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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.

Our Parish Mission Statement

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and 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.

JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:00am	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Rm.</i>
10am-12pm	Nursery Available	<i>Nursery Room</i>
10:30am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	Children's Choir Practice	<i>Choir Room</i>
11:30am	Coffee / Lemonade in the Parlor	

MONDAY, JULY 21

7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>
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TUESDAY, JULY 22 - Weekly Word's Articles DUE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

5pm-7:30pm	Vacation Bible School	<i>Great Hall</i>
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THURSDAY, JULY 24

7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>
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LAY MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 20

VERGER EMERITUS Richard Parker

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Christin Baker

READERS
8:15am - Peter Dahl
10:30am - Maryanne Shanahan
Pete Glidewell

USHERS
8:15am - Ron Driscoll
10:30am - Ed & Rene Burgess

ACOLYTES
8:15am - Curt Odem
10:30am - The Newbauer Family

VESTRY COUNTERS Pat House, Barbara Simpson

ALTAR GUILD ***Shara Partin***, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan,
Connie Griner, Emily Hackney, Mary
Telander

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE ***Susan Kern***, Peggy Boswell, Margaret
Egede-Nissen, Steen Corby, Peggy
McCormick, Barbara Simpson

RECTOR RHONDA'S SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULE

Rhonda will be on vacation from Friday the 25th of July through Sunday the 10th of August, inclusive, returning to work on Monday the 11th.

If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Senior Warden Julie Swanner, and she will arrange for appropriate support.

Thank you!

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULE

Cat will be off soaking up the sun and swimming with the sea creatures from Friday, July 18 through Tuesday, July 22, and then trading flip-flops for hiking boots from Friday, July 31 through Monday, August 4. While she's busy collecting seashells and mountain views, our phones will stay open and a helpful team member will be available to assist with any basic needs during normal business hours. Thanks for your patience while Cat enjoys some well-earned adventure time!

NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP NEWS

A Newlin Literacy Project team took part in the ACC Volunteer Fair.

The Newlin Literacy Project (NLP) of the Newlin Partnership participated in the ACC Volunteer Fair hosted by Alamance Community College on Tuesday, July 15th. NLP volunteers Linda Stubblefield, Kathy Landes, and Pam Brumbaugh greeted visitors and shared program information and handed out literature to about 30-40 people.



As a result, sixteen “seriously interested” people signed up to be contacted by the program. A follow up letter and application form will be sent to those 16 folks. We also have been invited to make a presentation to the Burlington Women’s Club. Volunteer recruitment is a major focus of the Newlin Partnership and the Newlin Literacy Project this year. It was a productive and fun day.

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Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.



Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

We Can't Stop the High Heat and Flooding Storms, but
We Can Help Provide Food and Shelter on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3.**

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop



SPECIAL REQUESTS

SPECIAL ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COMING WEEKS *

3 compartment Food Trays with lids *

Canned biscuits *

White Ream Paper 8 1/2 X 11 *

* **most needed.**

Broth

Pasta Sauce

Windex or glass cleaner

Sugar

Canned carrots

But, all love gifts donated of any type will be cherished by those in need!

It's easy to bring donations any time by ringing the church's back doorbell, then taking them to the Bell Tower basket. Thank you, parishioners for being **AMAZINGLY** generous again and again.

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Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.

- Corrie Ten Boom

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

Contact information:

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NEWLIN LITERACY PROJECT INVITES LUCKY LISTENERS & TUTORS TO VOLUNTEER!

Hearing about life Liberty and the pursuit of happiness made me think of the Newlin Partnership and folks choosing to be tutors OR Lucky Listeners!! Now is the time to ponder whether your life might be enriched by helping first and second graders read.

If you have a spare hour a week, and I am including driving time here, you could be a Lucky Listener! No experience necessary, modest training provided, no lesson prep!

You are invited to show up at Newlin, visit your selected second graders teacher to collect a child and some preselected books and LISTEN to that child read to you, ENCOURAGE that child should they get stuck, and PRAISE that child for their efforts. Anybody out there willing to take a chance on knowing you have made a difference.

Please email or call us if you have any interest: Susan Kern (919) 923-3325, susanh.kern@gmail.com or Lee Kern, (919) 332-8321, lsk.msw@gmail.com.

If you want to learn more about becoming a literacy tutor, contact Mindy Robinson, newlinpartnership@gmail.com. The training for new tutor takes place in the early fall. There is no cost for this training. Tutor meets with their first-grade student twice a week and actively teach literacy to their student. It is a fantastic experience.

Confirmation

THE NEXT STEP ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
CONFIRMATION / NEWCOMERS' / INQUIRERS' CLASSES!**
Sundays, 17 and 24 August and 7, 14, 21, 28 September 2025
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Are you new to Holy Comforter or to the Episcopal Church? Do you want to learn more about how we live, worship, and pray as Christians in the Anglican tradition?

Are you ready to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church (or received into this communion, if you have already been confirmed in another branch of the church)?

Were you confirmed in the Episcopal Church some time ago, and want to reaffirm your commitment?

Please come to this series of classes on Sunday mornings in August and September, between our two Eucharists.

Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will visit Holy Comforter on Sunday the 5th of October. We will have only one service that day, at 10:30. At that service, Bishop Jennifer will confirm and receive anyone who is ready, and also prayerfully lay hands on any who want to reaffirm their confirmation vows.

The topics the classes will cover include our baptismal covenant, prayer, worship, Scripture, and polity (how the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion are governed), and there will be a session devoted to questions.

Anyone who wants to be confirmed must attend these classes. Everyone else is encouraged to attend, to learn with and from each other.

NEED MORE DETAILS? ASK RHONDA.



★ You're Invited! ★

One-Night Vacation Bible School Adventure!

JULY 23 • 5 to 7:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, dinner, and more — all packed into one exciting night! Perfect for kids of all ages. We can't wait to grow, laugh, and learn together in God's love. Dinner will be provided! Come ready to move, create, and explore! Let's make this night one to remember!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEAM WANTS OUR HELP

Under Jocelyn Safrit's leadership, our parish was able to offer a new curriculum for our littlest members called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This program originated through the work of Maria Montessori. We are gearing up to offer Catechesis again in September. The location the children come to is called the Atrium which is a classroom that will be full of fascinating things for them to learn about and handle. The program is very interactive and uses everyday liturgical objects to convey our stories.

We imagine that you may have some of these things in your house that you would love to share with the Atrium team for use in their Sunday morning atrium. Below is a partial list of what we need. Please contact Kathy Hykes if you can help. We will be adding more items to the list in Weekly Words as the summer goes on. If you would like to see the whole list of our needs, please get in touch with Kathy. (336) 213-5990 for phone or text. [**khykes@ec.rr.com**](mailto:khykes@ec.rr.com) for email. There are many items that can be purchased on line.

Our parish understands how important these early learnings are and we want everyone at Holy Comforter to feel included in making it happen.

(1) Statues: Jesus, Small Crucifix, Madonna and Child, Holy Family, Good Shepherd 5-8.5 inches

(2) Child Sized: Broom, mop, dustpan, duster

(3) Brass or Silver: Candlesticks, patens, chalices

(4) Leather or Beautiful Bible, White Bible

(5) Match Holder with Striker

(6) Small water heating pot

(7) Heat lamp

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

HAPPY *Birthday* + TO YOU +



JULY 18 Angie Boone

JULY 19 Hu Womack

JULY 20 Sally Earnest

JULY 23 Helen Landi

JULY 24 Blake Pinson

JULY 25 Elizabeth Hood

JULY 25 Steven House

JULY 26 Steven Mullis

JULY 28 Paige Ysteboe

JULY 29 Eddie Gant

JULY 29 Bea Swajkoski

JULY 30 Lauren Jensen

JULY 30 Evie Surratt

JULY 31 Mary Collins

JULY 31 Ashlee Gant

JULY 31 Shannon

McQueen

JULY 31 Matt Wall

If your birthday was missed, please message Cat
at csykes@hc-b.org so she can add it in our records.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SYMPATHIES

For the repose of the soul of Charlie Baker, for comfort of his granddaughter, Christin Baker and for his family and friends.

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte Jankowski, Jackie Drew, Wayne Pyrtle, Matt Heck, Joshua Hieter, Barbara Jo Basquill, Gus & Pam Holbrook, Janet & Bill Bates, Eileen Civin, Lisa Daniels, Maria Roberts, Chris Hansen, Terry Babin, Peg Shanahan, Randy Shouman, Steve Badger, Kevin Shanahan, Joanne & Bob Flower, Annie Griner, Richard Lehman, Pat Harwood, Brynja Bowman, Jeff Safrit, Aubrey Henderson.



113 YEARS AND GROWING

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