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## 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.

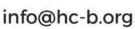
#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.



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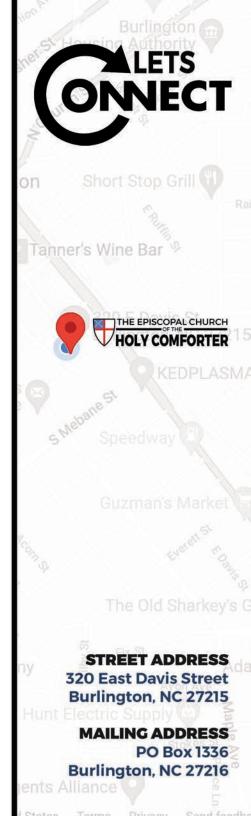
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# LAY MINISTRY MAY SCHEDULE

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

- May 1 Pete Glidewell
- May 2 Shara Partin & Martha Adams
- May 3 Stig Egede-Nissen
- May 27 NO DELIVERY
- May 28 Diana Wallace & Rene Burgess
- May 29 Cherry Wrenn & Stan Williams
- May 30 Jane and Jim Romer
- May 31 Coral Erikson & Gretchen Peet

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

- May 5Audrey Deadmon, Leslie Haines, Elizabeth Hood,<br/>Sandy Moulton, Jane Spencer, Bea Swajkoski
- May 12 Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan, Julie Smith, Nancy Smith, Janice Davis McAdams
- May 19Shara Partin, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie Griner,<br/>Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler
- May 26 Janie Sellers, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess, Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell. Elizabeth Hansen, Debbie Nichols-Smith

#### ACOLYTES

May 5 8:15am - Julie Smith 10:30am - Adriane & Max Newbauer, Micah Ash, Wesley / William Swanner. Anna / Holden Newbauer. Bea / Libby Swajkoski, Caroline Adams, Cameron Adams **May 12** 8:15am - Curt Odem 10:30am - Kathy Hykes & Steven Swanner, Paul Surratt. Micah Ash. TBD. Millie Surratt **May 19** 8:15am - Julie Smith 10:30am - Martha Stewart & Meredith Patterson. Mourine Todd, Gary Schilke, Jazzmyne Griffith-Petty, Jordyn Melvin, Wesley Swanner **May 26** 8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen, TBD 10:30am - Paige Ysteboe, Martha Stewart, Micah Ash, Wesley / William Swanner, Lorenzo Johnson

#### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

May 5YOUTH SUNDAYMay 12Team E - Bea Swajkoski & Mary Carol AdamsMay 19Team F - Larry Vellani & Terri Stevens

<b>FLOWER</b> G	UILD		
May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26	Connie Griner Betty Brown, Julie Smith, Sandy Gerow Janie Sellers & Ren Bryan Jennell Harris, Margaret Egede-Nissen, Patsy Isley, Mary Telander		
READERS			
May 5	<b>8:15am</b> - Julie Smith <b>10:30am</b> - Lorenzo Johnson, Davis Slott, Max Fitzpatrick		
May 12	<b>8:15am -</b> Curt Odem <b>10:30am -</b> Jim McAdams, Pete Glidewell		
May 19	8:15am - Linda Buff 10:30am - Julie / Wesley Swanner		
May 26	<b>8:15am</b> - Elizabeth Hansen <b>10:30am</b> - Colleen Stevens, Larry Vellani		
USHERS			
May 5	8:15am - Tom McLean 10:30am - Mary & Brad Collins, Sam Fitzpatrick, Abigail Fitzpatrick, Jazzymyne Griffith-Petty, Evie Surratt		
May 12	<b>8:15am</b> - Paula Boyd <b>10:30am</b> - Jim Romer, Micah Ash		
May 19	<b>8:15am</b> - Ron Driscoll <b>10:30am</b> - Peter & Susan Klopman		
May 26	8:15am - Derek Bates 10:30am - Sarah Moore, Stig Egede-Nissen		
SUNSHINE	COMMITTEE		
Susan Pyan Gretchen Peet, Martha Stewart, Debra Scott			

#### **VESTRY COUNTERS**

- May 5Diana Wallace & Carol Thornell
- May 12 Julie Swanner & George Blaisdell
- May 19 Gary Schilke & TBD
- May 26 Max Newbauer & Derek Bates

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

- May 2 Peter Dahl
- May 9 Richard McBride
- May 16 TBD
- May 23 TBD

# **MAY** CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Chicken Pot Pie Prep 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, MAY 2

Chicken Pot Pie Prep 8:00am | Men's Breakfast 9:00am | Stephen Ministry Training 7:00pm | Courage to Change

#### FRIDAY, MAY 3

Chicken Pot Pie Prep

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4

Chicken Pot Pie Pickup

#### SUNDAY, MAY 5

Chicken Pot Pie Pickup 8:00am | Breakfast Ministry 8:15am | 6th Sunday of Easter 9:30am | Bible Study 9:45am | Choir Rehearsal 10:30am | Youth Service 11:30am | Youth Sunday, Cinco de Mayo Picnic

#### MONDAY, MAY 6

7:00pm | Courage to Change

#### TUESDAY, MAY 7

Weekly Words Due

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00am | Men's Breakfast 11:00am | Brookwood Eucharist 9:00am | Stephen Ministry Training 7:00pm | Courage to Change

#### SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry 8:15am | Ascension Sunday 9:30am | Bible Study 9:45am | Choir Rehearsal 10:30am | Ascension Sunday 10:40am | Children's Chapel 11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

#### MONDAY, MAY 13

10:00am | ECW 6:00pm | Vestry Meeting 7:00pm | Courage to Change

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14

Weekly Words Due

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:00am | Men's Breakfast 9:00am | Stephen Ministry Training 11:00am | Twin Lakes Eucharist 7:00pm | Courage to Change

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry 8:15am | Pentecost Sunday 9:30am | Bible Study 9:45am | Choir Rehearsal 10:30am | Pentecost Sunday 10:40am | Children's Chapel 11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, MAY 20 7:00pm | Courage to Change

**TUESDAY, MAY 21** Weekly Words Due

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, MAY 23** 8:00AM | Men's Breakfast 11:00AM | Newlin Partnership Lunch and Learn 7:00PM | Courage to Change

#### FRIDAY, MAY 24 CW ARTICLES DUE

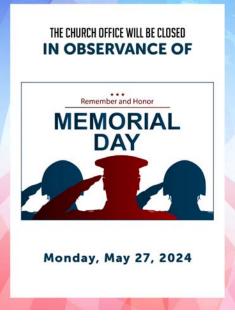
11:00AM | Lucky Listener's thank you brunch

#### SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:00AM | Breakfast Ministry 8:15AM | Trinity Sunday 9:30AM | Bible Study 9:45AM | Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM | Trinity Sunday 10:40AM | Children's Chapel 11:30AM | Coffee in the Parlor

#### MONDAY, MAY 27

7:00PM | Courage to Change



**TUESDAY, MAY 28** Weekly Words Due

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:00pm | Courage to Change



Holy Comforter ended the first quarter with a surplus of \$20,661. Pledged giving was right on budget, and unpledged gifts were well above budget, in part due to the previously reported Vestry challenge gift. Investment income was below budget due to the timing of certain payments, but we fully expect that category to meet budget for the full year.

Expenditures were \$20,337 below budget; of course, that variance exists because we are not currently paying a rector. The surplus we are building will help us to offer our new rector what we hope will be a competitive compensation package. Once the position is filled, any surplus will be considerably smaller than what we have experienced recently.

We have a handful of maintenance and repair items pending, but at this point funding appears to be available to cover our known issues.

If you have questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sid Little, Assistant Treasurer **Dslittle48@gmail.com** (336) 214-9344





#### Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

#### "WHEN WE KNOW WHERE THE HUNGRY, THE HOMELESS and the sick exist, then we can help." Jan Schakowski PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFTS SUNDAY, MAY 5TH OR ANYTIME.



#### SPECIAL NEEDS FOR MAY

- Cooking Oil/Olive oil
- 55-60 Gallon Trash Bags
- Disposable Plastic Forks
- SPAM
- Salad Dressing
- Face and Bath towels
- 3 Compartment Food Trays with lids

When best for you, just ring the church's backdoor bell and take your gifts to our Belltower basket. All will go to ACAC after the first Sunday monthly.

Thanks for your bountiful donations in April. Your generosity never ceases to amaze!

\*But all food, toiletries or cleaning items you offer are used and needed.

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#### HOLY COMFORTER ENDOWMENT BOARD APPLICATIONS FOR ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter endowment is currently just over \$600,000. The Endowment BOARD is very pleased to report the following distribution amounts available.

	2023 (carry forward)	2024	TOTAL
General Endowment Fund	\$11,089	\$12,808	\$23,897
Edwin H. & Cecil Gant Fund (maintenance)	\$3,197	\$4,696	\$7,893

Distributions from the general endowment are restricted to mission and outreach, specific capital needs, and other purposes that support the mission and goals of the church.

The Endowment BOARD is currently accepting proposals from the Vestry, parishioners, and parish committees/groups for the funds to be distributed this year. Distributions will typically range from \$500 to \$5,000. The application form is available from the parish administrator or from the Endowment Fund website. The due date for applications is May 31, 2024.

A revised brochure for the Endowment Funds is now available. The Endowment Fund website has also been revised. The brochure may be obtained from the parish administrator. The website is found at the following link:

https://www.holycomforterburlington.org/endowment.

#### Parish Members of the Endowment BOARD

Pete Glidewell - At Large - Secretary Pat House - Vestry Steven House - At Large - Chair Tom McLean – At Large Chappy Moser - At Large Mark Thomas - Sr. Warden - Ex Officio Rector - Ex Officio

The Endowment BOARD wishes to thank everyone who made gifts to the endowment and for the positive impact your support is having on Holy Comforter.

# 8AM | BREAKFAST | THURSDAYS | 9AM | MESSAGE

# THURSDAY, MAY 2 | SPEAKER: PETER DAHL

The speaker on May 2, is Peter Dahl. The subject of his talk will be "The Rise & Fall Of the Francis Scott Key Bridge", the largest marine disaster ever to occur.

#### TWIN LAKES 8AM for breakfast | 8:45 for the program Coble Rehabilitation Center

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

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## **Stephen Ministers Do Care**



(A hymn sung to the tune "Take My Life, that I May Be")

Stephen Ministers do care Through God's love spread everywhere. If your hurt is deep indeed, We can help you in your need.

Sorrows shared and comfort too; Warmth of love to see you through. If you ever need for these, We will help you search for peace.

Stress of illness, don't despair, We will always meet you there; Help in time to face your grief, Comfort, solace, and relief.

Worry, care, distress, and strife— Let us show you God is life. And with Jesus, royal Son, We will help you, one to one.

Jim | Allentown, Pennsylvania

Our Stephen Ministers at Holy Comforter are ready to walk with you in your difficult time. We are training new Stephen Ministers to help, but are always open to more folks to train to help their fellow parishioners in their time of crisis. The new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at the Second service on June 2.

If you want to know more about Stephen Ministry or to receive care contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader.

(336) 269-5959 (**burgessrene@gmail.com**)



FREE

# **Skin Cancer** SCREENING Early Detection is Key

Skin Cancer has better than 98% cure rate if detected and treated early. All ages and races can get skin cancer making it a condition that needs greater awareness. The free skin screening is open to anyone that has not seen a Dermatologist within the last year. The free screening is open to men, women, and children of all ages. Screening sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology.

Monday, May 6, 2024 6-8pm **Cone Health Cancer Center** at Wesley Long 2400 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC

Monday, June 3, 2024 6-8pm **Cone Health Cancer Center** at Alamance Regional

1236 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC

FREE. Registration is required. Call (336) 832-0849.

# NEXT ECW MEETING IS 11:00AM MONDAY, MAY 13 IN SMALL DINING ROOM

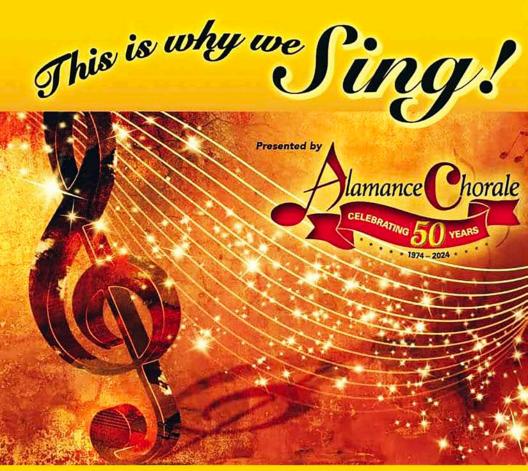


The ECW will gather on May 13 at 11:00 in the Small Dining Room for the **ANNUAL LUNCHEON**.

# EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT OF THEIR CHOICE TO SHARE.

This will be the FINAL MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER. It is a chance to celebrate a good year.

# **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US**





St. Mark's Community Church, 1230 St Marks Church Rd, Burlington, NC 27215



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Dale Young

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#### Featuring Guest Artists:

- The Burlington Boys Choir directs by Bill Allred
- Linda Cykert, flute
- Karl Ronnevik, cello
- Erin Studstill Lopp and
- Jim Brandt, percussion Alumni Singers, Directors, and Accompanists are invited to join us for selected pieces.

# PROGRAM UPDATES FROM THE NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP

#### AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT (ALP)

Four first grade teachers, 19 first graders and 18 tutors, plus the Newlin Literacy Coach, have worked on improving student reading skills since mid-October. From the following comments, you can see that all participants think this has been a good year for reading progress. Just look at the comments:

#### STUDENT COMMENTS:

•"I liked reading the book and I got better on my sounds. Handwriting was hard."

"My favorite part is getting to read more,"
 "I like that I'm learning to read."

• "Tutoring is good, and I have learned something."

• "I love you."



**1**ST GRADE TEACHER COMMENTS:

"All of my students in the program love going with their tutors. I have seen great improvement in reading skills."
"My tutors are very respectful of their time....which allows instruction to run smoothly. They are positive and loving. Students are growing and looking forward to their time with their tutor."
"It helps with extra assistance with my students that still need basic literacy skills. My students enjoy seeing their tutor and spending time with them. Other students want a chance to work with them."
"I Love my tutors. They are wonderful."





#### TUTOR COMMENTS:

"My student worked very hard during each lesson and gave it a thumbs up most days."
"It gives you a real high if the student says, 'I got it' after you have been trying to explain a new concept."
"I like that my student makes every day a new experience."
"It is a privilege to serve as a literacy tutor and gratifying to see how much the school values and supports our program, making us partners in this critical endeavor."
"What fascinated me this year was how my relationship with my student evolved. Once our bond was finally made and she became more trusting and confident, she really began to make progress.
I have found no other work that fills me with such joy."
"The most deeply moving, challenging and wonderful experience I have had in years!"



#### LUCKY LISTENERS

#### LUCKY LISTENERS COMMENTS:

• "What a joy to meet my reading buddy each week and share the fun and hard work of reading."

• "I just love doing this. It gives me a purpose . These kids are wonderful!"

#### **2ND GRADE TEACHER COMMENTS:**

"The Lucky Listeners know the material and are good support to the children they serve."
"The kids that struggle with reading get a chance to read more and have someone focus on just them. They receive positive feedback which encourages them to work harder."
"Wish there were more of them."

#### We would like to introduce....

The Newlin Partnership's newest outreach to Newlin Elementary, The Lucky Listeners program, is so fortunate to have eight active volunteers. We wanted to introduce them to the Holy Comforter Community. These volunteers have been meeting with second graders once a week for 30 minutes (one volunteer visits two times a week) since late January. The teachers are thrilled to have this resource and give the program very positive reviews. Though the task is pretty simple (listening to a cute second grader read and helping him or her with comprehension) the real gift is showing up for these kids. Our volunteers have been very committed, while still having flexibility if they need to have planned absences.

#### Does this sort of mission call your name for next fall? Interested? Email Lee Kern, <u>Isk.msw@gmail.com</u> or Susan Kern. <u>susanh.kern@gmail.com</u>.

Louanne Thompson

Laurie Fais Jim McAdams & Janice Davis



Julie Smith & Katy Landes Susan Klopman



Donna Range

#### BACKPACK PROGRAM





After 10+ years of providing weekend "backpack" meals for food insecure Newlin students, the Newlin Partnership board voted unanimously at a recent meeting to increase the number of students receiving food each weekend during the school year from 65 to 75. We are also grateful to First Wesleyan Church in Burlington for supporting this program by funding the backpack food for 15 of the children each week. Additionally, we appreciate the Episcopal Church Women's recent gift of \$500 to support the program.



# VETERANS' OF FOREIGN WARS BUILDING 634 W. Webb Ave. Burlington, NC

With the summer holidays (Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July) just around the corner, some of us look at the American Flags we have displayed and notice they're not as nice looking as they should be. For proper disposal of them, there is a small box (with the red and white stripes) located in front of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars building located at 634 W. Webb Ave.

It was an Eagle Scout project and one that is meant to be used. A small slit will accommodate our nation's flag which has been properly folded. The Boy Scouts will see they are retired in the appropriate manner. BURLINGTON VFW





Seniors 55 and over can enjoy a FREE movie on the first Thursday of the month. These shows will be quarterly, upcoming dates are May 4, August 3, and November 2. We're so happy to bring this back to the community and can't wait to see you all! Thanks to Rich and Thompson Funeral and Cremation Service for sponsoring.





Sign up for movie alerts!

# COMFORTER HOUSE

Exciting updates are underway at Comforter House! We recently announced the arrival of Alamance County Community Services Agency (ACCSA), a 501(c)3 that supports the community in the areas of affordable housing, employment, education, and food and nutrition services. Building on that momentum, we are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Benevolence Farm, an organization that supports women as they transition home from prison and jail. This collaboration will provide after-school care for the children of women in their program, enriching the lives of families in need. Both programs will be housed in a portion of the Comforter House building. To fund the necessary building modifications, we are utilizing leftover monies from the playschool fund, as we no longer operate a playschool. The Vestry has determined that this allocation is the best use for the unused funds, as it directly benefits children in our community. Please note that these funds were initially designated for playschool operations, not scholarship gifts. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to serve our community in meaningful ways.

# **MAY 4-5**

(4) 10am-6pm (5) 12pm-5pm

Burlington City Park 1388 S. Main Street Burlington

Come out and help us celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Burlington Carousel Festival! This event features live music, arts & craft vendors, food & a beer garden. Amusement park rides & fun for the whole family.

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**CELEBRATIONS** 

May 02 William Gibson May 04 Therrel Brown May 05 Paul Surratt, Lynn Sutton May O6 Betty Brown. Fletcher Slott May 07 Bradyn Robinson, Brad Collins **May 09** Laura Heffley, Thomas Heffley May IO Donna Dunlap May II Julie Swanner. Jim Lauritsen May 12 Ben Ansbacher, Robbie Gibson May 14 Stelle Cheek, Raleigh Holt, Ralph Holt, Ann Little **May 15** Carolyn Hill **May 16** Deborah Wilkerson **May 20** Chappy Moser **May 23** Terry Autry, Trey Whitaker May 24 Sandy Moulton **May 26** lee Kern **May 27** Maeve Murray

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MILITARY** Dylan Vurganov

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# **112 YEARS AND GROWING**



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