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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.

This Week at Holy Comforter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

*Allied Churches of Alamance County drop off deadline
NO Lectionary Bible study in small dining room*

8:00am	Breakfast Ministry	Great Hall
8:15am	HE Rite II	Sanctuary
9:30am	Confirmation Class	Auditorium
9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30am	HE Rite II	Sanctuary
11:30am	Back to School Parish Picnic	Grove, GH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

11:30am	Episcopal Church Women	Great Hall
6:00pm	Vestry Meeting	Small Dining Rm.
7:00pm	Courage to Change	Parish House

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Weekly Word Articles Due

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:00pm	Kids Team Meeting	Small Dining Rm.
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am	Men's Breakfast	Twin Lakes
11:00am	Brookwood Eucharist	Brookwood
7:00pm	Courage to Change	Parish House

September 7th Lay Ministers

VERGER

Steven Swanner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Christin Baker

READERS

8:15am • Julie Smith

10:30am • Jane Romer, Paige Ysteboe

USHERS

8:15am • Paula Boyd

10:30am • Jim Romer, Sarah Moore

ACOLYTES

8:15am • Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am • *Chalichists* - Adriane & Max Newbauer

Crucifer - Max Newbauer

Torch Bearers - Adriane Newbauer, Anna Newbauer

Gospel Bearer - Holdern Newbauer

VESTRY COUNTERS

Carol Thornell, Alex Stevens

ALTAR GUILD

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

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Susan Ryan, Sandy Moulton, Gretchen Peet, Nancy Slott, Diana Wallace

JOIN US FOR A

BACK TO SCHOOL PARISH picnic

BOUNCE HOUSE

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHRISTIAN TATTOOS

SEPT. 7

CORN HOLE

FACE PAINTING

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

and MORE!

Bring a lawn chair, kids bring your bathing suits and bring your appetites. Seating in both the Great Hall and in the Grove



11:30AM



Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

"The greatness of a Community is most accurately measured by the Compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7



SPECIAL REQUESTS

SPECIAL ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COMING WEEKS

*** most needed**

3 compartment Food Trays with lids *

Glass cleaner or Windex *

Plastic forks

Canned Chili

Broth

Sugar (not confectioners)

Canned Biscuits

Canned Beans

Anything you provide will be more appreciated than you can ever imagine!

Come anytime to GIVE. Our Bell Tower basket waits daily for your donations. Ring the back doorbell to enter or any Sunday with your GIFTS. Our parishioners' Remarkable Compassion elevates Holy Comforter's as a community.

THANK YOU for providing the foundation for life itself in Alamance.

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**ECW FALL KICKOFF
LUNCHEON
MONDAY, SEPT. 8
at 11:30 AM**



Please bring a salad or dessert,
(or whatever you would like) to share.
DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

We will conduct a little business,
talk about programs,
have lunch and visit with one another.

Looking forward to seeing
all the ladies from Holy Computer



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursday, Sept. 11
8AM breakfast / 9AM program
COBE CREEK REHABILITATION
CENTER, TWIN LAKES

Thursday, September 11 begins the year with Men's Breakfast featuring Richard McBride. He'll be the first presenter in a 3 week program focusing on "Religion in Popular Music". Each week will be entirely different and each week will be a mystery. Rock music is part of our history and some has a religious connection; what music, what artists, why—just a little hint of what's coming. So, come and join Richard and other guys who'll be learning new dimensions of rock and roll.

**Looking forward to seeing
everyone on the 11th.**

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Jeff Andrews:
jeff.alan.andrews@gmail.com

Richard McBride:
mcbride@elon.edu



Children's Christian Formation Team

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

EXCITING NEWS
FOR OUR CHILDREN'S
CHRISTIAN
FORMATION!

What is this new experience for children?

Why is it different?

What is the Atrium about?

On **September 14th** come to the Auditorium following church. *(the Parlor refreshments will be upstairs)* There will be a brief video and opportunity to learn about Catechesis and ask questions.



**Go HOG WILD and help Alamance Arts
raise \$25,000 at Raffle & Rhythms**



someone will win \$5,000!

**AND
RHYTHMS**

**Raffles, BBQ, Live Music & More
September 20, 2025 (6-9pm)**

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter (Great Hall)

**PRESENTED BY
ALAMANCE ARTS**

Dinner & drink tickets only \$35 | Big Money tickets just \$100

Enjoy a family-friendly BBQ dinner, live entertainment from Alamance Jazz Band and SNAP!, an artist talk from ABSS Teacher of the Year and art instructor, Wendy Lampson, outdoor games (weather permitting), a creativity area, raffles for cash and prizes, and lots of fun!

**Purchase tickets and find more information at
alamancearts.org/raffleandrhythms**

DOBSON'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY ORGAN★RECITAL

2025
SUN

21 SEPTEMBER

4:00PM HOLY COMFORTER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JOIN US

for a special celebration marking the fortieth anniversary of our beloved Dobson Organ installation at Holy Comforter. This milestone recital will showcase the magnificent instrument that has graced our worship and enriched our spiritual lives for four decades.

Charles Hogan
Laurie Ryan

FEATURED ORGANISTS

Patrick Murphy
Matt Brittain

FREE & OPEN TO ALL

A free will offering will be collected to support programs of the music ministry.





TOWNHALL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24
6PM • AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28
12PM • AUDITORIUM
** childcare provided*

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30
12PM • ZOOM
** link will be sent by email
before the event*

We look forward to sharing our vision with you—and, even more, to taking the next steps as we live our Holy Comforter's mission together.

**Refreshments will be provided
at the in-person gatherings.**

**The Welcome Back
LUNCHEON**
August 20, 2025

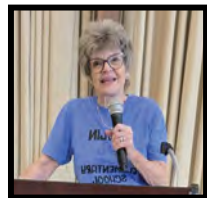
NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP NEWS



What better way to say “Welcome Back” to a new school year to Newlin Elementary School teachers and staff than our Annual Newlin Luncheon?

Board Chair, Janice Davis, welcomes guests

We can't think of anything better and our gathering this week at Holy Comforter Great Hall not only welcomed our Newlin partners, but also said 'loud and clear' how much we appreciate them!



***Brittney Moody, April Drake,
Jolanda Allen, Will Price
and Rev. Rhonda***



***ECW crew - Joanne McClusky,
Judy Cone & Susan Ryan***



***Luncheon set up crew - Jan,
Judy, Janice, Kathy & Pam***



The wonderful lunch catered by Occasions (with a special array of desserts provided by the Episcopal Church Women) was accompanied by lively conversations, laughter, and a few hugs as we got to know each other better.



***Tutor Jim Romer at
table with Melody Corbett
and Natasha King***

A happy table!





Valentina Roach, Catalina Jones, Mackenzie Caldwell, Barbara Taylor and Heather Holley-Hall

Ashley Thomas, Sandy Leon, Nicole Bomberger, Rachel O'Regan, Amber Smith & Courtney Hamilton



Indeed, it was a great way to help our Newlin partners kick off the school year already living their theme...All In and Ready to Move Mountains... and to let them know that we are too!



Tutors Greg, Lee & Susan chat with a teacher

The Newlin Partnership honors Kathy Landes for her work with the Newlin Literacy Project



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Newcomers' • Inquirers' • Confirmation Classes

Sundays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 • 9:30-10:15 AM

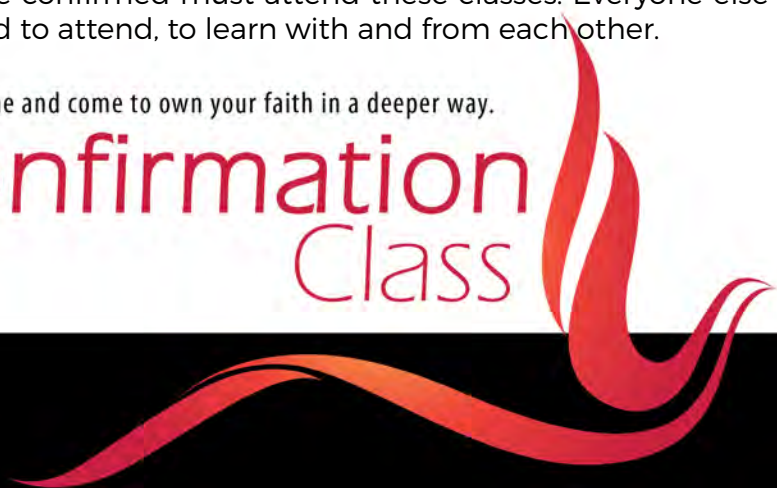
Are you new to Holy Comforter or to the Episcopal Church? Do you want to learn more about how we live, worship, and pray as Christians in the Anglican tradition? Are you ready to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church (or received into this communion, if you have already been confirmed in another branch 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 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.

Examine and come to own your faith in a deeper way.

Confirmation Class



Stephen Ministry

Grieving in its fullest sense is a reforming of the imagination, a figuring out how to exist once certain ways of being have been made impossible... It is learning how to crawl in bed alone once again. And how to crawl out of it again in the morning. It is the work of letting suffering transform our moral imagination, making us more humble, more grateful, more generous people. In other words, if we can remain the same people we were before tragedy struck, if we immediately fall back to our previous battle lines, we have more than likely minimized grief and bypassed its vital work.

- Hannah Anderson *"The Grace of Grief"*

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

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Prayers of the People

MEMBERS

Ben & Caroline Ansbacher, Stephanie Wrenn, Cecelia Walker, Chappy Moser, Margaret Egede-Nissen, Bob Stewart, Bobby Puett, Nelson Young, Mittie Landi, Edward Dunlap.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leah Rouzer, Jackie Drew, Wayne Pyrtle, Pat Harwood, Allison Keill, Brynja Bowman, Jeff Safrit, Annie Griner, Joshua Hieter, Debbie, Barbara Jo Basquill, Gus & Pam Holbrook, Janet & Bill Bates, Eileen Civin, Lisa Daniels, Chris Hansen, Terry Babin, Peg Shanahan & Rady Shouman, Joanne Flower, Aubrey Henderson, Cat Sykes.



SEPTEMBER



Birthday CELEBRATIONS

SEPT. 6

Carrie Daniels

SEPT. 8

Joyce Padmos

SEPT. 9

Peter Ansbacher

SEPT. 12

Janet Brown
Deborah Corbett

SEPT. 13

George Blaisdell

SEPT. 14

Stig Egede-Nissen

SEPT. 15

Donna Odem

SEPT. 17

Hazel Carter
Phoebe Smith

SEPT. 18

Ronald Fogleman
Frank Hood

SEPT. 19

Pete Glidewell
Debbie Nichols

SEPT. 20

Nick Landi

SEPT. 21

Joe Cassetta

SEPT. 23

Caroline Ansbacher

SEPT. 24

Ron Payne

SEPT. 25

Becky Cook
Mark Ysteboe

SEPT. 26

Walt Brown

SEPT. 27

Benjamin Franklin
Easton Murray

SEPT. 29

Barbara Jones
Charles Read

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



THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SAT. OCT. 4, 2025
10:30AM

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday October 4th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All humans and their animal companions are invited for a brief prayer service. Blessings will be offered during the service, and on a drop-by basis until 11:30. Water and treats for the animals will be provided. **All animals must be leashed or in carriers. Is your animal to shy to attend? Bring a picture of them, or an object belonging to them, and they will be blessed in absentia. Please plan to join in! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a white clerical collar, a blue and white striped shirt, a red vest, and a black stole, is smiling. She is holding a small black book. The background is a church interior with arches and people, overlaid with a red tint.

Bishop's Visit

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer
Brooke-Davidson
ASSISTANT BISHOP

SUNDAY
OCT 5

SERVICE TIME
10:00AM

We are delighted to welcome The
Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson
for a Bishop's Visitation on
Sunday, October 5th at 10:00 AM.

113 YEARS AND GROWING

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