



To David’s surprise, he spotted the mountains of Western North Carolina appearing in Spain. Perhaps he’s a bit homesick? But these beauties can be seen along portions of the Camino.

## The Gifts of Hospitality on the Camino

—David McNair

Two days ago\* I was beginning my daily walk on the Camino leaving the village of Rabanal del Camino. It was early and I decided I would check if the beautiful Benedictine chapel [see photo on page 3] was open so I could have a few moment of meditation before starting my walk. To my surprise and delight, as I neared the entrance, I could hear monks singing. I quietly entered the chapel, sat near the back, and listened to two monks sing the morning office in Latin.

\*possibly September 16—editor

- The acoustics were wonderful, and the two
- voices chanting antiphonally were truly music
- to my ears and heart. I remained in the chapel
- after the monks left, and when I exited the
- chapel about twenty minutes later, one of the
- monks, now pushing a wheelbarrow and
- dressed in a blue work jumpsuit, greeted me
- kindly and wished me *Buen Camino*. What a
- sweet start to a day!

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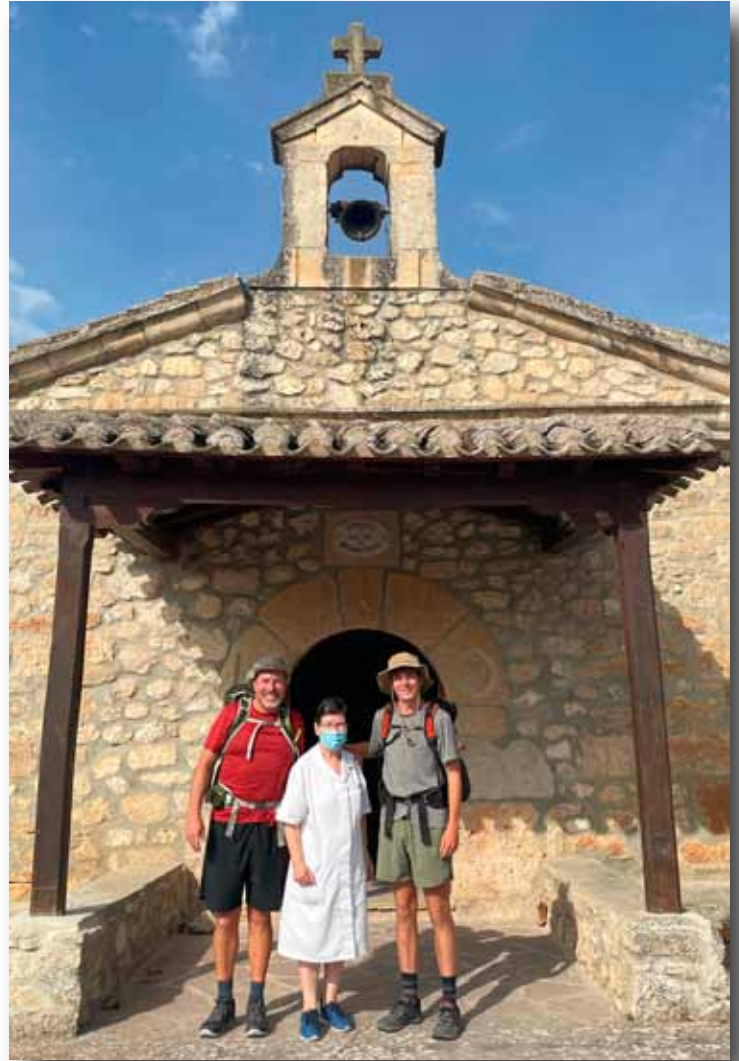
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## The Gifts of Hospitality on the Camino *(David's Postcard continued)*

No matter how small, every village we passed through on the Camino has a church (or a Cathedral). The one in the photograph [at right] is one of my favorites — yes, it was especially beautiful, but the nun who greeted us made it all the more special.

When she noticed Simon and me approaching the entrance, she hastily moved towards us and greeted us warmly in Spanish. She did not speak any English, but this did not stop her from communicating a lot to us. She held Simon by the arm and looked at him intently as she spoke.

You can get a fuller story from Simon, but what was clear to me is that she was offering him a prayer and a blessing. She pressed a necklace with a Madonna and child pendant on it into his hand. Essentially, she told him that Mother Mary, like his own mother, loves him and would guide, protect, and lead him on his Camino. Then she asked him to give the necklace to his mother when he returned home. As we were leaving, we asked to have a photo taken of us together. She laughed, put her arms around us both, and pulled us up close to her. Such a wonderful Camino blessing!



*David and Simon with the good-hearted nun.*

## October Birthdays

<b>Bob Johnson</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>Larry Burda</b> .....	<b>12</b>
<b>Emily Ball</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>Grant Trevor</b> .....	<b>16</b>
<b>Katrina Caskey</b> .....	<b>6</b>	<b>Adam Reda</b> .....	<b>23</b>
<b>Quinn Yeakley</b> .....	<b>6</b>	<b>Sadie McNair</b> .....	<b>24</b>
<b>Bob Cumbie</b> .....	<b>10</b>	<b>Elizabeth Kinsey</b> ....	<b>31</b>
<b>Amanda Hilty</b> .....	<b>11</b>		

Fondly  
Remembering  
Bob Henry and  
Jack Angel,  
who had birthdays  
on October 14,  
and  
Gary Rice, Oct. 30



The Benedictine chapel at Rabanal del Camino mentioned by David on page 1

## Breaking News!

David finally arrived at Santiago de Compostelo (the weekend of September 25-26), and was awaiting the opportunity to enter St. James Cathedral. Check your email: Martie sent out David's photo of that magnificent cathedral.

*David will return to us later in October. (Oct. 19)*



## The One-Column October Calendar for 2021

Every Wednesday ~ Centering Prayer  
in-person and via Zoom: 10:00am  
Evening Prayer via Zoom: 7:00pm

Every Sunday ~ Holy Eucharist via Zoom  
at 10:30am

Other:

- 3** ~ Men's breakfast at 8:00am  
(If guidelines allow)  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- 10** ~ The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
- 16** ~ Women's Group meets via Zoom:  
10:30 to 12:00noon  
(attend at 10:00am to chat with folks)
- 17** ~ The Twenty-First Sunday after  
Pentecost
- 19** ~ **WELCOME BACK, DAVID!**  
Vestry meeting at 5:30pm
- 24** ~ The Twenty-Second Sunday after  
Pentecost
- 25** ~ Stewardship packets mailed
- 31** ~ The Twenty-Third Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Outreach Committee meeting at  
12:30pm via Zoom  
**Happy All Hallow's Eve!**

## Camino Kitty



Of course you'd want to take  
your best friend along when you  
walk the Camino.

(Photos courtesy of David McNair)

## First Sunday for October

**PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES IS THE FIRST SUNDAY** Open Offering recipient for October. Its mission is to pursue justice by providing free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income people in Western North Carolina, helping them meet basic needs and improve their lives.

Pisgah works to ensure that the most vulnerable members of our community have access to the civil legal justice system and receive due process under the law. Legal assistance can enable them escape situations of abuse, avoid homelessness, access needed medical care, and secure income for food and utilities. Pisgah has twelve major programs, all of which provide one-on-one services to clients with urgent needs.

### A FEW OF PISGAH'S PROGRAMS

Children's Law helps disadvantaged children avoid homelessness and access essential services such as medical care, education and escape from abuse; Elder Law helps seniors live independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Eldeer Law protects seniors from financial or physical abuse or harassment, and it assists with end-of-life planning; Homeless prevention; and Domestic and sexual violence prevention.

Through the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program, PLS recruits, trains and coordinates a network of more than three hundred volunteer lawyers to provide pro bono services to Pisgah Legal's clients.

PLS has been providing services to Madison County since 1980, and in the past year it provided assistance to 468 adults and children living in Madison County. The majority of the cases were family law (domestic violence protection orders, divorce and custody), followed by housing and consumer cases, harassment by credit card companies, fraud, debt, etc.

Please consider Pisgah Legal Services during the month of October. You can write a check or donate through PayPal designated "Pisgah Legal Service" or "First Sunday Open Offering" anytime during the month!

—Susan Sewell



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## Ways of Giving

### PayPal

For detailed instructions, see Weekly Spirit. Within PayPal please send your donation to *financeholyspiritwnc@gmail.com*. Add a note if you wish to designate your gift for a particular cause. Always be sure to choose "Sending to a friend" so that ECHS doesn't pay a fee.

### Check

Make payable to ECHS or Church of the Holy Spirit and drop in the mail. If you want to specify where the donation goes, include that detail.

### BillPay

Contact your bank, and they'll mail a check as often as you want, postage-free for you.

### Ingles Gift Card

Buy an Ingles gift card through the church, and 5% of the amount goes to ECHS. Contact Crellin Byrd (*crellinjb@gmail.com*) to purchase.

### Time and Talents

Get involved with committees, initiatives, and ministries. Check out the Volunteer Ministries in your Stewardship Packets coming this month.

### Items

Food, clothing, personal hygiene items, etc. – be on the lookout for what's being collected.

## The Basket Over the Lamp? (Not!)

by Ty Jones

WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT ECHS, I was doing my deacon thing at All Souls. "Holy Spirit" would come up in various contexts; for example, "Church of the Red Door," "Meals on Wheels," prison ministry, help for the homeless, and so on. I wondered (to myself, of course, as a Yankee transplant in Asheville) "Where in the world is Mars Hill, and why is the 'footprint' of that church up there so broad and influential?"

The first time I sat in a room with the outreach volunteers from Holy Spirit Church, I learned why. It was your incredible accumulated experience, and your deep, long-enduring relationships you had cultivated with the "professionals in the field"—the social workers, teachers, and many other volunteer peers at other churches—across Madison County. What I witnessed that day impressed me, and I continue to be amazed by your zeal. Together you have the depth of knowledge and the experience to manage just about anything when it comes to moving mountains!

TBTG, the work you accomplish together is amazing, Outreach! You are making a world of difference in Madison County, and our region. Your reputation is SO BIG. You are an example for the rest of us, and you make me especially proud to be associated with the Episcopal Church.

Now, can y'all please figure out how to mentor others (especially younger folk) into your "jobs," or just clone yourselves perhaps, or maybe just bake yourselves into lovely jars to pass out among the herds that need to get with the message?

Love you guys! Ty

## October Ministry Schedule

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31	November 7
<b>Vestry</b>	Mark Holland	Dick Jordan	Kathleen Phillips	Nancy Larkin	Mary Maupin	Peggy Wilson
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Gail Kase	Ingrid Diederer	Ronnie Jordan	Jim Haaga	Barbara Schauer	Carol Van Voorhis
<b>Offertory Musician</b>	Jan Mallindine	Mark Holland	The Haagas	Nancy Larkin	Rebekah Wilson	Ann Smith
<b>Reader 1</b>	Gail Kase	Peggy Wilson	Claire Gillespie	Peggy Barnes	Bendik Clark	Amanda Hilty
<b>Reader 2</b>	Amanda Hilty	Pam McNally	Marnie Wilson	Annette Henry	Dick Jordan	Ingrid Diederer
<b>Camera</b>	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews	Teresa Matthews
<i>Assignments listed below will be used only in the event of resumption of In-Person Attendance</i>						
<b>Supply Stocker</b>	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Pam McNally
<b>Trash</b>	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Peggy Barnes	Larry Burda
<b>Ushers</b>	Amanda Hilty Peggy Barnes	Rod Vestal Bendik Clark	Julie Johnson Marnie Wilson	Dick Jordan Teresa Matthews	Amanda Hilty Peggy Barnes	Amanda Hilty Peggy Barnes
<b>Sunday Cleanup</b>	The Sewells	Peggy Wilson	Rod Vestal	Bendik Clark Ruth Van Sickle	Dick Jordan	The Sewells
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lorraine Hilty	Lorraine Hilty	Ginny Koranek	Ginny Koranek	Ronnie Jordan	Lorraine Hilty
<b>Bulletin Folder</b>	John Doran	Ruth Van Sickle	Mary Maupin	Nancy Larkin	Martie Carson	John Doran
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ann Smith	Gail Kase	Jim Haaga	Peggy Wilson	Ann Smith	Ann Smith
<b>Greeter</b>	Bendik Clark	Peggy Barnes	Rod Vestal	Nancy Larkin	Harold Toney	Bendik Clark
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Barbara Schauer	Margie Haaga	Gail Kase	Ann Smith	Crellin Byrd	Barbara Schauer

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you will need  
to print out  
this page to  
read it.**

*Unless you have  
a very flexible  
neck.*

*Our thanks to  
Dick Jordan  
for all his hard  
work in  
preparing the  
Ministry  
Schedule.*