

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

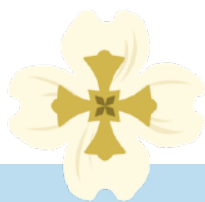
Weekly Newsletter - December 21, 2022



Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him 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 **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**



INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR LAKE LOGAN ANNOUNCED

Ms. Eden Lewis has been selected to serve as the interim director of Lake Logan Conference Center beginning in mid-January. Eden has served faithfully as the Diocesan Missioner for Youth and Young Adults and hopes her gifts will be a blessing during this time of transition. Ms. Charlotte Garcia will serve as interim coordinator for diocesan youth ministry and Ms. Kelsey Davis will serve as the coordinator for young adult ministry. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.



PLAN AHEAD FOR PILGRIMAGE DAY

In honor of Black History Month, historically black churches around Western North Carolina will open their doors **9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25** to tell their stories and welcome guests to listen. Organize a pilgrimage with your congregation by contacting parishes listed on the [BARRIER BREAKERS WEBSITE](#). Bishop José will be visiting St. Matthias, Asheville; St. Gabriel, Rutherfordton; and Good Shepherd, Tryon; up to 30 people (first-come, first-served) may join the bishop by signing up [HERE](#).



CELEBRATE OUR DIOCESE WITH NEW INSULATED TUMBLER

Now available—26 oz. insulated tumbler. Complete with our diocesan seal, sealable lid, and grippable design, this tumbler would make an excellent gift for clergy and layperson alike. Dishwasher safe on the top rack. \$30. Pick up at the diocesan office in Asheville and shipping options are available. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to order now.



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Diocesan offices at the Bishop Henry Center will be closed Friday, Dec. 23. The center will remain closed until Jan. 2, and staff will be available by email beginning Tuesday, Dec. 27. In the event of an emergency, please call 828-230-6357. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a gracious New Year.

Events in the DIOCESE



**Christmas Eve Music
at St. Philip's,
Brevard**

Christmas Eve Music
St. Philip's, Brevard has special music in store for Christmas Eve with two evening services. Concert and carol-singing will begin at **7:30 and 10:30 p.m.**, followed by Festival Holy Eucharist at **8 and 11 p.m.**



Blue Ridge Service Corps Application Open Now
Young adults in their 20s are invited to apply for a year of dedicated service through the Blue Ridge Service Corps. [CLICK HERE](#) to apply.



Christmas Services
Good Shepherd, Hayesville, will hold services Christmas Eve with the choir at **4 p.m.** and a candlelight Eucharist at **11 p.m.** A Christmas Day contemplative Eucharist will start at **10 a.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



A Christmas Eve Service
St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock will hold a two Christmas Eve services, one at **5 p.m.** with the children's pageant and a sung service starting at **9:45 p.m.** [READ MORE](#)



Ceremony of Carols
Join St. Mary's, Asheville **Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.** for the Feast of the Holy Innocents featuring selections from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols. [READ MORE](#)



33rd Annual Candlemas Concert
Acclaimed concert pianist Kimberly Cann will take the stage **4 pm Sunday, Jan. 29** at St. James, Hendersonville. \$25 ticket benefits charity. [RSVP](#)



Vestry Leadership Day
New and seasoned vestry members can learn about the various roles and responsibilities of the vestry with Bishop José and diocesan leaders **10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18** at Trinity, Asheville. \$20. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.



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.

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



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.



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



Spring High School Retreat
High schoolers in grades 9–12 can get to know each other with games, small groups, activities and more **March 3–6** at Lake Logan. **Register by Feb. 19**. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



Early Bird tickets available for Cold Mountain Festival Lake Logan's favorite fundraiser, The Cold Mountain Music Festival, will return **Aug. 12, 2023**. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on tickets, vendors, and volunteer opportunities.

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



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

PARISH: Redeemer,
Asheville
JOB TYPE: Part-Time

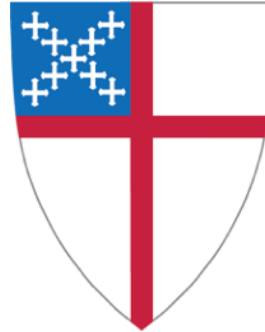
SUBMIT YOUR JOB LISTING

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

Around the EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Spanish translation of BCP now available
Church Publishing has released versions of the Book of Common Prayer in Spanish and French, now available online.
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General Convention set
TEC's General Convention Office announced June 23–28, 2024 for the 81st General Convention.
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WinterTalk 2023 registration available
Register to watch the livestream of the annual conference highlighting Indigenous church contributions.
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Part Two of Indian Boarding School series
The Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing has released the second in a series of three articles about Indian Boarding Schools.
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Grant funds Preaching Congregation program
The Episcopal Preaching Foundation seeks parishes to participate in a lay and clergy collaboration program around preaching.
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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.
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EPISCOPAL RESOURCES

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[The Center for Spiritual Wisdom](#)

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

[Anglican News Service](#)

[The Absalom Jones Center](#)

[Creation Care Alliance](#)

[Episcopal Migration Ministries](#)

[United Thank Offering](#)

Upcoming **DATES AND EVENTS**

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

2023

JANUARY 13–15 – [Mandalas & Movement Retreat at Lake Logan](#)

JANUARY 21–22 – [Beginning to Love Printmaking at Valle Crucis](#)

JANUARY 29 – [33rd Annual Candlemas Concert at St. James](#)

FEBRUARY 18 – [Vestry Leadership Day at Trinity, Asheville](#)

FEBRUARY 25 – [Pilgrimage Day](#)

MARCH 3–6 – [High School Retreat at Lake Logan](#)

MARCH 27–31 – [Lenten Icon Writing Retreat at Lake Logan](#)

AUGUST 12 – [Cold Mountain Music Festival](#)

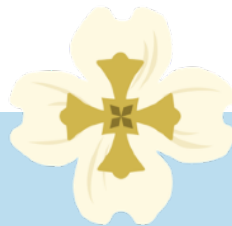
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