

GO Tell It On The Mountains



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Upcoming 85 WNC ECW Fall Annual Meeting, Oct. 13th - Mark your calendars! Registration information inside newsletter, pg. 4





Calendar of Events—2007

September 15th - One-Day Leadership Seminar, 9:30 am registration; program 10 am - 3 pm. Location: Grace in the Mountains, Waynesville. Open to all women in diocese. **Cost \$10** (lunch and materials). Please email mransom1@bellsouth.net to reserve space or call 828-625-8338 by September 10th. Theme: Growing your ECW— ECW is more than a Tea Party. Seminar topics: History of ECW and its programs; Leadership styles; How to balance one's life; How to be a better communicators, then closing with Roundtable discussion.

October 13th - 85th WNC ECW Fall Annual Meeting; 8:30 am - 1:30 pm; Location: Thompson Child & Family Focus, 6800 Saint Peter's Lane, Matthews, NC; Keynote speaker: Ginny Amendum, President. Theme: ***"Anyone who welcomes one little child like this in my name welcomes me."*** Matthew 18:5. (Registration pg.4 and map pg. 5)

Join us for the 85th WNC ECW Fall Annual Meeting October 13, 2007 with Keynote Speaker, Ginny Amendum

Ginny joined Thompson in 1995 to open and manage the Thompson Child Development Center. Later, she assumed the position of Sr. Vice President for Educational Services and provided leadership for Thompson's early childhood programs and the School at



Thompson. In February 2001, Ginny was named President of Thompson. Before joining the Agency, Ginny was an elementary teacher in Charlotte and in New York state. She founded and directed the Whitney Point Preschool in Whitney Point, New York. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Education and Elementary Education from the State University of New York at Cortland, and received a Master's of Science in Education from the State University of New York at Oswego. She and her husband, Jim, live in Concord and have four children and three granddaughters. She enjoys being outside and working in her garden. Ginny is also an excellent musician (piano) and has just begun to take harp lessons.

WISH LIST for children at Thompson:

We are asking all women to collect and bring items from the Wish List (list pg. 6) to be placed at foot of the altar in the Chapel at Thompson on Oct. 13th.

Please note: The Rev. Beth Lilly, Rector, Epiphany, Newton and Thompson Board member will be assisting The Rt. Rev. J. Gary Gloster on Oct. 13th.

From the President's Desk...



Dear ECW sisters,
Hope all of you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the fall.
After our Spring Meeting in April when ECW honored the ordained women in our diocese (by the way, it was wonderful to see so many of you come out to support our ordained women thank you for doing so)...I have been on the road quite a lot.

May

12 - Attended a quiet day at All Saints, Gastonia given by Sister Jacqueline, C.T.

17-20th - Went to New Orleans to attend the Episcopal Relief and Development Network Meeting. As the National ECW Board Representative to this group, I had the opportunity to tour ERD projects in the Dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi. I was able to see what our Episcopal Church has done and is continuing to do to help the folks in both of these areas struck by Katrina. I visited Camp Coast Care Center, Hallelujah Housing, Jericho Road Housing Project, plus many more sites. (See my article plus photos on our website.
www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org)

I am submitting a proposal due to my ERD trip and when the National ECW Board meets in October in New York, details will be worked out and I will share all of this with you when I come back home.

30 - Attended ECW general meeting, St. George, Ashville

June

4-6th - Attended the Province IV ECW Conference. Thanks to all the ECWS who provided items again for the "goody bags."

18-24th - National ECW Board meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. (See www.nationalecw.org)

June 30th, WNC ECW Leadership Seminar, Redeemer, Shelby. (photos & article in this issue)

July

16th - ECW Diocesan Board met at St. Mark's, Wilkesboro to firm up plans for the upcoming 85th WNC ECW Fall Annual Meeting which will be held this year at Thompson Child and Family Focus, Matthews.

August

Continue to work on Fall Annual Meeting...this year, we are inviting the ECWs from North Carolina as well as East Carolina to be with us at this meeting.

Future (Our 2008-2009 Theme - Building New Leadership for ECW)

As many of you know, the face of ECW is changing and we are looking at various ways to keep pace with this change. In 2008 & 2009, the Board's focus will be to provide 4 workshops a year. These workshops will focus on leadership skills, spirituality and prayer life, and how to balance one's daily life.

A questionnaire will be in your packets at the Fall Meeting to gather feedback to help us plan workshops around your needs and desires.

Present

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board and all of you as women in the Church who continue to serve as the hands and feet of the Living Christ! It takes many hands and feet to do God's work and each of you do this in your own special way each and every day. It is an honor to be your president and to be a member ECW. We are all God's children serving others in His Name. Through Him all things are possible!

I appreciate each of you and I know your Rectors do as well.

Peace and Love,
Mary Ann

85th WNC ECW Fall Annual Meeting...



WNC ECW
85th Fall Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 13, 2007

Thompson Child & Family Focus, Matthews NC

THEME: "ANYONE WHO WELCOMES ONE LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY
NAME WELCOMES ME." Matthew 18:5

(We ask each person to register on separate form. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from our website: www.episcopcalchurchwomen-wnc.org)

Please invite your Rector as your guest!

Name: _____

Church/Parish: _____

Deanery: (Circle one) Asheville Foothills Hendersonville Mountain Piedmont Western

LUNCH & REGISTRATION FEE: \$17.00 PER PERSON (PLEASE NOTE - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Monday, SEPTEMBER 24TH. It is important to register by this deadline because the folks at Thompson are putting together "goody bags" and tee shirts and need to have a headcount, so, please honor this deadline. Thanks.

(Make checks payable to WNC ECW. Mail to Diane Mance, WNC ECW Treasurer, 105 Poppy Lane, Asheville NC 28803. Please include your form with each registration.)

Schedule of Events:

8:30 - 10:00 am - Registration and Exhibits with coffee with pastries

10:00 - 11:00 am - Business Session

11:00 - 11:15 am - Break

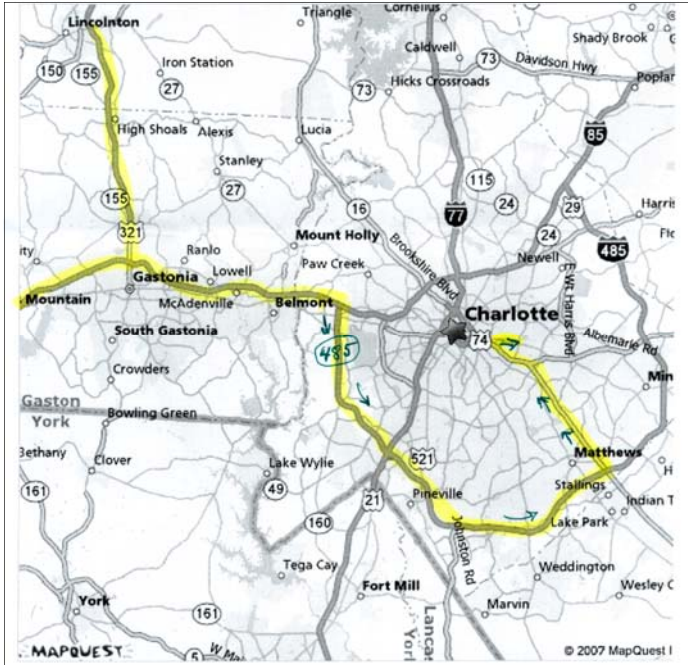
11:15 - 12:15 pm - Keynote Address by Ginny Amendum, President Thompson Child & Family Focus - plus tour

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II - The Rt. Rev. J. Gary Gloster, Celebrant

1:30 pm - lunch then depart for home - Have a safe trip!

Directions to Thompson (see pg. 5)

Map to Thompson, ASDMO, & Roll of Remembrance...



Online maps:

www.mapquest.com

www.maps.google.com/maps

Directions to Thompson:

1. From West, take Highway # 74 or # I-85 to the # 485 Loop.
2. Take the Loop going South/East until you come to the Highway # 74/ Monroe Exit. Take the Exit going toward Charlotte (not Monroe.)
3. This is Independence Blvd. Follow it for about 3 miles to Margaret Wallace Road, which only turns to the right.
4. Go two blocks and St. Peter's Lane will turn off to the left.
5. Drive to the end and there is the entrance to Thompson.
6. Come to the big red brick administrative building - The Taylor Williams Family Center.
7. Our Phone number: 704.644.4403
8. If you need more directions, please go to one of the online maps and download from your home address to our address: 6800 Saint Peter's Lane, Matthews NC 28105
9. See you all on Oct. 13, 2007

All Saints' Day Memorial Offering Envelopes

Your ASDMO envelopes will be ready for you to pick up at the Fall Annual Meeting in Thompson, Oct. 13th. Please look for the package with your church's name on it.

All Saints' Day Memorial Offering suggested date is November 4th. Once you collect these offerings, please send funds to Diane Mance, WNC ECW Treasurer, 105 Poppy Lane, Asheville, NC 28803.



Roll of Remembrance

Please send names of church women in your parish who have died in the last 12 months so they can be remembered at the 85th WNC ECW Fall Annual Meeting, Oct. 13, 2007. **Need material by Oct 1st.**

Please list Name and Church/Deanery when submitting names. Send information via email to mransom1@bellsouth.net or by mail to Mary Ann Ransom, 170 Ransom Road, Lake Lure NC 28746 **by Oct. 1, 2007.**

If you wish to send a financial gift honoring this person, your funds will be added to the Women's ECW Scholarship Program. Checks can be sent to Diane Mance, 105 Poppy Lane, Asheville NC 28803. Payable to WNC ECW and marked "Scholarship."

Wist List, Upcoming Leadership Workshops...



Wish List

Hygiene Items (regular size)

Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Body Wash

Gifts/Other

Gameboy Games, DVD Players, DVD's - G & PG rated, Markers, Art Supplies, (Poster board, construction paper, glitter, felt, pipe cleaners), House slippers (sizes 1 to 10), Shower curtains, Vinyl Bean Bag chairs, Small area rugs, Small Laundry hampers, Duffle bags/small luggage, Movie Passes, Fast Food Gift Cards

For more information, contact Rachel Eldridge at 704.644.4403 or reldridge@thompsoncff.org

Here are examples of how Thompson uses the above items.

Children and their cottage mentors often gather in the evenings for a time to talk or to watch movies together. New dvd's and house slippers help with these occasions.

Thompson staff strives to provide a home-like environment for each child living with us. Small area rugs, laundry hampers and shower curtains help us personalize the children's rooms.

Our children often arrive with their belongings in a black garbage bag. When a child is ready to leave Thompson to live with a foster family or return to their family, we like to send them off with clothes and school supplies for their new school in a new duffle bag or piece of luggage. To us, the container from their belongings represents how we at Thompson view each child as special and having worth.

Art is incorporated into all aspects of life at Thompson. Art fulfills many parts of our mission - play, teaching, hearing and worship. From the toddlers at our child development center to the older children in our cottage, all of our boys and girls use art supplies as they learn, play and heal.

(Note: ECW, Please bring your items with you on Oct. 13th and place them in the chapel at foot of altar. Thanks, Mary Ann)

ECW Leadership Seminar on September 15th at Grace-in-the-Mountains, Waynesville...

Our 2nd ECW One-Day Leadership Seminar will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 10 am - 3pm.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know via email at mransom1@bellsouth.net or call me at 828-625-8338 by **September 10th**. I need to have a headcount so I will know how many to provide lunch for.

The ladies at Grace in the Mountains will provide coffee and pastries at 9:30 am during registration. Lunch and materials will be provided. Cost for workshop \$10. Please share this information with your women. Seminar is open to all women in the diocese. Hope to see you there!

ECW Leadership Seminar held at Redeemer, Shelby on June 30th...

Women from Grace, Morganton; St. Luke's, Lincolnton; Redeemer, Shelby; St. Mark's, Wilkesboro, St. Gabriel, Rutherfordton came together to discuss what it means to be a leader in today's ECW. They shared ideas and various ways to be better leaders and communicators. Kay Meyer, National ECW President and Marcie Chéreau, National Board Province IV Representative shared the history and their own stories of being leaders in the organization. Our own Katerina Whitley facilitated workshop as well as gave the women great insights on ways to be a better communicators. Everyone had a great time sharing and listening to each other stories.

St. Thomas, Burnsville awarded \$15,000 UTO Grant



Diocesan UTO Chair Pat Jollie (third from left) presents grant writer Joann Collins (right) with UTO grant. Also pictured, from left, the Rev. Augusta Anderson and bishop Porter Taylor. (Photo Credit: Joann Collins)



We need your stories...

Got Tell It On The Mountain is your newsletter. Please send your stories, upcoming events and photos of your ECW's activities. This is a great way to allow other women in our diocese to know what you are doing and to also give them ideas as to ways to help their own ECWs. Deadline 15th of each month. Material will be added to website as well. Please email your materials to me at [mransom1@bellsouth](mailto:mransom1@bellsouth.net) or by mail to Mary Ann Ransom, 170 Ransom Road, Lake Lure NC 28746. thanks.

Proposed Budget for 2008

Please take a few minutes to review the proposed 2008 Budget prepared by Diane Mance, WNC ECW Treasurer. We will be voting on this budget at our Oct. 13th meeting. Please contact Diane if you have questions. Email: ts_mance@bellsouth.net

Help shape the future of ECW in our Diocese !

We need women who are willing to serve on the Diocesan ECW Board for the 2008-2009 term. The benefits of serving on the ECW Diocesan Board are many, however, being a board member will provide you the opportunity to develop leadership, people, administrative, public speaking and organizational skills. You will have the opportunity to become involved with women in your own diocese as well as women on the provincial and national level.

So, please look at the job descriptions, see where you can make a difference and say "yes." Please email mransom1@bellsouth.net or call me at 828-625-8338 to put your name on the ballot. Board members will be installed at the 85th Fall Annual Meeting on Oct. 13th at Thompson Child & Family Focus, Matthews NC.

Positions available: Vice-President, Co-Chairs for Hendersonville Deanery, Christian Social Concerns Chair, Missions Chair, Public Relations/Multi Media Chair, ECW History Project Chair, Yearbook Chair, Devotional Life Chair, & Parliamentarian. (some of these are new positions) Job descriptions are listed on the website (www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org) and are included in this newsletter.

Thank you ECWs for your pledges

2007 PLEDGES

Ascension-Hickory	
Holy Tryon-Tryon	
St. Philip-Brevard	
Grace-Morganton	
St. John's-Asheville	
St. Paul's-Wilkesboro	
St. George's-Asheville	
Calvary-Fletcher	
St. Mark's-Gastonia	
Epiphany-Newton	
St. Mary's of the Hills-Blowing Rock	
St John in the Wilderness-Flat Rock	
St. John-Sylva	
Grace-Asheville	
St. Paul-Morganton	
Holy Communion-Glendale Springs	
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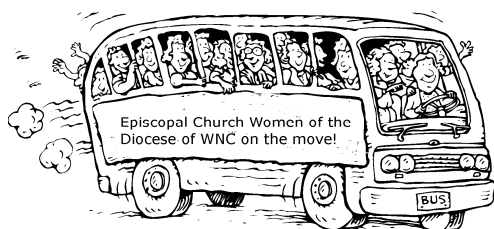
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