

# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

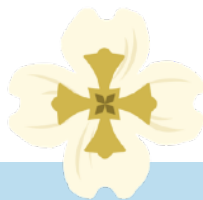
Weekly Newsletter - November 30, 2022



Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Church Leadership Weekly Checklist

[CLICK HERE](#) for a weekly checklist of important upcoming dates and deadlines for clergy, wardens and staff.



### Have a Story or Event to share?

1. Check out our [Submission Guidelines](#) to ensure your submission meets our standards.
2. Submit your stories and events by sending it to [rcarr@diocesewnc.org](mailto:rcarr@diocesewnc.org) **by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday** before our E-News goes out.



Welcome to our combined E-NEWS and Parish News!  
Here you will find *STORIES* and *EVENTS* from around the Diocese,  
in our parishes, camps, conference centers, and The Episcopal Church.

## Stories in the **DIOCESE**



### AN ADVENT MESSAGE FOR 2022

During this Advent season, Bishop José McLoughlin extends an invitation to remain expectant for renewed hope. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the full message now on our YouTube channel.



### SIGN UP NOW FOR DISMANTLING RACISM WORKSHOP

Upcoming trainings for clergy and lay leaders in the Diocese will be hosted in two locations **Friday, Dec. 2** and **Saturday, Dec. 3**. You are invited to **register** for the training workshop that is nearest to you, either [St. Francis Episcopal Church, Rutherfordton](#) or [Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville](#). For both training workshops, the Friday evening gathering will be by Zoom. Zoom information will be sent out to those who register. Space is limited to 25 people at each location.

### PREPARING TO BECOME THE BELOVED COMMUNITY DURING ADVENT

This Advent resource from the Reconciliation, Justice and Care Team of The Episcopal Church includes reflections tailored to help congregations prepare their hearts to welcome the stranger, embrace those seen as “other,” and build relationships across cultural divides. Each session includes prompts for group sharing and activities that generate discussion. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a full PDF guide for five Advent sessions.

### CALVARY CHILDREN DONATE TO CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Children from Calvary, Fletcher are making change with a collection during Vacation Bible School. Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade collected change in jars after watching video clips about children in other parts of the world without access to clean water. The collection was donated to Episcopal Relief and Development’s Clean Water program. [READ MORE](#)



# Events in the DIOCESE

## No Room at the Inn



**No Room at the Inn**  
An exhibit of beloved creches from around the world on loan from members and friends, will be on display inside St. Philip's, Brevard **10 am–6 pm Dec. 2** and **9 am–2 pm Dec. 3**. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



**Beware of Sender**  
Be sure to check who an email is coming from before responding, especially when those emails request financial or personal information. The bishop will never send emails requesting financial help or information. [READ MORE](#)

**Advent Lessons & Carols**  
St. Mary of the Hills will present Advent Lessons & Carols **Dec. 4 at 2 pm**. The service, led by the choir, weaves familiar passages of scripture with carols of anticipation and expectation. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



**Yoga for all levels**  
A free yoga class will be held with Amanda Gross and UNCA Episcopal Campus Ministry **Dec. 5 at 3 pm** at St. George's in Asheville. All are welcome. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

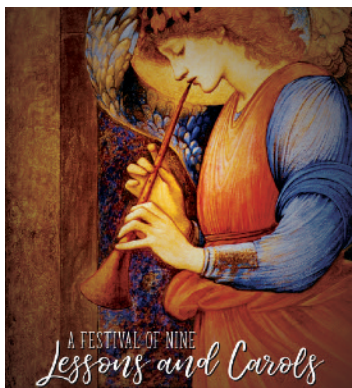
**PubSing in Asheville**  
Join Grace Church, Asheville for hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals **Dec. 11 from 3–5 pm** at Cork & Keg Bar in Asheville. [CLICK HERE](#) to email Monty Wooten for more info.



**A Centerpiece Jazz Christmas Benefit Concert**  
This much anticipated free annual event is **Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 pm** at Grace, Morganton. Donations will benefit The Backpack Ministry. A reception after the concert will be held in the Parish Hall.



**Nine Lessons and Carols**  
The Chancel Choir and a brass quartet will perform at Trinity in Asheville **Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m.** The traditional candlelight service is modeled after the famous service in Cambridge. [READ MORE](#)



**A Christmas Memory**  
Truman Capote's beloved short story, *A Christmas Memory*, will once again be performed by actor and theologian E.R. Haire, Jr. at St. John in the Wilderness, multiple shows, **Dec. 16–18**. [RSVP](#)

# Our CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTERS

Our Camp and Conference Centers are a vital part of who we are as a diocese. Please consider donating to one of these sacred places by clicking on their image, and check below for upcoming events and ways to be involved.



## Lake Logan Conference Center



## Valle Crucis Conference Center



## Camp Henry Summer Camp



**Advanced Centering Prayer Retreat**  
Learn about centering prayer in an atmosphere of silence, solitude, and community at Valle Crucis **Nov. 27–Dec. 4.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



**Lenten Icon Writing Retreat**  
Learn icon writing as a spiritual discipline and form of prayer in preparation for Easter. **March 27–31, 2023.** Led by Melissa Moss. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



**Beginning to Love Printmaking**  
Learn basic printmaking skills with Andi Dandelion at this Valle Crucis conference **Jan. 21–22.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



**Mandalas & Movement**  
A retreat for art, yoga, and mindfulness is coming up at Lake Logan **Jan. 13–15, 2023.** [CLICK HERE](#) to register and for more information.

## Job OPENINGS

[Click here to visit our "Job Openings" page on our Diocesan website.](#)



### ORGANIST OF MUSIC MINISTRY

PARISH: St. Phillip's, Brevard  
JOB TYPE: Part-Time



### ORGANIST/CHURCH MUSICIAN

PARISH: St. John's, Marion  
JOB TYPE: Part-Time



ST. GEORGE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
& THE CENTER FOR  
ART & SPIRIT

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

PARISH: St. George's and  
Center for the Arts & Spirit  
JOB TYPE: Part-Time

## SUBMIT YOUR JOB LISTING

Email [Rachel Carr](#) with a PDF of the  
job description for a post on the  
website and E-News link.

# Around the EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Becoming Beloved  
Community from an  
Indigenous Perspective**  
Panelists share about  
ministries that help to  
restore Indigenous ways of  
life. [WATCH NOW](#)



**Advent resource roundup**  
The Episcopal Church  
Foundation has prepared a  
roundup of Advent  
resources from around the  
Episcopal Church.  
[READ MORE](#)



**Holy Land Advent Calendar**  
Learn about the lives of Holy  
Land Christians and the  
ministries of the Episcopal  
Diocese of Jerusalem each  
day starting December 1.  
[READ MORE](#)



**Parochial report released**  
The Episcopal Church  
released data for 2021,  
including membership,  
attendance and revenue  
figures in light of the  
pandemic disruption.  
[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.



**Creation Care symposium  
and retreat returns**  
Coming Feb. 2023, the  
Creation Care Alliance is  
inviting clergy, lay people,  
and volunteers to learn  
tools and get inspiration.  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more.



**Help transform lives with  
Year-End Match**  
From now until Dec. 31,  
Episcopal Relief and  
Development will match  
donations up to \$750,000  
including Gifts for Life.  
[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

## EPISCOPAL RESOURCES

[The Episcopal Public Policy Network](#)

[Episcopal Relief and Development](#)

[Church Pension Group](#)

[Episcopal News Service](#)

[The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#)

[The Center for Spiritual Wisdom](#)

[Young Adult Service Corps \(YASC\)](#)

[Anglican News Service](#)

[The Absalom Jones Center](#)

[Creation Care Alliance](#)

[Episcopal Migration Ministries](#)

# Upcoming **DATES AND EVENTS**

[Click here to view the full diocesan calendar online.](#)

- DECEMBER 2-3** – [Dismantling Racism Workshop](#) in two locations
- DECEMBER 2-3** – [No Room at the Inn](#) at St. Phillips, Brevard
- DECEMBER 3** – [Advent Quiet Day](#) at Grace Church in the Mountains
- DECEMBER 4** – [Advent Lessons & Carols](#) at St. Mary of the Hills
- DECEMBER 4** – [Flutist Kate Steinbeck Concert](#) in Flat Rock
- DECEMBER 5** – [Yoga](#) for all levels at St. George's
- DECEMBER 11** – [Nine Lessons and Carols](#) at Trinity, Asheville
- DECEMBER 11** – [A Centerpiece Jazz Benefit Concert](#)
- DECEMBER 11** – [PubSing](#) in Asheville
- DECEMBER 16-18** – ["A Christmas Memory"](#) at St. John in the Wilderness
- JANUARY 13-15** – [Mandalas & Movement Retreat](#) at Lake Logan
- JANUARY 21-22** – [Beginning to Love Printmaking](#) at Valle Crucis
- MARCH 27-31** – [Lenten Icon Writing Retreat](#) at Lake Logan

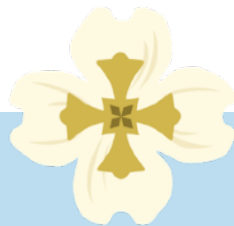
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[@blueridgeservicecorps](#), [@pecmappstate](#)



# Thank you for being a part of our Diocese!

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