

What made the Youth Happy?

You'll be surprised . . . and impressed. See page 3.

Why is that clock so BIG?

It's trying to remind you of something you'd as soon forget. See page 5.

And how time flies!

Somebody just celebrated his ten-year anniversary of preaching sermons at ECHS. Wonder who that could be? See page 7



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8—9:00 to 10:00am
Adult Education with Ty Jones

- Overview of the "Easter Experience": anticipating grief, processing loss, engaging hope, and embracing joy.
- Remembering Jesus' betrayal and death: "Is love stronger than death?"
- Whose cross is it anyway? Shame and fear meet up with God's vindication.

Second Wednesday

March 11—Lenten Simple Soup and Bread supper beginning at 5:45pm. Adult Education at 6:45pm with Ty Jones

- Leonardo had it wrong! Jesus, Judas, and John in the "The Last Supper"
- An awful night and day in Jerusalem
- Tourism engages crucifixion
- "In the beauty of the lilies..." at the National Cathedral

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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15—9:00 to 10:00am

Adult Education with Ty Jones

— Considering how humans “edit” traditions and texts: the process of redaction.

— What is “The Easter Story”?

— What we “know,” and will never know, about the events surrounding Jesus’ resurrection.

— Which came first, the chicken or the Easter egg?

Third Wednesday

March 18 — Lenten simple soup and bread supper beginning at 5:45

Adult Education at 6:45 with Ty Jones

— How one word $\tau\acute{\epsilon}\kappa\tau\omega\nu$ changes everything!

— Is this where Jesus grew up? (And wow, if it were!)

— Mysticism meets us in the day-to-day.

March Birthdays

Douglas Peacock . 3
Cal Wilson 5
Julie Larson..... 5
Teresa Matthews 6
Brit Small-Øie ... 6
Kathleen Phillips . 7
Dave Hollister... 10
Rod Vestal 10

Tom Moloney... 10
Elinor Kinsey... 11
Beth Mangum .. 12
Jim Woodruff... 16
Daniel Trevor... 19
Connor Caskey.. 21
Bob Carr..... 22
Ann Smith 22

Genevieve Burda 24
Mary Maupin .. 24
Peggy Wilson ... 24
Charlie Kilpatrick 26
Erika Schneider. 26
Lee Ann Bogle... 31
Susan Peacock.. 31

Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers

Starting with a Labyrinth

The ECHS Lenten Soup and Program will be on Wednesdays beginning March 4 at 5:45pm. On that night we will talk about the Labyrinth as a metaphor for our lives, and we will be given the opportunity to walk a Chartres design labyrinth that will cover the floor of the sanctuary. On March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 the Lenten program will be led by Ty Jones on the topic: “Revisiting the Empty Tomb: The Easter Story.”

Spring Cleaning Workday

Indoors and Outdoors Saturday April 4, 9am-12pm

Let’s clean up the place and get ready for Easter Sunday!
(Easter is April 12.)

Contact person: Jim Woodruff
(206-9098)

La Esperanza Youth and their **Valentine** Excursion

A TALE FROM REBECCA SHARP

On Saturday, February 7, nine of the youth, along with one mother and one volunteer, braved the cold and snowy weather to meet at church. There they prepared Valentine cookies and cards for the residents at Mars Hill Retirement Community (MHRC). With the help of dedicated volunteer Melanie Rule, the youth made fifty cards and well over one hundred iced cookies in the shape of hearts.

On Thursday, February 13, seven of the youth met together in Mars Hill and then went visiting at MHRC. After we arrived, the activities director, Donna, took us to the rooms of some who are not able to make it down to the dining hall.

One resident we visited was Katherine Macoy. She had visited the Mujeres several years ago and now was thrilled to see the children. All seven crowded into her bedroom and talked with her in both Spanish and English. She would have enjoyed having us stay all evening! After we left her room, one of the boys remarked, "That was cool!"

We visited a few other rooms, and the children took turns handing out cookies and cards. Then we went to the dining room and introduced ourselves. Again the youth went around, handing out Valentines to those in the dining room.

YOUTH EVENT

***MARCH 7
(SATURDAY)***

4:00-8:00pm

***Pizza and movie at
the church.***

Movie will be decided.

***Contact Rebecca Sharp if
you have questions.***

We saw our own O.C. and Jane, as well as Dore Hansel whom many of us know. The residents were delighted to see all the young people (and even to see the older of us, like Melanie and me!).

But more wonderful was how happy it made the youth! Before we left for the day, they suggested ways we could be more involved with the residents. Like, for instance, coming back to do games or crafts, as well as just visiting.

It gave me hope and joy to be a part of this events. Made me really proud of the young people, too, which I made sure to express to both them and their parents.



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22—Adult Education from 9:00 - 10:00am with Ty Jones

—“Loose cannons” amongst the canon!

— How we humans remember (a visit with the late Oliver Sacks, MD)

— Two creative and imaginative traditions of storying about Easter: “Disappearance” and “Appearance”

Fourth Wednesday

March 25— Lenten simple soup and bread supper beginning at 5:45pm. Adult Education at 6:45 with Ty Jones

— On the road again: transformations with Paul

— Intersections of “disappearance” and “appearance” stories

— (More) wrestling with what the disciples taught

Using Purple Prayer Shawls During Lent

During Lenten season (Feb. 26–April 11) our congregation is invited to keep silence and pray in the church sanctuary on Sundays 10:10-10:25am. As a visual and tactile prayer aid, purple prayer shawls are provided to wear. Please feel free to experiment with prayer postures used for centuries by people throughout the world including kneeling, standing, prostrating or sitting.

March Youth Events!

8th— 1:00-3:00 at St. James Black Mountain

The world we live in today—How much has changed since Jesus was with us?

15th— 1:00-3:00 at St. Mary's

A Lenten Movie day! The youth will watch a movie and reflect on faith, sacrifice, and giving of oneself for the greater good.

22nd— 1:00-3:00 at Grace

Giving sight to the blind! This Sunday Gospel reading is about Jesus giving sight. We will be talking and doing activities that help improve our own spiritual sight.

29th— 1:00-4:00 at PlayStation

We will meet in Weaverville at PlayStation, which has arcade games, Go Karts, minigolf, and bumper cars! **RSVP was required** by Feb. 20, but check with Jenna whether there's an opening. Cost is \$20 which includes the games and pizza!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

can provide free books for preschool children ages birth to five who are residents of Madison or Buncombe Counties. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. This is a **FREE GIFT!** To register your child, grandchild or neighbor, please ask Bill Sewell or Martie Carson.

Bill Can Help!

Although tax laws have made it more difficult to apply your non-profit donations as itemized deductions, ways are still possible for directing your giving in order to save on taxes, especially for those of us of age 70½ or older.

Bill Sewell has developed a fact sheet with additional information. If you are interested, please ask Bill or Martie Carson for a copy.

On March 8 The Clock Will Steal an Hour!

When Daylight Savings Time begins in early spring, our clocks are set forward by one hour. This means that one hour is skipped, which will snatch away an hour of our usual sleeping time. On the morning of the change, March 8, you might get out of bed at 6:00am, but that would have been 5:00am the previous day.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29— Adult Education from 9:00 to 10:00 with Ty Jones

— **Kerygma (apostles' teaching) brought into our lives**

— **Precious jewels of the Triduum liturgies**

— **"The Easter Story" ALL THINGS CONSIDERED**

Fifth Wednesday

April 1 —Lenten simple soup and bread supper beginning at 5:45 Adult Education at 6:45 with Ty Jones

— **Faithful witnesses: death and resurrection as shared experiences**

— **The rich and varied meanings of our own "Easter stories"**

Our thanks to Ty Jones for sharing his teaching plans with Mtn Spirit.



Make it Easier:

Rise from bed slightly earlier each day during the week or two preceding the change. Do it in 10 or 15 minute increments each day, finally working up to an hour earlier.

Property Committee Doings

The Property Committee invites you to be on the lookout for several indoor and outdoor projects this spring. We also hope you'll consider pitching in.

In the ongoing effort to reduce maintenance and increase native plant beauty, we will

- create a native grass area on the first hundred feet of bank coming up the drive, beginning with covering the space to kill weeds prior to planting in the fall;
- leave the remainder of the bank alone
- no mowing or weed-eating, while we experiment with developing a natural landscape with wild flowers;
- add mulch to the front bank, after weeding and fertilizing;
- plant two red bud trees in the vicinity of the weeping cherry (on the front bank), which has come to the end of its natural life span;
- continue to maintain existing spaces.

In the memorial garden, in addition to ongoing maintenance, we will

- mulch along the base of the trees along the lower walk to the garden;
- divert water away from the new path, using a french drain; and
- cover the wooden pass-through (which allows the mower passage over the path without digging up the path) with a non-slip feature.

Also outside,

- a vegetable garden might be springing up somewhere in church yard, as a project for the youth program being led by Rebecca;
- the septic system will be serviced (also in the back, adjacent to the play ground), which we'll do our best to fence off until the ground is settled back down.

Inside, along with all the usual and as-needed maintenance and repair, we will

- create a more welcoming and usable space in the library, by repainting with warm colors, adding some comfortable though easy-to-move furniture and small tables, and hope to replace the double windows with interior french doors (which would allow us to open up the space for coffee hour on Sunday and at other times when more than the foyer space is needed).
- continue to work on the amplification system, to bring sound into the sanctuary and eventually into the nursery.

Some of these projects already have work crews attached to them. Most could use your help. **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR A PARISH WORKDAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, BEGINNING AT 9:00AM** (which will have chores to suit all levels of energy and skill) and **AN OUTDOOR WORK AFTERNOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, BEGINNING AT 1:00PM**. Look for the signup sheets in the cubby area, beginning Sunday, March 1.

Property Committee: *Larry Burda, Mark Holland, Ed McNally, Tom Panek, Susan Sherard, Harold Toney,*



Ten-Year Veteran



Photo of Rev. David McNair courtesy of Susan Sewell.

IT WAS THE FIRST SUNDAY of February exactly ten years ago that David McNair preached his first sermon at Holy Spirit Church as our new Rector. Messages of appreciation for David and that memorable day were crammed into the legendary red can, seen here being held by David. We are glad he came, and more important . . . we're glad he stayed!

What's Up at Vestry?

From the comfort of your own computer, read the approved meeting notes using this link to Vestry notes on the ECHS website:

<http://www.holyspiritwnc.org/Vestry/Vestry Notes.html>

You Are Our Preacher

Sung to the Tune of "Blowing in the Wind"

[Stress first syllable in lines 1,3,5. Stress second syllable in lines 2,4,6-8]

You are our preacher, they call you a priest,
And sometimes your sermons are good;
(kidding)
Shepherding us, and nobody is least,
You teach us to live as we should.
We're better people because we are here,
Not perfect but we're on our way.
So David McNair, we thank you 'cause you care
We love you today because you care.

You don't put on, like you know ev'rything,
But we know you're smart where it counts,
Showing great wisdom in picking a wife,
And raising kids who'll amount;
Baptist in you makes the Gospel so plain,
You lay out what we need to know.
So David McNair, we thank you 'cause you care
We love you today because you care.

When there is wrong going on anywhere,
Your heart tells you, "Go get involved."
We share your heart, that's what we're all about,
Together we get some things solved;
Blue heron guides you and helps you to grow,
And we, in our turn, grow as well.
So David McNair, we thank you 'cause you care
We love you today because you care.

—Lyrics by Lee Ballard

And What Could Be More Fitting!

Than an Esther Cake (along with Esther) to celebrate the First Sunday of this February, an anniversary of many events.



And celebrating the first Sunday of February were Rev. Susan Sherard, the founding rector of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, and Rev. David McNair, who came ten years ago . . . and stayed.

Our thanks to Susan Sewell, who snaps wonderful photos with her magic camera. (Or is it her magic eye that can spot a good picture?)