

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.

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.

LAY MINISTRY APRIL 7TH SCHEDULE

VESTRY COUNTERS

Joanne McClusky & Sid Little

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Team D - Maggie Holt & Cheryl Miner

FLOWER GUILD

Betty Brown, Julie Smith, Sandy Gerow

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Deadmon, Leslie Haines, Elizabeth Hood,
Sandy Moulton, Jane Spencer, Bea Swajkoski

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Nancy Slott, Connie Griner, Gregg Lee, Mary Collins,
Mark Thomas and Angie Boone

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

April 11 | Don Courtney

ACOLYTES

8:15am - Curt Odem

10:30am - Meredith Patterson, Mourine Todd,
Steve Slott, Davis Slott, Fletcher Slott

READERS

8:15am - Curt Odem

10:30am - Meredith Patterson, Cheryl Dickey

USHERS

8:15am - Ron Driscoll

10:30am - Peter and Susan Klopman

WEEK OF APRIL 7TH

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:00am | Breakfast Ministry
- 8:15am | Second Sunday of Easter
- 9:30am | Bible Study
- 9:45am | Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am | Second Sunday of Easter
- 10:40am | Children's Chapel
- 11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor
- 11:30am | Personnel Commission Mtg.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- 10:00am | ECW
- 6:00pm | Vestry Meeting
- 7:00pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

- 11:00am | Newlin Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:00am | Men's Breakfast
- 11:00am | Brookwood Eucharist
- 1:00pm | Stephen Ministry Training
- 7:00pm | Courage to Change



Morning Prayers

God of compassion, we open our hearts to you this day, thanking you for all the many times you have been our comforter. Without your love, our pain would be overpowering. Without your healing spirit, we could never be your instruments of love and care to others. Without your peace, we could never learn to smile again. Please continue to empower us with your love, healing, and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear God, all too often we end up taking the hard way and the long road. We try so many alternatives before we finally accept the fact that as your children, we have the strongest ally, the truest Savior, and the tenderest friend. Forgive us, Lord, in our stubbornness and blindness, and keep us this day and always in the shelter of your love. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Dear Lord, I pledge myself to you today to look outward. Help me to see all the circumstances of my life as opportunities for service, not as stumbling blocks to my own happiness and peace of mind. Help me to whisper prayers of gratitude for each situation that arises, looking for ways to live hopefully and cheerfully in your service. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord, we come in humble attitude, praising you for all the ways you are working in our lives. We realize that you are always just a word away, that we can call your name and seek your comfort no matter how small or great our need. Please continue to watch over us in joy and in sorrow, in our labor and in our doubt. Reassure us that when friends fail and life seems too great a burden for our shoulders alone, you will be our strength and shield. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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JAI BAKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SPECIAL REQUESTS THIS MONTH:

- Shower cleaner spray
- 55-60 gallon trash bags
- Single plastic forks
- Various spices and seasonings for cooking
- 3 compartment trays with lids

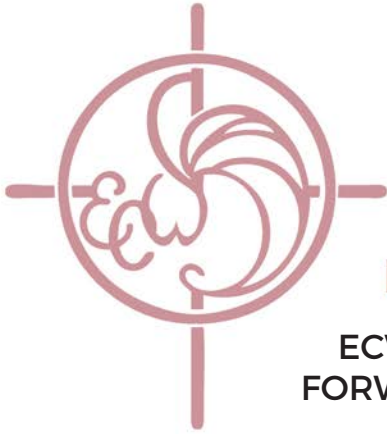
**Every item of any kind you give
will be used thankfully!**

In March, your HUGE load of food, cleaning supplies and more took 3 of us to load them for transport to ACAC! You are miracle workers and making a difference in our community and to each individual not as fortunate as we are. **Thanks with more Thanks and extra Thanks to each of YOU.** Remember gifts can be brought anytime by ringing the backdoor bell then taking them to our Belltower basket. They all go to ACAC after the first Sunday monthly.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



NEXT ECW MEETING IS 10:00AM
MONDAY, APRIL 8
IN CHOIR ROOM & LIBRARY

PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY
PHIL DEADMON & JIM MCADAMS

ECW MADE PLANS FOR MOVING
FORWARD AT THE MARCH MEETING.

Our program was a presentation on the tradition, meaning and history of Chrismon trees at Holy Comforter and throughout the world. *We will have a meeting date for those interested in restarting our Chrismon making group. And anyone can join a group in Dec. going to Danville, VA to see the tree in Ascension Lutheran Church where it all started.* There will be more about both later.

ECW gives the proceeds from fund raisers and donations to various charities in the area. Our expenses are minimal so this spring we have about \$1500 to distribute among following groups.

1. \$500 immediately to the Sunday Breakfast Ministry of Davis St. Methodist Church and Holy Comforter. It takes about \$400 a week to prepare and give away approximately 120 meals each week.
2. Find out from the Newlin Partnership what their greatest need is and base our donation on that information.
3. Invite a speaker from the Women's Resource Center to come tell us about their program and how to best support them.

4. Distribute collection bags from Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes for children program to anyone who wants to buy supplies for them. ECW will consider paying the shipping for the boxes we collect.

Our Mother's Day Chicken Pie sale fundraiser will be held on Sunday May 5. Because of our aging pie makers, the number of pies available will be limited and cutoff date for ordering more strictly enforced. ***Anyone who would like to join the pie makers on May 1,2, or 3 is welcome. More details to come.***

ECW meeting Monday April 8 will be a real treat for parishioners and choristers.

PHIL DEADMON and **JIM MCADAMS** will share a program about their careers in music and particularly the impact it continues to have on their spiritual journeys.

The second part of the program will be a short performance of several musical numbers both with piano solos and piano and singing. There will be a lot of "oldies but goldies" that perhaps many do not hear often anymore.

To accommodate this special program, we will gather in the library at 10:00 for refreshments and welcome. Because the piano in the choir room is the best in the building at **10:30 we will move there for the performance.** A very short business meeting will follow.

Because the choir room has limited space, please let Shara Partin know by Sat. the 6th if you will attend.
(919) 801-1234 | sharapartin1919@gmail.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | SPEAKER: SARAH STEVENS

Sarah Stevens is not only a beekeeper, but also a president and a treasurer of the Alamance County Beekeepers, a local association that promotes beekeeping and honey production in North Carolina. She lives on a 24-acre farm in Snow Camp, NC, where she tends to her hives and her garden. She also devotes a lot of time to removing invasive plants that threaten the native flora and fauna of her area. She has been a beekeeper for five years, and she enjoys collaborating with her fellow beekeepers.

Sarah is passionate about educating the public about the importance of pollinators, and she participates in outreach events and workshops. She mentors new beekeepers from helping them set up their own hives to coaching them through seasonal management to become successful and independent. She believes that beekeeping is not only a hobby, but also a way of life that connects her to nature and her community.

Sarah's talk will cover a variety of topics that will give attendees a broad overview of bees, their roles in a colony, pollination and flowering resources, swarms, and more. She hopes everyone will walk away with some new (and fascinating) knowledge of honeybees and other pollinators.

TWIN LAKES | 8AM for breakfast | 8:45 for the program
Coble Rehabilitation Center

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



MEN'S
BREAKFAST



BISHOP VISIT

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**THE RT. REV.
SAMUEL
RODMAN**

APRIL 14

**XII BISHOP DIOCESAN
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

HONOR AND
REMEMBER WITH
**ALTAR
FLOWERS**



APRIL 14 AND 21

If you would like to provide the flowers for that day, please contact Cat in the office at (336) 227-4251 or csykes@hc-b.org.
Altar Flower OPEN dates for someone to donate the flowers on the altar.





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MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024
9AM-1PM

Cone Health Medcenter for Women

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930 Third Street, Greensboro, NC 27405

FREE | REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Call (336) 832-0849 or visit [conehealth.com/classes](https://www.conehealth.com/classes).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SYMPATHIES

For the repose of the soul of David Erikson, and for the comfort of his mother, Coral Erikson and for family and friends.

MILITARY

Patrick Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*

MEMBERS

Bob Stewart	Marian Accles	Bobby Puett
Audrey Deadmon	Lidia Serrano	Chappy Moser
Cecelia Walker	Rev. Adam Shoemaker	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bill Bates - *Derek Bates' father*

Lavette Morgan - *Angie Boone's former mother-in-law*

Glenn Schilke - *Gary Schilke's brother*

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

Victoria Mosquera - *Maryanne Shanahan's friend*

Catherine Shanahan - *Maryanne Shanahan's sister*

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

Joretta and Jim Norman - *Sandy Gerow's friends*

Brynja Bowman - *Jocelyn Safrit's niece*

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

Kathy Cusano - *Nancy Christian's friend*

Mindy Williams - *Sarah Williams' cousin*

Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's Great Granddaughter*

Zachary Lopez - *Barbara Jones' grandson*

Garrett Magon - *Stephanie Wrenn's friend*

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

Cindy Rugg - *Judith Driscoll's friend*

Caryl Barbknecht - *Sandy Gerow's friend*

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



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