use your imagination.

Because Lent is beginning, we will share ways in which Lent is observed. You will have an opportunity to share how you observe Lent. And finally, bring a pen and paper. You'll find out why in our final exercise!

The discussion will be led by Crellin Byrd. If you have questions call or email Crellin (954-564-7432, crellinjb@gmail.com) or Nancy Larkin (*larkinhorsen@gmail.com*). And if you are not on Nancy's "reminder" email list and wish to be, please email her that information.

## ZOOM MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2021 to MARCH 6, 2021

Date:	02/07/21	02/14/21	02/21/21	02/28/21	03/07/21
<b>First Reader</b>	Ingrid Diederer	Bob Magnus	Mark Holland	Annette Henry	Barbara Schauer
<b>Second Reader</b>	Amanda Hilty	Ron Pell	Gail Kase	Frances Knisley	Rebecca Sharp
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Peggy Wilson	Amanda Hilty	Ingrid Diederer	Jim Haaga	Pam McNally
<b>Prelude Musician</b>	Jan Mallindine	Robertjohn Gillespie	Rebecca Sharp	Teresa Sumter	Debra Alexander
<b>Music after the Reflection</b>	Mark Holland	Jim & Margie Haaga	Mark Holland	Jan Mallindine	Robertjohn Gillespie
<b>Vestry Rep</b>	Lynda Miller	Loraine Hilty	Mark Holland	Kathleen Phillips	Barbara Schauer

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**

