

**In our diversity we find strength...  
No matter where you've been, or  
where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome and needed  
here!**

## **Welcome to 2025 FCCH!**

This Sunday, we start with **Forum at 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Mark Acker will lead our time as we set the stage for the new year. Entitled "Looking Back, Moving Forward" he will guide us in a series of questions and storytelling. It will be good to share time together.

### **Epiphany and Communion -- Worship at 10:30 AM**

Rev. Karla will challenge us to explore our God-With-Us reality in her sermon "Defy Gravity!"



**Community Coffee Hour** will restart Monday, January 13, from 10-11 AM, in the Choir Room. You are invited to share time with your neighbors, share your heart song, share your fears and wishes. If you would like to host an upcoming Community Coffee Hour (which entails coming a little early to make coffee and bringing a snack to share) please contact Jennifer in the church office at [office@fchhendersonville.org](mailto:office@fchhendersonville.org).

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**2025**

**Opportunities within FCCH**

## **COFFEE MAKER VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for people to sign up for a month at a time to come in early (9:15 am) on Sundays to make coffee, have sugars, creamers, plates, cups, and napkins ready. Also helping Coffee Hour hosts plate their food items, if needed. Then leave church at last hymn with coffee hour hosts to set up Fellowship Hall. Contact Diane Rose at (text or call) 951-543-2771 or at [dianerose617@gmail.com](mailto:dianerose617@gmail.com)

## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Ever wonder where the yummy treats come from for coffee hour each Sunday? Well, from you and your friends! "You may be asking How does this happen?" Well, there is a calendar on the kitchen counter where people sign up for a Sunday they want. Sometimes it is a family, sometimes a community living place, a small group, but it is always people who organize a nice combination of sweet, healthy, and scrumptious food. The group prepares enough food for a Fellowship Time of 55-80 people each Sunday. Please check the calendar and sign up for a Sunday!

## **POSITION OPEN - MONEY COUNTER (after church services)**

We are looking for a person to join the money counting team. It's a way to help out in an important job, but takes very little time.

Job Description: Stay after the worship service, and help count the money taken up in that morning's offering. It takes about 15 minutes, and you would be "on duty" one month per quarter.

There are always two people counting and the Treasurer is always present - so you would have plenty of guidance in learning.

If you're interested, or want to learn more (but there really isn't much more LOL), please contact Dawn Kucera, at [dawnkucera@mac.com](mailto:dawnkucera@mac.com).



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# **SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANT**

**Sundays from 10 AM -12 NOON**

The Sunday School Assistant supports the Lead Sunday School Teacher in our children's program. Must be comfortable with FCCH values of progressive theology and welcoming and celebrating all people, especially our LGBTQ siblings. If interested, please contact Rev. Karla Miller at [karla@fcchhendersonville.org](mailto:karla@fcchhendersonville.org). For more information about our church please visit [www.fcchhendersonville.org](http://www.fcchhendersonville.org)

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Please remember these people in your prayers this week**

**Anna Helfand  
Gail Blate  
Carolyn Schmalz  
Lester & Louis Vier  
Al & Joan Diaz  
Ken & Sammye Whitney  
Connie Knight  
Sherry Carmichael  
Bob Cope  
Betsey Parker  
Roger Dashner  
Karen Taylor  
Dell Orr & David Vandre**

**John Sams  
Joan McKinney  
Larry Johnson  
Sherry Sudduth  
Nancy Irving  
Charles Bolick  
Liz Brennan  
Sharon & Dody Schulz-Pratt  
Richard Tyler**

**Karen Castellano, niece of Liz Hill  
Mother of Mack & Sam Mackenzie  
Baby Jacob Eli, newborn grandchild of Roger and Lillian Dashner  
David Hartig, spouse of Ann Hartig  
Alex Davis, son of Kay Davis  
Rob Kievit, son of Nancy Irving  
Rev. Dr. Jim & Carolyn Duren, friends of Joan Nobling  
Chris Scarcella, brother-in-law of Carol Woepfel  
Holly Orzech, friend of Pam Grant  
Patricia Tucker, dear friend of Carol Woepfel  
Al Wadell, friend of Bill Shaffer and Ann Twiggs  
Brenda Hupp & Pamela Staub, friends of Jim Hollingsworth and Bruce Mills  
North Carolina Public Schools  
The impact of gun violence and sensible gun reform  
The people of Gaza  
Those affected by war and genocide in Palestine-Israel,  
the Middle East, and Ukraine  
Our neighbors who are unsheltered or for whom life is a struggle  
Peace in our country and world  
All those affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton  
Victims of New Orleans terrorist attack**

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INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL

# FAITH IN DEMOCRACY

TO REGISTER for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil, use the link:  
<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/2025faithindemocracypayervigil/index.html>



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# Rooted in Faith:



## A Journey of Hope and Healing

**TO REGISTER for the ROOTED IN FAITH Series, use this link:**

<https://ucc.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0rdugppjooH9KSA70be4Ma3rK1lchSA3o#/registration>

A 4-part Zoom series to process grief and emotions following Hurricane Helene. These sessions will be a time to share and connect with others from UCC communities most affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

Each virtual session will include prayer, scripture, a time for learning, a time for questions, and a time for small group discussions.

**Tuesdays 7:00PM-8:30PM ET**

January 7, 2025 - Trauma

January 14, 2025 - Grief

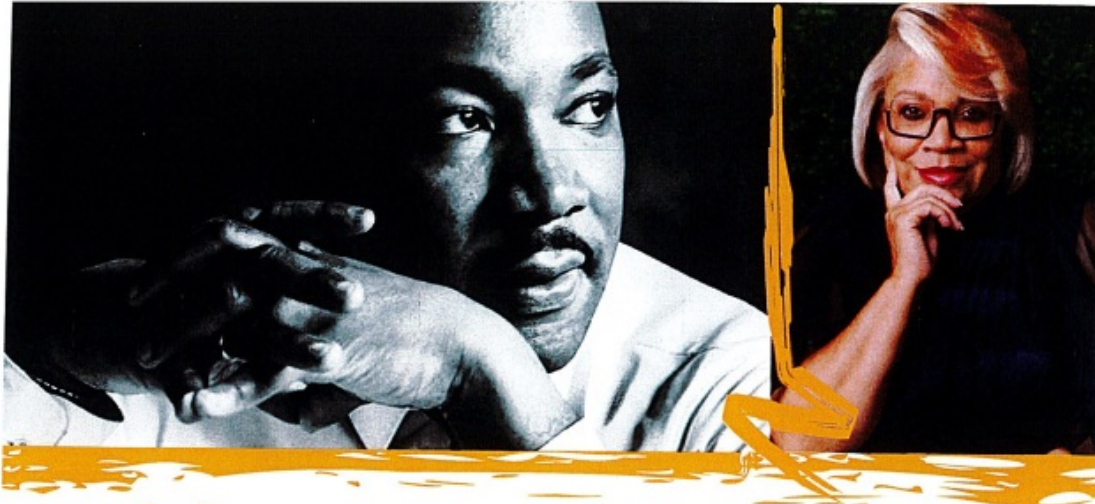
January 21, 2025 - Resilience

January 28, 2025 - What's Next?



Please register using this link  
(or the QR Code)

<https://bit.ly/41jjZjm>



## Dr. MLK Jr. Unity Breakfast



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Of Service

**January 20, 2025  
at noon  
Stillwell Hall**



Welcome All.  
Love All.  
Serve All.

Please join the Hendersonville community on Martin Luther King Day, January 20, at noon at St. James Episcopal Church (766 N Main St, Hendersonville, NC 28792) for our annual service project. We will once again bag a ton of dried beans and rice to share with our neighbors in need via the Storehouse.

All are welcome; this is a fun multigenerational event. We hope to see you there!

MLK Day of Service is a way to honor the life and teachings of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by engaging in community action and is celebrated each year in communities across the US on the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday.

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