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WEEKLY WRDS

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.

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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.

This week at Holy Comforter

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8:00 am Breakfast Ministry Great Hall

8:15 am HE Rite I 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 I Sanctuary

11:30 am Coffee & Lemonade in the Parlor

11:30 am Palm Sunday's The Passion Gospel Sanctuary

Readers Practice

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MONDAY, APRIL 7

1:00pm Stephen leader Training Stephen Room 7:00pm Courage to Change Parish House

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Weekly Word Articles Due

7:00 pm Celebration of New Ministry Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

1:00pm Stephen leader Training Stephen Room
5:30 pm Lenten Supper Great Hall

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7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group Twin Lakes

11:00 am Brookwood Eucharist Brookwood

7:00 pm Courage to Change Parish House

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

11:00 am Funeral service for Gregg Lee

SUNDAY. APRIL 13 • PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Breakfast Ministry Great Hall

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

9:15 am Palm Sunday Fellowship Great Hall

Join us for light refreshments (hot cross buns) and

to make palm crosses. Then we will process to the church for our ONE 10AM SERVICE that day.

10:00 am Palm Sunday HE Rite II Sanctuary

11:00 am Coffee & Lemonade in the Parlor

Lay Ministers this week at Holy Comforter

SUNDAY. APRIL 6 • 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15AM & 10:30AM

Audrev Deadmon. Leslie Haines. Elizabeth Hood. **ALTAR GUILD**

Sandra Moulton, Jane Spencer, Bea Swajkoski

Alex Stevens, Kathy Hykes **VESTRY COUNTERS**

Connie Griner

FLOWER GUILD

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL PRESENTER · Jocelyn Safrit

ASSISTANT · Gabe Johnson Cat Sykes

8:15am · Tom McLean **USHERS**

FLOWER DONORS

READERS

ACOLYTES

READERS

CHALICIST

RIGHT TORCH

GOSPEL BEARER

10:30am · Stig Egede-Nissen, Sarah Moore

Nancy Slott, Connie Griner, Terri Stevens, SUNSHINE COMM.

> Cherry Wrenn, Mary Collins 8:15am · Peter Dahl

10:30am · FIRST LESSON & PSALMS - Wesley Swanner NEW TESTAMENT & PRAYERS - Julie Swanner

8:15am · Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am·chalicists Paige Ysteboe, Meredith Patterson

CRUCIFER - Bo Slott LEFT TORCH - Steven Slott

RIGHT TORCH - Davis Slott

COSPEL BEARER - Fletcher Slott

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 • CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY 7:00PM

Peter and Susan Klopman, Sarah Moore **USHERS**

FIRST LESSON & PSALMS - Jocelyn Safrit

NEW TESTAMENT & PRAYERS - The Rev. David R. Williams

Mourine Todd CRUCIFER

Wesley Swanner LEFT TORCH

William Swanner

Caitlyn Todd

Julie Smith

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN Steven Swanner **VERGER EMERITUS** Richard Parker



This week seems like a good time to share this with the parish. Paula Boyd, who is training to become a Stephen Leader, found these words:

The guest House

Jalaluddin Rumi, Translated by Coleman Barks

This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor. Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture, still, treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight. The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door laughing. and invite them in. Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond.

Learn more about our Stephen Ministry from Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader, (336-269-5959) **burgessrene@gmail.com**.



ATTENTION READERS FOR THE PALM SUNDAY PASSION GOSPEL! JOIN US FOR A PRACTICE REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY THIS SUNDAY, RIGHT AFTER THE 10:30AM CHURCH SERVICE.

Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.



Food, Shelter, Food, Shelter, A Safe Place to Sleep, the Comfort of a Welcoming Smile? We Can't Imagine living without these, so let's donate on Sunday, APRIL 6

SPECIAL REQUESTS
3 Compartment Take-Out lidded trays

White Ream Paper (6.5 x 11)

Goya Meat Tenderizer

Basil, Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, Kickin' Chicken Seasoning, Lemon Pepper, Lawry's Seasoning, Cajun Seasoning, Montreal Steak Seasoning

or ANYTHING YOU WISH TO GIVE!



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Join us for a **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY**

The Rev. Dr. Rhonda M. Lee

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!

A note from Bob & Terri Kirchen

Bob and Terri Kirchen extend heart-felt gratitude to their church family and friends for kind sympathy and remembrances following the sudden passing of son Andrew Kirchen March 8 in Corvallis, Origin. Flowers, prepared meals, written notes, and visits surely lighted the darkness in those critical days. Thank you one and all. We are blessed with such a loving family of friends whose love through the Holy Spirit can never cease.

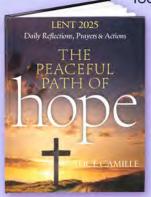


Join Us for a Warm and Inspiring Wednesday Lenten Supper & Program! Lent is a season of reflection, growth, and community, and we're excited to invite you to our Wednesday Lenten Supper & Program at 5:30 PM in the Great Hall!

We'll continue with our Lent Madness Tournament, where we'll dive into the stories of incredible saints in a fun, basketball-style competition. These inspiring individuals have left lasting legacies, and you won't want to miss the chance to learn about their lives and witness their stories unfold. Who will emerge as the ultimate saint? Come join us to find out!

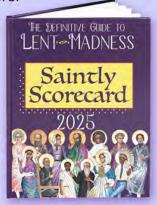
For the Children - After dinner, we have special activities for the kids. It's sure to be a fun and meaningful time!

Don't Miss Out! Everyone—young and old, families and friends—is invited to join us Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM in the Great Hall for a night of good food, great conversation, and an opportunity to grow together in faith this Lenten season. We look forward to seeing you there!



The last week of lenten supper will be hosted by Newlin Partnership & St. Stephen Ministry





men's breakfast group

TWIN LAKES, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER the coble room • Thursday, april 10 • 8am, breakfast • 9am message

Our speaker for the Men's breakfast on Thursday April 10 will be Alamance Commissioner who was first elected in 2020, Pamela Tyler Thompson. She is married to local attorney Craig Thompson and has three grown children, one of whom is in the military. Pamela has been on numerous committees and boards. She served on the ABSS Board of Education, the Alamance Behavioral Health Center, and the NC Governors Crime Commission, among others. Since 2020 she has a platform of supporting veterans. Pamela has been an advocate against domestic violence and sexual assault for many years. She also focuses on help for drug addiction and residential drug treatment. Pamela's topic will be on current events with the Alamance County Commissioners.

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LOOKING TOWARD TO BEING WITH YOU All THERE.

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

ecw: episcopal church women



monday, april 14

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

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

The April meeting of ECW is **monday the 14** in the Small Dining Room. We will gather at 10:00 for refreshments and catch ups before our program begins at 10:30.

Syvia Ciews will be our speaker and tell us all about the Breakfast Ministry that takes place in our Great Hall every Sunday. There will be a short business meeting after.

we Look forward to seeing you!

Call Shara Partin, (919) 801-1234 for any questions

easter lillies

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 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.

last day to submit one is tuesday, april 15

PalmSunday

Please note that on Palm Sunday, we will have *one service only at 10 a.m.* (with fellowship before the service at 9:15!).

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US FOR THIS MEANINGFUL ENTRANCE INTO HOLY WEEK.

And if you know anyone who attends irregularly and may not receive Weekly Words, please call them and make sure they know there will be only one service that day. Thank you!

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 • ONE SERVICE ONLY • 10:00AM



Join us for Maundy Thursday as we come together to reflect on Jesus' profound act of humility and love. We will begin the evening with a light sandwich supper in the Great Hall, followed by a special service in the Sanctuary, which will include Holy Communion and the symbolic act of foot washing, as we remember Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. This is a beautiful time of reflection on His love and servanthood. We invite you to share in this sacred experience as we walk together toward Easter.

Thursday • April 17 • 7pm









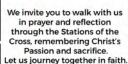














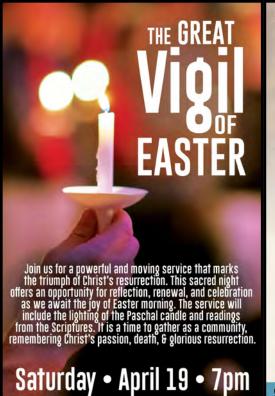


Friday









EASTERDAY

Come join and celebrate with us at our Easter Sunday service.



SUNDAY • APRIL 20

TWO SERVICES 8:15AM & 10:30AM



ON EASTER SUNDAY FILL UP THE CROSS WITH COLORFUL FLOWERS

rector and friends BIBLE study

THE (brief) EASTER EDITION

Encounters with the resurrected Jesus SUNDAYS 27 APRIL AND 4 MAY

Our Rector and Friends Bible Study for the Easter season will be brief for various scheduling reasons (including some vacation time Rhonda will take in May). Our discussion promises to be rich, however, so please plan to join in. We meet in the auditorium from 9.30 to 10.15

In these two sessions, we will study the gospel passage assigned for the day. Each of them presents an encounter between the resurrected Jesus and his disciples. Each is mysterious in its own way, and each offers reassurance and a call to us, his disciples two thousand years later. Come learn from the Bible, your siblings in faith, and your own experiences.

This Bible study is suitable for adults and teens.

OUR PASSAGES

27 April • John 20:19-31 / 4 May • John 21:1-19



irthday

U2	Gary Gorby
04	Steve Buff, Christie Joseph
05	Mary Carol Adams, Linda Stubblefield
07	Judd Kerr, Julia Buffington
09	Marian Accles, Darrell Smith
10	Luanne Driver, Nancy Smith
15	Carolyn Watson
16	Hannahgrace Daniels
17	Martha Adams, Kyle Deadmon
18	Katie Latta
19	Easton Robinson, Cathy Sanford, Robert Kittenger

Kenzie Swajkoski 23 Doug Peet 29

Wesley Swanner

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Brianne Martindale, Harlon Murray

30 Christin Baker, Joanne Mcclusky

april

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

prayers of the people

sympathies

For the repose of the soul of *Gregg Lee*, for the comfort of his children & **their** families, and friends.

For the repose of the soul of **Don Karrer**, and for the comfort of his family and friends.

For the repose of the soul of **Sondra Aheron**, and for the comfort of his family and friends

members

Margaret Egede-Nissen, Robin Maycock, Caroline Ansbacher, Bob Stewart, Ashton Fitzpatrick, Nelson Young, Chappy Moser, Doug Peet, Cecelia Walker, Edward Dunlap, Bobby Puett, Mittie Landi, Evie Surratt

family and friends

Canon Earnest Graham, Elizabeth Anderson, Jennifer Petty, Charley Jones, Ann Jennings, Eileen Civin, Ann McKinney, Dennis Campbell, Thomas & Jean Cummins, Devin Day, Annie Griner, Randy Williams, Richard Lehman, Gus Holbrook, Janet and Bill Bates, Allison, Terry Babin, Lisa Daniels, Pat Harwood, Lavette Morgan, Bonnie Honeycutt, Brynja Bowman, Jeff Safrit, Aubrey Henderson, Patricia Holt Langston



if you would like to









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