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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.

LAY MINISTRY JULY 14 SCHEDULE

VERGER

Steven Swanner

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

8:15am - Derek Bates

10:30am - Sarah Moore, Micah Ash

READERS

8:15am - Julie Smith

10:30am - Cheryl Dickey, Colleen Stevens

ACOLYTES

8:15am - Curt Odem

10:30am - *CHALICISTS* - Kathy Hykes, Martha Stewart

CRUCIFER - Paul Surratt

LEFT TORCH BEARER - Wesley Swanner

RIGHT TORCH BEARER - William Swanner

GOSPEL BEARER - Millie Surratt

VESTRY COUNTERS

Alex Stevens, Carol Thornell

ALTAR GUILD

Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray,

Susan Ryan, Julie Smith, Nancy Smith

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Susan Kern, Peggy Boswell, Margaret Egede-Nissen,

Steen Gorby, Peggy McMormick, Barbara Simpson

WEEK OF JULY 14 CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite II

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite II

11:30am | Lemonade and Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, JULY 15

7:00pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Weekly Words Due

THURSDAY, JULY 18

11:00am | Twin Lakes Eucharist

7:00pm | Courage to Change



altar FLOWERS

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SUMMER FLOWER GUILD AND BEYOND

For 10 months every year, a total of 44 Sundays, Holy Comforter's Flower Guild has the joyful task of making altar flower arrangements for our worship services. In July and August, Flower Guild is "on vacation", enjoying travel and time away with family and friends. In the past there has been confusion about how to be a flower donor for July and August, with the need to arrange for one's own florist, pick up vase liners, etc. Additionally, the cost of donating altar flowers through a florist is more than twice the Flower Guild charge.

In order to make the process simpler and more accessible, Flower Guild is making the following changes:

1. Effective immediately, the cost for being a Sunday flower donor will be \$75. This will cover our increasing cost for flowers and supplies.
2. Flower Guild has arranged coverage for the Sundays in July and August with Keith Phillips Florist. You do not need to contact him directly unless you have a specific request for type or color of flowers.
3. The donor fee for July and August will remain at \$75, payable to Flower Guild. Flower Guild will underwrite the remaining balance due to the florist.

There are currently 2 open Sundays for altar flower donors this summer, **July 21 and **August 18**.**

In order to make our new system viable, it is important that all Sundays have donors. Please consider being an altar flower donor, especially if you have not done so before. To sign up as a donor, just call Cat at the church office, 336-227-4251.

Flower Guild appreciates the generous support we have had from our parishioners, and looks forward to continuing to serve Holy Comforter in the future.

CONNIE GRINER | Flower Guild Chair

stephen MINISTRY

Christ caring for people through people



ANXIETY

Jesus calls us to grow in the daily and hourly choice to grind the wheat of trust rather than the empty husk of worry. We are human beings, not goldfinches or irises. We will experience anxiety. But our anxiety need not define us in the least. We are defined by the liberating service of God.

Br. Keith Nelson, SSJE

COMFORT

Jesus revealed to us a compassionate God and invited us to draw strength and hope from him as a branch draws its life from the vine. And he has called us to be agents of this same compassion to those we meet, comforting others with the comfort we have received.

Br. David Vryhof

Stephen Ministry is here to provide this comfort. Join our Stephen Ministry at Holy Comforter as a Care Receiver or to become a Stephen Minister.

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

GRIEF SHARE OPPORTUNITY BEGINS SEPTEMBER

We are ready to begin Grief Share Sessions at Holy Comforter. This opportunity can be offered to the community. Before we do this we want to serve Holy Comforter members the first opportunity to sign up.

Sessions will begin in September and will be held on Tuesday evenings. Contact Janice Davis (thedavisresultsgroup@gmail.com) or Terri Stevens (terristevens58@gmail.com)

OUR MINISTRY

GriefShare's parent ministry is Church Initiative. Church Initiative is a nondenominational, nonprofit ministry serving more than 20,000 churches worldwide. From its headquarters in Wake Forest, North Carolina, the ministry creates and publishes video-based curricula to help churches minister to people experiencing life crises.

CORE VALUES

Church Initiative is committed to producing small group resources and materials that are Christ-centered, biblically based, and designed for ministry conducted through the local church.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to equip local churches to mobilize lay ministry teams to help people hurting because of a major life crisis.

OUR STRATEGY

Here's the twofold strategy we use to carry out our mission:

- Develop Christ-centered, biblical curricula
- Ongoing, free consulting and support to churches and ministry leaders

OUR VISION

To see churches help hurting people heal through the use of GriefShare.





THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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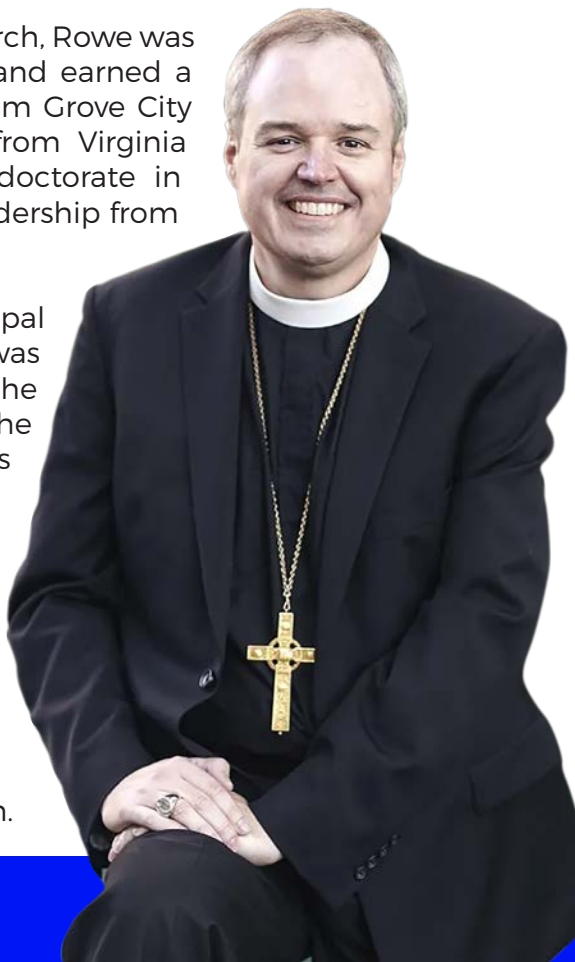
THE RT. REV. SEAN ROWE ELECTED THE 28TH PRESIDING BISHOP

“Bishop Michael Curry will retire October 31st of this year and Bishop Sean Rowe will be consecrated Presiding Bishop on November 1.”

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 81st General Convention today. He was elected on the first ballot by the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies shortly thereafter.

As shared by The Episcopal Church, Rowe was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and earned a bachelor's degree in history from Grove City College, a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32. Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.



112 YEARS AND GROWING



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