

JANUARY VOLUME - ISSUE 1 - A NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER - 2024

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

2024

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and 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

Please call the church office at 336-227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

OUR PARISH 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.

WAYS TO CONNECT

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336-227-4251

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www.hc-b.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday | 8am-2:30pm

Friday | 8am-12pm

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/holycomforterburlington

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GROUP

www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington

YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 31

VERGER	Steven Swanner
ORGANIST	Christin Baker
USHERS	Peter and Susan Klopman
READERS	Pete Glidewell, Paige Ysteboe
CHALICIST	Kathy Hykes
ACOLYTES	Mourine Todd, Crucifer Wesley Swanner, Left Torch Bearer William Swanner, Right Torch Bearer
VESTRY COUNTERS	Paula Boyd, Larry Stevens
FLOWER GUILD	Carole Moore, Connie Griner
ALTAR GUILD	Ren Bryan , Janet Brown, Judy Driscoll, Jennell Harris, Gregg Lee
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE	Susan Ryan , Nancy Smith, Tish Murray, Janice Davis McAdams

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

The Lay ministry schedule for the month of January will be coming soon.

JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 28

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

COMFORTABLE WORDS DUE

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00PM | Courage to Change

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00AM | Breakfast Ministry

8:15AM | HE Rite II Service

9:30AM | Bible Study

9:45AM | Choir Rehearsal

10:30AM | HE Rite II Service

10:40AM | Children's Chapel

11:30AM | Acolyte Training

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00AM | ECW meeting

6:00PM | Vestry meeting

7:00PM | Courage to Change

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

11:00AM | Brookwood Eucharist

7:00PM | Courage to Change

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00AM | Breakfast Ministry

8:15AM | HE Rite II Service

9:30AM | Bible Study

9:45AM | Choir Rehearsal

10:30AM | HE Rite II Service

10:40AM | Children's Chapel

11:30AM | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00PM | Courage to Change

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

11:00AM | Twin Lakes Eucharist

7:00PM | Courage to Change

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00AM | Breakfast Ministry

8:15AM | HE Rite II Service

9:30AM | Bible Study

9:45AM | Choir Rehearsal

10:30AM | HE Rite II Service

10:40AM | Children's Chapel

11:30AM | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00PM | Courage to Change

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00PM | Courage to Change

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00AM | Breakfast Ministry

8:15AM | HE Rite II Service

9:30AM | Bible Study

9:45AM | Choir Rehearsal

10:30AM | HE Rite II Service

10:40AM | Children's Chapel

11:30AM | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00PM | Courage to Change

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00PM | Courage to Change

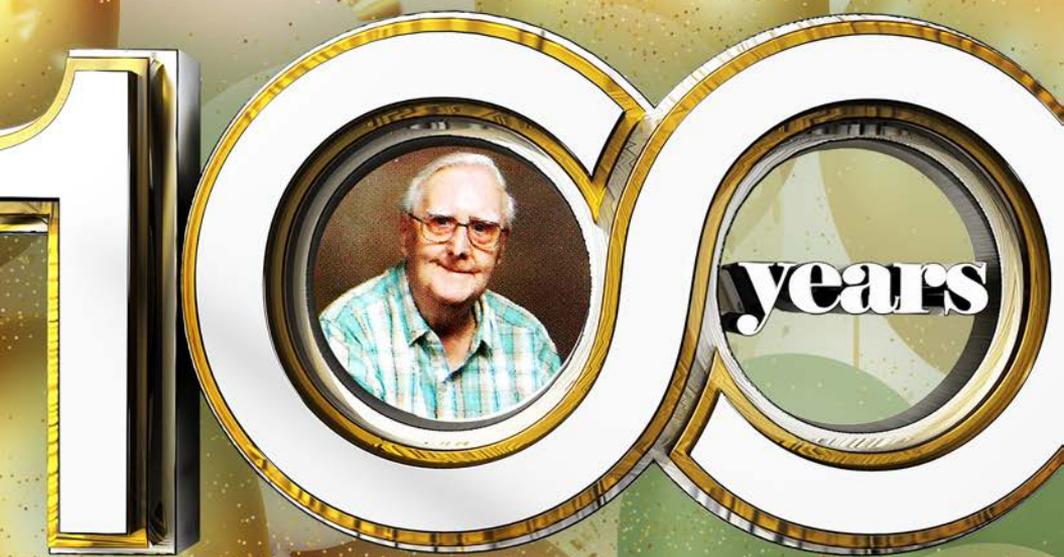


2024
New Year's Eve

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DEC. 31 | 10AM**

**ONE
SUNDAY
SERVICE**

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
Les Plumb's 100th Birthday
with ice cream, cake and coffee!



Sunday, December 31, 2023

THE GREAT HALL | 11:00AM

Please bring special birthday cards
full of lots of good wishes!!!

Les will be with us to celebrate his birthday!!!

2024

I AM EXCITED!

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER

Stewardship

WEEKS OF WEEK OF 12 | 20 | 2023

\$450,000

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

For 2024

3

NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Received through the week ending Dec. 27

68

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Returned for 2024

\$249,508

AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR 2024

As of December 27

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS FOR MON. DEC. 18 - MON. DEC. 25

The cutoff date is December 25, 2023
to include all the special Christmas services.

GENERAL FUND

\$2,637.00

PLEGGED

\$7,621.08

OTHER

\$6,444.90

TOTAL

\$16,702.98

A NEW YEAR EDITION FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

As we look back on 2023 there is much to appreciate in our Stephen Ministry:

We continue to send *Journeying Through Grief* books to those who are grieving in our parish and friends and family of parishioners. We contacted 30 who have benefitted from the comforting words as they navigated the tough journey. This year we served 30 folks during their time of loss.

Stephen Ministry was able to help support a Grief Share series, "Surviving the Holidays", lead by Janice Davis.

We continue to walk beside those who are experiencing a crisis in their lives. Some are facing health issues, some are dealing with family issues and others are lonely. All need our spiritual support.

Most important of all we need more to step up to become Stephen Ministers this year to provide the care we need for our parish members.

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader, (336) 269-5959, Pastoral Care to sign up for the training or to get more information about how you can become a Stephen Minister.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Many of us are either unavailable or recovering from celebrations, so our usual January 4 meeting is CANCELLED. We shall reassemble for breakfast and fellowship on January 11. Stay tuned for additional information.



ACAC

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

Food Should Not be on a Kid's Wish List for Santa or New Years Eve!

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Canned vegetables
Cleaning supplies
Cornbread Mix
Sweet Peas
Cookie Mix
(dry or refrigerated dough)
Hot Sauce
Poultry Seasoning
Sweet Relish
Chicken & Beef broth

All gifts of any type help and are gladly put to good use!

Don't forget to bring donations for our Allied Churches' basket during the holidays when it is cold and all deserve full stomachs and a warm, safe place to stay.

We are happy when you bring donations any time by ringing our church's back doorbell, then taking them to the Bell Tower basket. Or bring items any Sunday on your way into worship.

We Get when we Give, and our congregation is great at it. Thank YOU for your generous giving which provides shelter, supplies and daily nourishment for many in Alamance!



CONTACT: Martha Adams (awam3a@outlook.com)

NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP VALENTINES' Cookie Walk

The Newlin Partnership board has been planning our annual fundraiser event, and this year's event is:

The Newlin Partnership Valentine's Cookie Walk
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 12-3 PM

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Great Hall

Come join us for festive fundraiser benefiting the Newlin Partnership! Browse tables of cookies, cakes, candies, and treats to purchase by the pound for your sweeties and yourself! There will be a raffle (TBD) and games, crafts, and entertainment for the kids! All proceeds will benefit the Newlin Partnership.

We are asking for the assistance and talents of our parishioners for this fundraiser! If you can bake or cook, you can help! We are looking for volunteers to make delicious goodies such as cookies, cake or cupcakes, candies, and savory/salty treats as well such as baggies of party mix, popcorn, crackers, nuts for us to sell by the pound. Your treats will be displayed on tables throughout the great hall as community members and Newlin families come and grab a bakery box, and shop for treats. They'll fill their boxes with whichever goodies they choose, then weigh their box, and pay by the pound to complete their purchase.

If you'd like to sign up to make goodies for the Newlin Partnership Valentine's Cookie Walk, there will be paper sign up sheets in the great hall, outside the church office, and in the back of the sanctuary starting this Sunday. If you'd like to sign up online please follow this link to signup.

[WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/
GO/20FOC4EACAB2FA1F85-46707041-NEWLIN#/](http://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20FOC4EACAB2FA1F85-46707041-NEWLIN#/)

It's perfectly ok for multiple people to make the same kind of treats! Lots of people love the same things. We'd also like to have a variety!

We are also hoping to include a raffle in this event and are searching for an item(s) to raffle. If you have something of value you could donate towards our raffle please let us know!

If you have any questions please contact Maggie Holt at menoble3@gmail.com.



On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank all the parishioners from Holy Comforter who have strongly supported the Partnership through 2023 with your generous time and financial gifts! We had a very successful year and are excited about 2024 as we continue to support Newlin students and staff. New Principal Will Price has proved to be a dynamic leader and partner with HC and we know even greater things are ahead. We were able to add seven new board members in 2023: Maggie Holt, Jan Kelly, Mourine Todd, Micah Ash, Kathy Landes, Carol Thornell, and Janice Davis. We had a very successful Back to School Luncheon for the Newlin staff in August, additional supplies for teachers, eighteen trained tutors, and as of December 5, 2023, \$11,000 in additional financial donations! We are grateful for our blessings and look forward to a successful 2024!

Happy New Year to all in the Holy Comforter family!

GRIEF SHARE

Do you or someone you know need help dealing with grief? A GriefShare and Loss support opportunity is headed your way in January 2024. GriefShare offers valuable guidance and tips leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

- A GriefShare group is a safe, warm place where people understand the challenging emotions of grief. Through this 13-week effort you will learn what you might expect, helpful ways of coping with grief and experience caring support every step of the way.
- Slots fill quickly. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Janice Davis McAdams | 919.745.9660
thedavisresultsgroup@gmail.com.

ACOLYTE TRAINING & LUNCH

WE ARE NEED OF ACOLYTES

We are looking for little kids all the way up to senior adults to participate in the worship services as acolytes. If you are new to the church or have been attending for years we want you to come. Join us on January 7th after the 10:30am service in the Great Hall. See you there.



JANUARY 7TH
11:30AM
GREAT HALL



Be the
light

Last minute reports need to be submitted by the latest, **January 1st** to Cat (csykes@hc-b.org). Please title the subject line “Annual Report for *your ministry*”.



2024 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEMBERS

Curt Odem Cecelia Walker Bishop Curry
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Debora Plumb - *Les Plumb's daughter-in-law*
Jennifer Petty - *Les Plumb's daughter*
Forrest Rainer & Michael Rainer - *Betsy Baldwin's grandsons*
Carolyn Strafacci - *Cat Sykes' mom*
Ruthann Hermsen - *Lou Padmos' friend*
Caryl Barbknecht & Mark Warren - *Sandy Gerow's friends*
Will Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*
Theresa Testa - *Debbie Nichols-Smith's daughter*
Marc Day - *David Day's brother*
Andrea Martin - *Gary Schilke's friend*
Dale Norstrom - *Gary Schilke's brother-in-law*
Charles Sydnor - *David & Sarah Williams' friend*
JoAnn Barbour - *David & Sarah Williams' friend*
Catherine Shanahan - *Maryanne Shanahan's sister*
Rudy Jordon - *Maryanne Shanahan's friend*
Susan Hatfield - *Maryanne Shanahan's friend*
Zachary Lopez - *Barbara Jones' grandson*
Kathy Cusano - *Nancy Christian's friend*
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Doug Kline - *Kathy Hykes' friend*
Garrett Magon - *Stephanie Wrenn's friend*
Cindy Rugg - *Judith Driscoll's friend*
Mindy Williams - *Sarah Williams' cousin*
Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's Great Granddaughter*



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