

Weekly Words



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A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER



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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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:00am Breakfast Ministry (*Great Hall*)
8:15am Advent II (*Sanctuary*)
with The Rev. Melanie Barbarito
9:20am Children's Chapel (*3rd floor Atrium*)
9:30am Lectionary Bible Study (*Small Dining Room*)
9:45am Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
10:30am Advent II (*Sanctuary*)
with The Rev. Melanie Barbarito
11:30am Lemonade & Coffee in the (*Parlor*)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 11:00am **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** (*Great Hall*)
6:00pm **VESTRY MEETING** (*Small Dining Room*)
7:00pm Courage to Change (*Parish House*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

WEEKLY WORD ARTICLES DUE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast Group (*Twin Lakes*)
11:00am Brookwood Village Eucharist (*Brookwood*)
7:00pm Courage to Change (*Parish House*)

DECEMBER 8 LAY MINISTRY CALENDAR

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

VERGER

Steven Swanner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Christin Baker

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Jocelyn Safrit
Christmas Pageant role assignments

FLOWER GUILD

Betty Brown, Sandy Gerow, Julie Smith

ALTAR GUILD

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

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Susan Ryan

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP ON DEC. 12

Phil Deadmon

FLOWER DONOR ON DEC. 8

Patrick Rudd

MEALS ON WHEELS

Dec. 9 | Janice and Jim McAdams

Dec. 10 | Frank Harris

Dec. 11 | Pete Glidewell

Dec. 12 | Shara Partin / Martha Adams

Dec. 13 | Lynn and Peter Dahl

VESTRY COUNTERS

Carol Thornell, Diana Wallace

READERS

8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am - Patrick Rudd, Paige Ysteboe

USHERS

8:15am - Tom McLean

10:30am - Patrick Rudd, Hu Womack

ACOLYTES

8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am - Paige Ysteboe, Meredith Patterson, Mourine Todd, Wesley Swanner, William Swanner, Caitlyn Todd

8

DEC

ADVENT II

8:15am

10:30am

Advent II**Advent II**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

15

DEC

ADVENT III

8:15am

10:30am

Advent III Service**Lessons and Carols**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

11:30am

Parish Reception**22**

DEC

ADVENT IV

8:15am

10:30am

Advent IV Service**Advent IV Service**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm

Christmas Eve Service**with Pageant**

6:00pm

Christmas Eve Reception**in the Parlor**

10:00pm

Holy Eucharist**with Carol Prelude**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

25

DEC

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am

Christmas Day Service**29**

DEC

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:15am

10:30am

HE Rite II Service**HE Rite II Service**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED for
the holidays

25

DEC

26

DEC

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JAN

Alamance Chorale invites you to experience

Christmas Joy

**THURSDAY
DEC. 12 AT 7PM**

AND

**SATURDAY
DEC. 14 AT 3PM**



Grove Park Baptist Church
108 Trail One, Burlington, NC
CONCERT ADMISSION IS FREE



For more information visit
www.alamancechorale.org



ALAMANCE ARTS
Alamance Chorale is an
Associate Member of
The Alamance Arts Council



COMING SOON

Christmas Pageant

NEEDED:

Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shephards
Wise Men (or women), Sheep

ALL AGES

no experience necessary

Please call **Jocelyn** | (336) 260-7557

BE PREPARED TO MEET AT

Rehearsal on December 22nd at 11:30am

SHOW TIME | December 24 at 5PM

OUR GOAL

\$400,000



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER

100%

90%

80%

70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

0%

AS OF DEC. 4

\$338,370

AMOUNT PLEDGED



2024 ACAC HONOR CARDS

The Honor Card Campaign has begun. ACAC is proud to present its second agency designed card. This year's card continues to follow the tradition of past year's card. The beliefs of hope, faith and charity continue to shine through in this picture.

We listened to feedback from our supporters, and we have included an interpretation/meaning of the card itself as seen through the eyes of our Executive Director, Jai Baker. We continue to fulfill our mission on Ending Homeless and Hunger in Alamance County and Thank You for all your support....

“Life can be tough! Things happen that are unexplainable.... Nights get long, they can get cold, but we must keep pushing forward. Sometimes we feel that there is darkness and despair in our lives. We continue to live, we must “Look to the Hills!””

In this year's Honor Card, there are visuals of the cold night and despair. The Snow and Ice are prominent in the illustration. But upon further observation, we see the water is starting to flow again, the light of the day bringing about a fresh new view and maybe even a promise of what is to come. This illustration speaks of the job we do, to the lives that we touch and to the changes that happen in the lives of the individuals, families and children that we serve.

Thank you for supporting ACAC on its mission to End Homelessness and Hunger
... Jai Baker

TO PURCHASE CARDS

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OR **RENE BURGESS**
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(336) 269-5959



TWIN LAKES, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER

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

PHIL DEADMON will present the program for the Men's Breakfast.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Phil was a member of the NC Army National Guard for six years from 1971-1977. In the spring of 1971, the last semester of his senior year in college at Western Carolina University. He was in the first US Draft Lottery and received a low number (105).

He will be telling several "mini" stories with a larger story of his time in the Guard, primarily focusing on his basic training from August-December, 1971 at Fort Polk Army Post in Louisiana. At that time, Fort Polk was well known in Army circles as "Little Vietnam". Phil enlisted with the Guard in Salisbury, NC and was in a Mechanized Infantry Unit.

Phil's entire basic training was focused on preparations to fight in the Vietnam War. About half of the battalion were guardsmen and half regular Army guys. The guardsmen returned to their homes after training while EVERY regular Army serviceman was sent directly to Vietnam. The guardsmen received the exact training alongside the regular guys so they were equally prepared to fight in the war if called. Phil looks forward to being with you.

Phil Savage (savageboatman@bellsouth.net),

Richard McBride (mcbride@elon.edu),

Jeff Andrews (Jeff Andrews (jeff.alan.andrews@gmail.com)).



MEN'S BREAKFAST



ECW | EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

MONDAY, DEC. 9 *in the Great Hall*

This MONDAY, DEC. 9 is the CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON with carols by the spinet.

Jennell Harris and Nancy Smith are the hostesses. We will gather in the Great Hall at 11, the music with Phil Deadmon and Jim McAdams will begin at 11:30am followed by lunch at noonish. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to join us for this festive meeting. This year you do not need to bring anything to share. We will enjoy the tetrazini and cranberry salad from the Stewardship lunch and some select desserts. Jennell and I want you to come and enjoy this special occasion to celebrate a very busy and successful year.

Don't forget our trip to DANVILLE on TUESDAY, DEC. 17

We will go to **DANVILLE** for a **TOUR OF THE 20FT. CHRISMON TREE** at the Lutheran Church where the tradition began. **Gather** in the kitchen side parking lot **at 9:00am** to form carpools. **Our tour is at 10:30am**, we will have lunch (*tbd*) before returning by 2:30pm. Those who want to return directly home can ride together and be home by 12:30pm. **THE TOUR IS FREE** but we will make a contribution and maybe take one of our ornaments for their tree.

This is the last Sunday for the Christmas food offering for Allied Churches and Caring Kitchen.



CHRISTMAS FOR NEWLIN STUDENTS



For several years Holy Comforter parishioners **have helped provide a small bag of Christmas gifts** to each of the Newlin students who receive weekly backpack food during the school year. Listed below are suggestions for items that we would like to give these children. **The Dollar Stores are wonderful sources for these items!** If you prefer to have us shop for these kindergarten through 5th grade students please send a check to Holy Comforter with **“Christmas gifts for Newlin backpacks”** in the memo line. **THE DEADLINE FOR GIFTS / DONATIONS is FRIDAY DECEMBER 13.** A large bin will be in the church library for these items. Once again thank you so much for helping us provide Christmas gifts for Newlin students.

Margaret Egede-Nissen
(336) 266-9443

Audrey Deadmon
(336) 213-2213

Ren Bryan
(336) 675-3920

SUGGESTIONS	
small toys	small stuffed animals
pencils	crayons
coloring pencils	coloring books
toothbrushes	toothpaste
mittens	gloves
hats	notepads
small books	puzzles
candy	socks



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Thought For The Week:

PURPOSE

When we wake up each morning, we can presume God's presence, and power, and provision. We have been kept alive for as much as one more day to know God, and to love God, and to serve God as only we, uniquely, can do. It's why we are still alive. Which turns life into such an amazing adventure.

Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Do serve God in our Stephen Ministry. Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader (336) 269-5959, burgessrene@gmail.com.



STEPHEN
ministry
We're here to help

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

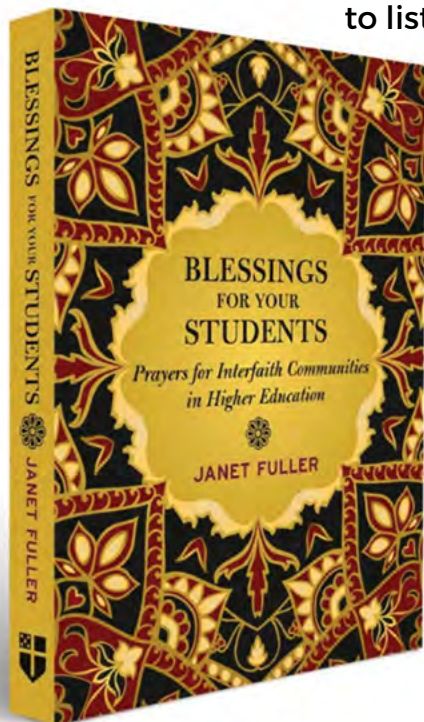


As we prepare to celebrate Advent and the joy of Christmas, we invite you to honor or remember others with a special donation. **Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute toward our beautiful Christmas greenery, such as poinsettias, or direct their gift to areas of greatest need. Please take a look at the label on the back of the envelope, where you may choose how to direct your gift (Christmas greenery or greatest need).** Your generosity will help make this season especially meaningful for our parish community. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

A NEW BOOK BY ONE OF OUR VERY OWN JANET FULLER

An essential interfaith resource for university chaplains and spiritual leaders in higher education. In an increasingly heterogeneous age, any university chaplains and spiritual leaders struggle to center their student communities, aware of vast diversities in their needs – the prayers of one tradition are rarely sufficient to honor the many paths their students may be travelling. With this heartfelt collection of interfaith prayers, Janet Fuller leverages the fruits of 40 years of chaplaincy to bridge this gap, offering sample prayers and spiritual direction for use across all communities of learning, from the first day of school to the bittersweet crossroads of graduation. Chaplains will find support for all the essential student struggles, including new beginnings, athletics, loneliness, and the search for hope. For use in part or whole, or as templates for other prayers, these blessings provide a voice for academic communities as they gather to give thanks, remember, and look to the future, all using language that commends itself to many spiritual paths or none at all. The prayers can also be adapted for chaplain use in hospitals, prisons, continuous care retirement communities, military gatherings, and many others. In a time when many exhibit a disinclination to hear with ears or hearts,

Blessings for Your Students invites readers to listen closely to the power of prayer.



“This inclusive, passionate, and sacred book will be a useful tool for countless chaplains.”

- Board of Directors, Associate for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education (ACSLHE)

If you would like a signed copy by Janet, contact her at **jfuller3@elon.edu**.



Church
PUBLISHING



DECEMBER

Birthday CELEBRATIONS

01	Ryan Daniels	16	John Stubblefield
02	Audrey Heffley Bob Kirchen Tom Ryan Sarah Williams	19	Katharina Kerr Mary Telander
03	Corrinne Surratt Edward Sutton	23	Rene Burgess CW Wilkerson
05	Mary Coe	25	David Day
06	Annagrace Newbauer Aurora Marasca	27	Susan Ryan
08	Philip Deadmon Shara Partin	28	Adam Scarboro Ed McCauley
12	Linda Gordon	29	Richard Parker Jennell Harris
13	Coral Erikson	30	Becky Gilbert
15	Mittie Landi Cecelia Walker	31	Les Plumb

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS MISSED, PLEASE MESSAGE
INFO@HC-B.ORG SO WE CAN ADD IT IN OUR RECORDS.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEMBERS

Gene Griner	Amy Hess	Chappy Moser
Edward Dunlap	Bill Amidon	Curt Odem
Bobby Puett	Nancy Christensen	Mittie Landi
Evie Surratt	Nelson Young	Doug Peet
Margaret Egede-Nissen	Cecelia Walker	Bob Stewart

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Randy Williams - *David Williams' brother*
John Lewis - *Sarah Moore's friend*
Christina Creason - *Cat Sykes' friend*
Will Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*
Carolyn Strafacci - *Cat Sykes' mom*
Annie Griner - *Connie Griner's daughter-in-law*
Richard Lehman - *Gary Schilke's friend*
Mary Leighton Sellers - *Janie Seller's mother-in-law*
Gus Holbrook - *Julie & Steven Swanner's friend*
Phillip Tillman - *Sandy Gerow's friend*
Janet and Bill Bates - *Derek Bates' parents*
Allison - *Ren Bryan's daughter-in-law*
Terry Babin, Henry Haughton - *Elizabeth Hansen's friend & Uncle*
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 Langston, Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's granddaughter
& great granddaughter*



113 YEARS AND GROWING



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