

THE CHRONICLE

SEPTEMBER 2026



Beloved,

There is wonderful energy percolating in the very fabric of our life together as a community of faith. You will see it in the following pages of this September Chronicle.

Our bathroom projects have begun, and while we hoped the parlor “refresh” would have been finished by now, the city sewer system had another idea, and well, the “refresh” has become a “redo” because of the back-up in the city system creating quite a mess. You can read more about that in the following pages! AND, if you see Pete Hueberger and Bill Shaffer, give them a HUGE sign of your gratitude. They have been working with contractors and insurance adjusters and the city on all of this mishap.

September is Hunger Walk month, and there are all kinds of ways to raise money for this important event. For one, Catherine Fairbanks will have her mandala pendants for sale during coffee hour, with all proceeds going to the Hunger Walk. I hope you can join us on Saturday, September 19th at Lenox Station for the beginning of the walk.

Please look at the FALL at FCCH offerings ~ from our weekly groups of Coffee, Meditation, Choir and Crone-talk, we have some special events, too ~ a Progressive Theology Book Group led by Angie Buchanan and moi, a “Beauty Festival” congregational lunch to kick off our stewardship campaign, and more.

This month of September and into October, Mark and I are preaching on “Books That Matter.” This will be a fun topic to explore together. On September 6, Mark will be using The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz; and on September 13, I will use The Cloister Walk by Kathleen Norris for our sermon prompts. I am curious to know from you ~ what books do you treasure so much that you are always giving copies of them away? The books you keep no matter how much you need to downsize? It’s hard to decide, I know!

Happy Fall, dear friends.

Big Love + Deep Peace,

Karla



www.fcchhendersonville.org

Electronics Drive-Thru Report

THANK YOU , Gracias, Merci Beaucoup. In any language, FCC's Social Justice Team thanks our congregation for making the inaugural used electronics donation drive thru on August 1 such a huge success! We definitely advanced Through the Trees' mission of bridging the digital divide one signal, one device, one neighbor at a time. The organization throughthetrees.us, was thrilled with the turnout and donations, which were much more than they had expected. Daniel, the staffer who oversaw the event was amazed and overwhelmed at the volume of contributions he received. Had he imagined there'd be such a large turnout he would have brought more help. Our donations filled a truck and two cars with all manner of electronics. Thanks also to Terri Mills and Bill Schaffer for their vehicles and willingness to drive to Brevard where the agency is located. That location on West Main Street is also a resale shop for all kinds of electronics. So if you need any item from cables to computers, consider them. Thanks again for the welcome support of a worthy agency. Many underserved, rural people will benefit from our generosity.



Fall 2026 Brochure

[CLICK HERE](#)

or pick up one on Sunday

Worship Attendance in August

August 2	150
August 9	143
August 16	159
August 23	187
August 30	178

Service & Giving Highlights



Gearing Up for the Hunger Walk!

Food insecurity is more prevalent in our communities this year due to lack of funds. Our church has traditionally been very involved in helping to provide funds for this vital shortfall. Our sponsorship of, and participation in, the Hunger Walk Food Drive is an opportunity to help those suffering with food insecurity. You are welcome to get a collection envelope after church or during coffee hour and begin to reach out to those around you. The actual walk happens on September 19th and the collection of funds has already begun. The walk raises community awareness and the collection of funds is the reason behind the actual walking event. Please participate in this worthy effort by making donations and by collecting donations.

Our church participated in Housing Assistance's fundraising event 2026 Home in One Charity Golf Tournament. FCC was a Pitstop Sponsor and the event raised \$29,000 after expenses. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway.

The location is still to be determined for FCC's October 11th "Blessing of the Animals." We plan to create a bulletin board of your pictures of your pets and/or of you with your pets. Please bring these pictures to Lillian Dashner or Jim Bonham by September 20th. (Put your name on the back of the pictures and they will be returned.) More information will be forthcoming.

On Wednesday, September 16, at 11:00 am, Service & Giving has organized a visit to the Veterans Healing Farm, located at 138 Kimzey Road in Mills River. We will be carpooling from the church. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please speak with anyone from this committee or handing out the Hunger Walk envelopes if you are interested in joining us.

We will once again be working with Mountain Aging Partners collecting gift boxes in November. Also, FCC's Matching Funds Drive will happen in November/December.

If you are looking for productive ways to help others, please check out the Volunteer Opportunities Directory in the Members section of our website, www.fchendersonville.org.

Everyone is welcome to participate with Service & Giving. Our next meeting is September 10 at 10:00 am in the Choir Room. Please consider joining us.

44th Annual



hunger **2026** *walk*

The first
300 walkers
will receive a
FREE
T-shirt



Saturday
September 19, 2026



Register Now
or register at the Walk

Walk begins at 8:30 AM
1 mile or 3 mile option
Rain or Shine | Lennox Station
441 S. Whitted Street, Hendersonville NC

Money raised from the event is distributed to local non-profit agencies for hunger relief in Henderson County.

*Donations can be made online, mailed to P.O. Box 6151
Hendersonville NC 28793, or in person at the Walk.

hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org



An update on the Parlor bathrooms:

We were almost finished with the bathroom refresh, when the city sewer line backed up into the Parlor bathrooms. Now remediation work and reconstruction work is being done. The Parlor bathrooms will need to be in working order before the bathroom renovations may begin near the Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned as progress unfolds!

Service & Giving is hosting a food drive for dogs and cats to benefit the Blue Ridge Humane Society and Charlie's Angles Animal Rescue. We will be collecting food, both dry and canned, now until Sunday, October 4th. Bins will be located at the doorway outside the sanctuary in the hall and also in the Fellowship Hall.



If you would like to share photos of your fur-babies that we could post on the bulletin board that will go up mid-September, please email them to office@fcchendersonville.org, or give them to Lillian Dashner or Jim Bonham.

Summer Grass

Carl Sandburg

Summer grass aches and whispers.

It wants something; it calls and sings; it pours
out wishes to the overhead stars.

The rain hears; the rain answers; the rain is slow
coming; the rain wets the face of the grass.



The
"ber"
months
have
begun!



OUR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

Heather Fitzwilliam	9/1
Karla Miller	9/3
Jairo Aguilar	9/4
Kim Villanti	9/4
Carolyn Maloy	9/5
Kay Davis	9/8
Rob Monks	9/9
Teresa Ramer	9/9
Maureen Mitchell	9/10
Lori Wilson	9/14
Mike Resch	9/14
Nolleen Kelly	9/15
EJ Wilson	9/16
Richard Vickers	9/17
Cathy Sadler	9/19
Marjorie Richards	9/21
Alice Tenold	9/22
Al Diaz	9/25



Treasurers Highlights:

- Total General Operating Fund income YTD was \$9,769 more than budgeted.
- Total General Operating Fund expenses YTD were \$3,389 less than budgeted.
- Net result of General Operating Fund YTD was \$13,158 better than budgeted.
- Heritage Fund balance as of 7/31/2026: \$799,444



FAITH TO ACTION

VOLUNTEER FAIR & COMMUNITY DINNER

 **WED. SEPT. 16**

 **5:00-7:00PM**

 **First United Methodist Church of Hendersonville
Barber Christian Life Center (Gym), 204 6th Ave W**

 **Pay-what-you-can or join us for free! (Suggested donation: \$10)**

Share a meal. Love your neighbor. Change our community.

Big impact starts with small local steps. This gathering brings together neighbors and local partner organizations to explore how we can support one another. Come enjoy dinner and find out how you can volunteer with great causes right here at home. There is a place for everyone to help our community thrive!

Participating FUMC Ministries & Partner Organizations:

- Caja Solidaria
- Circles of Henderson County
- Feed the Kids
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hendersonville Backpack Program
- Interfaith Assistance Ministry
- Literacy Connection
- Providence House
- Rooted in Faith Community Garden
- Safelight
- Sew Much Love
- Sowing Seeds
- True Ridge

Presented by the FUMC Missions Council.

For more info, contact Rev. Erin Yow at erinyow@hvfumc.org



Our schools are on the ballot!

North Carolina public schools could lose BILLIONS in state funding if the **Property and Income Tax Amendments** pass in November.

Take the Pledge

For our platform priorities and against the Amendments

VOTE NO on ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 4th, 2026

Early voting starts 10/15 - BRING A FRIEND



This fall, there will be NC constitutional amendments on the ballot that could PERMANENTLY stop local and state governments from being able to fund our public schools and other crucial services. These constitutional amendments are just another giveaway for the wealthy few and massive corporations like Duke Energy and corporate data centers. We won't be tricked!

<https://dhnc.info/NCFPS-Pledge>

 facebook.com/nctamilies4publicschools

 instagram.com/nctamilies4publicschools

Your Voice Matters! Our Community Matters!

YOU'RE INVITED! **CANDIDATE FORUM: EDUCATE THE VOTE!**



All school board candidates for the upcoming November 3rd election are invited to the forum to answer your questions & discuss the state of education in Henderson County.

BE A PUBLIC EDUCATION VOTER!

September 29, 2026

5:30-7p

**Hendersonville Theatre
229 S. Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739**

PROUDLY HOSTED BY
HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STRONG
AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF HENDERSON COUNTY

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Did you know that migrant farmworkers in WNC ALSO assist with Christmas tree harvesting?

Blue Ridge Health volunteers are collecting
- WINTER OVERCOATS (men's size medium)
- BLANKETS
- WINTER HATS

Deliver to:
**Blue Ridge Health Center
2579 Chimney Rock Rd.
Hendersonville, NC 28792
(Attn: Ivan Padron -Outreach)**

**Hours: Mon-Thu 8am to 8pm
Fri 8am to 5pm**

Spread the word to your friends, neighbors!

FLOCK NO!

If you have concerns about
Flock Cameras, join us and let
your elected officials know.



9/3 - 5:45 PM
City Council Meeting
305 Williams Street

9/8 - 5:30 PM
County Commission Meeting
1 Historic Courthouse Square

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OF HENDERSON COUNTY
WHERE PERSEVERANCE MEETS PASSION

Deflock Henderson County NC Facebook Group
DeflockHVL.com




Choral Evensong

For St. Michael & All Angels
offered in loving memory of Bev Ward
Sunday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. + Prelude begins at 4:40 p.m.

The Rev. David Henson, Officiant + St. James Choir + Brad Gee, Conductor
Kate Addis, Organist-in-Residence + Phillip Haynie, Cantor
Organ music of Bev Ward, Soworby, and Angela Cross
Choral Music: My Guardian Angel, Weir + Proses & Responses, Sumison
Evening Service in C, Ossewaarde + In the Year That King Uzziah Died, Williams + Ubi Caritas, arr. Ward



A Hendersonville native and life-long resident, Jayne Miller has volunteered for 30 years at the Welcome Center. She shares her passion for the town with tens of thousands of visitors each year, always greeting them warmly and answering questions about things to do and places to stay. TDA board chair Richard Rhodes presented the inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award to Miller.



FCCH friends REALLY enjoyed ice cream of HVL together this summer!