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# WEEKLY WORDS

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

# 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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Don't Forget To Change Your Clocks

**SPRING**

**FORWARD**

**1 HOUR**

**MARCH 9**



**Spring  
Forward**

# this week at holy comforter

## 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 Rm.</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

Cancer Fundraiser Vietnamese Fashion Show	<i>Great Hall</i>
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COMFORTABLE WORD ARTICLES ARE DUE FRIDAY, MAR. 21

# lay ministers for sunday, march 9th

## VERGER

Steven Swanner

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

Christin Baker

## READERS

**8:15am -**  
**10:30am -**

Jocelyn Safrit  
Robin Maycock  
Paige Ysteboe

## USHERS

**8:15am -**  
**10:30am -**

Derek Bates  
Peter Klopman  
Susan Klopman

## ACOLYTES

**8:15am -**  
**10:30am -** CHALICISTS -

CRUCIFER -  
TORCH BEARERS -

GOSPEL BEARER -

Julie Smith  
Kathy Hykes,  
Meredith Patterson  
Mourine Todd  
Wesley Swanner  
William Swanner  
Caitlyn Todd

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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ASSISTANT -

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Jackie Griffith

## VESTRY COUNTERS

Julie Swanner, Alex Stevens

## FLOWER GUILD

Betty Brown, Julie Smith

## ALTAR GUILD

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

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**Joanne McClusky**, Paula Boyd, Rene Burgess,  
Sarah Moore, Jane Romer, Rosemarie Walton

## MEN'S GROUP

**March 13th** / Steve Goodman

# RECTOR AND FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY

## SECOND SESSION THIS SUNDAY

### “JESUS, ANXIETY, AND US”

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9** / WHERE: **AUDITORIUM** / **9:30-10:15**

On Sundays in March, we are gathering in the auditorium between our two services to study some New Testament lessons with something to say about anxiety. Please bring your Bible — but if you forget it, come anyway! Each Sunday, we will read the lesson together. No advance preparation is necessary, but if you would like to read this week's lesson beforehand, you'll find it below. This Bible study is appropriate for adults and teens. See you there!

<sup>33</sup>Now many saw [Jesus and the disciples] going [to a deserted place to rest] and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>35</sup> When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; <sup>36</sup> send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.'

<sup>37</sup> But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.'

<sup>39</sup> Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. <sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all.

<sup>42</sup> And all ate and were filled; <sup>43</sup> and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men."



# 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



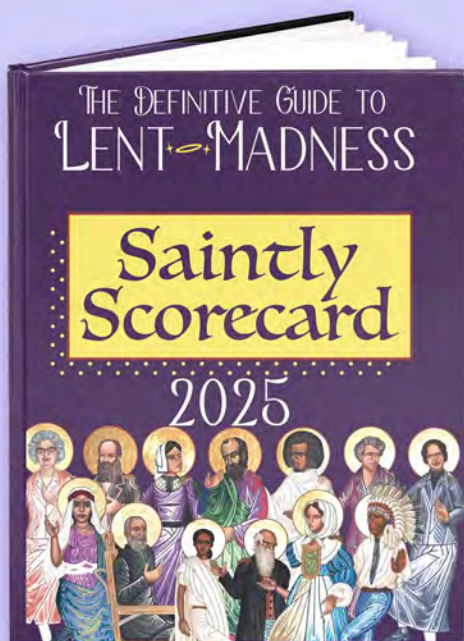
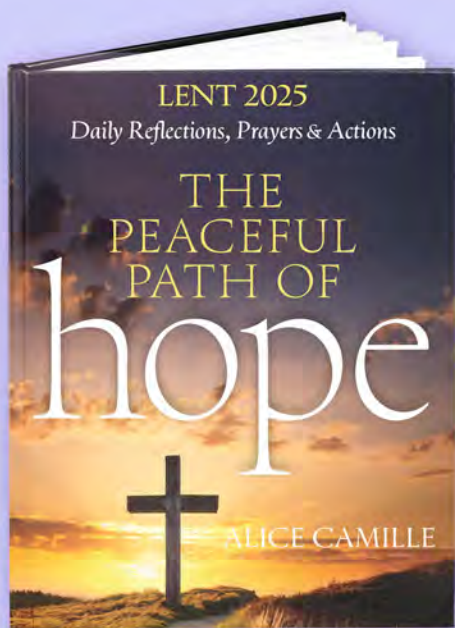
# lenten

## WEDNESDAY SERIES

SUPPER &  
PROGRAM  
GREAT HALL

Lenten Madness returns this Lent with our Wednesday night dinners and program featuring a basketball-like tournament competition over 5 Wednesdays to name the winner among 32 saints. (*St. Athanasius is one of them.....our original building was named for him 1602 years after his birth*).

All of the saints have similar and compelling stories to help make their case. The first 100 to come will also receive a copy of "The Peaceful Path of Hope", a daily guide for Lenten reflections, prayers and action. So Join us on Wednesdays March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 for a fun time. Youth program also provided.



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*The lenten supper will be hosted by the Altar Guild*

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

**TWIN LAKES**, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER

THE COBLE ROOM | **Thursday, march 13**

**STEVE GOODMAN**

will present the program for the Men's Breakfast.

**REFLECTIONS ON ASPECTS OF  
LIVING IN FRANCE - CULTURE, ECONOMICS,  
POLITICS & HEALTHCARE**

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Steve and his wife Carol returned in 2023 from spending four and a half years in France with Steve having spent an additional seven years as a kid. Come share the differences and similarities between life and the US including religion, relations with the government, shopping, health care, etc.

**QUESTIONS, CONTACT:**

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



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

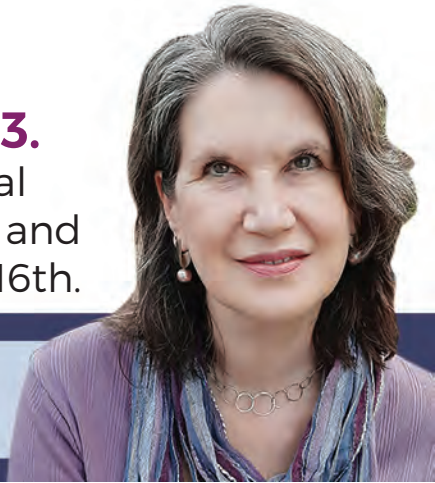
# rector day off

Rhonda will be taking  
a day off this coming

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13.**

She will be working as usual  
Monday through Wednesday, and  
will be in church Sunday the 16th.

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




# parish administrator day off

Cat will be taking a day off

**Monday, March 17.**

The office will be open however and Elizabeth Hansen will be answering the phone if you have any basic needs.





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, 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 Tues., April 15**

# Lent and altar flowers – A CLARIFICATION

The tradition in the Episcopal Church, and in our parish, is to observe the penitential season of Lent by removing the color of flowers from our altar arrangements. The “altar flowers” become “altar greens” during this time of the church year.

This is a challenge to the creativity of the Flower Guild, as we endeavor to make beautiful arrangements in a monochromatic palette. It is also a challenge to parishioners, as many are (*understandably*) reluctant to pay the usual \$75 charge for altar arrangements when no flowers are involved.

Moving forward, Flower Guild has decided to reduce the price for altar arrangements during the Sundays of Lent.

**\$25 for 2 arrangements** will cover our costs of materials, and hopefully encourage more donors during this time of the year. *If you have already paid for a Lenten Sunday at the higher rate, then the difference will be refunded to you.*

Thank you from all the members of the Flower Guild for your ongoing support of our ministry.

Connie Griner, Chair  
Holy Comforter Flower Guild

# stephen ministry

We have received support from our Rector for the Stephen Ministry program at Holy Comforter.

Rhonda stated:

*"I'm glad to know Holy Comforter has a Stephen Ministry, which is such an important resource for pastoral care. I look forward to working with the team."*

If you have a pastoral concern and think you might benefit from a Stephen Minister, please be in touch and we can talk about the possibilities.

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader (336-269- 5959.)

# 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**

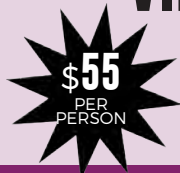
denise  
marie flaherty memorial foundation



Terri  
Stevens



FIRST EVENT IS NEXT **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**

# 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**

# 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!**





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

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!**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 8 / 7PM**



H A P P Y  
*Birthday*  
+ T O Y O U +

march



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

if your birthday was missed please message  
[csykes@hc-b.org](mailto:csykes@hc-b.org) so we can add it in our records.

# prayers of the people

## members

Ashton Fitzpatrick  
Robin Maycock  
Margaret Egede-Nissen  
Bobby Puett  
Doug Peet

Bob Stewart  
Chappy Moser  
Cecelia Walker  
Mittie Landi

Don Karrer  
Nelson Young  
Edward Dunlap  
Evie Surratt

## family and friends

Canon Earnest Graham

Ann McKinney - *Sarah Moore's cousin*

Vicki Kincius - *Connie Griner's sister-in-law*

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*

# 113 YEARS AND GROWING

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