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COMFORTABLE 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

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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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE  
**HOLY COMFORTER**

**STREET ADDRESS**  
**320 East Davis Street**  
**Burlington, NC 27215**

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**PO Box 1336**  
**Burlington, NC 27216**

# some clarifications about rhonda's work schedule

Dear friends,

I realized this week that some of you have gotten the impression I don't work on Mondays. I do; from home. Monday is the day I draft my sermon, which is not work I find easy to do in the office. If you need me on a Monday, please do call, text, or email. If you don't have my cell phone number, please get it from Cat or a vestry member; soon it will be in our updated parish directory. If I can't answer the phone when you call or reply immediately to your text, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Speaking of phones: you might notice, at some point, that the Holy Comforter phone system no longer has an option to leave a voicemail for the rector. I made this change so that you just have one phone number to call for me, my cell phone, and I only have one voice mailbox to check.

To recap:

- Mondays I work from home;
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays I am typically in the office at church;
- Fridays I keep sabbath.

On the mid-week days I'm in Burlington, I am in and out of the office. I'll be delighted to see you if I'm in and you stop by. If you need to be sure to catch me, please call ahead or make an appointment.

And of course, if you have an emergency, call me anytime.

I know every rector has slightly different work habits and patterns, and you and I are still getting to know each other. I appreciate your bearing with me!

Gratefully,  
*Rhonda*

**THE REV. DR. RHONDA M. LEE**  
RECTOR | [rlee@hc-b.org](mailto:rlee@hc-b.org)







**THE REV. RHONDA M. LEE**  
Rector



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Verger



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Parish Administrator



**JULIA BUFFINGTON**  
Financial Administrator



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Music Director



**KELVIN BRADSHER**  
Sexton



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& Family Projects



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**ELIZABETH HANSEN**  
Nursery Assistant

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Bishop Diocesan



**THE RT. REV. JENNIFER  
BROOKE-DAVIDSON**  
Assistant Bishop



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Presiding Bishop



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**2025  
VESTRY**

# march calendar

## sunday, march 2

8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
8:15 am	HE Rite II
9:20 am	Children's Chapel
9:30 am	Rector & Friends Bible Study
9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	HE Rite II
11:00 am	Coffee & Lemonade in the <i>Parlor</i>

## TRANSFIGURATION ACAC donation drop off day

*Great Hall*  
*Sanctuary*  
*3rd fl. Atrium*  
*Auditorium*  
*Choir Room*  
*Sanctuary*

## monday, march 3

7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>
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## tuesday, march 4

### Weekly Word Articles Due

5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	<i>Great Hall</i>
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## wednesday, march 5

### ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>

## thursday, march 6

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Group	<i>Twin Lakes</i>
7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## sunday, march 9

### THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15 am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:20 am	Children's Chapel	<i>3rd fl. Atrium</i>
9:30 am	Rector & Friends Bible Study	<i>Auditorium</i>
9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
10:30 am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00 am	Coffee & Lemonade in the <i>Parlor</i>	

## monday, march 10

10:00 am	Episcopal Church Women	<i>Great Hall</i>
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## tuesday, march 11

### Weekly Word Articles Due

## wednesday, march 12

5:30 pm	Lenten Supper	<i>Great Hall</i>
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>



## thursday, march 13

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Group	<i>Twin Lakes</i>
11:00 am	Brookwood Village Eucharist	<i>Brookwood</i>
7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## saturday, march 15

iSalon Cancer Fundraiser Vietnamese Fashion Show *Great Hall*

## sunday, march 16

### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15 am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:20 am	Children's Chapel	<i>3rd fl. Atrium</i>
9:30 am	Rector & Friends Bible Study	<i>Auditorium</i>
9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
10:30 am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00 am	Coffee & Lemonade in the <i>Parlor</i>	

## monday, march 17

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

5:30 pm	Newlin Partnership Board mtg.	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## tuesday, march 18

### Weekly Word Articles Due

4:00 pm	Finance Commission Meeting	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
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## wednesday, march 19

5:30 pm	Lenten Supper	<i>Great Hall</i>
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>

## thursday, march 20

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Group	<i>Twin Lakes</i>
10:30 am	NLP Lunch & Learn	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
11:00 am	Twin Lakes Eucharist	<i>Twin Lakes</i>
7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## friday, march 21

### Comfortable Word Articles Due

## sunday, march 23

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15 am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:20 am	Children's Chapel	<i>3rd fl. Atrium</i>
9:30 am	Rector & Friends Bible Study	<i>Auditorium</i>
9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
10:30 am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00 am	Coffee & Lemonade in the <i>Parlor</i>	



## monday, march 24

7:00 pm Courage to Change

*Parish House*

## tuesday, march 25

### Weekly Word Articles Due

## wednesday, march 26

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

*Great Hall*

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

*Choir Room*

## thursday, march 27

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group

*Twin Lakes*

7:00 pm Courage to Change

*Parish House*

## saturday, march 29

iSalon Cancer Fundraiser Carnival

*Great Hall*

## sunday, march 30

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

*Great Hall*

8:15 am HE Rite II

*Sanctuary*

9:20 am Children's Chapel

*3rd fl. Atrium*

9:30 am Rector & Friends Bible Study

*Auditorium*

9:45 am Choir Rehearsal

*Choir Room*

10:30 am HE Rite II

*Sanctuary*

11:00 am Coffee & Lemonade in the *Parlor*

## weekly & comfortable words

If you would like to submit an article for  
Weekly and Comfortable Words  
please submit **NO MORE** than 250 words.

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**WEEKLY WORDS SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE  
NO LATER THAN TUESDAYS THE WEEK OF.**

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**COMFORTABLE WORD ARTICLES  
ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**

# lay ministers calendar

## sunshine committee

Joanne McClusky, Paula Boyd, Rene Burgess, Sarah Moore, Jane Romer

## vestry counters

<b>March 2</b>	Pat House, Barbara Simpson
<b>March 9</b>	Derek Bates, Julie Swanner, Alex Stevens
<b>March 16</b>	Carol Thornell, Kathy Hykes
<b>March 23</b>	Sid Little, George Blaisdell
<b>March 30</b>	Julie Swanner, Steve Slott

## altar guild

<b>March 2</b>	Audrey Deadmon, Leslie Haines, Elizabeth Hood, Sandy Moulton, Jane Spencer, Bea Swajkoski
<b>March 9</b>	Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan, Julie Smith, Nancy Smith, Rosemarie Walton
<b>March 16</b>	Shara Partin, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie Griner, Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler
<b>March 23</b>	Janie Sellers, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess, Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen, Debbie Nichols-Smith
<b>March 30</b>	Ren Bryan, Janet Brown, Judy Driscoll, Jennell Harris, Gregg Lee

## flower guild

<b>March 2</b>	Connie Griner, Brad Lingerfelt
<b>March 9</b>	Betty Brown, Julie Smith
<b>March 16</b>	Ren Bryan, Janie Sellers, Betsy Weatherly
<b>March 23</b>	Margaret Egede-Nissen, Jennell Harris, Patsy Isley, Mary Telander
<b>March 30</b>	Carole Moore, Connie Griner

## flower donors

<b>March 2</b>	Gregg Lee
<b>March 9</b>	Janie Sellers
<b>March 16</b>	Steve and Julie Swanner
<b>March 23</b>	TBD
<b>March 30</b>	TBD

## readers

<b>March 2</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Julie Smith Jim McAdams, Meredith Patterson
<b>March 5</b>	12pm 7pm	Sandy Gerow Pete Glidewell
<b>March 9</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Jocelyn Safrit Robin Maycock, Paige Ysteboe
<b>March 16</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Curt Odem Larry Vellani, Robin Maycock
<b>March 23</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Joseph Keith Martha Stewart, Maryanne Shanahan
<b>March 30</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Elizabeth Hansen Cheryl Dickey, Maryanne Shanahan

## ushers

<b>March 2</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Tom McLean Brad and Mary Collins
<b>March 5</b>	12pm 7pm	Paula Boyd Ed & Rene Burgess
<b>March 9</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Derek Bates Peter and Susan Klopman
<b>March 16</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Ron Driscoll Phil Savage, Stig Egede-Nissen
<b>March 23</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Paula Boyd Sarah Moore, Jim Romer
<b>March 30</b>	8:15am 10:30am	Frank Harris Ed & Rene Burgess

## men's breakfast group

<b>March 6</b>	Sid Little
<b>March 13</b>	Stephen Goodman
<b>March 20</b>	Phil Savage
<b>March 27</b>	Jeff Andrews

## meals on wheels

<b>March 3</b>	Stig Egede-Nissen
<b>March 4</b>	Diana Wallace / Renee Burgess
<b>March 5</b>	Cherry Wrenn / Stan Williams
<b>March 6</b>	Jane and Jim Romer
<b>March 7</b>	Coral Erikson / Gretchen Peet

## March 2

8:15am  
10:30am

Chalicerist & Crucifer - Curt Odem  
Chalicerists - Adriane & Max Newbauer  
Crucifer - Max Newbauer  
Left Torch - Adriane Newbauer  
Right Torch - Anna Newbauer  
Gospel Bearer- Holden Newbauer

## March 5

12pm  
7:00 pm

Chalicerist & Crucifer - Curt Odem  
Chalicerist & Crucifer - Julie Smith  
Left Torch - Wesley Swanner  
Right Torch - William Swanner  
Gospel Bearer - Caitlyn Todd

## March 9

8:15am  
10:30am

Patterson

Chalicerist & Crucifer - Julie Smith  
Chalicerists - Kathy Hykes & Meredith

Crucifer - Mourine Todd  
Left Torch - Wesley Swanner  
Right Torch - William Swanner  
Gospel Bearer - Caitlyn Todd

## March 16

8:15am  
10:30am

Chalicerist & Crucifer- Elizabeth Hansen  
Chalicerists - Adriane & Max Newbauer  
Crucifer - Max Newbauer  
Left Torch - Adriane Newbauer  
Right Torch - Anna Newbauer  
Gospel Bearer- Holden Newbauer

## March 23

8:15am  
10:30am

Patterson

Chalicerist & Crucifer- Curt Odem  
Chalicerists - Steven Swanner & Meredith

Crucifer - Paul Surratt  
Left Torch - Mourine Todd  
Right Torch - Millie Surratt  
Gospel Bearer - Caitlyn Todd

## March 30

8:15am  
10:30am

Chalicerist & Crucifer- Julie Smith  
Chalicerists - Paige Ysteboe & Kathy Hykes  
Crucifer - Bo Slott  
Left Torch - Steven Slott  
Right Torch - Davis Slott  
Gospel Bearer - Fletcher Slott



# TOMORROW

THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF **RECTOR & FRIENDS**  
BIBLE STUDY IS COMING

## SUNDAYS IN MARCH “JESUS, ANXIETY, AND US”

**WHEN**  
**SUNDAYS, MARCH 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, & 30TH,**  
**9:30-10:15 AM**



Where: Holy Comforter auditorium

Each week's passage will be announced in advance,  
but **NO PREPARATION IS NECESSARY.**

Please bring your Bible, and we'll see you there!  
*(If you forget your Bible, we'll have some.)*

*Cast all your anxieties on God. 1 Peter 5:7*






Hi there, I'm Nancy Slott,  
and I'm Egg-static to crack  
open some egg-citing news  
for our Breakfast Ministry!

THIS SUNDAY,


bring your empty egg cartons,  
because after both the  
8:15am & 10:30am services,  
I'll be downstairs filling them  
with **FREE EGGS!**



And not just any eggs...  
these are double-yolk delights!  
We've got around 58 dozen eggs  
waiting to be scrambled  
into your cartons - for FREE!

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!**  
**You can help our Breakfast Ministry**  
**by donating what you can.**

100% of the donations go straight to  
feeding 110 folks a FREE breakfast  
every week. So, skip the grocery store  
and come Sunday with your  
empty cartons, fill them up with  
our egg-ceptional double-yolk eggs,  
and leave a donation to help  
feed the hungry.' It's an egg-cellent way  
to give back and crack a smile.  
Don't miss out on this egg-stravaganza!





**Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry**

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

# ACAC



**WOW! THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING  
GENEROSITY LAST MONTH. LET'S OPEN  
OUR HEARTS WITH MORE DONATIONS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

Bring your gifts whenever is best for you. If you can't Sunday, ring our church's back doorbell and take them to the Bell Tower basket.

Never doubt that Holy Comforter  
is key to feeding, housing and  
empowering those less  
fortunate in Alamance County.  
It truly is a wonderful ministry.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

3 compartment take-out trays with lids\*

White Ream paper (8.5 X 11)

Canned carrots

Sugar

Sweet/English peas

Diced Tomatoes w/Green Chilies -Rotel

Any donations of food, toiletries and supplies are happily put to good use.

\* *Most needed*



*Look how our parishioners' gifts combine so many are supplied with basic necessities.*

**CONTACT:** Martha Adams ([awam3a@outlook.com](mailto:awam3a@outlook.com))



# OUR GOAL

\$400,000

100%

90%

80%

70%

AS OF FEB. 25, 2025

**\$405,200**

AMOUNT PLEDGED

30%

20%

10%

0%



# Shuttle TUESDAY

**MARCH 4**  
**5PM-7PM**

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

**PANCAKE RACES AND GAMES  
FOR THE KIDS.**

**6:30pm | Cutting of King Cake**

**\$**  
**COST** **5**

**SIX AND UNDER  
EAT FREE**



**ALL ARE WELCOME**



Ash

W E D N E S D A Y  
service

**MARCH 5**  
12pm / 7pm



Don't Forget To Change Your Clocks

**SPRING**

**FORWARD**

**1 HOUR**

**MARCH 9**

**Spring  
Forward**



**RUN INTO SPRING**

# lenten

SUPPER AND  
FORMATION  
GREAT HALL

## WEDNESDAY SERIES

Join us for Wednesday night Lenten Supper starting March 12 at 5:30pm in the Great Hall! Each week, we'll **explore a topic** to help us grow **CLOSER TO CHRIST**, with dinner & socializing.

Food will be provided by different ministries, and **children's activities** will be available.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Join us!**



MAR  
**12**

MAR  
**19**

MAR  
**26**

APR  
**2**

APR  
**9**



8AM | BREAKFAST | **THURSDAYS** | 9AM | MESSAGE

**TWIN LAKES**, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER

THE COBLE ROOM | **Thursday, march 6**

**DR. GENE GRINER**

will present the program for the Men's Breakfast.

## HEALTHCARE TODAY

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The Men's Breakfast speaker for March 6 will be our own Dr. Gene Griner. He will discuss the state of healthcare today and his thoughts about how it might be improved. We'll also likely hear some tales from the emergency room, where he worked for many years..

### QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Phil Savage ([savageboatman@bellsouth.net](mailto:savageboatman@bellsouth.net)),

Richard McBride ([mcbride@elon.edu](mailto:mcbride@elon.edu)),

Jeff Andrews ([jeff.alan.andrews@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.alan.andrews@gmail.com)).

**LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING WITH YOU ALL THERE.**



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

**FAITH, FOOD &  
FELLOWSHIP**

ecw: episcopal church women

**monday, march 10**  
in **small dining room**

**10AM - SOCIAL TIME | 10:30AM - PROGRAM & MEETING**

## **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US**

ECW will meet on Monday March 10 in the small dining room. Our speaker will be the Rev. Rhonda Lee "Getting to Know You". As always we begin to gather at 10 with the meeting starting at 10:30. Our hostesses are Debbie Nichols and Elizabeth Hansen.

**Don't forget the pillow sewing meeting on the 11th, bring your sewing machine to use or lend for this Little Pink Houses project. Patterns will be provided, minimal sewing skills required.**

Bring any gifts for boxes for Little Pink Houses to the meeting also. *(Small jewelry, scented candles and soaps, cards of encouragement, painted rocks or shells)*

Look forward to seeing you, Shara  
Call Shara Partin, (919) 801-1234 for any questions

# ART FEEDS THE SOUL



## QUILT SHOW



**March 13-15**

**THURSDAY-SATURDAY / 10AM-4PM**

Elon Community Church  
271 N. WILLIAMSON AVE., ELON, NC

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Donation of canned goods appreciated*

### FEATURING

BED TURNING EACH DAY

QUILT SALES

AT 11AM & 2PM

SEWING MACHINE RAFFLE

RAFFLE BASKETS

AND VENDORS



**in the eyes of the Judge**

**Friday, March 14 • 6PM**

**TICKETS \$10 AT THE DOOR**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER • SCOTT MURKIN**

**PRESENTED BY**

**Alamance Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
and Burlington Carousel Quilt Guild**

**Door Prize: Bluebird Song Quilt**

# stephen ministry

For those who are new to the concept presented by Stephen Ministry, the following is presented from the national office:

"Stephen Ministry, founded in 1975 in St. Louis, Missouri, by clinical psychologist, pastor, and author Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, consists of one-to-one care to "care receivers" who are facing some crisis in life, such as illness, death of a loved one, divorce, relocation, or financial setback. The ministry has grown, with more than 600,000 Stephen Ministers trained in over 13,000 congregations worldwide.

Pastors are always on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care that pastors can't effectively meet by themselves.

That's where Stephen Ministers come into play, meeting faithfully with care receivers for about an hour each week for as long as there's a need. All communication is kept confidential. Stephen Ministers also participate in supervision groups and continuing education sessions.

Stephen Ministry provides a Biblical solution to caring for people who are hurting. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." Stephen Ministry helps congregations put these verses into action.

Laypeople are trained through 20 class sessions to provide emotional and spiritual care and support to both congregation members and non-members alike. A foundational part of their training is learning to listen to care receivers as they share painful feelings, because Stephen Ministers may at times help people carry some of the most difficult feelings they will ever bear."

Think about becoming a Stephen Minister at Holy Comforter.

Checkout the Stephen Ministry website to learn more (**[STEPHENMINISTRIES.ORG](http://STEPHENMINISTRIES.ORG)**). Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader (336-269-5959) **[burgessrene@gmail.com](mailto:burgessrene@gmail.com)**



HONOR AND  
REMEMBER WITH  
**ALTAR  
FLOWERS**

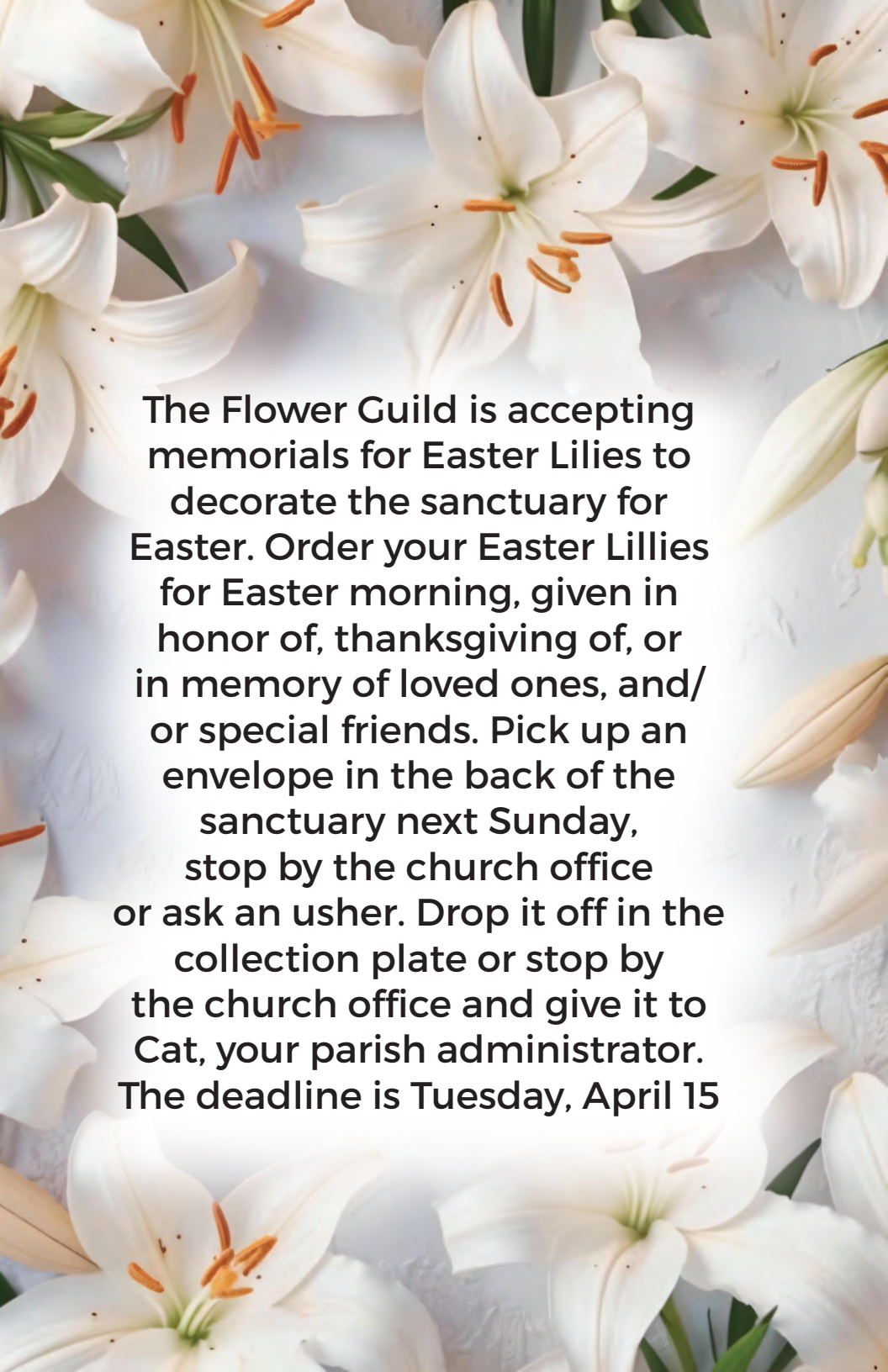


# ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS

**March 23 / 30**  
**April 6**

**If you would like to provide flowers  
for any of these days listed above,  
please contact Cat in the office  
(336) 227-4251 or [csykes@hc-b.org](mailto:csykes@hc-b.org).**





**The Flower Guild is accepting  
memorials for Easter Lilies to  
decorate the sanctuary for  
Easter. Order your Easter Lillies  
for Easter morning, given in  
honor of, thanksgiving of, or  
in memory of loved ones, and/  
or special friends. Pick up an  
envelope in the back of the  
sanctuary next Sunday,  
stop by the church office  
or ask an usher. Drop it off in the  
collection plate or stop by  
the church office and give it to  
Cat, your parish administrator.  
The deadline is Tuesday, April 15**

# Acolyte and chalice bearer training

Sunday, MARCH 23RD, at noon

Are you already an acolyte or chalice bearer  
(a.k.a. lay Eucharistic minister)?

Would you like to be an acolyte, and you're at least 5 or 6  
years old, and maybe several decades more than that?

Would you like to serve the chalice,  
and you're a teenager or an adult of any age?

Please join in our training at noon on Sunday March 23rd. We  
will gather in the small dining room and share some food  
while we review our various roles and responsibilities. After  
that, we will go into the nave for some practice before going  
our separate ways no later than 2 p.m.

All returning acolytes and chalice bearers, and all interested  
potential acolytes (aged 5 or 6 and up) and potential chalice  
bearers (teens and adults), are asked to attend.

Please confirm to Rector Rhonda Lee or Verger Steven  
Swanner that you will attend, or ask them any questions you  
may have.

**we will look forward to seeing you there!**





# Looking to be **BAPTIZED** or **CONFIRMED** ? LET RHONDA KNOW!

*Are you new to Holy Comforter or the Episcopal Church, and want to learn more? Do you or your child desire to be baptized, or do you desire to have your baby baptized? If you're baptized, do you want to be confirmed, making your statement of faith before a bishop and receiving the laying on of hands for strengthening in the Spirit? Or, if you have already been confirmed in another Christian tradition, would you like to be received into the Episcopal Church, officially becoming a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion? Are you already confirmed, but feeling called to reaffirm your Christian faith?*

**IF ANY OF THESE ARE TRUE—OR IF ANY MIGHT BE TRUE—FOR YOU, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH RHONDA.**

In the Episcopal Church, only a bishop can confirm or receive people into the Episcopal Church, and personal reaffirmations of faith are made before a bishop. Therefore, these rites are done when a bishop visits, or when there is a convocation-wide confirmation service. Preparation is done in advance, however, and that's why Rhonda would like to know now who might like to go through the preparation. This several-meeting course is also a great introduction to the Episcopal Church and Anglicanism, for those who would just like to learn more.

Baptismal preparation is a little different and Rhonda can perform a baptism almost anytime, although certain dates, like Easter, are preferred.



**If you feel God might be calling you in this way, please be in touch at [rlee@hc-b.org](mailto:rlee@hc-b.org).**

## TWO WEEKS AWAY SIGN UP TODAY

for two specials events  
happening at Holy Comforter!

**Both events will be  
fundraisers for the  
Denise Marie Flaherty  
Foundation  
for supporting those  
fighting cancer.**

Terri Stevens has been  
asked to be a Caregiver  
Champion in memory of  
her daughter, Kara Burruss  
Bramhall, who passed  
away on 3-24-23.

**ALL DONATIONS  
STAY LOCAL**

**SEE DETAILS  
ON NEXT PAGE**

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marie flaherty memorial foundation



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Stevens*

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VIETNAMESE  
FASHION SHOW

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MOTORCYCLE CHARITY  
FUNDRAISER &  
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL



FIRST EVENT IS **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**  
**VIETNAMESE FASHION SHOW**



Silent Auction  
Dinner (Vietnamese)  
Cash Bar

**5PM-8PM @ HOLY COMFORTER**

**Please contact TERRI STEVENS (336) 693-2159**  
to reserve your spot or with any questions.



SECOND EVENT IS **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**  
**MOTORCYCLE CHARITY FUNDRAISER /**  
**CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL**

Registration on the 29th starting @ 9:30.

\$20 per bike / \$5 for rider.

Kickstand up @ 11.

Coffee and snacks available for riders.

Carnival games, face painting, tattoos.

Our Famous Fancy Nancy will be in the house.

Bouncy house, balloon chance, corn hole,  
musical chairs, hotdogs, pizza and more!



**10AM-2PM @ HOLY COMFORTER**

The Denise Marie Flaherty Foundation presents



*Let the spirit of the Derby and the Courage of the Champions inspire you!*

## Lavender Ribbon Luncheon 2025

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 | National Agents Alliance

1214 Turrentine St., Burlington, NC 27215

### Meet the Champions



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Join our Champions – Survivors and Caretakers – as they pay it forward. Donate to support their fundraising efforts and help them make a difference for cancer Warriors and their families.

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# news from the newlin partnership

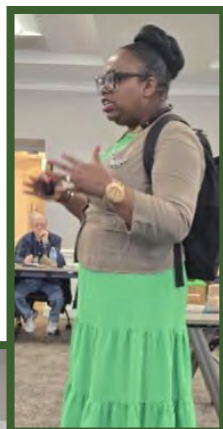
## **NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP AUDIENCE GATHERED FOR WORKSHOP ON “ENGAGING NEWLIN STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC & SOCIAL SUCCESS”**

On Monday, February 10, 2025, 19 tutors, Lucky Listeners, NP Board and community members gathered at Impact Alamance headquarters for a workshop presented by Dr. Cherrel Miller Dyce, Elon University Associate Professor and Executive Director of D.E.I. for the Dr. Jo Watts Williams School of Education. This \$1500 workshop grant to the Newlin Partnership was one of seven awarded in our community by Impact Alamance. Participants explored how they *“need to understand, navigate, and be sensitive as we engage in our mission of ‘improving academic outcomes for children enrolled at Newlin Elementary School.’”* NP board member, tutor, Lucky Listener, and a champion of advancing academic opportunities for all children, Kathy Landes, applied for the grant as a follow up to her participation in Impact Alamance’s Parent Engagement Program. This current workshop, custom-tailored for our group, explored the many issues, obstacles, and opportunities a community- supported program such as The Newlin Literacy Project can offer to the children, parents, and administrators at Harvey Newlin Elementary School.

The workshop ended with all of us wanting more information, and we will continue to explore this in our monthly Lunch & Learn sessions.

**PRESENTER: Dr. Cherrel Miller Dyce**

*“I am hopeful that people of good will are in the fight to educate our students. I appreciated the willingness of the group to grapple and keep on moving forward.”*





## COMMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS

“Cherrel Miller Dyce’s presentation Engaging Newlin Students for Academic and Social Success was an enlightening experience for me. My biggest takeaway was the idea that how I express my thoughts and feelings about Newlin students and their families in the community affects the outcome and effectiveness of our tutoring.”

“What a wonderful opportunity to ‘grapple’ with the difficult issues challenging our schools. Of greatest significance was a challenge to identify our own biases within the safety and support of a group of professional colleagues committed to doing our best for each child we support. The discussions and resources provided are not just ‘food for thought’ but the foundation for greater assistance for our students.”

“This workshop gave me the understanding that I need to examine my own biases around race and privilege, and, from there, to trace the effects that my biases and my own socialization have on how I tutor my student. Dr. Dyce’s hands-on approach was sometimes difficult, but rewarded my effort with insight crucial to being able to more effectively teach my student.”

“Dr. Dyce guided us to pull from our experiences and beliefs to create non-racist actions for ourselves when being with those who are diverse from ourselves.”

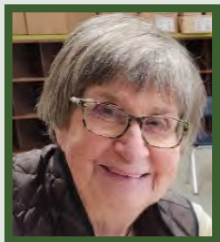
“Dr. Dyce emphasized that implicit bias is created in the unconscious, usually a result of what everyone has been exposed to through their families, the media, their schooling, and their religion. The important thing to be aware of is that you are not the default position.”

“We learned why implicit bias can be so devastating, without knowing it’s being done to us.”

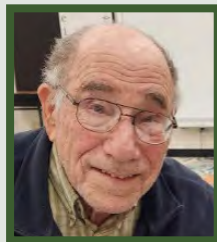




The Newlin Partnership honors **caroline and Ben Ansbacher** upon their retirement after many years with the Newlin Literacy Project



**caroline Ansbacher**



**Ben Ansbacher**

Caroline and Ben Ansbacher were members of the first tutor training class taught by Betsey Savage in the early days of the Augustine Literacy Project, now the Newlin Literacy Project. For over ten years both of them worked with one child each year to help that student improve reading skills. They noted that they paid particular attention to building a caring relationship with their student, and hoped that the extra tutoring boost in reading would impact the student's future in a positive way.

**Thank you, caroline and Ben, for your contributions and for your many years of devoted service to the newlin students, staff, and the newlin partnership.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY “DUTY-FREE” LUNCHROOM MONITORING AT NEWLIN**

Once a month Newlin Partnership volunteers meet in the school cafeteria to help monitor the students during lunchtime from 10:30am -1pm. Volunteers can sign up for one half-hour time slot or consider monitoring up to all five time slots. This gives teachers a much needed opportunity to attend to other responsibilities and to enjoy a “duty-free” break. Teachers report that this is one of their favorite services provided by the Newlin Partnership.

**Contact Mindy Robinson at [newlinpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:newlinpartnership@gmail.com) to sign up for Friday, March 21st.**



**Duty-free lunch volunteers Laurie Fais, Jim McAdams, Kathy Landes & Janice Davis**



**Volunteer lunchroom monitors Carol Thornell, Victoria Martin, Julie Smith & Pam Brumbaugh**





# CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY WITH **RECTOR RHONDA**

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Please save the date for our  
**CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY!**

*Bishop Sam Rodman will visit  
Holy Comforter to celebrate our  
new ministry with Rector Rhonda  
on **Tuesday, April 8th at 7 pm.***

*The Rev. Dr. Lauren F. Winner will preach.*

## PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE!

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 8 / 7PM**

# LOOKING AHEAD AT holy week



## **PALM SUNDAY**

**APRIL 13 | 10AM**

april 13 | 9:15am - Hot cross buns, a light breakfast and Palm cross makings.



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**APRIL 17 | 7:00PM**

april 17 | 6:00pm Sandwich Supper in the Great hall before service.



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 18 | 12:00PM**



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**APRIL 18 • AUDITORIUM • 7PM**



## **SATURDAY VIGIL**

**APRIL 19 | 7:00PM**



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 20 | 8:15AM & 10:30AM**

**Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina**

# **HUGS** **CAMP**

Helping Understand God through Sharing (HUGS) is a unique camp that brings together young people of all abilities. Campers with disabilities are paired with high school buddy campers for a week of traditional church camp, including field games, swimming, arts and crafts, campfires, worship, and special evening events like a talent show, dance, or carnival. Buddy campers assist with activities, meals, and self-care, helping everyone experience an amazing week of camp.

## ***Buddy Campers***

**DATES / July 5-12, 2025 / Haw River State Park**

We need rising 9th-12th graders to serve as buddy campers for campers with disabilities. Buddy campers are responsible for their camper's care and well-being while also enjoying free time and reflection. No prior experience is required—training is provided.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**[www.episdionc.org/hugs-camp](http://www.episdionc.org/hugs-camp)**



**HELPING UNDERSTANDING GOD through SHARING**



# HAPPY *Birthday* \* TO YOU \*



5	Mourine Todd
6	John Swajkoski, MarthaAnn Rabon
7	Nancy Slott
8	Stan Williams
12	Otis Powell, Micah White
13	Casey Holt
14	Betty Hatch
15	Patricia House
17	Cameron Corbett, William Swanner
18	John Blake, Robin Maycock
19	Heather Slott, Kelvin Bradsher
22	Paige Ysteboe, Brad Lingerfelt, Kathryn Wright
23	Max Newbauer
27	Clyde Gordon
30	Steve Slott, Bob Stewart, Caroline Wall, Phoebe Murray, Tish Murray

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If your birthday was missed, please message  
info@hc-b.org so we can add it in our records



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## sympathies to

For the repose of the soul of Lupe Wood, for the comfort of her family and friends, including Julia Buffington and many of the breakfast ministry team.

For the repose of the soul of Bruce McVicker, for the comfort of his sister, Coral Erikson and family and friends.

## members

Don Karrer  
Margaret Egede-Nissen  
Edward Dunlap  
Evie Surratt  
Cecelia Walker

Robin Maycock  
Nelson Young  
Bobby Puett  
Doug Peet

Chappy Moser  
Amy Hess  
Mittie Landi  
Bob Stewart

## family and friends

"For Canon Earnest Graham, recovering from open heart surgery."

Charley Jones - *Les Plumb's great-granddaughter*

Dennis Campbell - *Brenda Poole's son-in-law*

Thomas & Jean Cummins - *Ron Driscoll's friends*

Devin Day - *David Day's brother*

Annie Griner - *Connie Griner's daughter-in-law*

Randy Williams - *David Williams' brother*

Richard Lehman - *Gary Schilke's friend*

Gus Holbrook - *Julie & Steven Swanner's friend*

Janet and Bill Bates - *Derek Bates' parents*

Allison - *Ren Bryan's daughter-in-law*

Terry Babin - *Elizabeth Hansen's friend*

Lisa Daniels - *Julia Buffington's friend*

Pat Harwood - *Amy Hess' mother*

Lavette Morgan - *Angie Boone's former mother-in-law*

Bonnie Honeycutt - *Cherry Wrenn's friend*

Brynja Bowman, Jeff Safrit - *Jocelyn Safrit's niece & brother-in-law*

Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's great granddaughter*

Patricia Holt Langston - *Nancy Powell's granddaughter*

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