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# WEEKLY WORDS

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# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

## **Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with Holy Comforter today.**

If you are a guest or visitor, and feel comfortable doing so, please complete an information card. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

## **We, the people of Holy Comforter**

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

## **We care**

If you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers, or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship, please call the church office at (336) 227-4251.

## **Mission Statement**

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, & as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

## A Word from Rhonda

## THANKS ON BEHALF OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Help with rent and utilities. Car repairs and gas cards so hardworking people can get to their jobs. Medications that are needed to stay healthy. An expensive accident.

As prices rise and sources of assistance shrink, the rector's discretionary fund remains one resource Holy Comforter's neighbors, friends, and members can turn to. We all know what a blessing it is to receive a helping hand when we need it, and we all know what a blessing it is to give help when we are able. This mutual support is the heart of what it means to be the church.

Thank you, dear Holy Comforter siblings in Christ, for your contributions to my discretionary fund. The kindness you extend in the name of Jesus is appreciated.

Gratefully,  
*Rhonda*

**The Rev. Dr. Rhonda M. Lee**  
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# This week at Holy Comforter

## Sunday, June 8

8:00 AM	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15 AM	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
10:30 AM	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:30 AM	Celebration of Adoption	<i>Great Hall</i>

## Monday, June 9

6:00 PM	Vestry Meeting	<i>Small Dining Rm.</i>
7:00 PM	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## Tuesday, June 10

### WEEKLY WORD ARTICLES DUE

## Thursday, June 12

11:00 AM	Brookwood Eucharist with The Rev. Melanie Barbarito	<i>Brookwood Village</i>
7:00 PM	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

# Lay Ministers for Sunday, June 8th

## Verger

Steven Swanner

## Music Director

Christin Baker

## Readers

**8:15am** - Curt Odem

**10:30am** - Jane Romer, 1st Lesson

Sandy Gerow, NT & POTP

## Ushers

**8:15am** - Paula Boyd

**10:30am** - Peter & Susan Klopman

## Acolytes

**8:15am** - Julie Smith, *Chalichist & Crucifer*

**10:30am** - Adriane Newbauer, *Chalichist*

Max Newbauer, *Chalichist*

Max Newbauer, *Crucifer*

Adriane Newbauer, *Left Torch Bearer*

William Swanner, *Right Torch Bearer*

Holden Newbauer, *Gospel Bearer*

Anna Newbauer, *Kites*

Wesley Swanner, *Kites*

## Vestry Counters

Kathy Hykes

Carol Thornell

## Flowers

Brad Lingerfelt

## Altar Guild

**Joanne McClusky**

Cheryl Miner

Tish Murray

Susan Ryan

Julie Smith

Nancy Smith

Rosemarie Walton

## Sunshine Committee

**Susan Ryan**

Rose Marie Walton





This summer, Music Director Christin Baker will lead children's choir rehearsals during the 10:30am Sunday Eucharist—from the sermon to the peace. Children will leave after the Gospel and return at the peace. All children are welcome—no experience needed! The choir will sing for the congregation during the summer. We need one adult volunteer each Sunday to assist in the choir room. Without a second adult, rehearsals can't be held. Please sign up using the Google form below. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/eBDJxuCcTJw1ShjBA>



**Sunday, June 15  
THROUGH  
Sunday, August 3**

# Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

## Sunday 29 June

**NOON, CONFERENCE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE PARLOR**

Holy Comforter is starting our ministry of lay Eucharistic visits again!

Lay Eucharistic Visitors take Communion consecrated at our service of Holy Eucharist to members in their homes or in hospital or other care facilities. This important ministry helps to keep us all connected as the Body of Christ, and helps parishioners who can't be physically present for the Eucharist to experience the Christian love of this congregation.

Have you served as a LEV in the past,  
and want to resume this ministry?

Have you never served in this capacity,  
and feel called to start?

Are you curious about what this ministry might entail,  
and whether you might be called to it?

Please attend a training on Sunday the 29th of June at noon in the conference room across from the parlor. Rector Rhonda will discuss what this ministry entails, returning LEVs will offer their insights, and we'll have time for questions and discussion.

Please note that Safe Church training is required for LEVs. We'll talk about this when we meet.

Please let Rhonda know if you will attend:

**[rlee@hc-b.org](mailto:rlee@hc-b.org)**



We do not have EfM at Holy Comforter right now but there are other ways to access a study in our diocese. **Below is information taken from the Diocesan Website.** If you would like to informally discuss whether EfM might be a good fit for you, please call Kathy Hykes, (336) 213-5990.

Summer is the usual time of year when Education for Ministry (EfM) groups enroll for the fall, and most begin in the fall. If you've been thinking about beginning this enriching curriculum of study and reflection, please contact a mentor in your area, or contact Marcia Moore, (336) 202-6516, the diocesan EfM coordinator. You can also find additional information and many resources on the EfM website.

## Durham

- St. Philip's hosts a Tuesday morning group, 9:30am-12pm
- On Zoom
- Co-mentored by Paula Lombardi and Robin Kneeburg
- Contact Paula Lombardi, (704) 277-8761

## Greensboro

- St. Andrew's hosts a Tuesday evening group, 6-8:30p.m.
- Mentored by Brenda Swearingin
- Contact Brenda Swearingin
- Holy Trinity hosts a Wednesday group, 9:30a.m.-12p.m.
- Mentored by Libby Haile
- Contact Libby Haile, (336) 314-1022

# DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY

Contact **Julia Buffington**  
(336) 227-4251 · [jbuffington@hc-b.org](mailto:jbuffington@hc-b.org)

Your requests have been heard. The time has come and, once again, we are offering easy disposal of your documents with secure shredding services to our parishioners. Shredding is a safe and secure way to prevent valuable information from getting in the wrong hands.

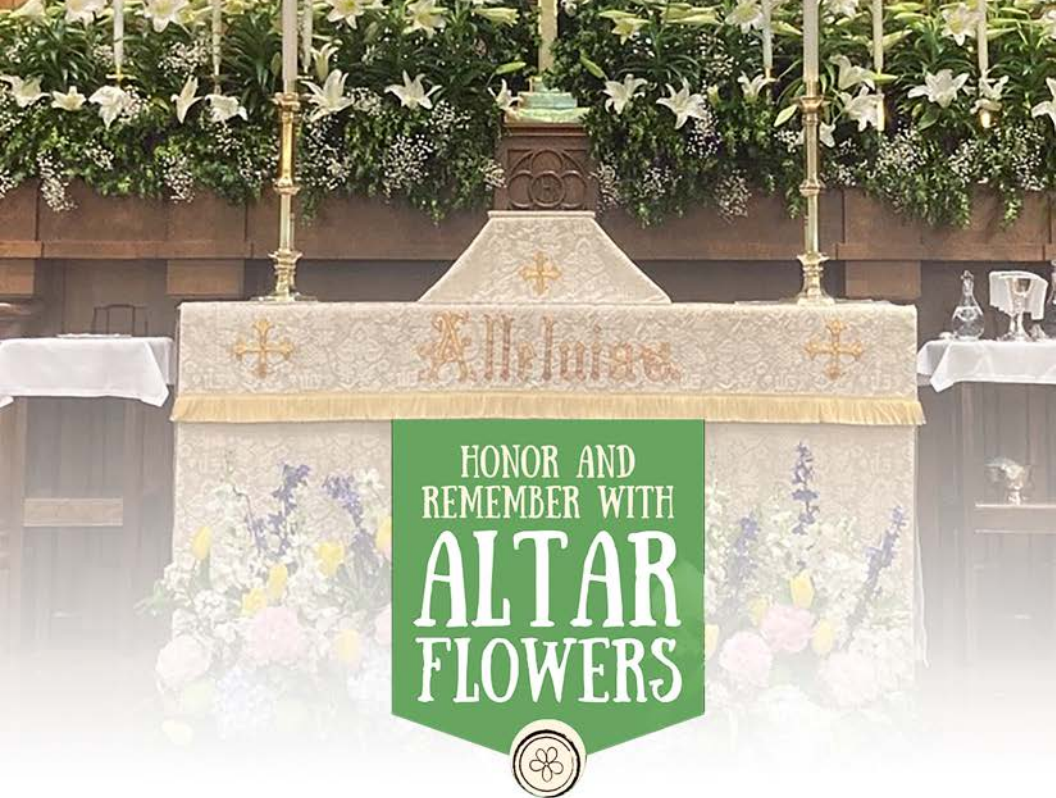
Our shred event is intended to securely destroy paper documents; however, you do not need to remove staples, paperclips, or folders from your documents. Non-paper items such as batteries and electronics are not permitted because they may damage the shred truck, including causing a fire. Shred days are for personal documents only – no business or commercial shredding.

Please call or email for an appointment to drop off your boxes or trash bags of paper documents to be shredded.

**APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR  
Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday 10am - 3pm  
or Friday 9am - 12pm each week, until July 5th.**

***Please donate \$8 per box or bag, or whatever amount you feel led to give.*** Donation checks can be written out to Holy Comforter Church with "Shred Day" designated on the memo line. Your documents will be securely stored in a locked storage room until the shred truck arrives to process them on a scheduled date later in July.

Please contact Julia Buffington at (336) 227-4251, [\*\*\*jbuffington@hc-b.org\*\*\*](mailto:jbuffington@hc-b.org) to schedule your appointment or if you have questions regarding this project.



**Flower guild is on vacation for the months of July and August**, but it's still easy to be a flower donor then! We have arrangements with a local florist to cover those Sundays. Just contact Cat in the church office to let her know your Sunday of choice. The price for 2 vases of flowers remains \$75, as it is during the other months of the year. Checks should be made out to Holy Comforter Flower Guild and sent to the church office. You do not need to contact the florist directly. There are still several openings for flowers during the following Sundays during July and August, and we hope that you will consider taking advantage of one of them. It's a lovely way to honor the memory of a loved one or to give thanks for your blessings.

## **Availability**

**July Sundays • 13, 20, 27 / August Sundays • 3, 10, 17, 24**

**Connie Griner**, Chair  
HOLY COMFORTER FLOWER GUILD

# Celebrate Malachi's Adoption this Pentecost Sunday

During the 10:30 Eucharist on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8**, our parish will bless the recent adoption of Malachi by Adam Scarboro and Brad Lingerfelt. Please plan to attend that service to participate in the blessing. After the service, there will be a celebration in the Great Hall: an opportunity for Brad, Adam, and Malachi's church family, and their family and friends outside Holy Comforter, to rejoice together. The family will provide some main dishes and other food. If you would like to bring a dish of any kind to share, please do. Dishes can be dropped off in the church kitchen before the 10:30 Eucharist.

**We look forward to celebrating God's gift  
of the Holy Spirit to the church,  
and to rejoicing with our brothers in Christ!**

# Goodale Scholarship

The Goodale Scholarship was created in 2014 to reward graduating high school seniors who are members of Holy Comforter and plan to continue their education. It was endowed and created in memory of Gordon and Chinkie Goodale who were long term members of our parish. **Young men and women who attend, participate and are known to the parishioners of Holy Comforter are eligible to receive the award. It is given annually to students in good standing at degree or certificate granting institutions of higher learning. It may be renewed for up to 8 semesters of continuous attendance.** Additional information and applications are available online at the parish website, [www.hc-b.org/partnerships](http://www.hc-b.org/partnerships) or from the parish office.

**Applications are being accepted through June 15**

Additional gifts to the Goodale Scholarship  
are gratefully accepted.

# Stephen Ministry

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

*"The most important thing to determine is what to do right now. Instead of scanning the horizon of your life, looking for things that need to be done, concentrate on the task before you and the One who never leaves your side. ... This will unclutter your mind..."*

- From JESUS CALLING

Contact Rene Burgess or Paula Boyd, Stephen Leaders about the training to begin soon. Become a Stephen Minister.

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# BREAKFAST MINISTRY



## SUMMER clothes

CALLING FOR DONATIONS

### Clothing Donations Needed for Breakfast Ministry!

As we continue to serve those in need through our Sunday morning Breakfast Ministry, we would love your help in providing summer clothing for our friends. We are currently in need of men's and women's items such as shorts, T-shirts, shoes, and light-colored socks—perfect for the warmer weather ahead.

If you feel called to contribute, please place your donations on the Breakfast Ministry table located next to the coffee station. Your kindness and generosity make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for helping us care for our community!



Contact Mike Sykes  
for any questions.  
[msykes@nccumc.org](mailto:msykes@nccumc.org)

# Prayers of the People

## Members

Cheryl Miner	Stephanie Wrenn	Cecelia Walker
Chappy Moser	Bob Stewart	Margaret Egede-Nissen
Rick Weatherly	Caroline Ansbacher	Evie Surratt
Nelson Young	Ashton Fitzpatrick	Robin Maycock
Edward Dunlap	Bobby Puett	Mittie Landi

## Family and Friends

Joshua Hieter	Barbara Jo Basquill	Maria Roberts
Peg Shanahan	Gus & Pam Holbrook	Randy Shouman
Allison	Edward Pellicano	Janet & Bill Bates
Ann Jennings	Eileen Civin	Lisa Daniels
Chris Hansen	Terry Babin	Steve Badger
Kevin Shanahan	Joanne & Bob Flower	Annie Griner
Pat Harwood	Richard Lehman	Brynja Bowman
Jeff Safrit	Jennifer Petty	Charley Jones
Matt Heck	Aubrey Henderson	



HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
★ TO YOU ★

## June Birthdays

06 Millie Surratt  
06 Gretchen Peet  
08 Gary Schilke  
12 Julie Smith  
12 Jane Spencer  
12 Jason Akers  
15 Matthew Kerr  
17 Nan Barbour

17 Bobby Puett  
17 Jonpatrick Heffley  
20 Molly Exum  
24 Hunter Daniels  
24 Don Stanford  
27 Jennifer Payne  
29 Shelley Marlowe  
30 Louis Hibbitts



**If your birthday was missed, please message Cat  
at [csykes@hc-b.org](mailto:csykes@hc-b.org) so she can add it in our records.**

# 113 YEARS AND GROWING

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO



give us a ring, drop a line, scroll through our social media or visit our website...  
it's all listed below for your convenience.

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