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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

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.

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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 19, 2025 AT HOLY COMFORTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT VESTRY NOMINATIONS.

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REVIEW ARTICLES.

8:00am	Breakfast Ministry	Great Hall
8:15am	HE Rite II	Sanctuary
9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30am	HE Rite II	Sanctuary
11:30am	Coffee / Lemonade in the Parlor	
1:00pm	Newlin Tutor Training	SDR

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Our office will be closed on **Monday, January 20, 2025**

9:00am	Newlin Tutor Training	SDR
5:00pm	NP Board meeting	SDR
7:00pm	Courage to Change	Parish House

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

WEEKLY WORDS' ARTICLES DUE

9:00am	Newlin Tutor Training	SDR
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

9am-11am	Clam Chowder PICK-UP
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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

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 19, 2025

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Christin Baker

READERS

8:15am | Curt Odem

10:30am | Patrick Rudd, Jim McAdams

USHERS

8:15am | Ron Driscoll

10:30am | Patrick Rudd, Hu Womack

ACOLYTES

8:15am | Julie Smith

10:30am | CHALICISTS - Adriane & Max Newbauer

CRUCIFER - Max Newbauer

TORCH BEARERS - Adriane / Annagrace Newbauer

GOSPEL BEARER - Holden Newbauer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRESENTER - Jocelyn Safrit

ASSISTANT - Jim Romer

VESTRY COUNTERS

Carol Thornell, Sid Little

FLOWER GUILD

Ren Bryan, Janie Sellers, Betsy Weatherly

ALTAR GUILD

Sara Partin, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie Griner, Emily Hackney, Mary Telander

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Jan. 23rd | Lee Kern

A WORD FROM RHONDA

***"Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them."* Psalm 146:2**

Dear friends in Christ,

This coming Monday, the 20th of January, the United States will celebrate the birthday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (*As is customary when Christians remember the saints, the Episcopal Church celebrates Dr. King's feast on the anniversary of his murder, the 4th of April.*) The same day, this country will also inaugurate a new president.

Holy Scripture repeatedly warns God's people not to place our ultimate trust in secular leaders, whether monarch, president, governor, or prime minister. Certainly, it's every Christian's duty to strive for and contribute to the collective good. Voting, standing for election, campaigning, or working in the public sector are just a few ways we can do that. Our political decisions and choices affect not only ourselves, but also our neighbors, including many who are particularly vulnerable to abuses of power. Trusting that these decisions do matter, you and I are called to make them deliberately and prayerfully, with as much wisdom and humility as we can muster.

And yet, it is God who, as the 146th psalm says, "made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger...[who] cares for the stranger...sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked." It is in God alone that we place our ultimate trust: that God's power will, in the end, heal and liberate not just all people, but all creatures.

God invites you and me, and all disciples of Jesus Christ, to participate in God's healing, sustaining acts as a way to show gratitude for the divine love that sustains us. The path we are to follow is clear: to love God and our neighbors, and to seek out a justice that heals. This is our path when our preferred candidate has been elected, and it remains our path when they have not. God's call to us, to put our discipleship above party or country, remains the same in every season, in election years and out of them.

So, this coming Monday is a good day to give thanks for Martin Luther King, Jr., and other disciples of Jesus Christ who have made a prophetic and costly witness, and to pray for the new president and everyone who will exercise authority in the new administration. Only God knows what lies ahead of us, for better or for worse, and God has promised to equip us with whatever we may need to respond faithfully.

Yours in the peace of Jesus Christ, *Rhonda*



THE REV. DR. RHONDA M. LEE
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TWIN LAKES, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER
THE COBLE ROOM | **8AM** Breakfast | **9AM** Program

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

DR. JORDAN KERN will present the program
for the January 23rd Men's Breakfast.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

Climate change is a complex challenge for many reasons: its impacts are uncertain and will mostly occur in the future, but solving the problem requires action today. It requires global coordination, but the causes and effects are not equally distributed across countries. Solving it will be expensive, and there will be 'winners and losers' in a fast transition away from fossil fuels. This talk will discuss these challenges and also talk about the progress that is being made in solving climate change.

Dr. Jordan Kern is an Assistant Professor at North Carolina State University in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering. His group's research tries to advance optimal design and management of low-to-zero carbon energy systems. He has served as an expert witness for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, and served as an expert on a White House Office of Science and Technology Policy panel concerning the potential role of artificial intelligence in managing climate change and the transition to low carbon energy systems.

Looking forward to being with you.

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**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

STEPHEN MINISTRY



This is our prayer as we meet with our Care Receivers:

GIVING CARE IS SACRED

Living fully includes caring for yourself and giving care to others.

Keeping both in balance will make your journey
through life rich and rewarding.

Giving care is sacred.

Recognize that your actions are prayer in motion.

Value the gifts of caregiving.

It's an opportunity to grow in tolerance, patience,
compassion, and understanding of the limitless power of love.
Let your wise and gentle inner voice guide you in your caregiving.
There is no perfect way to care. Perfection isn't the goal. Love is.

By Julie Kuelbeck and Victoria O'Conner.
Caregiver Therapy. Abbey Press, St Meinrad IN 20164

Become a Stephen Minister at Holy Comforter.
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HOLY COMFORTER

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

One service only | 10am
Meeting immediately following.
Coffee and Cookies provided.



CHAPPY'S CLAM CHOWDER

**LAST DAY TO ORDER IS
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

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

contact **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**



Birthday CELEBRATIONS

January 15

Cheryl Dickey

January 17

Larry Stevens
Howard Adams
Robert Stevens
Cyrus Simpson

January 19

Lisha Akers
Ski Swajkoski
Jean Tippet

January 20

Audrey Deadmon

January 25

Sarah Moore

January 26


Peg Ladd
Lee Pinson

January 29

Catherine Gibson
Patrick Rudd

January 30

Maryanne Shanahan



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 Betty Wooten, for the comfort of her children, including Beth Glidewell, Jim Wooten, Ed Wooten, and for her family and friends.
- For the repose of the soul of Vernon Griffith, for the comfort of his daughter, Jackie Griffith, and for his family and friends.
- For the repose of the soul of Dan Seiler, for the comfort of his family and friends, including Max and Adriane Newbauer.

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Grace Savage - Phil & Betsey Savage's daughter-in-law
Annie Griner - Connie Griner's daughter-in-law
Juli Hauser - Gretchen & Doug Peet's friend
Peggy Payne, Bob Dick - Sid & Ann Little's friends
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, Lupe Wood - Julia Buffington's friends
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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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO



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