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Newsletter for Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Western Carolina

Summer 2025



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Last year, at our Lake Lure Event WHW Fundraiser, we had talked about a new future vision to move our Diocesan ECW forward. Many of you sent in your thoughts and suggestions to me this past year. Listed to the right of this section, you will see your comments, thoughts, suggestions. It is important now for us to come together and approve this new vision to move our ECW into the future. (This vision also is similar to the National ECW and Province IV ECW.)

I hope we can do this at our Mary 24, 2025 Event. Please come to vote on these changes for a new Vision.

We also need to revise our by-laws and job descriptions. I will give out copies of these at the May 24 event for you to take home and then see what changes you think need to be made. After I hear back from you all, I will send a copy of revisions of our by laws and job descriptions to you after you have had a chance to study them.

OUR FUTURE...A NEW VISION!



OUR VISION FOR FUTURE

These are the ideas and vision and living the ministry that were sent in by many of you when asked what you thought the new vision should be for ECW in Western North Carolina.

VISION STATEMENT

As the eyes, ears, hands, and heart of Christ in the world, we will persist in the work of healing, justice, and peace.

LIVING THE MINISTRY

To live Christ's ministry, we:

Listen to voices of women worldwide;

Promote educational, spiritual, and social programs which minister to women and children;

Provide opportunities and tools to grow relationships with God and others through spirituality, prayer, and worship; and Encourage the development of women's leadership by example in stewardship, training, and education.

The role of women in the Church and the world continues to change and that impacts the heart and soul of Episcopal Church Women. The Board recognized that the focus and activities would have to change to adjust to those changes.

Now we as the ECW Board and ECW in our diocese need to approve these and put new vision into action. Will you help? Let me know.
Mary Ann Ransom, ECW Diocesan President

Upcoming Event...



Registration Form:

A Party with a Purpose...

For the past 21 years, through our **Women Helping Women Scholarship Program (WHW)**, we have supported women in our diocese to achieve their goals in mission and ministry.

Please join us on Saturday, **May 24, 2025** for our WHW Fundraiser at Morganton Community Center, 120 King St., Morganton, NC 28655.

Your support for this vital Christian ministry, is sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese Western North Carolina. Your participation makes a difference in our women lives. Thank you for your support! *Mary Ann Ransom, President ECW WNC*

Event Information:

11:00 am registration, 12:00 noon Lunch, 2:00 Depart for home.

(Program will be the ECW from St. Paul's, Wilkesboro)

Menu: Herb Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Southern Green Beans, Dessert, Tea)

**Silent
Auction**

\$25 per person - Luncheon

Mail in your registration form today! Bring a friend. **Registration Deadline: Wed., May 14, 2025**

Make check payable to ECW/WNC, please **Send your check to Diane Mance, Diocesan ECW Treasurer, 105 Poppy Lane, NC 28803**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Thank You For Your Support

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The Mission of the United Thank Offering (UTO) has remained constant: thankful offerings given for the everyday blessings



of life to provide blessings for others. Individuals in each Parish take part spiritually by offerings prayers of thanksgiving and by actively dropping coins in the "Little Blue Box." These funds are gathered (UTO Ingathering) twice a year in each Parish at a time arranged with the Rector.

Why Gratitude?

United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church to encourage gratitude throughout the church and the world – but why? First and foremost, gratitude is a Christian virtue. It helps us love more deeply and be more present to the Holy Spirit at work in the world. Practicing gratitude can have a magnitude of effects on our daily personal, physical, and spiritual lives. There are extraordinary benefits to maintaining a daily practice of gratitude, and we hope to encourage and inspire a daily practice of gratitude for all.

Thank you for supporting this Ministry.

Please send your stories and photos about what your ECW is doing so we can put it in our newsletter. Thanks, Mary Ann

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Or

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Church Periodical Club (CPC) & Miles of Pennies (MOP)



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Our CPC & MOP funds are given to support our seminarians, schools and other groups.

News from Grace ECW, Morganton...

By Denise Ritz

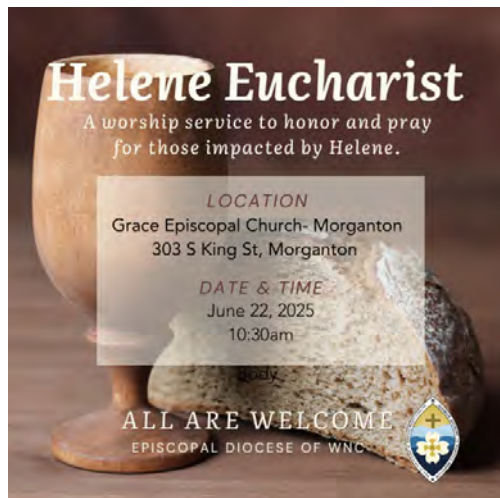
The ECW of Grace Church of Morganton was pleased to host Ms. Sandra Aguirre, founder of Manos de Esperanza ("Hands of Hope") a relief organization formed in response to Hurricane Helene to be our speaker at the April 9th Lunch and Learn meeting. Sandra's inspired and organized this nonprofit to aid the Latino community in the greater Burke County. In the first weeks and months after the Hurricane the relief was mostly in the form of



essentials like food and water. Today, the group continues to focus on essentials but a greater need has come with housing and jobs. (continue on page 4)

Other News from Grace continued from page 3...

The Grace Church ECW created a special gift for our homebound members which included a beautifully crafted stained glass cross made by Norma DeFago. The gifts were wrapped with bright Spring fabrics and will be delivered just in time for Easter!



The Grace ECW will host the Rev. Kelsey Davis, the Bishop's Deputy for Disaster Response & Recovery Team of the

Episcopal Diocese of WNC for a special Helene Eucharist worship service on June 22, 2025 at 10:30 at Grace Church in Morganton. The ECW will provide a light lunch following the service with an adult learning activity about the **Emotional Life Cycle of a Disaster, Phases of Disaster**



Response. All are welcome to attend.

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