

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.

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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WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025 AT HOLY COMFORTER

SUNDAY, JAN. 12 **1ST SUN. AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Breakfast Ministry (Great Hall) 8:00 am

8:15 am HF Rite II (Sanctuary)

Children's Chapel (3rd fl. Atrium) 9:20 am 9:30 am Lectionary Bible Study (Small Dining Rm)

(Choir Room) 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am HF Rite II (Sanctuary) Lemonade & Coffee in the (Parlor)

MONDAY, JAN, 13

11:30 am

7:00 pm Courage to Change (Parish House)

Episcopal Church Women 11:00 am (Great Hall) 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Small Dining Rm)

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

Weekly Words Due

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY. JAN. 16

Men's Breakfast Group (Twin Lakes) 8:00 am

Twin Lakes Fucharist (Twin Lakes) 11:00 am

7:00 pm Courage to Change (Parish House)

SATURDAY. JAN. 18

Newlin Tutor Training (Small Dining Rm) 9:00 am

WEEKLY & COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Weekly Words submissions are no later than Tuesdays the week of.

Comfortable Words submissions are due FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

ANNUAL REPORT

All ministry submissions for the Annual Report must be submitted by FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12, 2025

VERGER

Steven Swanner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Christin Baker

READERS

8:15am | Joseph Keith

10:30am | Martha Stewart, Robin Perez

USHERS

8:15am | Tom McLean

10:30am | Sarah Moore, Jim Romer

ACOLYTES

8:15am | Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am | CHALICISTS - Kathy Hykes, Meredith Patterson

CRUCIFER - Mourine Todd

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GOSPEL BEARER - Caitlyn Todd

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRESENTER - Jocelyn Safrit

ASSISTANT - Terri Stevens

VESTRY COUNTERS

Carol Thornell, Alex Stevens

FLOWER GUILD

Betty Brown, Sandy Gerow, Julie Smith

ALTAR GUILD

Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan, Julie Smith, Nancy Smith, Rosemarie Walton

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Susan Klopman, Betty Adams, Judy Driscoll, Beth Glidewell, Julie Tighe

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Jan. 16th | Joseph Keith

A WORD FROM RHONDA

Dear siblings in Christ,

What a joy it was to worship with you, at last, on the twelfth day of Christmas. I am glad to be starting this journey with you in the season of Epiphany, as together we seek Jesus and offer him our gifts, trusting that he will transform them into something more beautiful than we could ever have imagined.

In these first days with Holy Comforter, I can identify with the Magi, who needed guidance and direction as they sought out the newborn king. I'm grateful for all the ways your vestry and staff are working to orient me. You can help with this by continuing to introduce yourselves, wearing your name tag if you have one, and reminding me what ministries you are connected to. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the weeks and months to come.

A few words about how to reach me: my Holy Comforter email is not quite set up yet, so for now, calling or texting me will be best. You can obtain my cell phone number by emailing or calling Parish Administrator Cat Sykes. For the most part, my current plan is to be at Holy Comforter Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. That plan will likely vary at times, however. And on my "in-office" days, I won't just be sitting in the office; I'll be out visiting, meeting people, and exploring Burlington. So if you drop by, I might be in—and delighted to see you—but I might be out. If you want to be sure to catch me, do please get in touch first to set up a time.

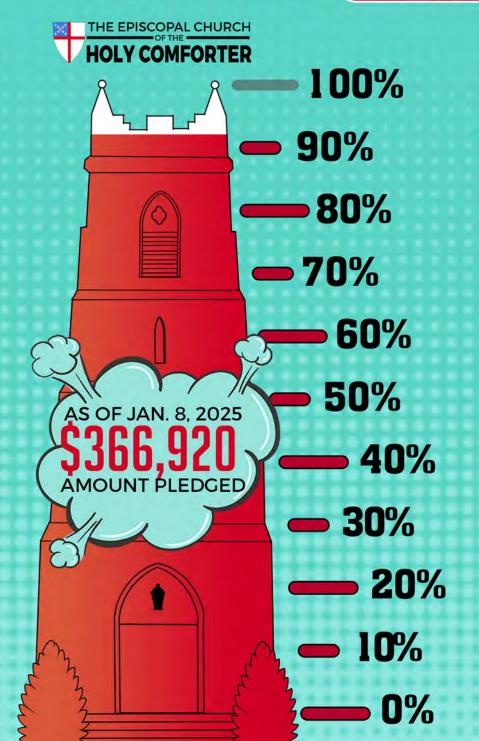
I keep sabbath on Fridays. If you have an emergency—like hospitalization, a serious illness, or a death—on a Friday or any day, please call my cell phone and I will be there for you. I will respond to non-emergency matters on Sunday or Monday.

I'm giving thanks for this journey that has begun, and looking forward to seeing where it takes us, together.

> Blessings, Chanda The Rev. Dr. Rhonda M. Lee, rector

THE REV. DR. RHONDA M. LEE RECTOR | RLEE@HC-B.ORG

OUR GOAL \$400,000





Dear friends,

It is once again time to receive nominations for new vestry members to be elected at Holy Comforter's annual meeting on Sunday, the 2nd of February. That day, we will celebrate only one Holy Eucharist, at 10 a.m. We will proceed from the nave directly to the Great Hall for our annual meeting, where we will also enjoy coffee and cookies together.

This year, four three-year vestry terms are open, as well as two one-year terms. The three-year terms will be filled first, by the nominees receiving the greatest number of votes, followed by the one-year terms.

You may nominate yourself or another person—whose permission you must have received in advance—to be placed on the vestry ballot. Nominations may be made by placing a name in the nomination box in the bell tower or by contacting Cat Sykes, parish administrator (csykes@hc-b.org). All nominations must be submitted by Sunday the 19th of January.

Vestry members I have worked with say that this ministry of parish governance is richly rewarding. In concert with the rector, and assisted by the staff, vestry members lead the parish on both spiritual and temporal levels, praying intentionally for the church, stewarding the its resources and providing for its future, casting a vision and working in faith toward its fulfillment, and addressing conflicts when they arise so they don't fester and damage the church. No two terms of vestry service are ever identical, and that's part of what makes it fascinating work.

All that being said, vestry membership is not the right commitment for everyone. Vestry members need to be confirmed Episcopalians in good standing, who attend services regularly and support the church financially as they are able. Vestry meetings are held the second Monday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m., usually in person (although occasionally by Zoom). Missing more than three meetings in a calendar year, except for illness or another grave reason, is cause for removal from the vestry—

mostly because those absences likely mean this isn't the right ministry for that person at that time. The vestry also attends a day-long meeting on a Saturday soon after the annual meeting, to orient new members and offer all members a refresher course about our joint ministry. This year, that meeting will take place on Saturday the 15th of February. Other

meetings may pop up from time to time if needed—as they did in this past season of searching for a new rector—but only when truly needed.

Is this the year when God is calling you to vestry service at Holy Comforter? Whether you are new to this parish or have been a member for decades, you might be called. Please give thought and prayer to offering yourself for this meaningful commitment.

Blessings, Rhanda

WELCOME RHONDA!!!!!

"What a fabulous reception" and welcome we had on Sunday, January 5th for our new rector, The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Lee.

> I want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who made the delicious food for all of us to enjoy !!!!!!

I want to give a HUGE thank you to Nancy Slott for our winter reception theme....... "We are SNOW Happy you are here" !!!!!!

I want to give a HUGE thank you to

Joanne McClusky who arrived back from her Charleston
bridge tournament in time to get the music going
to create a real celebration for Holy Comforter !!!!!!

I want to give a HUGE thank you to all the people who helped with the food set up and clean up !!!!!!

What a happy, healthy church we have !!!! THANK YOU ALL.

Susan Ryan

TWIN LAKES, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER

THE COBLE ROOM | **8AM** Breakfast | **9AM** Program

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

DEMARIS DODSON will present the program for the January 16th Men's Breakfast.

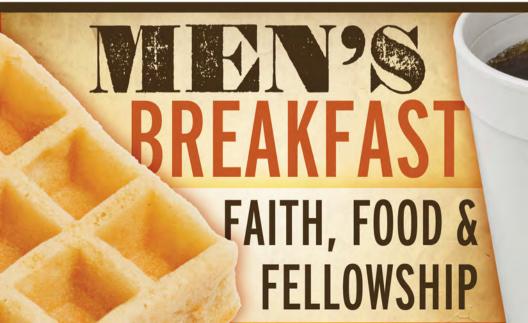
Alamance Regional Medical Center VOLUNTEER PROGRAM and MEDALERT

The program for 1/16/2025 Men's Breakfast will be about the Alamance Regional Medical Center Volunteer Program and MedAlert given by Demaris Dodson, Administrative Coordinator-Volunteer and Guest Services and Margaret Dickey - MedAlert Coordinator. It will be about the history of the program, how to be a volunteer, what the volunteers do, how valuable the volunteers are, and the benefits the volunteers receive. Margaret will cover the MedAlert Program.

Looking forward to being with you.

Phil Savage (<u>savageboatman@bellsouth.net</u>),
Richard McBride (<u>mcbride@elon.edu</u>),

Jeff Andrews (<u>jeff.alan.andrews@gmail.com</u>).





NEXT ECW MEETING IS 10AM MONDAY, JANUARY 13 IN SMALL DINING ROOM

Please join us for the **MONDAY**, **JAN**. **13** meeting. We will be in the **SMALL DINING ROOM** and start at ...

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US

Happy New Year Everyone!

Come and enjoy the fellowship of our parishioners and learn some of our History. Everyone is welcome. ECW accepts monetary donations: cash or check made out to "ECW" and sent to Jennell Harris. Monetary gifts are distributed by the end of the year to community and church needs. Call Shara Partin, (919) 801-1234 for any questions



STEPHEN MINISTRY



PROMISE

The promise of God given to Mary and Joseph has been given to us as well, for in Jesus, God has pierced the darkness of the world and of our lives with the light of his love. God is with us, and always will be, no matter how dark it is.

Br. James Koester, SSJE

Happy New Year from Stephen Ministers.

Join us in becoming a Stephen Minister.

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader (336) 269-5959 | burgessrene@gmail.com





CHAPPY'S CLAM CHOWDER

ORDER BY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

PICK UP on Saturday, Jan. 25 between 9-11am

contact **Chappy (336) 343-2222** or **Frank (336) 684-6315** for ordering

PARISH HOME GATHERINGS



COMING IN JANUARY! SIGN-UPS: JAN. 12, JAN. 19, JAN. 26

DINNER/ LUNCH/ BRUNCH WITH A GROUP OF 8 OR LESS

4 TIMES OVER THE NEXT 4 MONTHS
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER (PURELY SOCIAL)
HOST YOU GROUP AT HOME - OR EAT OUT
CALL FOR QUESTIONS: JOCELYN. (336) 260-7557



3 Ulhday CELEBRATIONS

January 15 Cheryl Dickey

January 17 Larry Stevens

Howard Adams

Robert Stevens

Cyrus Simpson

January 19 Lisha Akers

Ski Swajkoski

Jean Tippett

January 20 Audrey Deadmon

January 25 Sarah Moore

January 26 Peg Ladd

Lee Pinson

January 29 Catherine Gibson

Patrick Rudd

January 30 Maryanne Shanahan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SYMPATHIES

- For the repose of the soul of Rudy Jordan, for the comfort of his wife Julia and his famiy and friends, including Maryanne Shanahan.
- For the repose of the soul of Dan Seiler, for the comfort of his family and friends, including Max and Adriane Newbauer.

MEMBERS

Gregg Lee Chappy Moser Nelson Young
Nancy Christensen Amy Hess Edward Dunlap
Bobby Puett Mittie Landi Evie Surratt
Doug Peet Bob Stewart Cecelia Walker

Margaret Egede-Nissen

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Peggy Payne, Bob Dick - Sid & Ann Little's friends

Randy Williams - David Williams' brother

John Lewis - Sarah Moore's friend

Will Nadolski - Paula Boyd's grandson

Carolyn Strafaci - Cat Sykes' mom

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

Dick Rowe - Adriane Newbauer's father

Lisa Daniels, Lupe Wood - Julia Buffington's friends

Pat Harwood – Amy Hess' mother

Marcus Day - David Day's brother

Sid Owens - Linda Buff's friend's grandson

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

Patricia Holt Langston, Aubrey Henderson – Nancy Powell's granddaughter & great granddaughter



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