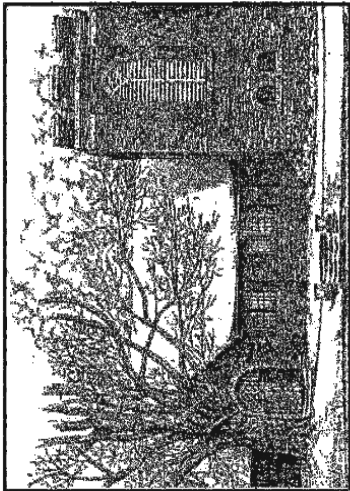


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Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I had this thought.

Maybe we should love doctrines and traditions and creeds the way we try to love people and creation. For instance, maybe we should try to love the resurrection of Jesus. We can grow cold and hard-hearted toward our beloved doctrines because someone has interpreted them in a way that we don't like. Or maybe we've grown full of criticism because we don't like the way the story is told in the Bible. Sometimes our love grows cold because we do not tend to it. But do we throw the baby out with the bathwater?

The resurrection of Jesus is this powerful archetype of loving energy released into the world through the empty tomb. Jesus is more alive than any of us have ever been, maybe ever will be. Yet some of us leave his resurrection homeless and wandering in the dark refusing to allow ourselves to stay tender toward it.

Poor resurrection! Cast out into the cold by our complaining, analytical minds.

What if the resurrection of Jesus is a tiny infant desperately needing a loving heart to nurture and feed and clothe and house it so that it can grow into the powerful presence for beauty, transformation and enlightenment, which it has been in the past?

What if some doctrine of Jesus, his birth or his death on the cross or his healing work, is calling to you, asking you to stay tender and open rather than closed and unresponsive. Maybe the resurrection is a child in need of your compassion and tenderness more than it is an idea needing explaining.

What if Resurrection is a person!

Anyway, I've been thinking about this.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Rick

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

LITURGY (Late Latin *liturgia*, from Greek *leitourgia*): **public service or duty.**

The time for an updated exhortation has come. Many months have passed since I spoke directly about vocal participation in our corporate worship, and your director of music would be remiss to let things go for very long without a pep talk. Here goes--please take some time to reflect on your own participation, and to consider increasing it substantially.

I wonder how many of us really take to heart that the work of singing the hymns and service music is ours, and ours alone. After all, who else is there to do it? Whenever we gather for worship through liturgy, it is our bounden duty to do the very best we can to make that liturgy great. How? By participating at all times with our whole selves and to the best of our abilities. The great liturgies of Holy Week and Easter provide a grand opportunity for service. Just to get a jump on the game, take a look at Canticle 18 (*Dignus Es*, 'A Song to the Lamb'), found in the hymnal at S 261; we will sing this canticle as our Hymn of Praise throughout the Easter season.

Are you doing your part? Are you singing on the hymns and service music, whether or not you judge yourself to have a good voice? I now say unto ye: It does not matter whether your voice is beautiful or ugly, large or small, pitch-perfect or flat as a pancake, or somewhere in between all these things; it matters whether or not you are lending it to the task at hand. Think of our corporate liturgy as a highly complex *molé* sauce; God only knows what all goes into it, and certain ingredients might be considered incompatible or even unpalatable at first glance, but the result is something rich and strange and wonderful and better than any of its individual parts. This is your work--I exhort you to take up your task and do it with vigor and joy.

Sing on, public servants, and happy cooking,
Jim

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Spring is trying to climb her way up the sides of our lovely mountains, and I know we are all sending her love and encouragement! I want to also ask that you take a moment to share some love and encouragement with the youth as you see them playing during coffee minute or walking through the parish hall after church. Say hello to a young person you may not know very well, and show them the warmth and welcome we so devotedly show each other. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of young people here, and I want to make sure they know how glad we are to see them!

With blessings,
Katy

AROUND THE PARISH

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Note: Complete vestry minutes will appear on our website (stmaryofthehills.org) after the minutes are approved.

January 19, 2010

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance to date is \$111,423.74, with available cash being \$83,387.51. The year ended with a surplus of income over expenses in the amount of \$13,866.09. The Charitable Trust has in its outreach account \$217,266.47 and in the capital account \$38,562.80. For 2010, we have pledges in the amount of \$329,372.00. We are close to reaching our budget of \$334,000.00.

Rector's Report: Fr. Rick presented a letter from Jim Bumgardner requesting nine weeks off for 2010 and nine weeks off for 2011. Currently he gets six weeks off a year. A concern was expressed about his being gone for lengthy periods of time, especially during the summer months. Fr. Rick will seek more clarification from Jim.

Natalie Bovino has agreed to be in charge of the Nursery, replacing Donna Devereux who has done the job for several years.

REGULAR SERVICES

Morning Prayer: 7:20 AM Sunday,
8:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Evening Prayer: 5:00 PM Sunday-Wednesday
4:45PM Thursday

Holy Eucharist: 12:00 PM Wednesday

Sunday Holy Eucharists: 8:00 AM and 10:10 AM

Adult and Children Sunday School: 9:00 AM

(There are no daily offices on Friday or Saturday.)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Friday, March 26 - Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM with a simple meal at 6:30 PM and a study from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at both services and distributed for the procession.

Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31 - Noon Community Services at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian followed by lunch. (Rick will preach at the Wednesday service.)

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday - Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing at 7:00 PM. (The vigil before the Sacrament will begin in the Parish Hall

following the service and continue until noon on Friday, April 2.)

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday Office at noon

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday, liturgy of the word at 8:30 AM

Sunday, April 4 - The Great Vigil of Easter at 6:00 AM

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Holy Eucharist at 10:10 AM

MEETINGS & EVENTS IN APRIL

Tuesdays - Daughters of the King at 10:00 AM

Tuesdays - Prayer Shawl Ministry and Sewing Group at 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Breakfast at 7:30 AM

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt at 8:15 AM

Wednesday, April 7 - Wee-YC at Boone Bowling Center at 3:30 PM

Sundays, April 11, 18 - EYC at 11:30 AM

Sunday, April 11 - 3rd-5th Graders - Hiking at Price Lake at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, April 13 - Executive Committee Meeting at 3:45 PM

Saturday, April 17 - 8th-12th Graders go to Carowinds at 12:00 Noon.

Sunday, April 18 - No Third Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 18 - Parish Workday and Picnic

Tuesday, April 20 - Vestry Meeting at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 21 - Wee-YC meets at St. Mary's at 3:30 PM to make Rice Krispie treats.

Sunday, April 25 - EYC-Sponsored Coffee Minute

Sunday, April 25 - Bishop Bob Johnson will speak at both services and at Adult Sunday School.

Sunday, April 25 - Parish Conversation on Outreach at 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 25 - Family Trip to Avery County Aquatic Center - all ages from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Sunday, May 2 - 3rd-5th Graders Mini Golf at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 5 - Wee-YC Mini Golf at 3:30 PM

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays - Praying with Icons at 1:00 PM

Sundays, April 11, 18 and May 2 - Catechism at 12:00 Noon

TOUR OF HOMES

The 52nd Annual St. Mary's Tour of Homes will be **Friday, July 23, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.**

Tickets will be \$25

The Patron's Party will be on Thursday evening, July 22.

Complimentary Parking and Trolley Shuttle to town will be provided from The Hayes Performing Arts Center (321 By-Pass) leaving every 20 minutes between 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM. The last return shuttle

leaves from behind Rumble Presbyterian Church at 4:30 PM.

Private Cars will provide transportation to the four Tour homes leaving from in front of the church. The last car will leave the church at 2:00 PM and the houses will close at 4:30 PM sharp. Gary Gloster, Chair, Sterling Hutcheson, Co-chair of transportation.

A Food Tent will feature homemade desserts and breads, along with coffee and water, which can be purchased from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greta Wilson, Chair.

Box Lunches prepared by Bistro Roca will be available for purchase beginning at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Susie Morgan, Chair.

Docents will be in the Sanctuary until 4:00 PM to share the history of St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish. Betty Green, Chair.

Flowers: Peggy Carlson, Chair, Barbara Ballesty, Co-chair.

Hostesses: JoAnne Hallmark, Sharon Battaglia.

Houses: Will Merrill, Chair, Bill Gibbons, Co-chair, with assistance from Bo Henderson.

Note cards illustrating photos of flower arrangements in last year's tour homes will be available for purchase under the "Note Card" tent on the front lawn. Kay McCloskey, Chair.

Patron's party: Details later. Tickets will go on sale next month: \$150 per person (includes ticket to tour. Limit of 150 patrons. Bo Henderson, Chair.

The Golden Needle will sell irresistible handmade items under the needlecraft tent on the front lawn of the church. Iris Caldwell, Chair, Jane Milner, Co-chair.

The Silent Auction, under the tents on the front lawn of the church, will feature quality items donated by local merchants and parishioners. Helen Fabry, Chair, Debbie Jones, Co-chair.

Tickets: Pete and Sally Page, Chairs, Olivia Knight, Co-chair.

See you there!

Judy Domer, Chair; Nancy Hutcheson and Judy Gloster, Co-Chairs

THANKS TO OUR VIOLINISTS!

Many thanks to Laura Coston and her private violin students who played at St. Mary's on Sunday, February 21. They are Alison Seramur, Erin Colby, and Emily Berry.



WORKDAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18

Sunday, April 18, has been set aside for our parish workday. There will be no Third Sunday Brunch that day because we will have our annual Workday picnic following all the hard work. We need MANY helpers this year, because of the ice storm that has left many limbs and branches in every area of our grounds. Workday will begin following the 10:10 AM service. Please bring your wheelbarrows, rakes, trowels, clippers, work gloves, etc., marked with your name, and be sure to wear your work clothes! This is a great time for fun and fellowship as we work together to make our grounds beautiful once again.

PARISH PEOPLE

GETTING TO KNOW YOU (continued)

Thanks to Bob and Kay McCloskey who continue their memories of St. Mary's way back in the 1970s, and it's very fascinating history!

Bob writes, "After becoming rector of St. Mary of the Hills in July, 1976, my first wedding was the son of Phoebe Nelson, Geoff Walker, and his bride Cinda. Blackie and Phoebe had recently become seasonal residents, and we hastened to get them involved in the parish. Blackie and I shared the composing of musical antiphons for the psalms, and in our last year, he joined Kay and me in training to become mentors in the Education for Ministry [EFM] program--a four year theological education program for lay people which we planned to introduce to the parish. Kay and Blackie co-mentored until our departure. Kay went on to become a Mentor Trainer staying with the EFM program for almost 19 years. She also sang in the choir with Phoebe and Blackie. Of course we all became really good friends. I will never forget a parish tour to Britain which I organized and led, in which Blackie "went missing" in York. I had to move the group of 18 to a nearby village for an overnight, so Phoebe and I returned to York, contacting police, hospital ER's, etc. At our wits' end I decided to check back at the cathedral, York Minster. There was Blackie sitting in the quire awaiting Evensong. That evening his penalty was to buy us all a round of drinks

Being a very small year-round congregation, weddings were very important. We watched the future Hallmarks and diSantis court, and then I was an officiant at both their weddings.

Dale Morris wanted to be married at the Sunday Eucharist by me with Kay, who was a parish lay reader. It was an event we have never forgotten. The pastor of the Roman Catholic parish in Boone phoned one day to say that he was sending a couple to me for premarital counsel and wedding, and that I would know why when I met them. Yep. She was a

medical technician and he was a Roman Catholic priest doing grad work at ASU. I concelebrated their wedding with a Redemptorist priest in the company of a dozen married RC priests and their wives. The referring priest sat in the front row beaming!

One of our innovations was "MaryFest," a patronal celebration on the weekend closest to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15. Jazz concerts, dinners, guest visitors and always the annual visitation of the Bishop. A photo in the parish hallway depicts one such celebration, including as concelebrants the pastor of Rumble Presbyterian Church, a visiting Nigerian missionary, Fr. Sotunde and Fr. Frey, the saintly retired priest from the Diocese of South Florida who summered with his wife in Blowing Rock. He and my dad had been good friends in that diocese.

My predecessor had established The Mary Garden including Marjorie Daingerfield's splendid statue, "The Offering." It seemed only appropriate to me to make the garden a place for interring cremated remains. With vestry approval I established that practice which has grown over the years.

Another program which I began was prompted by a remark made at a parish retreat by Mark Dyer, soon to become Bishop of Bethlehem, and a close personal friend from our Massachusetts days. Mark said that the only way to compel parishioners to take hunger seriously would be to place a starving child on the church lawn. My response to that was to establish a "luxury hunger tax" inviting parishioners to tax themselves 10% monthly on non-essential consumption--leaving it to them to define that concept in their lives. On the first Sunday of each month we placed placards depicting hungry people on the walkways in front of the church, reminding people that it was Hunger Tax Sunday.

In the chancel of the church is a votive candle stand given by Kay and me as a memorial to departed family members, in particular Kay's paternal family, most of whom, Austrian Jews, were victims of the Holocaust. Happily it still serves its purpose as a devotional focus for the parish.

It was during this time that engineers advised us that the walls of the church were giving way and posing a probable collapse of the roof. The beams had to be replaced and reinforced with steel supporting rods. Inevitably the beam which had an inscription on it "O ye mountains, etc." was replaced, and there was a cry of horror. If the gold gothic lettering on the present beam looks a bit unsteady in spots, it's because Tracey Council worked through the night on a ladder to paint them. At the same time we took the occasion to make some sanctuary modifications, including the removal of the three steps to the old altar, the installation of a new altar table, the relocation of the sanctuary rail and the lowering of the pulpit,

which previously sat three steps up from the chancel floor level!"

Finally, two current parishioners were prompted to add some memories of their own about the McCloskeys' time at St. Mary's:

Phoebe remembers when Blackie disappeared in York. She says, "He had found his way under the cathedral where there were gravesites and made a rubbing of a beautiful old brass etching, 'The Trinity,' which covered a tombstone. He had become so engrossed in this artwork that he forgot everything else. When we found him at the cathedral, I didn't know whether to kill him or kiss him!" The rubbing which Blackie made hangs to this day in their home and has been the subject of much laughter.

JoAnn Hallmark wrote, "Bob and Kay opened their arms and welcomed me into the Episcopal Church in the summer of 1978. Bob was my first priest, and he fed me a spiritual meal that continues to nourish me today. Alex and I were blessed to have a great friendship and wonderful memories with Bob and Kay, and we are so happy to have them 'home' again, so we can work on some new ones!"

Home for the McCloskeys is on the side of Mt. Jefferson, and Kay says, "They will carry me out of here feet first." They have named their home Ashewood and are very happy to have Alex Hallmark's "Hagia Sophia" greeting their guests as they drive in.

THE MINISTERIES

THE YOUTH

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us at 8:15 AM on Easter morning for our fun-filled, treat-tastic, egg-alicious Easter Egg Hunt! Weather permitting (keep your fingers crossed and say a few prayers) we will be outside for this family-friendly fun event. If you don't have a basket, don't worry...we always have extras!

Attention New St. Mary's Parents

If you are new to St. Mary's and have not been receiving postcards and flyers in the mail from the Youth Director, or have not been receiving e-mails regarding youth events, please e-mail your contact information to Katy Abrams junebugnc@gmail.com. We don't want you or your child(ren) to miss out!

Episcopal Youth Community-EYC

EYC will meet (almost) every Sunday after church at 11:30 AM for approximately an hour and a half, depending on the activity planned for that day. You are ALWAYS welcome to BRING A FRIEND! The scheduled EYC meeting dates are as follows: *April 11, 18. Remember the 25th is Coffee Minute, so be here at 10 AM!!!*

EYC-Sponsored Coffee Minute

The Jr. and Sr. High EYC will be providing the food and doing the set-up for coffee minute after the

10:10 AM service on *APRIL 25*. Meet Katy and Alice at church at 10:00 AM to get ready. Please bring one food item that will feed approx 15-20 people. **It is really important that we all participate in this event!!** Last time was such a success, let's make that happen again!
3rd-5th Grade Activity Plan

We will meet once a month at 4:00 PM for an activity, and then go somewhere together afterwards for an early dinner. *April 11th* Alice will be leading us on a hike at Price Lake. Bring a water bottle, a small snack, and wear layers! Since we will probably work up an appetite, join us at Mellow Mushroom afterwards for pizza. *May 2nd* - Mini Golf...keep your fingers crossed and start praying now for great weather!!

Wee-YC Schedule

Wee-YC, the youth group for pre-K to 2nd grade youth, will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons this fall from 3:30 PM to approximately 5:00 PM. *April 7*. Meet us after school at the Boone Bowling Center for our favorite activity...BOWLING! (Bring \$3 per person.) *April 21*- meet us at St Mary's kitchen to make Rice Krispie treats (our second-favorite activity!) *May 5* - Mini Golf...keep your fingers crossed and start praying now for great weather!!

Carowinds - 8th-12th graders

We will be taking a group of 11 8th-12th graders to Carowinds on *Saturday, April 17*. We only have 11 spaces open, so let us know ASAP if you plan to attend. To get our group rate of \$30 per kid (the church will pay \$10 of that), we need all 11 slots to be filled, so bring a friend! We will leave at noon, eat a bag lunch on the way to the park, and be there from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. We will stop for dinner on the way home and hope to get back by 9:00 or 9:30 PM. Bring \$20 for your ticket, money for dinner and your bag lunch. ***WE NEED TWO ADULT CHAPERONES OR WE CANNOT GO, SO PLEASE HELP!***

Family Trip to Avery County Aquatic Center

All ages and parents are welcome to join us *Sunday, April 25*, from 1:30-4:30 PM at the Avery County YMCA's Aquatic Center and indoor water park. We will meet there and enjoy watery fun! Youth are allowed to bring ONE friend only, please...

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

APRIL ECW MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the ECW will be April 6, at 6:00 PM for social, 6:30 PM supper (Please sign up for soup, salad, dare we say dessert?), 7:00 PM short meeting and program. Dr. Marye Hacker will talk to us about local health care issues. She is an emergency room doctor at Watauga Hospital and one of the founders of the Community Clinic. As an ER doctor, she sees firsthand the health issues and needs in our county, especially those that affect the children and women. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

OUTREACH

PARISH CONVERSATION ON OUTREACH

Some thought has been given by the Vestry to increasing our Outreach funding from the regular contributions--pledge offerings and church offerings. In the past Outreach monies were from the Tour of Homes only. A "Parish Conversation" has been set for April 25 at 1:00 PM to discuss this issue. If you are unable to attend, but have feelings regarding this issue, please pass your thoughts to a member of the vestry or myself. In the meantime, our Outreach programs continue to nourish our community.

From Helen Fabry, Outreach Chair

SECOND HARVEST

During the month of February, volunteers from St Mary's delivered **2965** pounds of salvage food from the Blowing Rock Food Lion and no salvage food from Woodlands Barbeque to the Hospitality House in Boone. *From Bill Parker*

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

For the next several newsletter issues, there will be a focus on each of the Millennium Development Goals. Each is interrelated to all of the others. Meeting the goals will be a tall order, but we must remember that by addressing any one of these issues, we make it more possible for the entire set of goals to be met.

The eradication of extreme poverty and hunger was set as the first goal and could well be THE goal under which most of the others should fall. POVERTY, even to a relatively small degree, causes or contributes to poor physical and mental health, lower economic and social status, and lack of opportunity for education and self-sufficiency.

When extreme poverty and hunger were selected as a goal, three targets were selected to be met by 2015. These are to cut in half the number of people who live on less than \$1/day, to achieve full and productive employment for ALL people, and to cut in half the number of people who suffer from hunger.

UNICEF, which monitors and addresses the needs of children worldwide, in a policy paper supporting the UN's MDG mandate, states that reducing poverty needs to begin with the children. More than 30% (~ 600 million) children in developing countries live on less than \$1 a day. Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of starvation, and most of these are children less than 5 years old, most of whom die of malnutrition. More than 1 billion children suffer from the lack of at least one essential element for survival, growth, and development (food, water, education, disease prevention and treatment). Each deprivation

heightens the effect of other needed elements. Three hundred million children go to bed hungry, and of those only 8% are the result of famine and other emergencies. Poverty hits the children hardest in creating an environment damaging to their development. The early years are important for physical/mental, emotional, and intellectual development. For the children who survive severe deprivation, their potential is reduced, contributing to the cycle of poverty and entrenching social, economic, and gender disparities. (From UNICEF HQ 98-0891, Pirozzi)

Websites you might want to check include:

www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE

www.e4gr.org (Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation)

www.endpoverty2105.org From Marg McKinney

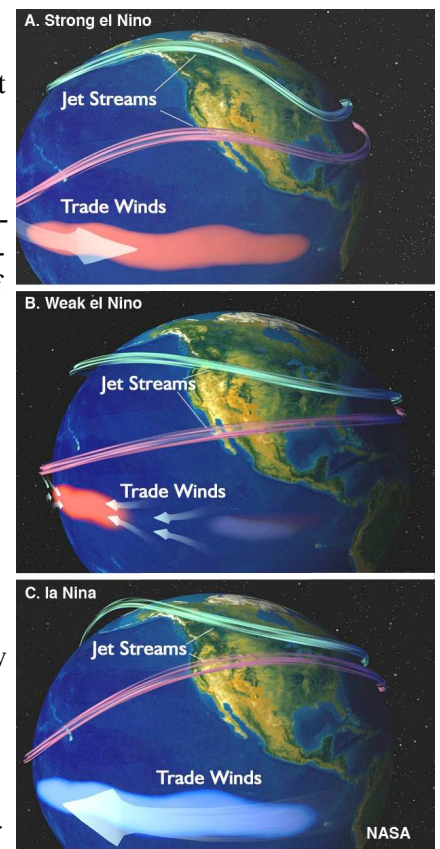
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Can Natural Climate Oscillations Explain Our Crazy Winter of 2010?

Most of the snow has finally melted, but we will long remember the Winter of 2010 and its disruptions: church cancellations, school cancellations, and the onset of cabin fever. As a hydrogeologist, this year's weather has been particularly interesting and has me wondering: do El Niño winters at least partly explain this winter's disruptions?

Usually the southern Trade Winds blow west off the Pacific coast of South America, pulling deep cold water up to the surface, but El Niño happens when they blow eastward and push warm water onto South America's Pacific coast. In North Carolina, winter El Niños (figures A & B) cause wetter conditions than winter La Niñas (figure C). In the High Country, winter El Niños average two inches more precipitation than winter La Niñas. Strong El Niños produce even more -- an average of nearly 3.5 inches more than La Niñas.

Actually, Winter 2010 has not been a particularly strong El Niño. During strong El Niños, the southern jet stream carries moisture evaporating from a large pool of warm water in the Pacific to North America. The northern jet stream is too far north to promote icy precipitation in



North Carolina; therefore, much of our moisture arrives as rain rather than snow and ice, and temperatures are warmer.

This winter's snows have occurred under moderate El Niño conditions (figure B) in which a smaller pool of warm water exists in the Pacific. Although less precipitation falls under this scenario, the convergence of the two jet streams promotes icier precipitation for us. This is one possible explanation for the weekly snow storms that seemed to go on *ad nauseum* all winter.

While we do not have long-term statistics on church cancellations, the Watauga County school system has kept a record of school closings by year since 1975-76. Does the number of school cancellations this year in Watauga County reflect El Niño conditions? Yes, to a certain extent. Strong El Niño years have averaged 14.3 cancellations since 1975, whereas La Niña years have averaged nine cancellations. In contrast, moderate El Niño years like 2010 have been the most disruptive, averaging 21 cancellations, including 25 (so far) this year, 33 in 1976-77, and a whopping 39 in 1977-78! Many of you may remember that winter. Let's hope we don't see another moderate El Niño anytime soon.

From Bill Anderson

BEYOND THE PARISH

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's not too early to start thinking about gardens, and I need some help with the Hospitality House gardens. We have raised bed vegetable and flower gardens at Rock Haven and flowers (maybe some vegetables) at the main house in Boone. We have residents who help, but we need some help from time to time during the growing season. It's a good opportunity to interact with the residents. If you want to help, e-mail Marg at mckinnymj@yahoo.com or call at 264-4310. Thanks.

From Marg McKinney



EASTER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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- 3 Houston Sherer
- 4 Howard Trumm
Jane Bush
- 5 Anna Pitt
Ashley Winkelmann
- 6 David Wilson
- 7 Perry Mixer
- 8 James Shelton
- 9 Alva Browning
Judith Domer
- 11 Jim Bumgardner
- 12 Mollie Frazer
Nathan Postlethwait
Helen Williamson
- 13 Silas Jackson
Ken McKinney
- 14 Alex Hallmark
Mary Miles Rogers
Steve White
- 15 Louise Moore
George Schieren
- 17 Sterling Hutcheson
- 19 Bobby Johnston
- 20 Liz Rose
- 21 Cindy Milner
- 22 Dr. James Allen
Maggie Jonas
Rick Moore
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- 24 Sebastien Branstrom
- 27 Karola Hustis
- 28 Hunter Allen
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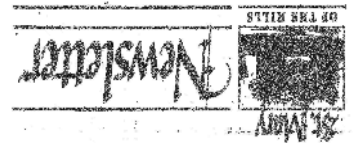
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Bob and Sabine Miller
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