THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Weekly Newsletter - November 16, 2022

O God, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

CENTENNIAL YOUTUBE PODCAST GIVE COVID-19

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**

CENTENNIAL WEEKEND CELEBRATION BRINGS JOY

The 100th Annual Convention has come to a close. With a visit from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop of Cuba Griselda Delgado del Carpio, and special dance moves from Camp Henry, this convention is one to remember. See who was elected, read the outcome of resolutions, and watch the stream video from Trinity Church on the CONVENTION HOMEPAGE. Also, you can see a video of Sunday's Revival on our YouTube Channel and a photo gallery from the weekend on our website.

BISHOP'S AWARDS HONOR LEADERS IN THE DIOCESE

Two leaders in the diocese received a special honor during the Centennial Convention. Bob Wernet and Jim Abbott have exhibited the love of Christ for the Western North Carolina community and continue to do the work of the Lord. READ MORE about their commitment to community and to the Lord on our website.

BISHOP JOINS COMMITTEE TO SELECT NEXT PRESIDING BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin has been named to the Episcopal Church Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the 28th Presiding Bishop. The committee will present at least three nominees to stand for election as the church's next presiding bishop at the 2024 General Convention. The committee of 20 consists of lay people, clerical members, bishops and deacons from around the Episcopal Church tasked with discerning the nominees. CLICK HERE to learn more.

CHRISTIAN ATHLETE CIRCLES PREMIERS NEWSLETTER

Check out the bimonthly newsletter from Christian Athlete Circles. CAC was born out of friendship between athletes, chaplains, coaches, and neighbors with a shared desire to co-build an intentional space designed with and for athletes that boldly declares its love and acceptance of all people, especially LGBTQ+ members. To see the first newsletter and subscribe, CLICK HERE.

Events in the **DIOCESE**

Donate blankets now
Share the warmth of Christ at the Church of the Advocate's blanket drive. Bring new or gently used blankets to CotA **9–11 am Tuesdays** in Nov. CLICK HERE to email Brad Wilson for more info.

PubSing in Asheville
Join Grace of Asheville to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals **3–5 pm Nov. 20** at Cork & Keg Bar in Asheville. CLICK HERE to email Monty Wooten for more info.

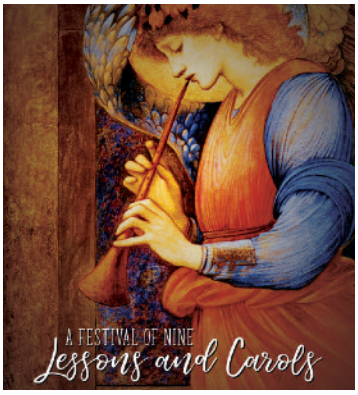
Thanksgiving Eucharist
Join St. James and Holy Family **Wed, Nov. 23 at noon** for a special Thanksgiving service with the Rev. Tracey Kelly and cantor Philip Haynie at St. James. CLICK HERE for event information.

Dismantling Racism Workshop in two locations
Hosted in two different locations in the diocese **Dec. 2–3.** You are invited to **register** for the training workshop that is nearest to you, either St. Francis, Rutherfordton or Trinity, Asheville.

Advent Quiet Day
Visit Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville **Dec. 3 from 10 am – 3 pm** for a time of centering reflection, art, and more as the season of Advent begins. CLICK HERE for more info.

Kate Steinbeck Concert
St. John in the Wilderness will host a concert featuring flutist Kate Steinbeck on Sunday, **Dec. 4, at 4 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. CLICK HERE for more information.

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.



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

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.

New date set for Crab Orchard Clean-up
Sign up with the Valle Crucis team to tidy trails around Crab Orchard falls **Saturday, Nov. 19.** CLICK HERE to register and for more information.

High School Retreat
Registration is open for "What's Love Got to Do with it?" a weekend youth retreat **Nov. 18–20**. CLICK HERE to register or contact Eden Lewis.

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 to find more information.

Soul Searching: Stories of Faith
Join our former bishop, the Rt. Rev. G Porter Taylor online or in person for the final session **Nov. 18.** CLICK HERE to register.

PHOTOS FROM CENTENNIAL WEEKEND

This section is normally job postings. Click here to visit our "Job Openings" page on our Diocesan website.

VIEW THE FULL PHOTO GALLERY ON OUR WEBSITE'S "LATEST NEWS" SECTION

Around the **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Fight against white Christian nationalism

Presiding Bishop Curry said white Christian nationalism is a uniquely dangerous movement and Christians must refute it. READ 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.

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.

England bishops meet for LGBTQ+ discussion

A three-day meeting for Living in Love and Faith begins discernment on identity, sexuality, marriage. CLICK HERE to read more.

EPISCOPAL RESOURCES

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

Episcopal News Service

Young Adult Service Corps (YASC)

Creation Care Alliance

Episcopal Relief and Development

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Anglican News Service

Episcopal Migration Ministries

Church Pension Group

The Center for Spiritual Wisdom

The Absalom Jones Center

Upcoming **DATES AND EVENTS**

Click here to view the full diocesan calendar online.

NOVEMBER 18, 2022 - Soul Searching: Stories of Faith with The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor
NOVEMBER 18–20, 2022 – High School Retreat at Lake Logan
NOVEMBER 19, 2022 – Crab Orchard Clean-Up
NOVEMBER 20, 2022 – PubSing at Cork & Keg Bar, Asheville
NOVEMBER 23, 2022 – Thanksgiving Eucharist at St. James
NOVEMBER 26–27 – Advent Lessons & Carols at St. James
NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 4 – Advanced Centering Prayer Retreat at Valle Crucis
DECEMBER 2–3, 2022 – Dismantling Racism Workshop in two locations
DECEMBER 3, 2022 – Advent Quiet Day at Grace Church in the Mountains
DECEMBER 4, 2022 – Flutist Kate Steinbeck Concert in Flat Rock
DECEMBER 5, 2022 – Yoga for all levels at St. George's
DECEMBER 11, 2022 – Nine Lessons and Carols at Trinity, Asheville

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