

# May – A Very Happening Month

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Saturday, May 19, that  
is lots of fun and helps  
promote safe and  
affordable housing  
in Madison County?**

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special for Holy Spirit  
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this one)**

*(Hint)*



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## Flowers Showing Up

Have you ever wondered why flowers show up on the altar some Sundays and not other Sundays? During two church seasons only greens are used on the altar: Lent and Advent.

But flowers can be used on the altar any other Sunday! The Altar Guild members often look in their own gardens to make bouquets. But anyone can sign up to provide flowers. **On the wall in the cubby area, look for the sign-up sheet for the whole year of 2018. Just pick a Sunday date and add your name.**

Flowers can be offered "in memory of," "thanksgiving for," or "just because." That can be expressed on the sign up also next to your name. Then the altar guild member responsible for Sunday set up will contact you and work out the details about your flowers.



If you have any questions about signup, call either Ronnie Jordan or Peggy Wilson. They will be glad to help.



Colleen Boll .....	2	Donna Turnbaugh ..	17
Nancy Larkin .....	2	Mary Smith .....	23
Cindy Tucker.....	2	Simon McNair .....	23
Sydney Larson .....	6	Martie Carson .....	24
Trevor McDonald....	7	Jane Edwards .....	24
Kitty Dixon .....	10	Sierra Hollister....	24
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Sherrie Hygon.....	14	Benjamin Willis ....	25
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Travis Wilson .....	16	Linda Tull .....	27

## May Birthdays

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**Sunday  
May 20**

## Pentecost on the Cliffs

### The Feast Of Pentecost

is the special day of Church of the Holy Spirit. It commemorates the birth of Christianity — and being the day honoring the Holy Spirit makes it our Patronal Festival.

This year we will again celebrate at the **Lodge at French Broad Crossing** overlooking the French Broad River with a breath-taking view of the mountains.

**The service will begin at 10:30am, followed by the traditional potluck picnic.** Bring a dish to share — but there's no need to bring plates or cutlery. Those items will be provided. By the way, **there will be NO grilled hot dogs or hamburgers.**

Do bring a folding lawn chair to sit on. But leave Fido at home. (No dogs are permitted in the lodge area when the swimming pool is in use.)

The lodge is beautiful and comfortable, with clean, modern restrooms. There is a fabulous well-appointed kitchen. Also there are spacious rooms with comfortable chairs placed so one can look out large windows at the gorgeous view.

The Lodge and its immediate surroundings, including the parking lot, are level and flat, with paved walking areas.

### Directions to French Broad Crossing

From the Marshall Ingles on the Bypass, head north toward Hot Springs on 25/70. In 6.5 miles look for Cow Mountain Road on the left. The drive to Cow Mountain Road takes about 20 minutes.

If one is headed south on 25/70, in the direction of Weaverville, Cow Mountain Road (on right) is approximately 200 yards beyond the Hopewell Baptist Church, which will be on the left side of the road.

A colorful balloon will be attached to the street sign for Cow Mountain Road. Proceed up the hill, veer to the left at the top of the hill and follow the signs to the lodge (approximately 2 miles).

**Carpooling?** Parking around the Lodge is limited. Try to work out a plan with friends who live close to you. That can be fun.

**Sign Up Sheet For the Picnic Is on the table across from the Cubby!** Be sure to sign up so we know you are coming, and indicate what you will be bringing to share at the potluck.

**Don't forget about the swimming pool — Bring your swim gear. Everyone is welcome to use the pool!**



**All Are  
Welcome**

## **Community Latin Lunch** **Thursday, May 17 — 11:30am-1:30pm**

**Once again our Latina women's group will host a lunch for our local law enforcement officials and religious leaders.** These luncheons provide an important way for the Latino community to build a relationship with law enforcement, helping them feel more secure within the wider community.

The immigrant community has become fearful again due to a recent increase in ICE raids, making this luncheon quite timely. Parishioners from ECHS are invited, but should notify Rebecca Sharp by the first week of May if planning to attend.

- ▼ Knowing the number of people attending will help in planning the amount of food needed. This event is a potluck, but already the group is anticipating over two dozen guests to feed in addition to themselves. Contact Rebecca Sharp for suggestions on what to provide when you come.
- ▼ Last year's luncheon was fun and successful! Both the officers and the Latina women had expressed interest in having this become a regular event! So that's what we are going to do!

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### **Five Subaru Hatchbacks in the church parking lot, belonging to ECHS Parishioners. Is Subaru the Episcopal auto?**



*Photo courtesy of Ann Smith, whose own Subaru was parked off to the right.*

## **GET READY** **for Madison MayFest!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

Awaiting you is an evening of great Madison County food, music, dancing, and much, much more fun . . . . .

**Hosted by the Community Housing Coalition**, Madison MayFest will be held at the Marshall High Studios Saturday, May 19, 5:30 – 9:30pm.

Come celebrate and support with us CHC’s mission to promote and facilitate affordable, safe, and healthy housing for all neighbors of Madison County.

Madison Mayfest is an entertaining signature event where guests have the opportunity to give in a way that is fun, festive, and community-centric.

You can purchase tickets to MayFest and learn more about the event by visiting our website at **chcmadisoncountync.org**

Enjoy delicious local food/drink, dancin’ music from talented, young fiddler, Lillian Chase, and Asheville’s own “Resonant Rogues.”

Also featuring silent auction/raffle treasures from our local businesses, artists, crafters and more!

Plus, visit the Brick Factory where you can stamp your personalized message on a brick to be displayed in a monument to the community!

Lastly, CHC wants to recognize those who make Madison County a great place to live. We will present our “Good Neighbors” with the first annual community impact awards during MayFest this year. So please take the short survey by April 30th and nominate your Madison County Good Neighbors, plus be entered to win \$50.00 to either Mars Hill Hardware, Gentry Hardware, or Bowman Hardware when you complete your survey.

**Madison MayFest ticket price is \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Or reserve a table for a group of eight at \$45 per person.** Tickets are available from Larry Burda, Jennifer Reda, Jennifer Woodruff, Susan Sherard, Stephanie McCullough, and Lin Von Dreele.

**Ladies At The Lake**  
**Women’s Retreat at Lake Logan,**  
**Sept. 7-9, Sign up now through June.**

## Christian Formation Continuing Education

### New Class:

## Jacob and Family: Articulating the Divine

May 27, June 3, 10,  
9:00-10:00am

This spring, Mark Holland will offer a class on the stories of Jacob and his family from

Genesis. The discussion will be based on Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg's brilliant discussion of the first book of the Torah, Genesis, entitled **The Beginnings of Desire: Reflections on Genesis**. (Schocken Books, New York, 2011.)

We will investigate the relationships between Jacob, his wives and children, and God Almighty, and the final identification of Jacob as Israel. Zornberg's playful and stimulating approach to the material includes commentary from the Midrash, the creative Jewish commentary on the Torah, other Jewish sources, and from psychoanalysis, philosophy and literature. The lecture and discussion should prove enlightening and stimulating for a Christian community.

Mark will provide xeroxed copies of the relevant chapters on May 20, one week before the class begins.

## Preliminary Landscape Concepts

**"We want to hear from you, the Congregation," says the Landscape Task Force.**

A Landscape Task Force of half a dozen volunteers has worked over seven months on developing a conceptual landscape plan for our church grounds.

### Large and Diverse

This plan will help guide improvements to the CHS grounds over the next five to ten years. Our property is relatively large — over ten acres. It's also diverse, having native woodlands, grasslands, and vegetation along the creek that flows through lower elevation of our site.

### Main Goals

The main goals of the plan:

- enhance aesthetics of the property,
- add diversity and resilience to these native ecosystems, and
- protect the existing natural areas onsite.

This draft plan contains key stewardship recommendations. A graphic bubble diagram shows the functional garden spaces and related connecting trails. These spaces and trails are recommended as possibilities.

The Landscape Task Force has already presented its preliminary plans to the Property Committee and the Vestry for their inputs. So now we want to hear from you – the Congregation! We intend to incorporate your ideas before the landscape concept plan is finalized.

**A congregational meeting explaining the Task Force's preliminary concept plan and recommendations is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 after the service.**

—Ed McNally

***MAY'S FIRST SUNDAY OFFERING***  
**Pisgah Legal Services**

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AS YOUNG ADULTS?"***

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***MAY 26-27***

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