



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES, PRACTICE & COMMUNITY

2026 SUMMER FILM SERIES

## “VOICES THAT MATTER, VOICES THAT BELONG”

3 FILMS FOCUSING ON RACIAL TRAUMA  
FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF  
LOCAL BLACK & INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



**Monday, June 8, 6:00 - 8:00pm | “Black in Asheville”**

This locally produced documentary brings together residents and historians to recount Asheville’s Black history from slavery until today.

*Post film discussion will be led by film producer/ director Todd Gragg, and local resident Priscilla Robinson whose life and neighborhood were uprooted by urban renewal.*



**Monday, July 13, 6:00 - 8:00pm | “A Sacred Thread”**

This PBS NC documentary follows the Snowbird Cherokee of western North Carolina as they fight to preserve their language, customs and ancestral traditions before they disappear.

*Post film discussion will be led by Shannon Swimmer, EBCI Tribal Council member.*



**Monday, August 10, 6:00 - 8:00pm | “Racist Roots - The Death Penalty: The Bitter Fruit of North Carolina’s Racist Past”**

This powerful film by the Center for Death Penalty Litigation reveals the North Carolina death penalty’s deep entanglement with slavery, lynching, and racism.

*Post film discussion will be led by Noel Nickle, Executive Director of the NC Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and Robert Udashen, Criminal Defense Attorney.*

JOIN US AT 5:45 PM FOR LIGHT SNACKS AND BEVERAGES!

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA