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Children's Sunday School has settled into a wonderful routine; well, as much of a routine that can exist in a classroom of happy, energized children. We want to thank you, our congregation, for the love and attention that you show the children every Sunday morning. Our program is designed around two important concepts. The children need Christian education and they need to know that they are vital members of the church family. Thank you for loving them.



"God loves me." I hope these words have been repeated in your homes this month. This is the sentence that has been the backbone of our lesson plan during the recent weeks. This month's lessons have been about Adam and Eve & Noah's Ark.



Carlann painted a beautiful scene depicting Noah's Ark. As adults we see the subtle implications that are woven through these important lessons from the Bible. Children see life in much more basic terms. We hope we have helped the children recognize one thing. No matter what happens in life - what we say, do, and think - God's love for us is

steady and unwavering. God promises to protect us in all that we do in life. Amy

On a brisk Saturday morning Susan and Marshall Brooks, assisted by Polly of Tories Home, joined several hundred folks at the Hendersonville Walk for Alzheimer's. Susan was celebrated as achieving the largest contribution totaling well over \$4,000, which was also greater than that collected by any group. The four different-colored hand-held flowers represented various Alzheimer's challenges (Susan's was yellow and Marshall's was blue) and the final color presented was white to show future victory over the disease.



Joining Susan and Marshall at the Walk were Blaine & Veryl Lynn, JoAnne, Marily & Jerry, and Jack. Many others have supported them with contributions for this event and personally in other ways.



FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Information for period Jan - August, 2017

Operating Revenues		\$89,381
Expenses:		
Maintain our facilities	\$15,000	
Worship, office & programs	\$19,029	
Clergy & related expense	\$63,395	\$97,424
Net Revenue over expenses		(\$8,043)

Budget vs Actual

Budget Revenue	\$103,440	
Actual Operating Revenue	\$89,381	
Under Budget		(\$14,059)
Budget Expenses	\$102,572	
Actual Operating Expenses	\$97,424	
Under Budget		\$5,148
Behind Budget		(\$8,911)

As you can see, our revenues so far this year are below what we anticipated. We are saddened by the loss of two of our parishoners who both were significant contributors. Although our expenses are less, we still have a lot to overcome.

God continues to bless us in so many ways with our ministries, our wonderful Priest and family, and the way we sincerely love and care for one another. Thanks to all of you for the continuing support of our church with your time and talent and treasure.

JoAnne Ellingson, Treasurer

October Birthdays

03 - Laura Shields
04 - Michelle Larzalere
05 - Danny Holland
07 - David Efrid
11 - Anne Hinton
12 - Lauren Ward
16 - Kylaia Taylor
16 - Dottye Porter
26 - Michele Yackel
28 - Cody Shields
31 - Russell Anders



October Anniversaries

05 - Ackie & JoAnne Okpych



Please pray for our men and women in the military and those serving in other areas of conflict. Daniel Crane, Ralph Salamone, Hamilton Jordan, Hunter Fitzpatrick, Zach Poole.



Please pray for members who are in the hospital and who are sick.

Gertrude, Ackie Okpych, Berta Whitt, JoAnne Woodcock, Anne Hinton, Barbara Freeman, Betty Zieger, Gloria Anders, Charlene Efrid, Fred Wilson, Nathan Scruggs, Chelsea Parks, Barbara Meliski, Kaitlyn McElreath, Brendan Parks, JoAnne D'Onbro, Barbara Parks, Carlton Pernel, Jordon Mangun, Caroline Myrick, Teresa Wheeler, Shirley Martin.



Firewood Ministry

October Events

Every Monday at 9 am
Cutting and delivering
firewood to those in need
Call Wes for more information

Vestry Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month
12:30 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome

Bare Necessities will meet Wednesday,
October 4 from 4-5:15.

TCW - October 10 Lunch at Gardenwood
Restaurant.

Friendship Sunday Dinners: Please note. Due to fewer folks coming to the dinners, we will provide dinner on the following dates only: **Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.** A new schedule will go out for these two dates. Please take the other dates off your calendars. Thanks, Mary Ann

Oct 11 - 18: Wes will be leaving for 2 weeks of vacation at the end of the week and will be gone on Wed. the 11th and 18th. There will not be any services or Bible Study on those Wednesdays.

M&M (Mature and Motivated) - Oct 18

COME FOR THE YUM

A TASTE OF FALL

Diane Earnest, a gifted cooking enthusiast (passionate about making nutrition taste GREAT) Will demonstrate EASY ways to prepare some of the fall harvest for you to enjoy.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017
1:00 - 3 pm

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION, CALL 625-9244 **PLEASE JOIN US**

Please go to church's website ectransfiguration.org to see schedules for:

Lay ministry (coffee hour; ushers, music, lectors, chalice, nursery, altar); Community dinners, etc.

TCW

The TCW is going out to lunch October 10 to Gardenwood Restaurant (4250 Hwy 64). We will meet at the restaurant at 12:30 or meet at the Ingles at 12:10 to carpool. Gardenwood has a nice gift shop that includes our very own Susan Brooks' gourds as well as a variety of plants, pots, and outdoor pieces. Check them out on Facebook.

Please RSVP for this by Friday Oct 6 so we can let them know how many to expect. Also let me know if you will be driving or meeting us at Ingles. Email Carlann at cscherping@gmail.com.

Put Dec 12 on your calendar for our Christmas Party. Amy Spanjers has invited us to her house for our party. We'll get more info on this later, but I want to be sure you get this on your calendar before the Christmas rush fills in the date! Thank you Amy for inviting us!

Carlann

Bare Necessities will meet Wednesday, October 4 from 4-5:15. This is an abbreviated workday due to the Blessing of the Animals. We will have 100 kits to assemble and that is it! This will complete our BIG project for Sisters of Mercy. Congratulations everyone...we did it! Sisters of Mercy has been so very grateful and blessed by our commitment.

Education for Ministry article for Newsletter

Every baptized person is called to ministry. EfM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South. It holds before us that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a Church empowered by an active, theologically articulate laity.

The Education for Ministry (EfM) program is a wonderful program of study and reflection that provides people from all walks of life with the education to grow in Christian faith and to carry out their ministries.

The [EfM website \(efm.sewanee.edu\)](http://efm.sewanee.edu) provides a wealth of information on the program, its mission, and an outline of the course of study for all four years.

St. James. Black Mountain has an EfM seminar that meets on Sunday afternoon from 4 – 6 pm at the church. The Ven. Kristi Neal, deacon at St. James, and Karen Gosnell are the mentors. Seminars are held from January – May and late August – mid-December. The new seminar class will begin on January 7. The cost of the program (which includes all materials) is \$375/year; however scholarships are available. Please consider joining this lively and thoughtful group. For more information, please talk to Kristi at 828-216-3010 or dn_kneal@att.net

Wednesday Night Potluck

Carlann presented a slide show summary of the history of the church including the Sisters of the Transfiguration, various buildings used for health and school, church, and rectory. She also listed the various mission rectors and rectors during this over 100 year period. The printed book upon which she based her presentation she authored several years ago and is available at lulu.com under Carlann for \$5 plus tax and shipping.



The M&M (Mature and Motivated) group hosted it's Game Day on September 20, 2017. Around 16 game enthusiasts enjoyed snacks, prizes, games and more that a little friendly rivalry! Be on the lookout for more M&M adventures!



The M & M Club (Mature & Motivated)

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, HIGHWAY 64/74-A , Bat Cave, NC

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Church Survey: All parishioners are invited to fill out a survey if you have not done so already or to update what activities and missions speak to your passions. This is very useful information to know who to contact and invite to join in our ministries. Hard copies of the survey are on the picture bulletin board or you can go to our website to fill it out online. Thank you for bringing your gifts!

Thanks for all you do!!!! Julie

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Hurricane Maria's predicted path over the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean is expected to bring significant hardship to those already affected by Hurricane Irma.



Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with our partners in the region to reach the most vulnerable. We have created [a new bulletin insert](#) so that you can share information and an opportunity for compassionate response with members of your congregation.

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by hurricanes, for first responders who are conducting rescue operations and for church communities who are reaching out to care for their most vulnerable members and neighbors.

Contributions to the [Hurricane Relief Fund](#) will help Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance to those most in need.

Wishing you peace,

Sean McConnell
Senior Director, Engagement
Episcopal Relief & Development

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Vestry 2017

Please pray daily for the leaders of our church.

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To see all pictures of the Beach Service plus other photos from various church activities, please visit church’s website

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Weekly Services

Holy Eucharist: Sundays 8:00 am and 10:00 am
 Holy Eucharist and Healing: Wednesdays 10:00 am

Bible Study:

Sundays 9:00 am & Wednesdays 11:00 am
 Children’s Sunday School 10am

Choir Rehearsal: Sunday 9:15 am