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# WEEKLY WORDS

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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

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.

# This week at Holy Comforter

Starting after church on Sunday 18 May,  
Rhonda will be away for one week of vacation  
and one week of continuing education.  
She will return to work on Sunday 2 June.

During that time, if you have a pastoral  
emergency, please call or text Senior Warden  
Julie Swanner. She will obtain the services of a  
priest as needed. Thank you!

## SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00am	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
10:30am	HE Rite II Youth Sunday	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:30am	Youth Sunday Picnic	<i>Grove</i>

## MONDAY, MAY 19

5:30pm	Newlin Partnership Board Mtg	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

## TUESDAY, MAY 20

Weekly Word Articles Due

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Comfortable Word Articles Due

7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
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## THURSDAY, MAY 22

10:00am	Newlin Tutor Luncheon	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
4:00pm	Finance Committee Mtg.	<i>Small Dining Room</i>
7:00 pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

# Lay Ministers for May 18

<b>VERGER</b>	Steven Swanner	
<b>ASSISTANT VERGER</b>	William Swanner	
<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	Christin Baker	
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Isaac Reed, <i>Organ</i> William Swanner, <i>Piano</i>	
<b>READERS</b>	<i>8:15am</i> - Julie Smith <i>10:30am</i> - Max Fitzpatrick, <i>1st Reading</i> Evie Surratt, <i>New Testament</i> Jocelyn Safrit, <i>Prayers of the People</i>	
<b>USHERS</b>	<i>8:15am</i> - Ron Driscoll <i>10:30am</i> - Miles Pinson Rhett Pinson Phil Savage Jim Romer	
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<i>8:15am</i> - Elizabeth Hansen <i>10:30am</i> - Meredith Patterson, <i>Chalicerist</i> Steven Swanner, <i>Chalicerist</i> Wesley Swanner, <i>Crucifer</i> Davis Slott, <i>Left Torch Bearer</i> Fletcher Slott, <i>Right Torch Bearer</i> Amelia Pearce, <i>Gospel Bearer</i> Ralph Holt & Raleigh Holt, <i>Elements</i>	
<b>VESTRY COUNTERS</b>	Pat House	Elizabeth Hansen
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>	Ren Bryan Betsy Weatherly	Janie Sellers
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<i><b>Shara Partin</b></i> Ren Bryan Emily Hackney	Verne Booker Connie Griner Mary Telander
<b>SUNSHINE COMMITTEE</b>	<i><b>Gretchen Peet</b></i> Debra Scott Mary Telander	Martha Stewart William Swanner



# YOUTH *Sunday*

**MAY 18**

Come enjoy all the young  
people participate in the  
10:30am service!  
Picnic / cookout  
in the grove following  
the church service.



We will share another  
milestone with all of  
you as **KEYON**  
(Colleen & Larry Steven's grandson)  
will be baptized May 18.

We will recognize  
Max Fitzpatrick  
who is graduating  
from High School.

Bring a lawn chair, and bring your appetites.  
Bouncey slide, games, tatoos, etc.

**Let's celebrate the end of the school year!**

# Newlin Partnership - We Need Your Help

## **EOG PROCTORING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Newlin Elementary has asked for our support! Due to updated guidelines, many more proctors are needed this year during End-of-Grade (EOG) testing.

### **GOOD NEWS**

No ABSS background check is required to serve as a proctor.

### **EOG TESTING DATES**

**May 23–June 4**

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

Arrive by 8:00 AM; testing will begin between 8:15–8:30 AM and may last up to 3 hours.

### **TRAINING**

Ms. Allen, Newlin's Assistant Principal, will provide a short training video and all necessary paperwork on the day of testing.

### **TO VOLUNTEER**

Email Kathy Landes at **[klandes@gmail.com](mailto:klandes@gmail.com)** with the date(s) you are available or if you have any questions. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support Newlin's students and staff!





# Summer Children's Choir

We are pleased to announce that from Sunday 15 June through Sunday 3 August, Music Director Christin Baker will lead children's choir rehearsals during the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist.

Rehearsals will take place during the portion of the service that runs from the sermon through the peace. Christin will lead the children out after the Gospel reading and return with them at the peace.

Over the course of the summer, the choir will have the opportunity to sing for the congregation.

## **All children are welcome.**

No previous musical experience is necessary.

**We do have one need. In order to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, Christin will need one additional adult in the choir room with her every Sunday.**

Please consider signing up to help in this way by signing up on the Google form below. Christin will not be able to hold choir on any Sunday(s) when an additional adult has not signed up.

**[CLICK TO SIGN UP HERE](#)**

Thank you!

**SUNDAY 15 JUNE THROUGH SUNDAY 3 AUGUST**



# Celebrate Malachi's adoption on Pentecost Sunday!

During the 10:30 Eucharist on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, our parish will bless the recent adoption of Malachi by Adam Scarboro and Brad Lingerfelt. Please plan to attend that service to participate in the blessing.

After the service, there will be a celebration in the Great Hall: an opportunity for Brad, Adam, and Malachi's church family, and their family and friends outside Holy Comforter, to rejoice together.

The family will provide some main dishes and other food. If you would like to bring a dish of any kind to share, please do. Dishes can be dropped off in the church kitchen before the 10:30 Eucharist.

**We look forward to celebrating God's gift  
of the Holy Spirit to the church,  
and to rejoicing with our brothers in Christ!**

# Goodale Scholarship

The Goodale Scholarship was created in 2014 to reward graduating high school seniors who are members of Holy Comforter and plan to continue their education. It was endowed and created in memory of Gordon and Chinkie Goodale who were long term members of our parish.

**Young men and women who attend, participate and are known to the parishioners of Holy Comforter are eligible to receive the award. It is given annually to students in good standing at degree or certificate granting institutions of higher learning. It may be renewed for up to 8 semesters of continuous attendance.**

Additional information and applications are available online at the parish website

**([www.hc-b.org/partnerships](http://www.hc-b.org/partnerships))**

or from the parish office.

**APPLICATIONS ARE BEING  
ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 15**

Additional gifts to the Goodale Scholarship are gratefully accepted.

# Holy Comforter Endowment BOARD

## Applications for Endowment Fund Distributions

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter endowment is currently just under \$725,000 (combination of the General Endowment and Gant Endowment for Maintenance). The Endowment BOARD has approved a 3% distribution for 2025.

The Vestry requested support for the following ministries: Allied Churches, Youth Christian Formation, Adult Christian Formation, Newlin Partnership, Stephen Ministry, Various Maintenance Projects.

The Endowment BOARD is currently accepting proposals (typically ranging from \$500 to \$5,000) from parishioners and parish committees/groups for distribution during 2025. Distributions from the endowment are restricted to mission and outreach, specific capital needs, and other purposes that support the mission and goals of the church.

The application form is available from the parish administrator or from the Endowment Fund website.

**The due date for applications is June 15, 2025.**

The website is found at the following link:  
**[www.holycomforterburlington.org/endowment](http://www.holycomforterburlington.org/endowment)**.

### **Parish Members of the Endowment BOARD**

- Cheryl Dickey, *At Large*
- Pete Glidewell, *At Large - Secretary*
- Pat House, *Vestry*
- Steven House, *At Large - Chair*
- Chappy Moser, *At Large*
- Julie Swanner, *Sr. Warden - Ex Officio*
- Rhonda Lee, *Rector - Ex Officio*

The Endowment BOARD wishes to thank everyone who made gifts to the endowment and for the positive impact your support is having on Holy Comforter.

# Nursery Workers Needed

Holy Comforter is looking to expand our team of nursery workers. Our current workers are skilled and faithful, and we need more! Time commitments could vary from a few Sundays a month to serving as a substitute from time to time. We're open to talking about the possibilities.

Workers must be at least 18 years old, and a background check and (paid) Safe Church training are required. We currently pay \$15.00 per hour.

If you might be interested, or know someone who would, please contact Rhonda. ([rlee@hc-b.org](mailto:rlee@hc-b.org))

*Thank you!*



# Stephen Ministry

A thought from Stephen Ministry:

*"To believe is to risk yielding all that we have, all that we do, all that we are to Jesus. To make this continual choice for Him a way of life until we pass through death and see him as He is."*

Br. Keith Nelson, SSJE

If you're interested in the upcoming training, please contact Stephen Leaders Rene Burgess or Paula Boyd to express your interest and receive more information.

Become a Stephen Minister. Contact ...

Rene Burgess (336) 269-5959, **[burgessrene@gmail.com](mailto:burgessrene@gmail.com)**

Paula Boyd (336) 260-6151, **[paulahboyd@gmail.com](mailto:paulahboyd@gmail.com)**

# Ushers Needed

We are looking for friendly and dependable volunteers to serve as ushers for our 10:30am Sunday service. Ushers play a vital role in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere by greeting attendees, assisting with seating, collecting the offering, and helping with any special needs during the service. If you enjoy helping others and would like to be part of this important ministry, we would love to have you join our team.

No prior experience needed—just a smile and a willingness to serve! If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Cat at **[csykes@hc-b.org](mailto:csykes@hc-b.org)**.

# Prayers of the People

## SYMPATHIES

- For the repose of the soul of Dieter Kuschal, for the comfort of his wife, Marilyn, his family and friends including Maryanne Shanahan.
- For the repose of the soul of Lois Hogan, for the comfort of her son, Charles Hogan, and her family and friends.
- For the repose of the soul of Mike Dupree, for the comfort of his family and friends including Julie Smith.
- For the repose of the soul of Mary Moser Harrison, for the comfort of her nephews and niece, Chappy Moser, Jodi Mullis, and Patrick Moser and for family and friends.

## MEMBERS

Stephanie Wrenn, Joanne McClusky, Chappy Moser, Margaret Egede-Nissen, Rick & Betsy Weatherly, Caroline Ansbacher, Bob Stewart, Ashton Fitzpatrick, Evie Surratt, Nelson Young, Robin Maycock, Edward Dunlap, Bobby Puett, Mittie Landi, Cecelia Walker.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Steve Badger - *Maryanne Shanahan's nephew*  
Kevin Shanahan - *Maryanne Shanahan's brother*  
Edward Pellicano - *Cat Sykes' Uncle*  
Joanne & Bob Flower - *Friends of Maryanne Shanahan & Bill Amidon*  
Jennifer Petty - *Les Plumb's daughter*  
Charley Jones - *Les Plumb's great-granddaughter*  
Ann Jennings - *Sandy Gerow's friend*  
Eileen Civin - *Jim McAdams friend*  
Ann McKinney - *Sarah Moore's cousin*  
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*  
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*  
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*

HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
★ TO YOU ★

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Deborah Wilkerson

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Chappy Moser

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Terry Autry

Trey Whitaker

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Sandy Moulton

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Lee Kern

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Maeve Murray

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If your birthday was missed, please message Cat  
at [csykes@hc-b.org](mailto:csykes@hc-b.org) so she can add it in our records.



# 113 YEARS AND GROWING

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO



give us a ring, drop a line, scroll through our social media or visit our website...  
it's all listed below for your convenience.

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