

# 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

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.

## OUR PARISH 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.

## WAYS TO CONNECT

**CHURCH OFFICE**

336-227-4251

**WEBSITE**

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

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday | 8am-2:30pm

Friday | 8am-12pm

**INSTAGRAM**

[www.instagram.com/holycomforterburlington](http://www.instagram.com/holycomforterburlington)

**FACEBOOK**

[www.Facebook.com/holycomforterburlington](http://www.Facebook.com/holycomforterburlington)

**PAGE**

**GROUP**

[www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington)

**YOUTUBE**

[www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington](http://www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington)

# LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 28

## OFFICIANT

The Rev. Greg Farrand

## LAY MINISTERS

### VERGER

Steven Swanner

### ORGANIST

Christin Baker

### USHERS

8:15am - Paula Boyd  
10:30am - Mary and Brad Collins

### READERS

8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen  
10:30am - Mary and Brad Collins

### ACOLYTES

8:15am - Julie Smith  
10:30am - Chalice - Meredith Patterson  
Crucifer - Paul Surratt  
Left Torch Bearer - Wesley Swanner  
Right Torch Bearer - William Swanner  
Gospel Bearer - Millie Surratt

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Bea Swajkoski, Mary Carol Adams

### VESTRY COUNTERS

Gary Schilke, Pat House

### FLOWER GUILD

Jennell Harris, Margaret Egede-Nissen,  
Patsy Isley, Mary Telander

### ALTAR GUILD

Janie Sellers, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess,  
Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen,  
Debbie Nichols-Smith

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

# CALENDAR WEEK OF JANUARY 28

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite II Service

9:30am | Bible Study

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite II Service

10:40am | Children's Chapel

11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00pm | Courage to Change

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00am | Men's Breakfast Group

7:00pm | Courage to Change

2024

I AM EXCITED!

THE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH OF THE  
HOLY COMFORTER

# Stewardship

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2024 WEEK OF 1/17/2024

\$450,000

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

*For 2024*

3

NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

*Received through the week ending Jan. 24*

79

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

*Returned for 2024*

\$306,248

AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR 2024

*As of January 24*

# NEWS FROM THE NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP

I am happy to announce Gretchen Peet has been elected to the Newlin Partnership Board of Trustees as our 15th member. Gretchen joins the board with a wealth of experience as a public school teacher and also a sales representative with the Houghton-Mifflin textbook company. Welcome Gretchen to the Partnership!

Phil Deadmon, Chairman  
Newlin Partnership Board of Trustees

NEWLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

## LONELINESS

Speaker: **Ron Driscoll**

Research shows that about 24%\* of the world's population feels lonely, or has suffered from loneliness. Do you fall in that 24%? I will provide some definitions for loneliness and further describe the many consequences of loneliness. In addition, we will discuss possible ways to ease loneliness. This issue is huge.

\* Meta-Gallup survey 1/9/24.

**8AM for breakfast; 8:45 for the program**  
**Coble Rehabilitation Center, Twin Lakes**

If you have questions about the location or programs,  
**CONTACT** Bob Kirchen ([kirchenrv@gmail.com](mailto:kirchenrv@gmail.com)),  
Richard McBride ([mcbride@elon.edu](mailto:mcbride@elon.edu))  
or Phil Savage ([savageboatman@bellsouth.net](mailto:savageboatman@bellsouth.net)).



**MEN'S**  
**BREAKFAST**



**END OF THE YEAR**

**2023**

# Contribution Statements

**The end of the year giving statements will be mailed by January 31.** Any donations received after December 31, 2023 will be added to next year's statement. If you do not receive your statement in the mail by February 9, please call or email.

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# stephen MINISTRY

Christ caring for people through people

Important news from our Stephen Ministry. During the first part of February we will begin to train new Stephen Ministers. **All are welcome to apply. Times of the classes are flexible.**

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader  
([burgessrene@gmail.com](mailto:burgessrene@gmail.com) or 336-269-5959)

# SIGN UP!

Home gathering dinner groups are a wonderful way to get to know people you've been sitting next to for years in church or the people that have just walked in the door.

Please sign up if you'd like to be placed in a group of six or eight people who can then arrange to meet together approximately four times between now and June and simply enjoy several meals together and get to know each other.

Sign-ups will be offered in person at church on thi Sunday. Or you can call Jocelyn Safrit (336 260-7557) or Maggie Holt (919 840-6731).

home

**GATHERING** groups

DOING **LIFE** TOGETHER



# ACAC

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

*Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry*

**Show Your HEART by donating  
Sunday, Feb. 4 to those in Need.**

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." *John Holmes*

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

**All purpose flour, Mayonnaise, Canned beans, Canned vegetables, Cleaning supplies, Toiletries for individuals, Chicken and Beef broth, But, any items you give are appreciated and needed!**

Thank You for making the holidays special for so many by providing delicious hot meals, items for cleanliness and a safe space. Our parishioners are remarkably generous to those they don't even know! Please bring your gifts any day by ringing the church back doorbell, then putting them in the Bell Tower basket. Or bring them on Sundays as you come to worship.



**CONTACT: Martha Adams ([awam3a@outlook.com](mailto:awam3a@outlook.com))**



Join us for a  
*Valentine's Day*  
Bake Sale

Come join us for a festive fundraiser benefiting the Newlin Partnership! Browse tables of cookies, cakes, candies, and treats to purchase by the pound for your sweeties and yourself! There will be a raffle and games, crafts, and entertainment for the kids! All proceeds will benefit the Newlin Partnership.

February 11th  
12 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Holy Comforter Episcopal Great Hall  
320 E. Davis Street  
Burlington, NC 27215

*See you there!*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SYMPATHIES

For the repose of the soul of Glady Ligon, and for the comfort of her family and friends, including Elizabeth Hansen.

## MILITARY

**Patrick Nadolski** - *Paula Boyd's grandson*

## MEMBERS

Lidia Serrano	Chappy Moser	Phil Savage
Cecelia Walker	Bishop Curry	Bobby Puett
Curt Odem	Elizabeth Hansen	Margaret Egede-Nissen

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Maria Roberts** - *Elizabeth Hansen's cousin*

**Joshua Lehman, II** - *Gary Schilke's grandson*

**Annette Driscoll** - *Ron & Judy Driscoll's daughter*

**Kathy Cusano** - *Nancy Christian's friend*

**Robert Pagan** - *Lou Padmos' daughter Alyssa's father-in-law*

**Brady John Pichurski** - *Janie Sellers' great nephew*

**Mary Doughty** - *Mother-in-law of Jane Sellers' son, Whitt*

**Marco Morel D'Amico** - *Angie Boone's friend*

**Debora Plumb** - *Les Plumb's daughter-in-law*

**Jennifer Petty** - *Les Plumb's daughter*

**Caryl Barbknecht** - *Sandy Gerow's friend*

**Theresa Testa** - *Debbie Nichols-Smith's daughter*

**Marc Day** - *David Day's brother*

**Andrea Martin** - *Gary Schilke's friend*

**Dale Norstrom** - *Gary Schilke's brother-in-law*

**Catherine Shanahan** - *Maryanne Shanahan's sister*

**Rudy Jordon & Susan Hatfield** - *Maryanne Shanahan's friends*

**Zachary Lopez** - *Barbara Jones' grandson*

**Jeff Safrit** - *Jocelyn Safrit's brother-in-law*

**Garrett Magon** - *Stephanie Wrenn's friend*

**Cindy Rugg** - *Judith Driscoll's friend*

**Mindy Williams** - *Sarah Williams' cousin*

**Aubrey Henderson** - *Nancy Powell's Great Granddaughter*



# 111 YEARS AND GROWING



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