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WEEKLY WORDS



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

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Monday-Thursday | 8am-2:30pm

Friday | 8am-12pm

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/holycomforterburlington

FACEBOOK

www.Facebook.com/holycomforterburlington

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GROUP

www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington

YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

LAY MINISTERS

VERGER

Steven Swanner

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

8:15am | Paula Boyd

10:30am | Peter and Susan Klopman

READERS

8:15am | Julie Smith

10:30am | Meredith Patterson, Jocelyn Safrit

ACOLYTES

8:15am | Julie Smith

10:30am | Chalicist - Meredith Patterson

Crucifer - Max Newbauer

Left Torch Bearer - Adriane Newbauer

Right Torch Bearer - Annagrace Newbauer

Gospel Bearer - Holden Newbauer

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Jim Romer, Mourine Todd

VESTRY COUNTERS

Shara Partin, Leslie Haines

FLOWER GUILD

Connie Griner

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Deadmon, Leslie Haines, Elizabeth Hood, Jane
Spencer, Bea Swajkoski

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Susan Klopman, Betty Adams, Judy Driscoll, Beth
Glidewell, Julie Tighe

CALENDAR WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:00am | Breakfast Ministry
- 8:15am | HE Rite II Service
- 9:30am | Bible Study / SDR
- 9:45am | Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am | HE Rite II Service
- 10:40am | Children's Chapel
- 11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor
- 11:30am | Acolyte Training

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 10:00am | ECW Meeting
- 7:00pm | Vestry Meeting
- 7:00pm | Courage to Change

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9:00am | Century Book Club
- 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:00am | Men's Breakfast Group
- 11:00am | Brookwood Eucharist
- 7:00pm | Courage to Change

2024

I AM EXCITED!

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER

Stewardship

WEEKS OF WEEK OF 01 | 03 | 2023

\$450,000

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

For 2024

1

NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Received through the week ending Jan. 3

69

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Returned for 2024

\$254,308

AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR 2024

As of January 3

ACOLYTE TRAINING & LUNCH

JANUARY 7TH
11:30AM



Be the
light

Mark your calendars for this Sunday, January 7, acolyte training after church.

Acolyting is an enriching experience for children AND adults. Please note: this is for current acolytes to refresh skills...as well as the newly interested AND no experience is necessary for new folks!! We will have pizzas in the parlor for all who come to the training and for those who are de-greening the church that morning. Please let Steven Swanner know if you are planning to attend!
(336) 214-6654



NEXT ECW MEETING IS 10:00AM
MONDAY, JAN. 8
IN SMALL DINING ROOM

10:00AM TO 10:30AM
COFFEE AND SOCIAL

10:30AM-10:45AM
MEETING BEGINS

10:30AM-10:45AM
PROGRAM

ECW
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY
ED & RENE BURGESS

They will be sharing their experiences volunteering
at the Outer Banks, Portsmouth Village.
they have a video about Cape Lookout to share.



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

CONTACT

Nancy Smith
(336) 430-7838

My dear friends, Sunday Dec 31st was a very special day for me and all my friends at Holy Comforter made it an extraspecial day by giving me a celebration of my birthday. last Sunday I became 36,500 days old.

It is very difficult to find the right words to express my sincere thanks to you all for a wonderful party. I am, indeed thankful, grateful and humbled by the outpouring of friendship that was poured on my being, it was almost overwhelming.

All the kind things that were said about me and all the lovely gifts that were given to me made me realize once again what a great church you all are and especially the ladies. The shawl you gave me will be used very much, it is so warm. The beautiful knitted garment that was given to me by Sandra Ford. Thank you Sandra. There were many others. Cards that were signed by numerous people and certainly a special mention of the beautiful photo art wall hanging of the window and the cross given to me by David [thankyou David] really put the stamp on what this church of ours is all about. It is truly a Holy place

To those who could not attend but sent cards and well wishes, I love you all.

So now let us get on with the next century and see if we can make this world a better place, it sure needs it right now.

My Soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Humbly and sincerely,
Les Plumb



PARISH HOME GATHERING

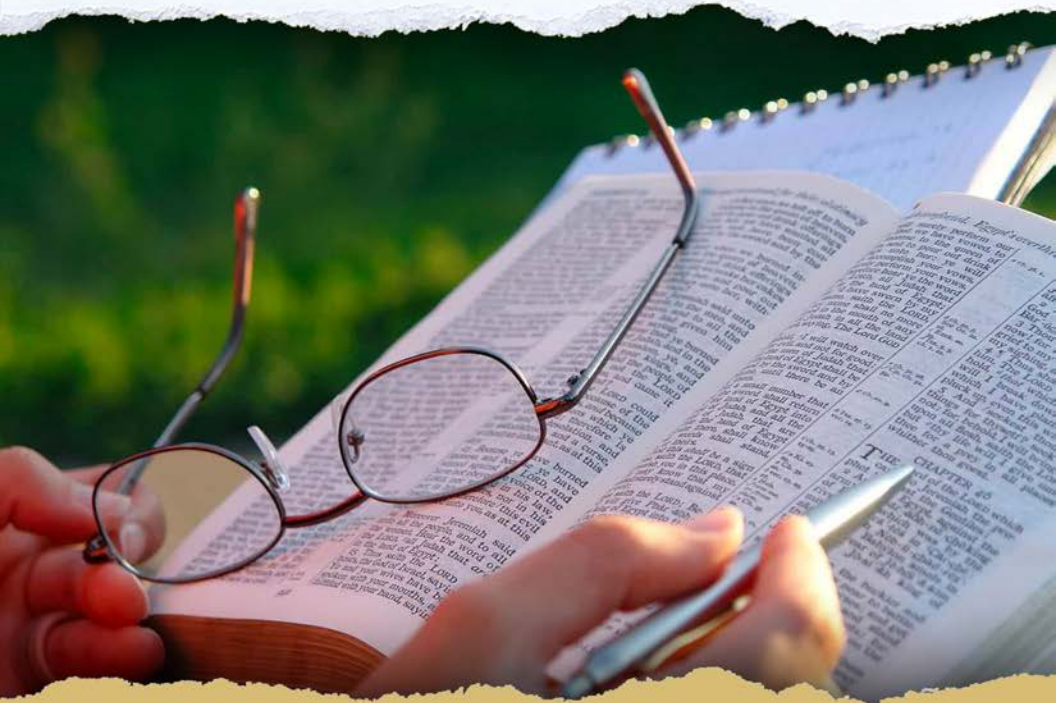
A living room with a green sofa, yellow and green pillows, and a white coffee table with a vase of branches. The background wall is light-colored with a framed abstract painting.

Home gathering dinner groups are a wonderful way to get to know people you've been sitting next to for years in church or the people that have just walked in the door.

Please sign up if you'd like to be placed in a group of six or eight people who can then arrange to meet together approximately four times between now and June and simply enjoy several meals together and get to know each other.

Sign-ups will be offered in person at church on January 14th, 21st, and 28th. Or you can call Jocelyn Safrit (336 260-7557) or Maggie Holt (919 840-6731).

Bible Study



**BIBLE STUDY STARTS BACK
UP THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 7
AT 9:30AM IN THE
SMALL DINING ROOM.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mens Breakfast is resuming from a holiday break on Thursday January 11. The program will be a surprise. Be sure to attend to find out as you hang out with your brothers.

8AM for breakfast; 8:45 for the program
Coble Rehabilitation Center, Twin Lakes

If you have questions about the location or programs,
CONTACT Bob Kirchen (kirchenrv@gmail.com),
Richard McBride (mcbride@elon.edu)
or Phil Savage (savageboatman@bellsouth.net).



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**FAITH, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP**

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.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEMBERS

Lidia Serrano

Phil Savage

Bobby Puett

Margaret Egede-Nissen

Patsy Isley

Cecelia Walker

Curt Odem

Chappy Moser

Bishop Curry

Elizabeth Hansen

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ruthann Hermsen - *Lou Padmos' daughter, Alyssa's father-in-law*

Will Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*

Arthur Van Biijon - *Derek Bates' friend*

Brady John Pichurski - *Janie Sellers' great nephew*

Mary Doughty - *Mother-in-law of Jane Sellers' son, Whitt*

Marco Morel D'Amico - *Angie Boone's friend*

Debora Plumb - *Les Plumb's daughter-in-law*

Jennifer Petty - *Les Plumb's daughter*

Forrest Rainer & Michael Rainer - *Betsy Baldwin's grandsons*

Caryl Barbknecht & Mark Warren - *Sandy Gerow's friends*

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*

Catherine Shanahan - *Maryanne Shanahan's sister*

Rudy Jordon & Susan Hatfield - *Maryanne Shanahan's friends*

Zachary Lopez - *Barbara Jones' grandson*

Kathy Cusano - *Nancy Christian's friend*

Jeff Safrit - *Jocelyn Safrit's brother-in-law*

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*

MILITARY

Patrick Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*



111 YEARS AND GROWING



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